

AGENDA ITEM 9

Telephone Boxes at the top of North Pallant

For some time there have been problems in the Pallants, with people who may well have been drinking heavily causing disruption and damage. During the past week there has been obscene graffiti on front doors – some scratched into the paintwork - and general bad behaviour.

Added to this is the fact that there are two public telephone boxes at the top of North Pallant where it adjoins East Street. They have for some years been used as advertising space, and residents are querying whether or not they are actually used as telephone boxes. I understand that in fact they are being used as public urinals, so anyone wishing to use the telephone (if there are such people nowadays in this age of personal 'phones) would have to stand in a rather smelly box to make their calls.

I am therefore asking whether we could make contact with BT to ascertain whether these boxes are actually used to make calls, or whether they are now simply advertising space and urinals. Normally this advertising would not be permitted in the conservation area, and the other present use is not conducive or healthy, as there is no formal cleaning as there would be in a public lavatory. If they are being used for telephone calls they need to be monitored and kept clean. If they are not being used for the purpose for which they were built, perhaps we could suggest they be removed.

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