

**Item 39 – Suggestions from Cllrs Butler and Youngman for expenditure of s106 funding in the St Margarets East ward**

David and I have met to consider this issue. £7000 doesn't buy much in the way of playground equipment these days. Gunton and Stoven Close have both been refurbished recently, and Thirlmere Walk and Bentley Drive probably don't have so much usage to warrant more than a tidy-up.

There is a patch of fenced ground on the Gunton Community Park, to the rear of the Residents Hall. We can't remember if this was once the site of the playground, though my wife thinks that it was started as a Memorial Garden by the Trustees of the Residents Hall. However, David and I thought that the cash could perhaps be spent on establishing a Community Garden. David, given his Green credentials, is keen on gardening, and also the new Baptist Minister expressed an interest in starting a Community Garden as well as being a Trustee at the Hall - maybe as a pensioner's club, and involvement with local schools and youth groups as well as local residents.

£7k could provide a couple of containers for secure, lock-up sheds, and also repairs to the fencing. A water supply would be needed, too, if not already hidden in the long grass.

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