Neighbourhood Governance
Notes of Ealing Common Ward Forum Meeting

Tuesday 3 July 2012 – 7.45pm at Old Actonians Sports Club, Gunnersbury Drive, Ealing W5 4LL

Present: Cllr Roz Reece (Chair), Cllr Jon Ball and Cllr Joanna Dabrowska

Attendees: 61 residents attended the meeting
   Kofi Nyamah - Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
   Sgt Adeniyi Adeyinka and officers of the Ealing Common Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)
   Jane Newman – Major Projects Officer
   Pat Robinson – Parks Ranger
   Jackie O’Reilly – note taker

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<td>Welcome and introductions</td>
<td>Cllr Reece welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced fellow councillors: Joanna Dabrowska and Jon Ball and the attending officers.</td>
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<td>Notes of the last Ward Forum, held on 7 February 2012</td>
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<td>The notes of the last meeting were reviewed for accuracy and matters arising.</td>
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<td>Item 7: Rothschild Residential Area safety improvements</td>
<td>2.2) KN confirmed that the scheme design has been sent to the council’s contractors to programme in the work. It is expected to commence in the next four weeks.</td>
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<td>Martin Redfearn - what is the progress with the traffic calming scheme in this area? Notices went up in March but nothing appears to have happened.</td>
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>Item 5: Warwick Road extension parking restrictions</td>
<td>2.3) Cllr Reece announced the recommendation made by the council’s engineers for proposed parking restrictions. There are about 122 parking spaces, the introduction of pay-by-phone parking bays at £2 per day from 7am–7pm; Monday to Friday would cover 100 bays. 20 spaces would be available for time limited free parking and two disabled bays.</td>
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<td>Christine Gratis asked what the rationale behind the council’s proposal was. How can the council ensure that the spaces were not used by commuters?</td>
<td>- Councillors stated that this recommendation was not the proposal agreed previously by the Ward Forum. Statutory consultation only, was not satisfactory and they as councillors will be insisting on a public consultation to all affected residents.</td>
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<td>2.5)</td>
<td>Brigid Simpson - Ealing Common Society supports the councillors in their recommendation for a single yellow line in the interim. But, the society would recommend that Warwick Road extension be ‘greened over’ as was shown in the council’s Green Space Strategy.</td>
<td>- Councillors reiterated that a single yellow line should be in place to allow periods of free parking, enabling wide usage of the Common.</td>
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<td>2.6)</td>
<td>Jennifer Shipside - the suggestion of only £2 for the limited parking time was ludicrous; the charge should be £5-10 per day as this was a more realistic figure.</td>
<td>2.4) Cllr Reece – the rationale appears to be the financial revenue to be received by the council.</td>
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<td>Derek Gadd - Delamere Road will be impacted if there is no parking around the Common. Have the councillors applied for an extension of the controlled parking zone (CPZ)?</td>
<td>- Cllr Ball – both the pay-by-phone and free parking bays would not prevent commuter parking.</td>
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<td>2.8)</td>
<td>Elaine Fraser - there are currently at least 160 spaces around the common with parking at £1.20 an hour.</td>
<td>2.5) Cllr Reece - there is a lot of opposition to the council’s pay-by-phone proposal. A petition has been raised which can be signed on the council’s website.</td>
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| 2.9) | **Item 6: Popefield Playing Fields**  
Cllr Reece updated the forum on the progress of the Popefield development. | 2.6) |
|     | **Local policing report from Safer Neighbourhoods Team**  |
| 3.1) | Sgt Adeniyi Adeyinka provided the report:  
- There was an incident on the 20 June 2012 in Felix Road, W13.  
  A man was shot dead and a woman seriously injured. | 2.7) Councillors confirmed there were no plans for this area to be included in a CPZ. |
|     |  | 2.8) |
|     |  | 2.9) Cllr Reece - no work has started on the Popefield allotments yet, which is disappointing. An objection has been raised, which has delayed matters. Officers are still hoping to move the project forward. |
perpetrator was hiding in Ipswich and was arrested two days later and is in custody.
- The new model of neighbourhood policing, which was set to happen after the Olympics. Has now been put back with no definite start date.
- When the new model is commenced, it will mean more officers on the ground, there will also be a borough intelligence unit based in Ealing, to gather data and follow-up with victims of crime.
- Following the riots, the police’s borough commander has set up a borough support unit. There are two sergeants and 16 officers. There is also a unit at Paddington Green, which will provide territorial support, with a total of 20 officers providing a faster response.

**Residents’ questions**

3.2) Francis Freedman - can more information be provided as to what the police are doing about possible future riots? Residents needed tips on what to do. Also, will the military be deployed in the event of future riots?

3.3) David Zerdin asked for clarification about the Paddington Green unit. Would this be responsible for all parts of the borough? How will the borough react quickly, when Ealing Police Station closes?

3.4) Steve Desmond – what do you envisage the neighbourhood watch schemes to do in the event of more riots? What would our role be?

3.5) Janet Young – what are the current ward policing priorities? I have called on a number of occasions about problems in The Mall and Florence Road.

**Action Point/Information**

Email: EalingCommon.snt@met.police.uk
Non-emergency telephone number: 101

3.2) Cllr Ball – was on the council scrutiny riot panel. The scrutiny panel looked at what led to the riots and the council’s response. One of the other key factors raised, was the issue of trained police being sent to other boroughs in London to assist. This resulted in not enough police resources being available in Ealing, when the rioting started here. There are now new procedures in place which are helpful and police can now be relocated to hot-spots within minutes

3.3) Sgt Adeyinka – territorial support will not just be for Ealing, but also for Wembley and Hillingdon.

3.4) Sgt Adeyinka – the SNT will contact the ward’s neighbourhood watch schemes and organise a meeting to discuss the requirements of neighbourhood watches in more detail.

3.5) Sgt Adeyinka – the ward’s policing priorities are: residential properties, motor vehicle crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour.
- An SNT officer at the meeting was asked to follow-up the problems raised about The Mall and Florence Road.
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<td>There have been seven burglaries in my road and the burglar has been identified. I was told the matter has not been taken seriously, because there were no forensics and that the perpetrator may have mental health problems. He was in my house and I asked him to leave. He came back the following week after the riots. Since April, there have again been more burglaries in my road. Residents can provide written statements; we just want to feel safe in our houses.</td>
<td>3.6) <strong>PC Howe</strong> – the police investigated in four burgled properties. Forensics did not provide the required details regarding the suspect. Residents were asked to provide statements to the police.</td>
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<td>3.7)</td>
<td>Sinead Galbraith – what is happening with the Victoria Sports Ground development? There have been several incidents in Boddington Gardens. The police are quick to respond but there is a huge space there for criminals to hide.</td>
<td>3.7) <strong>PC Howe</strong> – three men were caught using the property as storage for stolen cables, they have now been charged. We will speak to the management agency, as there is a problem with entry points.</td>
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<td>3.8)</td>
<td>Steve Desmond – Taylor Wimpey are the owners of Victoria Sports Ground. The land has lain fallow for six years because Metronet had a project on the embankment. - Before seeking planning permission, Taylor Walker held a meeting with Metronet and the project was discussed. Taylor Walker did not divulge this meeting to the planners and they never mentioned the six feet of land close to Carbery Avenue. Taylor Wimpey obtained planning permission fraudulently and has sold the flats fraudulently. - There is now a problem of a land lock and residents there have no legal access to Boddington Gardens. - There is a police issue because Ealing Council has failed to understand what Taylor Wimpey have done, everyone needs to get together to discuss what is best for all.</td>
<td>3.8) <strong>Cllr Ball</strong> – as a member of the council Planning Committee, he is aware of the problems that have arisen about this site and agreed that there is a need to talk to residents and Taylor Wimpey. There can be no further discussions with the planning department, as they approved the application, so there involvement is now finished. It is now down to the council’s legal department. - <strong>Cllr Ball</strong> will follow up the matter and update all at the next meeting.</td>
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4. **Park Rangers report**

4.1) Pat Robinson (PR) explained his role as a park ranger managing the maintenance of parks and open spaces in the ward.  

4.2) **Residents’ Questions**  

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| 4.1) Parks Rangers - East ranger team  
Acton Park Lodge, The Vale, Acton W3 7JT  
Office telephone: (020) 8740 1855  
Mobile telephone: 07912 580 222  
Email: parks@ealing.gov.uk |

4.2) **PR** – the fencing was repaired today. |
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<td>Elaine Fraser – who is responsible for mending the broken walls in the area by Ealing Common Underground Station?</td>
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<td>4.3) Cllr Reece – the Assistant Director for Parks and Leisure has a list drawn up and has promised to address all the issues raised around the Common.</td>
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5. **St Mary’s Churchyard redevelopment**

5.1) A presentation was provided about the redevelopment of the churchyard located to the rear of St Mary’s Church, St Mary’s Road.

Richard Halberstadt, warden for St Mary’s Church:
- Provided a history of the church building and the churchyard.
- The church building has been fully restored and the focus is now on the churchyard.
- The church, which had generated funds for the church building restoration from grants and from donations from its clergy is now seeking further funding to complete the churchyard projects.
- The first part of the work is to remove the railings and repave the old footpath from north to south. Work can then begin in the second phase; create a grass area, plant shrubs and trees and the thought is to make a remembrance garden where ashes can be interred.
- Planting has special relevance to the churchyard and new plants will be selected to re-link into the ancient woodlands that were there previously.
- Children from local schools in Ealing have been to Perivale and collected seeds from the ancient woodland there, which will now be planted in the churchyard.

Jane Newman (JN), Project Manager:
- The work on the churchyard will be as an additional open space for the public.
- The council had taken over the project management of the redevelopment.
- Specially designed seating is to be used to discourage vagrants. There will also be a clear vision across the site so that people feel safe and secure.
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| 5.2 | Residents' questions | Richard Chilton – I have seen information on this churchyard redevelopment project for the past 2-3 years, but nothing has happened, when can we expect work to begin?  
5.2) JN – we expect to go to tender in the next few months and work could start in late autumn and into next spring. |
| 6.  | Ealing Common ward budget |  
6.1) Review of projects in progress  
Cllr Reece invited the meeting to review the ward’s budget spend and updated the meeting on the status of projects:  
- The tulip tree planted outside St Matthews to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee has been planted and is flourishing.  
- A consultation document is to be distributed from next week about a proposed pedestrian crossing in Knights Avenue. The consultation closing date will be the end of July.  
6.1) A summary of the ward’s budget from 2008-2011 and new proposals for the 2012-13 budget was available at the meeting.  
- Residents were requested to send their proposals for the ward budget to the councillors or to KN. |
|     |       | 6.2) Cllr Reece asked the forum if they agreed with three new proposals received for the 2012-13 ward budget.  
6.3) To introduce yellow line restrictions to deter vehicles parking on a bend in Delamere Road, from its junction with St Paul's Close southwards towards Elgar Avenue.  
6.4) To build a pedestrian crossing across St Mary's Road between Grange Road and Webster Gardens.  
6.5) To improve street lighting in Roberts Alley leading from Grange Primary School northwards to Church Place, with brighter and more efficient lanterns.  
6.2) The forum agreed.  
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|     |       | 6.6) Proposals received in the meeting for the ward budget.  
Albie Stadmiller – can a bid be made for the St Mary's Churchyard redevelopment?  
6.6) Councillors asked for a specific proposal to be made for improving the footpaths or street furniture around the churchyard.  
6.7) Jennifer Shipside – there is a strip of grass at the side of The Common, could we plant more daffodils on this strip.  
6.7) To be considered.  
6.8) Mr Desmond – could consideration be given to planting a tree in remembrance of Mr Witold Starecki? He was a filmmaker and producer who was a resident of this ward and had died recently.  
6.8) Mr Desmond was asked to provide further details to the ward councillors for their consideration. |
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<td>Moira Redfern – who is responsible for the grass verges outside the large houses on Gunnersbury Avenue?</td>
<td>7.1) PR to investigate.</td>
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<td>7.2)</td>
<td>Elaine Fraser – there are two derelict houses on Elm Avenue, are they still owned by Transport for London?</td>
<td>7.2) To be investigated.</td>
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<td>Francis Freedman – is the council funding courses for young people so that they are given skills for the future?</td>
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<td>7.4)</td>
<td>Michael Pullin – as you are heading from Mount Carmel Primary School, Little Ealing Lane driving towards Acton Town a branch has fallen off a tree and there is another one hanging, this is dangerous.</td>
<td>7.4) PR to investigate with the council’s tree officers and also inform Northfields ward.</td>
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<td>The next ward forums are: 14 November 2012 at Grange Primary School, Church Gardens and on 20 March 2013 at St Mary’s Church Hall (The Polygon), St Mary's Road. The meeting ended at 9.35</td>
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