1. Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting, introducing all councillors and officers present.

2. Local Events and Culture – Chris Bunting and Alex Duncan

CB reported on the consultation carried out to determine how residents felt about relocating the summer festivals to Lammas Park. The closing date was 30 January 2013, with a majority response against the option of hosting the festivals at Lammas Park (26 responses, 24 against, 2 for). The council was looking for a contingency plan, to prevent any delays with the heritage project at Walpole Park. Walpole Park will continue to remain the premier site for the festivals.

Res: I thought Walpole Park was out of action, due to the upgrading.
CB: We are continuing with the improvement plans, to avoid delays we did consider Ealing Common (common land) and Gunnersbury (not in the borough), but they were not considered suitable.
AC: Will you be adding any other events to Walpole Park?
AD: As a general rule we won’t be taking any further bookings at Walpole Park, aside from the small school sports days.

There are other events taking place in the area, one of which is the Chariots Festival, which we have yet to receive an application for. The Ealing Half Marathon will also take place; we are working very closely with the organisers to help guide them through the process.
KW: The first Ealing Half Marathon took place in September 2012, which saw 3,500 runners participate in a race which made £150,000 for charity. There were a few issues noted from the event, including the need for a more robust communication plan and better traffic management. We have received approval to host the next half marathon on 29th September 2013, when we are expecting 5000 runners. The route will start and end at Lammas Park. It will require road closures, but they will be better controlled. We have a team of volunteers to help deliver the event, with one recruited member of staff.

Res: I hope the council is better at leafleting residents to advise people.
JC: A couple of local businesses were involved with provided refreshments, will that be the case again?
KW: If anyone wants to be involved, they will need to contact us. There may be a charge, but we would encourage sponsorship.

JC: Will the Real Ale festival be taking place?
AD: Yes, it will precede the festivals.

Res: Will the fountains be running at Walpole Park?
CB: The heritage project at Walpole Park is worth £4.8 million, part of this investment will go into the huge amount of work required to restore the fountains. It would be a waste of money to make ad hoc improvements to the fountains when they require extensive work which has been scheduled. Works begin in June 2013, by the end of 2014 the serpentine fountain will be addressed.
Res: What happened to the wildlife in this area?
AC: Despite the fact there is very little water, there is some wildlife.
RES: We are aware the project has slipped; a timeline/schedule would be welcomed.
CB: We have a newly appointed parks manager, who is managing the heritage project; she is very well trained and has come from Kew. As part of the plans a new building including café, toilets and educational space will replace the animal centre. Tenders have come back with work to commence in June 2013.
We have received tenders back for nearly 80% of the project. There are a number of educational activities taking place, which include the rose garden and a kitchen garden which volunteers are involved with. We have received 5,500 free bulbs, which will be planted with the help of volunteers. Bird monitoring will take place in partnership with The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. There is potential to add memorials, which may be in the form of trees, information is being collated to further develop this. Schools have been involved with the project, The Youth Offending team are carrying out a bat survey and art work on the hoardings. The University of West London has been asked to create a short film on Pitzhanger manor and Walpole Park. We are hoping to bring out a regency bench as one of the features at the park.
Res: Can you let us know more about the archaeological dig?
CB: It’s informing us how to restore the bridge, the techniques required and how the original construction took place.
3. West Ealing Update

Riot Recovery and High Street Fund – Mathieu Rogers

MR reported on the meetings held since July 2012, where stakeholders have been invited to bring forward ideas and projects which will help reinvigorate West Ealing. To cement these ideas a large consultation event is being planned.

Other activities taking place include:
- A feasibility study for a Business Improvement District (BID) for West Ealing, similar to the one at Ealing Broadway. The intention is to create a not for profit body, using a business levy which goes into the high street, whether it be for town rangers or promotional activities.
- An event will take place at Westside, similar to that of Dragons Den, to help provide great opportunities for young people aged between 16-24 years. This could lead to a pop-up shop in West Ealing, being managed by a young person. Having met a number of landlords, one has made his empty shop available, located next to Cherry Pie in Drayton Green Road. Creating active frontages leads to exciting town centres.
- We hope to tie up our efforts with the West Ealing Neighbourhood Forum.

Res: Will you bring a breakdown of fiscal spend?
MR: Yes, to the next meeting.

OPEN Ealing – Nick Pearson

NP reported on OPEN Ealing as having to relocate from 113 Uxbridge Road to a new location in West Ealing, with the intention to deliver an arts project made up of visual artwork and performance. The proposed building does require a refit, there is no lift, which means it’s currently not DDA compliant. There are some Section 106 funds associated with the Green Man Lane Estate regeneration which they hope to acquire, the board of trustees are unwilling to commit to a lease until the project is financially strong. Lease is under negotiation, by adding a lift, which is an asset to the building, the intention is to reach a more equitable agreement.

OPEN is involved in a number of projects which include the following:
- History of 20th Century Design, which is hosted at Jubilee Hall
- Half term workshops at Green Man Lane Community Centre
- Theatrical performances at Drayton Court Hotel
- In 8 weeks’ time, NP intends to deliver a 24 hour history of art lecture for charity
SH stated that to deliver a sustainable project it required the team to look inwardly.

Res: Are you registering with the Charity Commission, if so when can we donate. I cannot donate via the internet.

West Ealing Neighbourhood Forum – Eric Leach

The main aim of the neighbourhood forum is to empower people who live and work here to draw up a plan, which will help influence the future of this area. Issues such as land use allocation will be addressed by the forum. There are currently over 500 NF’s in the UK, many of them in rural areas and parish councils. The West Ealing NF applied to the council for funding, it is close to becoming a formal body. A consultation exercise is expected for the summer, with the aim to have a stall at the Ealing Half Marathon.

Res: Please remind people the £20k approved by central government has not been agreed yet; the ward forum has also provided financial support.

West Ealing Neighbours – Cllr Ann Chapman

AC reported on the following:

- David Highton has been in touch with the Sainsbury’s manager about installing a noticeboard on their wall. He is waiting on a reply via email.
- Family Day 2013 will take place on Saturday 21st September.
- A report on the craft market was given to the council for their borough-wide review of markets. Waiting to hear back about a renewal of the licence. If the licence is renewed, plans are to re-start in April or May.
- A bid has been submitted to the Mayor of London’s Pocket Park Fund, to part-fund a makeover for St James’s Avenue.
- OPEN Ealing are looking to take over an empty shop in Drayton Green Road, next to Cherry Pie.
- A 60 bedroom hotel along Uxbridge Road, at the junction with Melbourne Avenue has been proposed. It is important traders know what is happening and whether they need to move whilst the building works take place. It could be a very good catalyst for further improvements to the area. There is currently one retail space on the ground floor, for which a betting shop has received planning permission and a licence. The proposal is to have the entrance to the hotel in the second unit, with the remaining hotel above this unit. The proposal will need to be addressed in detail, with respect to matters such as parking and deliveries.

4. Transport Update - Corridor 1c

JC reported on Corridor 1c as a scheme which proposed changes to the Uxbridge Road, which would include traffic calming, changes to pedestrian movement, the possible removal of bus lanes, increased number of cycle...
lanes and significant streetscape improvements. A multi ward forum meeting suggested by TA did take place in December 2012, which was well attended; however, officers were unable to explain the plans as expected. Having met with Arthur Breen, comments and suggestions were made and then relayed to the transport planners, which will hopefully be included within the consultation document. Public exhibitions are expected for March.

**Res:** The money can only be spent on Uxbridge Road, yet nothing pertinent has been proposed. You need to write to our local GLA representative to urge them to spend this money beyond this area, where there is a greater need.

**AC:** This is money from TfL, they are not responsible for residential areas. Like any grant giving body the council is constrained as to how the money can be spent. Council has no other money for highways projects.

**5. Ward Forum Budget**

**AC:** Reported the importance of looking at cost effective projects which would provide the maximum benefit to the ward. The costs for installing the electricity points at Melbourne Avenue are considerably more than what was originally quoted. It might be better to provide generators for the traders.

**JC:** The boxes we thought were for the market are for the lights and cannot be used for the electricity points.

**Res:** At St James Avenue we need to have sockets, everything needs power; they would be useful for groups like the blood donor vans.

**JC:** There was a request to add a loading bay by the Foresters pub in Leighton Road, council officers have recommended a loading bay restricted from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

**Res:** Lorries are driving on very expensive pavements; they have damaged parts of Melbourne Avenue. Is it possible to open up the library gates, to enable Lidl to reverse their lorry?

**AC:** We are looking into the area behind Melbourne Avenue and Canberra Road.

**Res:** I made a formal complaint to Sainsbury’s about a money van blocking pedestrians; according to the butchers they do this on a regular basis.

**Res:** They have a loading bay at the rear of their property.

**AC:** Unfortunately the security cash vans are a law unto themselves, along South Ealing Road they stop as close as they can to the properties.

**6. Have Your Say**

**Res:** The number of homes around Coldershaw Road that have been turned into flats is ever increasing, which has created massive parking problems.
**AC:** Some of the conversions needed planning permission while others don’t. The road doesn’t have a CPZ, but it does have many dropped kerbs. Every dropped kerb allows for one parked space, but it can take away 1.5 spaces.

**Res:** Difficult turn from Leighton Road onto Northfield Avenue, it is too sharp.

**JC:** That junction was altered around two years ago.

**AC:** the transport people considered it to be safe.

**Res:** We did ask for an appraisal of that scheme.

**Res:** The signalled pedestrian crossing near the Lido Junction has a solid amber phase. Ninety per cent of the time when travelling along Northfield Avenue you sit and wait at the crossing when nobody is crossing the road, can you please find out the cost of changing it.

**Future Meetings**

Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May 2013

Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} October 2013

Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} February 2014

Venues to be confirmed