

Neighbourhood Governance

Notes of Walpole Ward Forum Meeting

Wednesday 27 March 2017 – 7.30pm at St Johns Church, Mattock Lane, Ealing

Present: Cllr Binda Rai (Chair), Cllr Paul Conlan and Cllr Gareth Shaw

Attendees: 107 residents attended the meeting
 Tan Afzal – Community Management Co-ordinator, Ealing Council
 Sergeant Ken Loyal – Walpole Safer Neighbourhood Team
 Abbi Shaw – Safer Communities Team, Ealing Council
 Andrea Laffey and Aimee Freebody – Economic Regeneration, Ealing Council
 Jackie O'Reilly – Note taker

No.	Note	Action Point/ Information
1.	Welcome and introductions	
1.1)	Cllr Binda Rai welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced fellow councillors: Paul Conlan and Gareth Shaw and the attending officers. Apologies were made for the late start.	
2.	Public Spaces Protection Order in West Ealing and Hanwell	
2.1)	<p>Abbi Shaw (AS) informed the meeting of a new enforcement strategy which includes the launch of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) on 3 April 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The council's Safer Communities Team will be working with the police in deploying resources in West Ealing and Hanwell areas. - Residents would see high-visibility patrols of council officers, police officers and Park Guards. 	<p>2.1) Ealing Safer Communities Team Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, London W5 2HL Tel: 020 8825 5994 (Duty Line: 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri) Email: safercommunities@ealing.gov.uk</p> <p>- Walpole Safer Neighbourhood Team Sainsbury's Ward Base, 2-14 Melbourne Avenue, West Ealing W13 9BZ Tel: (020) 8246 9174 and 07879 848901 Email: Walpole.snt@met.police.uk</p>
2.2)	<p>Comments/ questions</p> <p>What is a PSPO?</p>	<p>2.1) Sgt Loyal – the PSPO gives us more powers to enforce against crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) and this now extends to deal with psycho-active substances. The council proposed this due to the volume of ASB</p>

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2.3)	In the council's PSPO document, why is the provided telephone number only available during 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday?	complaints received and the impact on residents' quality of life.
2.4)	How often would people need to come to the area before police can move them on?	2.2) AS – this telephone number is the council's ASB duty line. Walpole SNT can also be contacted.
2.5)	I live in Elthorne ward where we have a severe loitering problem. We call the police but nothing ever happens. What if the people loitering do not live in the area?	- Sgt Loyal – the police telephone number 101 can also be called for non-emergencies.
2.6)	Will the PSPO allow you to deal better with drug taking?	2.3) Sgt Loyal – in a 24 hour period, once. But if they live in the area, we cannot refuse them entry to their home.
2.7)	Why can't you just arrest and prosecute?	2.4) AS – we could look at trespass letters, we can also enforce under the PSPO.
3.	<p>Update on Deans Gardens</p> <p>3.1) Cllr Conlon provided the update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Architects were employed to redesign Dean Gardens, the council is aware of ASB occurring in the park. - A voluntary steering group of residents and businesses was set up by David Highton, working with West Ealing BID and supported by the council. <p>3.2) David Highton - the feasibility study is available to view on the Dean Gardens website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Estimated costs for proposed improvements were £1million-£2million, and if enough funds were raised then toilets could be included. - £2million sounds like a lot of money, but the steering group is hopeful of getting all of the funding in place so the works could begin. The aim is to make it a destination park for all age groups. <p>Comments/ questions</p> <p>3.3) How are you expecting to fund the improvements in the park?</p>	<p>2.5) Sgt Loyal – we can use the misuse of drugs act to carry out stop and search. The area will be covered heavily over the next 6 months to get this problem reduced.</p> <p>2.6) Sgt Loyal – when suspects see the police coming they run off.</p> <p>3.1)</p> <p>3.2) The website will be updated when there is new information. For more information visit: www.deangardens.co.uk</p> <p>3.1) Cllr Conlan – a small amount of section 106 planning gain funds has become available from the local Affinity Sutton development.</p>

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3.4)	There have been a lot of problems with drunks from the nearby rehabilitation centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A local housing association would also support the project and so would our ward forum, but additional fundraising would be required. - It's the same situation for Walpole and Gunnersbury parks, some funding is provided by the council and the rest comes through other means. - Cllr Rai – we are in the same position as every other local authority with major budget cuts.
3.5)	Have you considered locking the gates to Dean Gardens at night?	<p>3.2) Cllr Shaw – we have been talking with West Ealing RISE drug and alcohol service. The PSPO will cover ASB from street drinking. The centre itself is doing a very good job but the people hanging around the services are damaging their reputation. With the new powers it will help to target the problems.</p> <p>3.3) Cllr Shaw – It has been a long standing issue, the police would like to have the gates locked but resident groups want them to remain open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Conlan – the council no longer has pots of money to spend on locking all park gates due to costs.
4.	Northfield Allotments	
4.1)	<p>Christina Fox - Northfield Allotments has 141 plot holders. They belong to the Bishop of London and are the oldest in London,:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In September, last year, allotment holders were informed that Pathways, the allotment landlords, wanted to build on a section of the land. - An environmental study confirmed there are newts and bats on the allotments, so it was important to retain them as they are. - Pathways see themselves as a provider of social housing for the elderly. They also part-own the allotments and have stated that it was no longer part of their charitable objectives to provide allotments. - Plot holders wrote to the Bishop of London, as the land still officially belongs to the church and the Bishop has given us his full support. - Work has taken place with a local expert who found an original 	4.1) A paper copy of a petition was made available to the meeting.

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	<p>letter from the Bishop of London and it confirms the land was not given away, so legally it still belongs to the church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A petition against the initial plans received more than 1,000 signatures. When the plans changed a new petition was launched and it now has more than 2,246 signatures - Through fundraising, a planning consultant will be hired. - Plot holders hope to receive financial support from both Walpole and Northfields wards in their campaign against Pathways plans. <p>Comments/ questions</p> <p>4.2) When we attended the consultation meeting we asked if Pathways had looked at other places for alternative plans and they said no.</p> <p>4.3) What relationship is between ward councillors and the planning committee and how much pressure can you put on them?</p> <p>4.4) I am in the process of being evicted and Pathways are assisting me. I love the allotments, but the Pathways development could be my saviour.</p>	<p>4.2)</p> <p>4.3) Cllr Rai - campaigners' views can be represented at planning committee by ward councillors.</p> <p>4.4)</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1)</p> <p>5.2)</p> <p>5.3)</p>	<p>West Ealing Controlled Parking Zone update</p> <p>Cllr Shaw - the consultation for this proposed controlled parking zone (CPZ) is underway. Many households complained they had not received the documentation and this has been discussed with officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officers confirmed that a distribution company had been employed but had failed to deliver to all affected properties. Officers re-posted documents via Royal Mail and the deadline was extended to 31 March. - Councillors have also done a leaflet drop and door-knocking to make people aware of the consultation to encourage them to take part, as previously there had always been a low response rate. <p>Comments/ questions</p> <p>I live in Hessel Road and if it becomes a CPZ we will have more parking in our road because we would be sandwiched in. Will Hessel Road be re-consulted?</p> <p>Our family is against the CPZ, there's plenty of parking.</p>	<p>5.1)</p> <p>5.2) There is already provision in the plans to re-consult later in the year.</p> <p>5.3)</p>

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5.4)	I have lived her for 24 years and there isn't a parking problem during the day, it's at night. The problem is population pressure. I don't want to have to pay for a permit to park in my road.	5.4) Cllr Rai – when councillors' were at people doorsteps, a lot of people were asking for a CPZ to be introduced.
5.5)	Why not just have a CPZ all over the Borough?	5.5) There are a few consultations going on at present but I cannot answer about an overall CPZ.
5.6)	Who triggered the parking surveys and vote?	5.6) A petition was sent to the council asking for a CPZ.
5.7)	What are the council doing about affordable public parking. People working in West Ealing have lost Singapore Road car park.	5.7) Cllr Rai – the council are looking at various options, such as dual-use parking bays at £2 all day.
5.8)	I live in a CPZ by the University of west London, which was introduced due to student parking about 20 years ago, but now there is no available parking during the week, day or night. I started to ask people why they park there and many told me that they work for the council and have parking permits. This should be looked at.	5.8) Cllr Conlan asked to take further details about this issue outside of the meeting.
5.9)	I live in Westfield Road and in the 18 months it has been a nightmare, I can spend 20 minutes driving around to find a place to park. I popped into the new hotel and heard them say to their employees that there is free parking in the surrounding roads. The hotel staff should have been provided spaces on site.	5.9)
5.10)	Adelaide Road is used as a rat-run and there is constant road rage. We have cars parking for months and some are only moved when vehicle tax is due. I previously said no to the CPZ, but will now be saying yes. I'm unsure if the CPZ will make an improvement, but we are reluctantly forced into a position where we have to say yes.	5.10)
5.11)	I have lived in Seaford Road for the past 11 years and I never find it hard to get a space, I think there is a lot of speculating, I have never failed to find a place. Why not give residents permits for free?	5.11) Cllr Shaw – costs are incurred when having to manage the CPZ, paying CEO's to enforce. Money from fines is ring-fenced and spent on freedom passes.
5.12)	There is not enough parking provision for new housing built in West Ealing. Why don't the council build a new car park?	5.12) A car park takes up a huge amount of space and a lot of land in West Ealing is not council owned. We would always encourage walking and cycling.
5.13)	Why is new housing approved without parking available? This just makes the parking problem worse.	5.13)
5.14)	We live in Leighton Road and do not want a CPZ, but need to be included in the consultation.	5.14)
5.15)	There was a general discussion about dropped kerbs and crossovers. With some residents asking why some residents were rejected when applying for crossovers in Westfield Road.	5.15)

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<p>7.</p> <p>7.1)</p> <p>7.2)</p> <p>7.3)</p>	<p>Central Ealing Neighbourhood Plan update</p> <p>In a change to the agenda, Cllr Rai introduced Tony Miller to provide an update about the Central Ealing Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Tony Miller – a neighbourhood plan has been prepared and last week the draft plan was passed by a public examiner, it is now able to be voted on in a local referendum.</p> <p>No date has yet been set for the referendum, but for those that want to be kept informed, please provide your name and contact details.</p> <p>Comments/ questions</p> <p>Before we vote, how can we find what the plan involves?</p>	<p>7.1) Registration forms for the Central Ealing Neighbourhood forum were available to the meeting.</p> <p>7.2)</p> <p>7.3) Tony Miller – further information can be found by visiting: www.centralealingforum.com</p>

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<p>8.</p> <p>8.1)</p> <p>8.2)</p> <p>8.3)</p> <p>8.4)</p>	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Marie Stopes Clinic People shouting medically wrong and nonfactual information should not be allowed to stand outside the clinic. Action must be taken against the harassment of young women. This is where the PSPO should be used.</p> <p>Northfields Avenue street market trial Residents in Graham Avenue want advanced warning if this road will be closed for street markets.</p> <p>I want an undertaking and reassurance that there will be a full consultation before the market takes place.</p> <p>Do any of the six events mean the closure of Mayfield Avenue?</p>	<p>8.1) The SNT will investigate.</p> <p>8.2) Andrea Laffey – the council was approached by Love Northfields community organisation regarding many initiatives they had for the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of the council’s Markets Strategy for Ealing, a six-month trial pilot scheme was created to gauge demand. - There are plans for one street market per month to be held on Saturdays. A notice period of seven-days will be provided to residents via letter. <p>8.3) Aimee Freebody – this was a community-led project, which is supported by the council. There were six proposals and there is due process to follow.</p> <p>8.4) Andrea Laffey – no, it does not mean road closure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kate McKenzie – I am part of an organisation of businesses in Northfields Avenue. - A meeting about the market was held on 18 March and attended by six residents and nine businesses. - After feedback against the closure of Maytrees Avenue, a decision was taken to move the street market to Northfield Avenue, which is not ideal due to safety reasons. However, the feedback for the market was very positive.
<p>9.</p> <p>9.1)</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The dates of the next ward forum meeting were announced as Monday 18 September and Monday 26 February 2018. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.</p>	