



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney
Vice Chairman: Cllr Helen Robertson
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson (Helen Symmons – Acting)

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the **Leisure Development Sub-Committee** of the Leigh-on-Sea Town Council will take place on **Monday 6th February 2017, Leigh Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea at 7.30 pm**, when it is hoped to transact the following business:

AGENDA

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
4. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING 5TH DECEMBER 2016
5. CONSULTATION (Appendix 1)

The results from the LTC magazine consultation are published at Appendix 1. Due to a change in staffing, the budget request of £200 for the Council agenda was overlooked, although the local press had both published articles regarding the consultation and the availability of it on the website.

6. REPORT FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS RE GOVERNANCE
7. REPORT ON SURVEY (Appendix 2)

Southend Borough Council have confirmed the land is contaminated.

8. REPORT ON BINS

Research continues into concrete bins as requested at the November meeting. A recommendation will be made in due course.

9. ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT (Appendix 3)

This was reported on previously and the Town Clerk (Acting) is presently obtaining quotes just to undertake the work suggested in the report. This is for comparison purposes for the new project being considered and to aid decision making.

Helen Symmons
Town Clerk - Acting
2nd February 2017

Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should send their apologies before the meeting.

SURVEY RESULTS																				
Skate Park	6	Name Suggestions	Old Leigh Playground																	
5-a-side football pitches	8		Happy Park																	
Beach Volley Ball	5		Leigh on Sea Activity and Leisure Park																	
Petanque	1		Legra Marine Park																	
Children's Sand Pit	4		Cockleshell Leisure Park																	
BMX track	5		Thames Leisure Park																	
Picnic/BBQ area	9		Sports Park (don't like 'leisure' sounds very dated and naff) - fantastic idea though, love it																	
Adventure Trail/playground	10		Other suggestions	Electric vehicle charging point																
Playground (specifically)	4			Use skate park area for stacking users of recycling plant																
Basketball/Netball	6			Free up road to tip which is grid locked at weekends																
Tennis Courts	5	Lots of seating areas																		
Running Track	10	Younger children's swings & slide etc.																		
Graffiti/climbing walls	3	Decent playground needed desperately for Leigh																		
Climbing walls (specifically)	1	Leigh is very lacking in a decent playground for younger children.																		
Outdoor gym	6	Play area as at Wat Tyler																		
Table tennis	6	Outdoor concrete table tennis tables																		
Chess	1	No dogs policy. Childrens' swings, slides etc. like Great Notley Country park																		
Yoga/Tai Chi/events area	1	Watt Tyler type playground																		
Toilets	15	All we have are the apparatus at Library Gardens which are hugely lacking in choice and are always over crowded																		
19 surveys completed																				
2 letters direct to LTC																				
1 letter printed Leigh Times																				

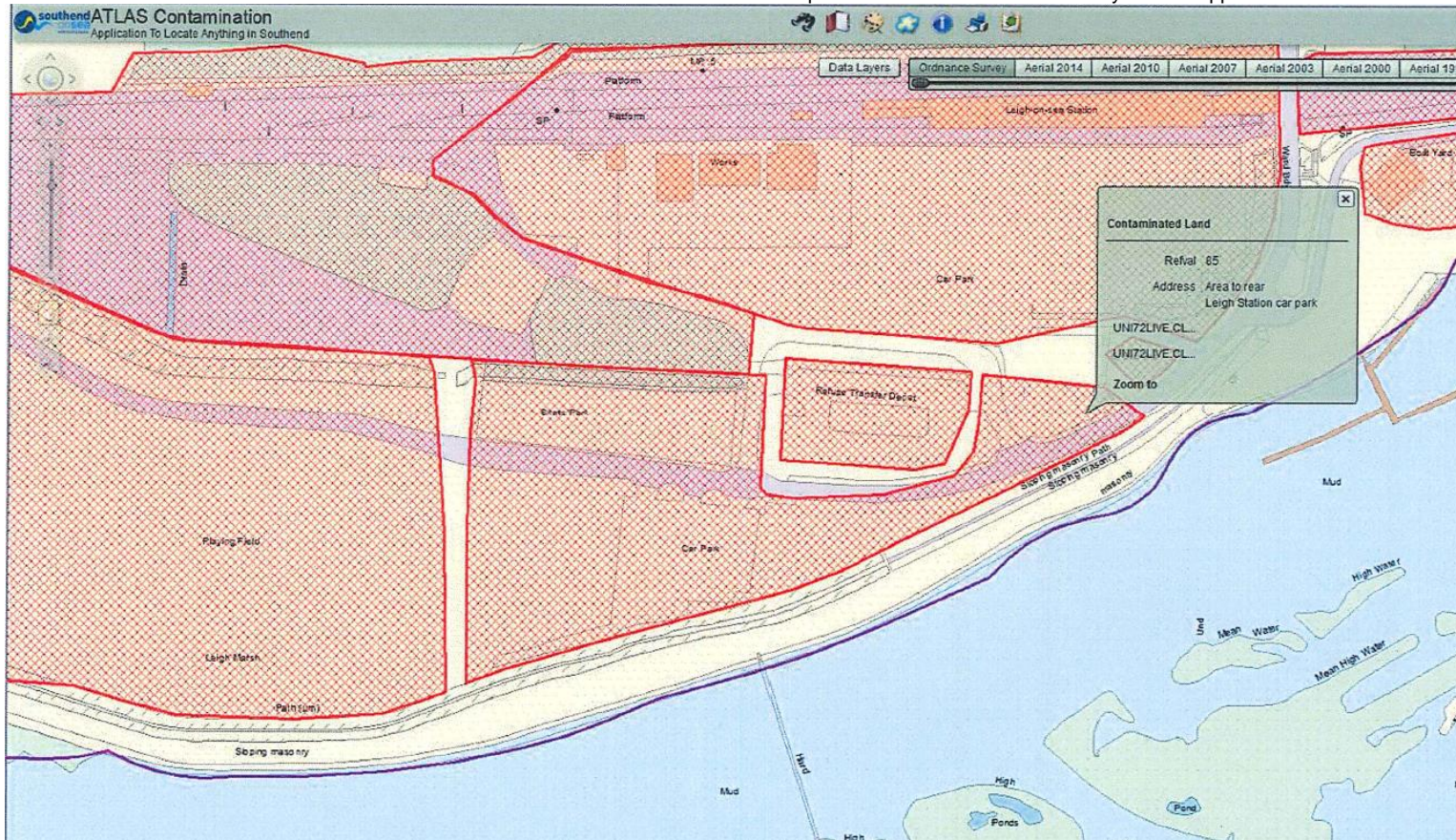
Proposed Leigh Marshes Leisure Park

As a Leigh Town Council Taxpayer I am not in favour of this project.

- 1) This area is adjacent to a National Nature Reserve and such a development will lead to more unwelcome traffic down here and buildings.
- 2) Funding. I don't agree with Leigh Council Taxpayers' money being raised for such a development, especially if it leads to an increase. The Town Council was not set up to provide such large projects.
- 3) The only project I think is necessary is a 5. A side football pitch. This would encourage youngsters to play here instead of kicking a ball around in the Historic Gardens. Also Netball, Basketball would ^{be ok}. The Historic Gardens need seeing to and improved.
- 4) Such a project would require maintenance and supervision.
There used to be lovely tennis courts in Boychurch Park with a clubhouse and many small tennis clubs, Van Dals burnt down the clubhouse and the clubs gone. Tennis courts need maintenance and are expensive.
- 5) There are plenty of organisations up in the town providing fitness activities, re. Table Tennis in Church hall, etc.
- 6) Blocks such as toilets, climbing walls are not necessary here and likewise require maintenance and staffing.

Finally, Leigh Town Council should concentrate on Community Centre and general improvements in the town.





Comments from SBC Parks Management Officer

All the land is contaminated. It was previously used as land-fill for household waste. The land is designated as parks lands with a public right of way running along the top of the sea wall which would benefit from an improved path.

The cap is only 1-2 feet below the soil and if punctured has numerous implications.

SBC would probably avoid development here because of the challenges and strict remits. The area wouldn't necessarily benefit from being developed and the cost could be considerable to investigate. It might be worth looking at existing leisure areas in Leigh and considering how LTC can develop them for the community perhaps in partnership with SBC like the outdoor gym project.

Comment from SBC Group Manager, Corporate Property & Asset Management

If LTC wished to pursue a lease then it would be wished for it to not be a drawn out affair like Strand Wharf. Additionally the liability issues of any survey undertaken must be considered and would only likely be agreed if LTC took on full liability. The recommendation is to avoid any digging into the land because of the implications if breached.