



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs Caroline Parker (Chairman), Bill Abbott (Min 44 to Min 45), Margaret Cotgrove, Carole Mulroney, Hilary Davison and Donald Fraser

In Attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Paul Lawrence

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

40. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Pat Holden and John Wren

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17th November 2010

The minutes of the 17th November 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

43. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None.

44. MINUTES OF THE CAR PARKING WP MEETING 23rd November 2010 – Report 1823/CPWP (Appendix 1)

A question was raised as to why the representatives of the Marine Residents Association were not invited to the meeting as they had previously been members. The response was that all the matters addressed at the meeting related to the Town Centre area. It was **agreed** that the actions noted in the report are deferred until after the meeting with SBC including Cllr Mark Flewitt.

45. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Verge Parking in Woodfield Road – (Resident's Email)

A resident had contacted the Council about the dangerous situation created by verge parking. Vehicles had created big ruts in what had once been grassed areas and paving slabs were becoming uneven due to the weight imposed on them by parking vehicles. The committee sympathised with the problem but this was the responsibility of SBC. The Town Clerk had passed the Email onto SBC for action.

b) North Street and Elm Road Car Parks – Signage and Usage

Cllr Hilary Davison had been monitoring the Car Park use and felt that at certain times of the day they were underused and this could be the result of poor signage especially with the North Street Car Park. It was felt that additional directional signage at the Triangle should be installed to direct drivers along the Broadway to Alexandra Road; also the sign in Elm Road pointing to the Elm Road Car Park was missing.

It is RECOMMENDED that SBC are written to request a review of the signage and to raise this at the forthcoming Protocol Meeting.

c) Rubbish Bins – Broadway and Round Triangle Elm Road / Broadway West

The committee discussed the lack of bins along Elm Road and that the request to move a bin round the corner from Rectory Grove had not been actioned by SBC. It was also regretted that the Broadway was also poorly served by bins as became evident at the Leigh Lights Event.

It is RECOMMENDED that SBC be asked to consider the Committee's concerns and that the issue is raised at the meeting with Cllr Flewitt.

d) Parking Elmsleigh Drive – (Resident's Letter)

The resident's view was that parking should only be allowed on one side of the road as it was very constricted when there was parking both sides especially bearing in mind it was a bus route. Members debated the pros and cons of such a proposal.

It was RECOMMENDED that the matter be put to the Bus Company to ascertain their opinion and to reconsider it once a response had been received.

e) Station Road Bollards

The committee **noted** that the seven bollards were now installed.

46. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

a) Car Sales – London Road

As previously agreed Davis Amess MP had been written to and we are awaiting a full response from Andy Lewis (Corporate Director SBC)

b) Leigh on Sea Boundary Sign

The committee were pleased to see that the sign had been erected and that as agreed SBC had been invoiced for the cost.

c) Residents Parking – Rectory Grove and Marine Close

1. "Some residents in Rectory Grove have raised the possibility of residents parking permits, similar to Colchester Road. Is SBC able to provide details of this scheme and whether this could be applied in a road like Rectory Grove."

It is unlikely that residents would have precedence over shoppers as this is primarily a shopping area and to remove parking provision could be detrimental to local shops however parking controls were investigated in 2004 and received significant opposition from residents. No funding at present to further investigate.

2. "Marine Close. Concern has been expressed about commuter parking and the possible safety hazard this presented. It is understood that this issue was looked at jointly by SBC, LTC and MERA and it is now believed this is being reappraised by SBC. Could the Council know the current position?"

Surveys have been undertaken in some of the streets (not this Close) and while there are commuters parking, there are still spaces for residents to park. The majority of premises have off street parking. The priority is to focus on the areas where residents have no parking – see proposed policy which was agreed at Transport and Parking and should be considered by Cabinet soon.

d) Bus Shelters

SBC have confirmed receipt of the preference list and they will be acted on as funds allow.

e) Bin by Sara's Tea Rooms, High Street

SBC are about to place the order imminently and that the bin will cost a maximum of £450 as previously informed.

47. BUDGET Report 1834/TH

The committee noted the report – attached as Appendix 2.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm



Transport and Highways Committee 19th January 2011 – Appendix 1

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Report 1823/CPWP

Car Parking Working Party Meeting 23rd November 2010

Present: Cllr Caroline Parker, Hilary Davison and John Wren

In Attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 12.10pm

1. The meeting had been convened due to problems in Rectory Grove and the parking situation in the town generally. The main problem being the inability of residents to park during the day when shop workers and shoppers took up the spaces. If some sort of residents permit scheme existed allowing residents to park all be it with a limited charge this could address the situation. The residents of Rectory Grove were particularly aggrieved by tickets being issued on a Bank Holiday when fewer shops were open.
2. The background to previous attempts to introduce parking schemes within Leigh was discussed. The possibilities of emulating the Colchester Road Scheme was debated, the idea of specific bays being used for business or residential parking would probably be impractical for use within Leigh. However a modified scheme with 2 hour limited parking for shoppers and visitors was thought to be practical.
3. The possibility of a further survey was discussed to update the opinion of residents and businesses. It was agreed **to RECOMMEND that a further survey is conducted to assess the current opinion.**

The meeting closed at 12.40pm

Heading	Income	Expenditure	Spend to Date	Balance	% Spent	Due
School Crossing Patrols	0	7,500	4037	3,463	53.83	
Bus Shelter Cleaning/Maintenance	0	3,000	1147.24	1,853	38.24	
New Bus shelters	0	3,500	0	3,500	0.00	
Highways Improvements	0	1,000	0	1,000	0.00	
Signs			2220			
Bollards	0	500	0	500	0.00	490
Seats and bins	0	750	300	450	40.00	450
Total		16,250	7,704	10,766	47.41	

Being re-charged SBC
Station Rd
Old Town Bin