



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr. Pat Holden  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs Caroline Parker (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Geoff Crawford, Carole Mulroney, Cliff Passmore and John Wren.

In Attendance: Cllrs Donald Fraser, Paul Lawrence and Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), 2 Members of the Public

**The meeting opened at 8.00pm**

Prior to the meeting Cllr Carole Mulroney took members through Report 1918/CM (attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda)

9. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members and the public to the meeting.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jerry Holden

11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011

The minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

12. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

13. ELECTION OF WORKING PARTIES

The membership was confirmed as below:

<b>Street Furniture Working Party</b>	<b>Parking Working Party</b>
Cllr Margaret Cotgrove Cllr Donald Fraser Cllr Carole Mulroney Cllr Caroline Parker	Cllr Patsy Ryan Cllr Paul Lawrence <u>Cllr Caroline Parker</u>
<b>Bus Services and Bus Shelters</b>	<b>Safer Journeys to School</b>
<u>Cllr Donald Fraser</u> Cllr John Wren	Cllr Mark Bromfield (To be asked) Cllr Margaret Cotgrove <u>Cllr Caroline Parker</u>

14. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The order of the agenda was changed to take agenda item 6(e) first.

- a) Traffic Order London Road Limited Waiting (1 hour no return in 4 hours 9am – 6pm Monday to Saturday (Appendix 5 to the agenda)

Two members of the public were present to speak about the parking situation on London Road and Lymington Avenue.

***The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr Simon Ravinet to speak***

Mr Ravinet spoke to the email (Appendix 1) that he had sent to the Council outlining the problems around Belfairs Drive and London Road. If the land adjacent to the building was not used by car dealers some of the Post Office vans could be parked there. If the land used for parking on the pavement was in Post Office ownership signs could be fixed to the wall to say it was for Post Office use only. A bay on the other side of the road had a sign displayed advertising customer parking despite the yellow lines. He felt that there should be more enforcement.

***The meeting reconvened***

**RESOLVED** to write to Royal Mail outlining the concerns of residents and the Town Council and to suggest solutions as to the way forward. Failing a satisfactory response SBC would be approached to enforce the no parking areas around the Sorting Office. It was also agreed to establish the ownership of the areas abutting the building.

***The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr David Colman to speak***

Mr Colman spoke about the indiscriminate parking at the top end of Lymington Avenue and London Road. Parking on the pavement created a hazard for pedestrians who were forced to go in the road to avoid the obstacles. There were also untaxed vehicles that were owned by car dealers being parked.

***The meeting reconvened***

Mr Coleman was advised to report untaxed vehicles to the police giving the registration numbers.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) to ascertain the exact legal position of parking on pavements from SBC and from the Department of Transport (Traffic Division).
  - b) to support the proposed limited waiting restrictions. There was concern that the proposals did not go far enough and that the south side of London Road from Lymington Avenue to Southsea Avenue and the north side of London Road from Flemming Avenue to Belfairs Drive should also be subject to limited waiting.
- b) Provision of Bins – To decide on priority locations (LTC funded) Report 1650/TC (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

The Committee considered the Report 1650/TC produced in July 2009 and made the following amendments:

- Remove London Road, North and South side at Elms Bus stop.
- Remove London Road, south side by 1506/1508 between Medway Crescent and Thames Drive

**RESOLVED** to fund a bin in front of the Community Centre in Elm Road and a Dog Bin by the cemetery in London Road

- c) Re-locating Bus Shelter from Sutherland Boulevard (SBC Costings) (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

**RESOLVED:**

- a) to move the shelter from Sutherland Boulevard to the south side of Grand Parade opposite the footpath to Woodfield Gardens and to obtain further estimates for renewal of the panels from the original manufacturer.
- b) That the metal projecting from the pavement where the bus stop has been removed from Highlands Boulevard be reported to SBC.

- d) Hertfordshire Common Permit Scheme Consultation

**RESOLVED** not to comment.

- e) LOCOG Transport Plan Olympic Trial Event (Appendix 4 to the agenda)

Members discussed and noted the traffic plan.

- f) Traffic Order No Waiting areas outside schools (No stopping and waiting restrictions between 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday inclusive) Hadleigh Road, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh Road, Manchester Drive, North Street, Pall Mall, Pavilion Drive and Ronald Hill Grove.

**Noted**

- g) A Boards and obstructions on the highway.

**RESOLVED:** That any complaints received either through the Town Clerk's Office or to members individually (to be notified to the Office) be plotted on a town map, passed to SBC for action with a request for confirmation of the action taken.

***The meeting closed at 9.40pm***

Email from Mr Simon Ravinet 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011

In advance of the Transport & Highways meeting on Wednesday 20th July at The Leigh council offices, I thought I would give some details regarding the issues we are currently experiencing in our road.

We have for many years had the Royal Mail delivery office at the top of the road which leads onto the London Road, there has been little disturbance to the local residents however this seems to have changed considerably over the last six months or so.

There has been an increased volume of Royal mail vans parked in the road, I have been advised this is for health and safety reasons, i.e. staff welfare. Whilst some are legally parked, some remain overnight and even over the weekend. This weekend I counted five. In a road that has already has parking issues this is very restrictive for residents and the general feeling of the residents this is not fair.

However, the major issue is the parking during working hours. From 5am till 9 -30am there can be as many as fourteen Royal Mail vehicles, mostly double parked on yellow lines right up to the junction. There are even vehicles parked on the pavement which can be extremely dangerous for anyone entering or exiting the road. In addition the so called Sorting office is now a collection point. Monday to Saturday from 7am to 1am (7pm on Wednesdays) the office is open to the public for collection of undelivered parcels etc. There is a constant flow of public vehicles parking illegally in and around the junction of Belfairs Drive and the London Road. If you add to this the overflow of vehicles from the nearby Johnsons car lot plus their customers vehicles and of course parents dropping off children to the nearby West Leigh School & or the bus stops to the secondary schools plus the Belfairs schoolchildren, the situation is absolutely horrendous. This is an accident waiting to happen!

I have canvassed the post office but despite some ineffective responses the situation does NOT improve, I think positive steps that can be taken are as follows:

1. The loading bay outside the office, i.e. on the London Road is made restrictive parking. This is currently cluttered with long term parkers and overflow vehicles from the nearby garages (often with for sale signs);
2. Royal Mail to display signs on the exterior walls of their buildings stating 'Reserved for Royal Mail Vehicles only, failure to comply will result in vehicles clamped or removed' Currently these spaces are used by anyone but mainly the car dealers, this could accommodate 4 or 5 vehicles which would immediately the overnight / weekend parking - I have suggested this but it has been ignored;
3. Royal Mail to display signs adjacent / close to their building stating the observance of the yellow lines and that Vehicles should not be parked there (i.e. creating an obstruction and dangerous) - I have noticed Johnsons have a sign stating Customer Parking in Belfairs Drive exactly (see picture 2, above the black car) where the yellow lines are, an open invite - this should be removed forthwith;
4. Parking Enforcement officers **regularly** patrolling the area, particularly if the restrictive parking is introduced as per point 1.

Anything you can do to assist would greatly help because this situation is spiralling out of control and will only become worse with the recent approval of the Sainsburys on the Mazda site plus possible development on the Johnsons Car lot.

Attached are some pictures that evidence the problems we are suffering.

Regards,  
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