

Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulronee
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Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd MAY 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Pat Holden (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Syrie Cox, Donald Fraser, Richard Herbert, Paul Lawrence, Carole Mulronee and Caroline Parker.

In Attendance: Vanda Moyses, (Office Administrator)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs Alex Coulson.
3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN
Cllr Syrie Cox was elected Vice Chairman
4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
None
5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of Planning Meeting held on 8th May 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman. The minutes of Planning Meeting held on 9th May 2012 were agreed as a correct record subject to the amendment of the day of the meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday.
6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 - a) LOS/12/0087 SOS/12/00440/FULM
Westleigh Motors 1355 - 1369 London Road Leigh-on-Sea Essex SS9 2AB (Bonchurch Ward)
Variation of condition 02 of planning permission 11/01583/FULM dated 04/01/12 to amend approved plans to the floor plans and elevations to form additional bedrooms to flats 1 and 2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with approved plans PL25F, PL26E, PL27D, PL28E AND PL30J

It was agreed that SBC be contacted to check if this was a new application or a duplicate.*
 - b) LOS/12/0086 SOS/12/00542/FUL
36 Seaview Road Leigh-on-Sea Essex SS9 1AT (Elms Ward)
Erect single storey side extension (retrospective)

No Objection but as the property is in a Conservation Area the Town Council trusts that Southend Borough Council is satisfied with the use of UPVC windows.
 - c) LOS/12/0088 SOS/12/00481/FULH
1254 London Road Leigh-on-Sea Southend-on-Sea SS9 2UA (Herschell Ward)
Demolish existing garage and erect garage to rear

No Objection

*It has since been confirmed as a duplicate application.

- d) LOS/12/0089 SOS12/00465/FULH
42 Belfairs Drive Leigh-on-Sea Essex SS9 3AA (Bonchurch Ward)
Erect single storey rear extension, alter hipped roof to part gable, erect dormer to rear and install rooflights to front.

Objection. The changes to the roof at the front unbalances the pair of houses and is over dominant and detrimental to the street scene. The rear dormer is not incidental in the roof space.

- e) LOS/12/0090 SOS12/00550/FUL
1731 London Road Leigh-on-Sea Essex SS9 2SW (Highlands Ward)
Convert first floor into self contained flat, alter elevations at front and rear and form two parking spaces at rear

No Objection.

7. REPORT FROM SOUTHEND AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CLLR CLIFF PASSMORE)

Deferred to the next meeting.

8. ELM ROAD PRE-DESIGN BRIEF CONSULTATION

The Planning Committee of Leigh-on-Sea Town Council welcomes Southend Borough Council's engagement of an Architectural and Town Planning Practice to consult with the residents of Leigh on the possible future of the Elm Road civic site and looks forward to being a key stakeholder in this process.

The Town Council has given a great deal of thought and consideration to this area and at present, the Planning Committee will restrict its comments to the following, which are in line with the Town Council's resolutions regarding the community centre, and to its core strategy.

- we wish to retain the police station building, formerly the town hall of Leigh-on-Sea Urban District Council
- we wish to retain at least the facade of the community centre building, formerly the conservative and unionist club
- we wish to retain of a community centre use on a like for like basis, approx 1,700m², on or near to the centre of Leigh and preferably on the Elm Road site
- this process does not affect the Town Council's current plans and intentions with regard to the community centre.

Further consideration will be given at our council meeting on 13th June.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

CORE STRATEGY

Vision Statement

“Leigh-on-Sea is an active and vibrant working town with a separate and distinctive identity to, but still an integral part of the larger urban community of Southend-on-Sea. A community where people support one another and can live, work, shop, visit and enjoy themselves in an environment that is constantly cared for and enhanced. A town that:

- Provides sustainable employment opportunities, transport, housing and business facilities.
- Preserves and enhances the natural beauty, heritage and traditions of Leigh.
- Preserves and nurtures the cultural life of Leigh.
- Encourages everyone within the community to work together to achieve continual improvement to the facilities and future prospects of the town.
- Promotes thriving commercial areas which provide leisure and shopping facilities to meet the needs and wishes of residents and visitors.”

Strategic Aims

“To promote the well being and quality of life of the residents of Leigh-on-Sea”

To achieve this we aim to:

- take part in an open dialogue with residents to better understand their needs, and in turn explain how we will address these needs within the resources and powers available to the Town Council;
- provide high standard, value for money services to help meet the needs and wishes of the residents;
- assist and encourage other bodies to provide high standard, value for money services to help meet the needs and wishes of the residents; and
- promote the best interests of the town for the benefit of the local community

Strategic Objectives

The Town Council's strategic objectives are based on the Council's overall vision. The objectives are:

1. To promote the provision of accessible social, recreational, educational and cultural facilities within the town for the benefit of Leigh's residents and visitors.
2. To encourage and support the economic and commercial vitality of the town.
3. To preserve Leigh's unique character and heritage, protect its conservation areas and maintain and enhance its maritime environment.
4. To encourage harmony between developing commercial and residential requirements and existing amenities.
5. To consult with and take due regard of all comments received from other statutory bodies, voluntary organisations and individuals, to ensure an improving standard of service that meets with local needs.
6. To protect and enhance Leigh's natural environment, its open spaces and public gardens.
7. To seek to improve sustainable transport infrastructure across the town.
8. To seek to create a socially inclusive and caring community.

Elm Road

Community Planning Event

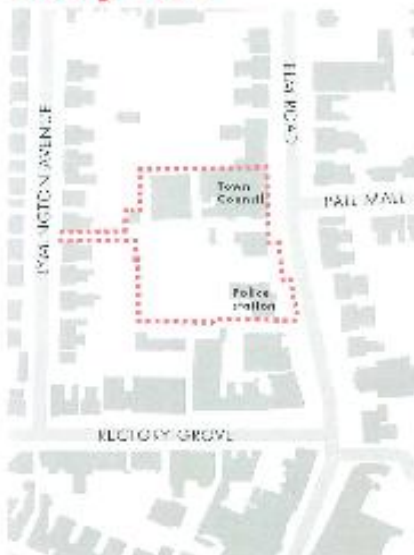
**Wednesday 6 June
to Friday 8 June 2012**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is holding a community planning event to consider the future of the Elm Road area, including the community centre, police station and car park. Our team will be based in the main hall of the Leigh Community Centre on Elm Road for three days in June to hear what local people have to say and to prepare options for the area. The workshop is open to everyone to drop in at any time - we invite you to meet with us and share your ideas.

We know this site is important to Leigh for lots of reasons, including community uses, local heritage and car parking. We want to make sure that any plans for the future are shaped by your views and following the workshop it is intended that a draft planning brief will be published for further public consultation.

You can find out more by contacting Steve Walker, lead consultant from Allies and Morrison Urban Practitioners on 020 7921 0109 or the Strategic Planning Team at SBC on 01702 215004.

Study area



Event programme

	Wednesday 6 June Issues and opportunities	Thursday 7 June Draft options	Friday 8 June Test and review
12pm	Introduction		
1pm		Lunchtime update presentation	Lunchtime update presentation
2pm	Site walkabout		
3pm		Emerging options review	Closing session
4pm	Site walkabout		
5pm			
6pm		Options exhibition	
7pm			