



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Caroline Parker  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Paul Lawrence  
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs Caroline Parker (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden & Paul Lawrence

In Attendance: Ian Weinfass (Press), Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk) & Susan Marx (Clerk)  
3 members of the public

### ***The meeting opened at 7.30pm***

30. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS  
Cllr Parker welcomed the members of the public to the Transport & Highways Committee meeting.
31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Cllrs John Wren, Geoff Crawford
32. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS  
None
33. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013  
The minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
34. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
  - a) **To consider contribution of £100 to 'wild flower meadow' on the corner of Eastwood Road**  
It was **RESOLVED** to contribute £100 to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council for the 'wild flower meadow' project to proceed in the near future. Committee members were disappointed that previously requested information/photographs of suggested flowers and seeds from Southend-on-Sea Borough Council had not been provided.
  - b) **Vernon Road – to consider requesting Southend-on-Sea Borough Council for parking exclusion zones or permits for this road**  
It was **RESOLVED** to contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to request all 'exclusion times' signage currently displaying '1400 hrs to 1500 hrs' be amended to '1200 hrs to 1300 hrs', under the Traffic Regulations Order within Leigh-on-Sea.
  - c) **Junction of Hadleigh and Western Road to consider requesting Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to install speed humps or raised platforms to prevent speeding**  
This is a busy junction where cars speed. Pedestrians are forced to cross the road quickly as drivers tend to indicate at the last minute when turning.  
It was **AGREED** Cllr Parker contacts those residents concerned to request evidence of accidents. The collated evidence will be utilised to demonstrate the danger to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council with a view to conducting a traffic speed survey.

- d) **To consider requesting Royal Mail to re-site post box in Western Road, near junction with Herschell Road as it is in a position near a junction**  
Cllr Fraser reminded the Committee this request had been made several years ago and the post box was subsequently re-sited to its current position. **CLOSED**

- e) **To consider the provision of cycle tracks within Leigh**  
The following comments were made by a member of the public:

1. Cycling is a cheap and convenient way to travel.
2. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council have received large sums of money for cycle tracks but cycling is considered a leisure activity instead of an alternative to using a car.
3. Leigh-on-Sea are bereft of cycle tracks. Marine Parade with its 3ft wide footpaths and Pall Mall have sufficient space for cycle tracks.

It was **AGREED** Cllr Parker would contact Sustrans and Greenways to find out the current position of proposed cycle tracks.

- f) **To consider refurbishment of Moon Corner on the Broadway**  
Cllr Lawrence advised the Committee Moon Corner is privately owned land. It was **AGREED** the Town Clerk would undertake a Land Registry search to ascertain who owns the land with a view to recommending the landlord improves its present appearance.

- g) **Leigh's Urgent Traffic Problems (Letter at request of the Chairman)**  
'Tesco trucks cause traffic jams in the Broadway on a daily basis. London Road parking areas are filled with 'for sale' cars on a daily basis. The roads between Leigh Road / Pall Mall and London Road are approaching gridlock on daily basis'.

'Introduce more one way roads in the area. The existing ones operate perfectly adequately. Certain residents will complain, but that is better than the non-functioning system which will become a reality in the near future'.

It was **AGREED** Cllr Parker would raise the issue of 'Tesco trucks causing traffic jams in the Broadway' at her forthcoming Protocol meeting with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.

Car showrooms in the London Road are problematic with cars 'for sale' parked illegally on pavements. Cllr Lawrence suggested involving members of the public, requesting that they also contact the Police as soon as illegally parked vehicles appear.

'The roads between Leigh Road/Pall Mall and London Road are approaching gridlock on a daily basis'. It was **AGREED** residents are consulted for their views on making gridlocked roads 'one way streets' in Leigh. It was also **AGREED** Cllr Parker conduct a survey of Leigh, selecting the worst roads that would benefit from a one-way system.

35. BUDGET REPORT 2013/14 – Report 2324/TH – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – (Appendix 1)

The Town Clerk implemented changes agreed at the last Transport & Highways Committee meeting.

***The meeting closed at 8.55pm***

**Report 2324 – Transport & Highways Budget Report – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Heading	B/F 2012/13	Income	Expenditure	Spend to Date	Commitment	Balance	% Spent
School Crossing Patrols	4,300	0	4,500	8,485.18		315	96.42
Bus Shelter Cleaning/Maintenance		0	2,000	385.00		1,615	19.25
New Bus shelters	2,500	0	1,000	0.00		3,500	
Highways Infrastructure	2,500	0	2,150	0.00		4,650	0.00
Staff Costs		0	578	449.60		128	77.82
Phone box		0	300	60.00		240	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,528</b>	<b>9,379.78</b>		<b>10,448</b>	<b>89.10</b>