



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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**Town Clerk:** Helen Symmons *PSLCC*



MINUTES OF A MEETING PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & LICENSING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023  
HELD AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllrs: Bernard Arscott, Murat Agdeve, Jonathan Garston (Chairman),

Absent: Cllrs Rosemary Arscott, Paul Gilson, Alan Hart, Carol Lambert, Sandra McCurdy, Craig Watt

In attendance: Gina Lopez (Locum Clerk), Ingmar Lindberg-Jones (Admin Assistant), Cllr Carole Mulroney, 1 Member of Public

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

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*Cllrs, Rosemary Arscott, Paul Gilson, Alan Hart, Carol Lambert, Sandra McCurdy, Craig Watt*

49. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Mulroney declared non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item where Southend City Council are mentioned in her capacity as City Councillor.

Cllr Garston declared a non-pecuniary interest where Southend City Council are mentioned, his father being a City Councillor.

50. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were **AGREED** and were signed by the Chairman.

51. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

None

52. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

**PLANNING SECTION 1**

**APPLICATIONS WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTEND AND REQUEST TO BE HEARD.**

*There were none*

**SECTION 2**

**APPLICATIONS OF A CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OR WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR LEIGH AS A WHOLE;  
LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENTS OR THOSE AFFECTING THE PUBLIC REALM.**

Signed/Intialled

Dated



(amended

proposal)

- g) LOS/23/0243    SOS/23/01752/FUL    **(ST CLEMENTS WARD)**  
**101 BROADWAY LEIGH-ON-SEA ESSEX, SS9 1PG**  
 Install painted timber framed shop front including timber riser over existing aluminium framing, install four swan neck style external lights and alterations to front elevation
- h) LOS/23/0244    SOS/23/01830/TPO    **(HIGHLANDS WARD)**  
**40 LIME AVENUE LEIGH-ON-SEA ESSEX SS9 3PA**  
 Reduce crown by 20%, remove dead wood and thin all over one oak tree in rear garden adjacent to rear boundary (tp/100/299/175 tpo 1/21) (application for works to trees subject to a tree preservation order)
- i) LOS/23/0245    SOS/23/01825/FUL    **(ELMS WARD)**  
**LAND ADJACENT TO 92 GLENDALE GARDENS AND LEIGHVILLE GROVE LEIGH-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
 Change of use from workshop (class b8) to new dwelling (class c3), erect single storey front extension, layout amenity space and bin and cycle store
- j) LOS/23/0246    SOS/23/01807/FULH    **(HIGHLANDS WARD)**  
**56 VARDON DRIVE LEIGH-ON-SEA ESSEX SS9 3SR**  
 Erect single storey rear extension

54. PLANNING APPEALS SUBMITTED AND TO BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

23/00006/FUL

**135 MARINE PARADE, LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX, SS9 2RF**

Demolish existing building and erect three storey building comprising 7no. self-contained flats with balconies to front, layout parking, refuse and cycle store to rear and form new vehicle crossover onto Thames Drive

Following discussion the Committee have decided to stand by their original decision, the committee **RESOLVED TO OBJECT** to the application as the proposed development by reason of its design, height, scale and bulk will still appear as an overly dominant and incongruous addition that is out of keeping with and detrimental to the street scene. It certainly does not respond positively to local character and will not successfully integrate itself in a positive relationship with the surroundings. It is contrary to both Core Strategy and Development Management policies.

The development is also overbearing and is not respectful and subservient. It is therefore also contrary to Policy DM3 but also to Policy DM1 in that it does not protect the amenity of its immediate neighbours having regard to privacy and overlooking.

Additionally, there is also some concern that the vehicular access onto Thames Drive is very close to a busy traffic junction

55. CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED FROM CLLR MULRONEY RE. LICENSING

A response from Cllr Garston was provided in the meeting

1. I would agree and is helpful to record this, also those members of the committee who are in attendance will receive the draft minutes.

We have only just started to have licensing issues come to this committee under my chairmanship so we are on a learning curve.

With this one the confusion arose as we had discussion and during that two proposals were made One to object and one to just send concerns.

While Cllr Mulroney has been helpful with this why didn't she raise it at the meeting when the minutes were agreed.

Signed/Intialled

Dated

It's not a case of catching us out and not giving any notice of her question at council, it's about working together for the best interests of Leigh.

2. A Cllr will not always attend this will be decided on a case by case basis.

At our training when we started it was stated if necessary an officer likely to be the town clerk would attend. When I was a Southend councillor I either sent in written evidence or attended whichever was more appropriate at the time.

3. Licensing training will be helpful and I would encourage members of this committee to attend.

4. I would like to record an apology to the clerk, there has been confusion and it should not be reflected on our hard working committee clerk who does an outstanding job at these meetings both explaining plans and recording minutes.

***The meeting closed at: 20:00pm***

***Date of next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024***