

## E-Newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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### **1) Information Corner**



#### **BERA Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's coffee morning. This was the last one until September, so watch this space or see our noticeboard in The Broadway (on the grass verge outside Nisa) for the date!

#### **Changes to parking charges set to be reversed**

Two major changes to parking charges in Southend-on-Sea made as part of the 2023/24 budget are set to be reversed.

Following their manifesto pledge, the new council cabinet is set to remove the evening parking charges introduced from 6pm to 9pm in zone 1A, and scrap a proposal to charge in Jones Memorial, Big Gunners and Little Gunners car parks from this financial year, and Chalkwell, Priory, Belfairs and Southchurch Parks from 2024/25. Two reports will be presented at the cabinet meeting on Wednesday 28 June.

The report about the reversal of the 6 pm to 9pm charging period in zone 1A explains how the reduction in revenue will be more than offset by the creation of 448 additional car parking spaces along the seafront which could bring in over £0.5m in additional income annually.

The new parking spaces will be created in zone 1a as quickly as possible and no later than the school Easter break in 2024.

The second report discusses abolishing the proposed charge in car parks of Belfairs Park, Chalkwell Park, Priory Park, Southchurch Park, Big Gunners Park, Little Gunners Park and Jones Memorial Ground. The report also recommends a policy be introduced to make it clear that it is not the council's policy to charge in park car parks.

## **Feel Good Festival returns!**

A free festival to help everyone in Southend-on-Sea boost their mood and feel good, is back.

The Feel Good Festival is being held on Saturday 29 July at Garon's Park, from 10am to 4pm and the free event will include, popcorn making, live demos, competitions, arts and crafts, bouncy castles and more.

Bringing together all sorts of local community organisations that can give general or specific support on anything and everything relating to healthy eating, exercise, mental health, personal safety and more.

Bring a picnic or enjoy food from one of the numerous food stalls as the Feel Good Zones across the event make the day a fun-packed one.

## **Household Support Fund is available for pension aged residents**

Residents on a low income who are facing hardship with the cost of living can apply for help through the council's Essential Living fund.

Pensioners, unpaid carers and care leavers are some of the groups eligible for help under the Household Support Fund (HSF), which the Department for Work and Pensions extended back in April 2023, adding a further £842 million to the scheme across England. Of which, Southend-on-Sea City Council secured an addition £2.8 million.

The funding is designed to provide immediate help for those who are struggling with the cost of energy and food. It should be used to support households in the most need, particularly those who may not be eligible for other government support.

Although the HSF is aimed at all low-income households, the council has not received many applications from certain groups such as pensioners, unpaid carers and care leavers. Anyone in those groups who are facing hardship with essential costs should submit an application, which takes around five business days to process.

For more information and how to apply for the funding visit: [Essential Living Fund – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

## **Southend-on-Sea parks to proudly display nine Green Flags this year!**

Southend-on-Sea City Council's Parks Team is once again celebrating as their hard work has led to nine local parks achieving a national Green Flag Award.

Nationally a record-breaking 2,216 UK parks and green spaces have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award, and included are Priory Park, Chalkwell Park, Southchurch Park, Southchurch Hall Gardens, Leigh Library Gardens, Shoebury Park, Belfairs Park, Sutton Road Cemetery & Southend Crematorium and Shoebury Common North.

The Parks Team would like to thank all community groups and visitors for helping keep Southend's parks in top shape, by putting litter in the bin and taking care of the equipment and facilities of the parks.

The Green Flag Awards recognise well maintained parks and green spaces across the country, and Southend's parks have featured in the awards frequently over the past few years, showing off the spectacular green spaces available to residents and visitors throughout the year.

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

## **Woodgrange Drive – Emergency works due to a decaying tree – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

To facilitate emergency works due to a decaying tree which requires felling under Section 14(2)(b) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 they have imposed an emergency temporary prohibition of traffic, waiting, loading and unloading, on Woodgrange Drive.

Whilst this notice is in operation, all motor vehicles will be prohibited from traffic, waiting, loading and unloading, on Woodgrange Drive.

These prohibitions or restrictions will come into effect on 21 July 2023. This notice will remain in force for 21 days to allow for unexpected events/delays and possible remedial works.

## **2) National Corner**

### **Rising interest rates push more households into debt**

Homeowners across the country are living on "negative budgets", where their income is no longer meeting their basic costs because of rapidly increasing interest rates, the UK's largest debt support charity has said. Citizens Advice said the number of people it was seeing who could no longer afford the property they were living in had almost doubled in a year.

**3) Crime Report 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/122653/23  
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere  
 Reported Date and Time 08/07/2023 23:39  
 Committed Date (From) 08/07/2023  
 Street partial postcode **FERNBROOK AVENUE SS1 2**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS HEADPHONES BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/124939/23  
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere  
 Reported Date and Time 12/07/2023 09:46  
 Committed Date (From) 12/07/2023 09:00  
 Street partial postcode **NEWINGTON AVENUE SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS AIRPOD CASE AS THE VICTIM GOT OFF OF THE NUMBER 24 BUS.

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/125319/23  
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 12/07/2023 06:41  
 Committed Date (From) 11/07/2023 21:00  
 Street partial postcode **GLYNDE WAY SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED A RED FORD FIESTA, INDEX EX65VWJ, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/123156/23  
 Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community  
 Reported Date and Time 10/07/2023 15:03  
 Committed Date (From) 10/07/2023 15:00  
 Street partial postcode **DELAWARE ROAD SS3 9**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT NAMED HAS ENTERED PREMISES FROM WHICH SHE IS BANNED, ENTERED A STAFF ONLY AREA AND TAKEN FOOD FROM THE FRIDGE WITHOUT PERMISSION. SUPSECT HAS THEN DAMAGED THE FRONT ENTRANCE SCREEN AND THROWN BEANS IN THE OFFICE.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/125599/23  
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 13/07/2023 18:22  
 Committed Date (From) 12/07/2023 23:45

Street partial postcode                      **CAULFIELD ROAD SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
UNKNOWN SUSPECT HAS GAINED ENTRY TO INSECURE SILVER RANGE  
ROVER AND REMOVED PROPERTY FROM WITHIN.

## **4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

Application Number: 23/01060/FULH                                              **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty  
Erect single storey rear extension with glazed roof lanterns and alterations to side elevation  
**9 Daines Close Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/00782/FUL                                              **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Oliver Hart  
Erect two additional floors to building and three storey side and rear extension, form penthouse apartment with roof terraces to top two floors and convert first and second floors into eight self-contained flats with balconies  
**122 The Broadway Thorpe Bay Southend-On-Sea**

Application Number: 23/01001/FULH                                              **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Kara Elliott  
Erect dormers to side and rear elevations incorporating balcony to rear with glass balustrade, install rooflights to north and south elevations to form habitable accommodation in roof, extend garage to front and form pitched roof, erect single storey side extension, rain shelter to front and alterations to elevations  
**80 Tyrone Road Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/01053/FUL                                              **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty  
Replace existing beach hut  
**Beach Hut 260 Thorpe Esplanade Thorpe Bay**

Application Number: 23/01071/FULH                                              **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Kara Elliott  
Erect single storey rear extension  
**96 Sandringham Road Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 23/01089/FULH                                              **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
Erect first floor extension with juliet balcony to rear, alter roof to form pitched roof to front, replace porch to front and alterations to front and rear elevations, install solar panels to rear, form pitched roof to existing garage to rear and erect replacement boundary wall (Amended Proposal)  
**518 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex**

## **5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

APPLN. NO: 23/00705/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION  
**7 WANSFELL GARDENS THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00790/CLP **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
CONVERT LOFT INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION WITH VELUX ROOF  
LIGHT TO FRONT AND REAR DORMER (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT  
CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)  
**14 HERA CLOSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

APPLN. NO: 23/00846/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, INSTALL ROOFLIGHTS TO SIDE  
AND REAR ELEVATIONS AND CONVERT LOFT INTO HABITABLE  
ACCOMMODATION  
**15 SAMUELS DRIVE THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00789/CLP **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
GROUND FLOOR REAR EXTENSION FLAT ROOF WITH SKY LIGHT, REMOVE  
EXISTING CONSERVATORY (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE -  
PROPOSED)  
**145 ST JAMES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 23/00822/AD **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Kara Elliott  
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITION 04  
(DETAILS OF HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING) OF PLANNING PERMISSION  
22/01367/FUL DATED 18.01.2023  
**97-99 AND 101 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**  
Decision: Grant Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00829/AD **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Kara Elliott  
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITION 03  
(MATERIALS) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 22/01367/FUL DATED 18/01/2023  
**97-99 AND 101 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**  
Decision: Grant Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00835/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION

**125 MAPLIN WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00772/CLP

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

TWO OUTBUILDINGS AT REAR FOR USE AS A GYM AND GAMES ROOM  
(LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)

**8 LEITRIM AVENUE SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 23/00776/CLP

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: James Benn

SITTING OF MOBILE HOME TO SIDE FOR ANCILLARY USE TO MAIN  
DWELLINGHOUSE (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

**8 WATSON CLOSE SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 23/00777/CLP

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION, CONVERT LOFT INTO HABITABLE  
ACCOMMODATION AND ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT AND REAR (LAWFUL  
DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED).

**58 TUDOR GARDENS SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 23/00814/FULH

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Kara Elliott

RAISE RIDGE HEIGHT AND FORM NEW ROOF WITH DORMERS AND JULIETTE  
BALCONIES TO REAR, ERECT TWO STOREY FRONT EXTENSION AND ALTER  
ELEVATIONS

**32 LODWICK SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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