

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held via Video Conference

Held at 7pm on Wednesday, 13th January 2021

PRESENT: Councillor M Dannatt (Town Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors: M Anderson, P Barry, S Blackburn, B Brookes, D Brookes, T Burnham, R Cunnington, S Dennis, D R Edginton, A Findley, D Kirk, S Kirk, G Saxon and T Tye.

Officers: Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting was live streamed on the Council's You Tube Channel to public and press.

C139. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th December 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.*

C140. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)

An apology for absence was received from Councillors J Brookes, J Carpenter, S Claxton, S Emsen and P Sutton.

C141. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)

Cllr S Dennis Category A – Item 6 Payee.

C142. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Item 4)

No questions or statements received.

C143. THE TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE (Agenda Item 5)

The Town Mayor informed Council that a list of Mayoral events has been posted on the Council website, Facebook and Twitter. The Mayor informed Council of the sad passing of a former Town Clerk Alan Crawshaw with his condolences going to his family and friends. Councillors who knew him said a few words.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Mayor's announcements be noted.*

C144. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL (Agenda Item 6)

Cllr S Dennis declared a Category A interest and withdrew from the meeting for this item.

The Town Clerk reported on a schedule of payments made between 2nd December 2020 and 31st December 2020 as shown in Appendix A to these minutes. The Town Clerk answered a question on the payments.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the schedule be approved.*

C145. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (Agenda Item 7)

None received.

C146. QUESTIONS TO/COMMENTS FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE (Agenda Item 8)

None received.

C147. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda Item 9)

An Environment Agency Stakeholder Update was provided by Cllr B Brookes.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the report be noted.*

C148. REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda Item 10)

A Lincolnshire County Council report for December was provided by Cllr C Macey and S Kirk.

Cllr S Kirk gave a short verbal update from ELDC Executive board.

A short discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the reports be noted.*

C149. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2021/22 (Agenda Item 11)

The Town Clerk went through the Budget and Precept report to review and confirm the budget for 2021/22, set the precept for 2021/22 and confirm fees and charges. The Town Clerk answered questions and a discussion took place.

This item was subject to a recorded vote.

Cllr M Anderson:	Abstain
Cllr P Barry:	For
Cllr B Brookes:	For
Cllr D Brookes:	For
Cllr S Blackburn:	For
Cllr T Burnham:	For
Cllr R Cunnington:	For
Cllr S Dennis:	For
Cllr D Edginton:	For
Cllr A Findley:	For
Cllr D Kirk:	For
Cllr S Kirk:	For
Cllr G Saxon:	For
Cllr T Tye:	For

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) *the budget as set out in Appendix A including the proposed movements in reserves be approved.*
- b) *the precept payable for 2021/22 be set at £551,284.*
- c) *The risks associated with the unusual changes to the Tax Base be noted and added to the risk register.*
- d) *no changes be made to fees and charges.*

C150. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FROM SKEGNESS TRADING COMPANY (Agenda Item 12)

The recommendations were considered and a discussion around concerns regarding resources to push the project forward and ensuring any project would not need to be subsidised by the Council was discussed.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the recommendations to take forward the initial design and business planning for a Heritage Centre adjacent to Tower Gardens Pavilion to include a Heritage shop be adopted.*

C151. LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS ADMISSION POLICY CONSULTATION (Agenda Item 13)

A discussion took place where the consultation was considered and concerns raised about proposed reduction in admission numbers for a local school.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:*

- a) *Skegness Town Council responds to the consultation strongly objecting to the reduction of service through the reduction of their Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for Skegness Grammar School.*

- b) *The Town Clerk writes to The David Ross Education Trust (DRET) asking them to explain the reasons behind the proposed reduction and inviting them to a future meeting. This letter should be copied to the MP and Secretary of State.*
- c) *To write to the MP and Secretary of State with concerns regarding the reduction in PAN's and general concerns for the plight of education in this coastal area. Asking what is being done to ensure more investment in education?*

C152. INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2021 (Agenda Item 14)

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the Investment Strategy be approved.*

C153. TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE HONOURS WORKING GROUP (Agenda Item 15)

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That that Councillors B Brookes, T Burnham, S Dennis, D Edginton and A Findley be appointed to the Honours Working Group.*

C154. TOWN CLERK REPORT (Agenda Item 16)

The Town Clerk spoke on his report informing Council that he expected the Pavilion to remain closed until the end of March to hopefully reopen for Easter. He spoke on additional resources needed to cover sickness and the end of the defects period for the Pavilion building. The Town Clerk answered Councillors questions.

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) *The approach taken in respect of the Covid lockdown be noted and supported.*
- b) *The temporary increase in hours to cover long term sickness be approved and noted.*
- c) *The Tower Gardens Pavilion defects period update be noted.*

The meeting closed at 8:53pm

Skegness Town Council

Appendix A

Current Account

List of Payments made from 02/12/2020 to 31/12/2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Detail</u>
08/12/20	BT	DD	68.39	Broadband
08/12/20	Lloyds Bank	PAY	61.43	Bank charges
10/12/20	Ark	DD	158.28	CSP Licences & Anti Virus
14/12/20	Opus Energy	DD	64.01	Units electricity
15/12/20	Viking Direct	EB393-1	224.22	Postage and stationery
15/12/20	Society or Local Council Clerk	Eb393-2	317.00	Membership fees
15/12/20	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB393-3	211.50	Cemetery Bins
15/12/20	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB393-3	230.04	Tower Gardens Bins
15/12/20	Trade UK	EB393-4	47.41	Public property materials
15/12/20	Jewson	EB393-5	1,188.00	Bark chipping
15/12/20	Freedom Fire and Security Main	EB393-6	72.00	Access Control yrly maintenance
15/12/20	Freedom Fire and Security Main	EB393-6	480.00	Intruder Alarm yrly maintenance
15/12/20	Freedom Fire and Security Main	EB393-6	312.00	Fire Alarm yrly maintenance
15/12/20	Freedom Fire and Security Main	EB393-6	72.00	CCTV yrly maintenance
15/12/20	East Lindsey District Council	EB393-7	1,166.66	Units Rent
15/12/20	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB393-8	535.01	Husqvarna mower service
15/12/20	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB393-8	95.02	Machinery parts
15/12/20	Woodthorpe Garden Centre	EB393-9	200.00	Compost and planting materials
15/12/20	British Gas	EB393-10	100.30	Electric new unit
15/12/20	DLP Planning Ltd	EB393-11	468.00	NDP Prof fees
15/12/20	Anglian Water Business National	EB393-12	24.84	Water rates 1E
15/12/20	Fuelgenie	DD	310.26	Petrol and Diesel
16/12/20	Ark	DD	46.66	IP Seats
16/12/20	British Gas	DD	593.67	Electricity TG
18/12/20	O2	DD	57.79	Mobile telephones
21/12/20	iZettle	DD	46.80	Cafe till system
23/12/20	Staff Salaries	EB395	21,784.60	Staff Salaries
23/12/20	Anglian Water	DD	43.00	Water Rates units
23/12/20	British Gas	DD	84.69	Gas TG
23/12/20	Burdens Group	EB394-1	765.32	Mower lease
23/12/20	Burdens Group	EB394-1	103.78	Equipment parts
23/12/20	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB394-2	461.30	Machinery parts
23/12/20	East Lindsey District Council	EB394-3	137.30	Town Hall Final contribution
23/12/20	Eastern Shires Purchasing Orga	eb394-4	23.88	Office stationery
23/12/20	Jewson	EB394-5	14.78	Cleaning materials
23/12/20	Jewson	EB394-5	792.00	Bark chipping
23/12/20	Parker Motor Services Ltd	EB394-6	3.24	Chain oil spray
23/12/20	Viking Direct	EB394-7	208.18	PPE and Bin bags
23/12/20	S J Joinery	EB394-8	428.30	works re artwork instalation
24/12/20	British Gas	DD	35.30	Electricity TG
29/12/20	Public Works Loan	DD	22,978.95	PWLB Payment
31/12/20	Cllr M Anderson	EB396	100.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr D Brookes	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr J Carpenter	EB396	100.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr S Dennis	EB396	100.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr D Edginton	EB396	100.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr S Kirk	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr T Burnham	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr D Kirk	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr M Dannatt	EB396	260.00	Mayors Allowance & Cllr Allowance
31/12/20	Cllr S Blackburn	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr J Brookes	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr R Cunnington	EB396	100.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr S Claxton	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr A Findley	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr P Barry	EB396	100.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr S Emsen	EB396	124.40	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr G Saxon	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr B Brookes	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr P Sutton	EB396	125.00	councillors allowance
31/12/20	Cllr T Tye	EB396	100.00	councillors allowance
			Total Payments	57,475.31