

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at 7:15pm on Wednesday 12th January 2022

PRESENT: Councillor B Brookes (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors: M Anderson, P Barry, D Brookes, R Cunnington, M Dannatt, S Dennis, D Edginton, A Findley, D Kirk, S Kirk, J Sadler and T Tye.

Officers: Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

2 members of the public were present, 1 member of the press attended.

C132. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.*

C133. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)

An apology for absence was received from Councillors T Burnham (Town Mayor), S Blackburn, S Claxton, J Brookes, S Emsen, C Macey, G Saxon and P Sutton.

7:20pm Councillors D Kirk and S Kirk joined the meeting.

C134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)

Cllr S Dennis Category A – Item 6 Payee

C135. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Item 4)

Two residents attended and spoke on item 17 regarding their concerns that St Marys and St Clements open Church yards were no longer being maintained.

C136. THE TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE (Agenda Item 5)

The Deputy Town Mayor informed Council that a list of Mayoral events has been posted on the Council website, Facebook and Twitter. The Deputy Mayor sent his condolences, on behalf of the Town Mayor and Councillors to Janice Sutton on the sad loss of her husband Ivan who has supported her work, behind the scenes with her work with the young people of Skegness. Condolences were also sent to the family of Paull Marshall who was a strong advocate for Coastal Access for All.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Mayors announcements be noted.*

C137. 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 24th November 2021 and 21st December 2021 as shown in Appendix A to these minutes. The Town Clerk answered questions on the payments.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the schedule be approved, and the error reported be noted.*

C138. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (Agenda Item 7)

None received.

C139. QUESTIONS TO/COMMENTS FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE (Agenda Item 8)

None received

A discussion took place around policing priorities and the lack of feedback from questions posed to the Police Crime Commissioner.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That Skegness Town Council write to the Police Crime Commissioner and Chief Inspector seeking feedback and answers to previous questions on policing priorities and the policing strategy for the area.*

C140. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda Item 9)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Skegness Town Deal Business Case, Risk Register, Engagement Workshop Report, Meeting papers and minutes from 10th December 2021, Gantt Chart, Minutes 4th November 2021 from the Connected Coast Board and additional work briefing from the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Beach Management Scheme be noted.*

C141. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda Item 10)

None received.

C142. MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 11)

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the minutes from the Management Committee held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 be approved and the resolutions within adopted.*

C143. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 12)

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the minutes from the Planning & Planning Policy Committee held on Wednesday 8th December 2021 be approved and the resolutions within adopted.*

C144. HIGHWAY VERGE PARISH AGREEMENT (Agenda Item 13)

The Highway Verge Parish Agreement was discussed at length with the disappointment at the lack of contribution from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to maintain good standards in this coastal tourist Town.

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

- a) Skegness Town Council takes part in the Highway Verge Parish Agreement Scheme for 2022-23.*
- b) Skegness Town Council writes to the LCC Councillors to request feedback on what they are doing to ensure a fair deal from LCC on the Highway Verge Parish Agreement in 2023-24.*

C145. CEMETERY REGULATION CHANGE RISK (Agenda Item 14)

The Town Clerk spoke on proposed cemetery regulation changes by DEFRA and the impact they may have on the Town Council. A discussion took place and the Town Clerk answered questions confirming that due to time restraints he had already raised the matter with LALC and the MP.

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

- a) the report and the issues raised be noted.*
- b) the risk be added to the risk register.*
- c) The impact of the risks and risk management strategy be considered within the budget setting and precept report.*
- d) Skegness Town Council write to DEFRA opposing the proposed regulations on moral grounds.*

C146. BUDGET 2022/23 (Agenda Item 15)

The Town Clerk presented the Budget & Precept report to confirm the budget and precept for 2022-23. The Town Clerk presented two budget options (Option A and Option B). The Town Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer set out the increased financial risks associated with Option A, pointing out the potential short fall in income which could result in relying on General Reserves if there was an overspend. The Town Clerk explained that Option B had been put forward to assist with managing those known risks. The Town Clerk went through the initial Capital Programme and proposed changes to Cemetery fees and charges were presented. A discussion took place, and the risks were considered.

This item was subject to a recorded vote.

*It was proposed, seconded and **unanimously***

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) Council has considered the risks with both budget options.*
- b) the proposed budget set out in option A, including the proposed additions to reserves, be approved.*
- c) the precept payable for 2022/23 be set at £582,578.*
- d) the change to the tax base be noted.*
- e) the Cemetery Fee's & Charges as set out in appendix E be approved.*

C147. CORRESPONDENCE ON STREET LIGHTING (Agenda Item 16)

The correspondence received was presented and a discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the response from LCC and the Home Office be noted.*

C148. CHURCH YARD MAINTENANCE GROUP (Agenda Item 17)

A discussion took place around the Church's decision to stop maintaining the open church yards at St Marys and St Clements Church Yard, taking consideration of the comments made by members of the public.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) the Church Yard Maintenance Group meeting notes be noted.*
- b) Skegness Town Council write to the Bishop of Lincoln and the Bishop of Grimsby to convey residents' disappointment at the decision and lack of consultation by the Church when deciding to stop maintenance.*

C149. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS (Agenda Item 18)

The final submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan, Policies Map, Consultation Statement, Basic Conditions Statement and Local Green Spaces Assessment.

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the final submission documents for the Neighbourhood Plan be approved.*

The meeting closed at 9:41pm

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Appendix A

Current Account

List of Payments made from 24/11/2021 to 21/12/2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Detail</u>
26/11/2021	Staff Salaries	EB499	23,543.91	Staff salaries mth 8
26/11/2021	Cllr T Burnham	EB499	244.00	Mayors Allowance
26/11/2021	Lloyds Bank	PAY	157.42	Bank Charges
26/11/2021	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB496-1	3.99	Hi-vis tape
26/11/2021	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB496-1	2.90	Zip ties
26/11/2021	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB496-1	17.98	Rechargeable batteries
26/11/2021	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB496-1	27.59	Battery charger
26/11/2021	Anglian Water Business Nationa	EB496-2	144.76	Water rates units
26/11/2021	British Gas	EB496-3	49.19	Electricity unit
26/11/2021	Burdens Group	EB496-4	50.70	Equipment parts
26/11/2021	CRS Business Systems	EB496-5	184.80	Dishwasher repairs
26/11/2021	Eastern Shires Purchasing Orga	EB496-6	43.20	Cleaning and hygiene
26/11/2021	R W Stokes & Sons Ltd	EB496-7	72.40	Café stock purchases
26/11/2021	J Parker Dutch Bulbs	EB496-8	331.20	Dafodills & tulips
26/11/2021	Pilgrim Foodservice Ltd	EB496-9	54.15	Café stock purchases
26/11/2021	Pure-Clean	EB496-10	30.00	Window cleaner
26/11/2021	Trade UK	EB496-11	84.99	Step ladders
26/11/2021	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB496-12	18.59	waste disposal
26/11/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd	EB496-13	9.12	Public property materials
29/11/2021	SharkNinja Euorpe Ltd	EB501	24.99	Replacement parts
29/11/2021	Poundland	EB501-1	3.00	Café consumables
29/11/2021	Home Bargains	EB501-2	12.93	Café consumables & stock
29/11/2021	Lidl	EB501-3	16.18	Café stock purchases
29/11/2021	Aldi	EB501-4	44.05	Café stock & cleaning
02/12/2021	Ark ICT Solutions	DD	40.09	IP Phones
02/12/2021	Tesco	EB503-1	3.70	Café stock purchases
02/12/2021	Lidl	EB503-2	14.12	Café stock purchases
06/12/2021	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB498-1	29.00	Teapots
06/12/2021	Anglian Water Business Nationa	EB498-2	13.86	Water Rates unit 1e
06/12/2021	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB498-3	39.01	Equipment repairs
06/12/2021	Burdens Group	EB498-4	765.32	Mower lease
06/12/2021	East Lindsey District Council	EB498-5	1,166.66	Rent units
06/12/2021	Eastern Shires Purchasing Orga	EB498-6	43.44	Office Stationery
06/12/2021	Pilgrim Foodservice Ltd	EB498-7	98.75	café stock purchases
06/12/2021	Trade UK	EB498-8	56.29	public property materials
06/12/2021	P & R Decorator Centre	EB498-9	94.53	Public Property materials
06/12/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd	EB498-10	73.28	Public property materials
06/12/2021	Safe Fence	CCNOV21	278.31	8 x Crowd Barriers
06/12/2021	Appliance Direct	CCNOV21	299.00	Stand Mixer

