

# SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at 7:15pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

At Tower Gardens Pavilion, Skegness

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Barry (Town Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors: M Anderson, T Burnham, P Collins, M Dannatt, R Cunnington, S Dennis, D Edginton, A Findley (Deputy Mayor), M Gabbitas, D Kirk, S Kirk, S O'Dare, C Macey, S Royal, J Sadler and T Tye.

**Invited:** Reader Jean Smith

**Officers:** Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

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

### **C79. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the Council meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.*

### **C80. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors D Brookes, J Brookes, S Claxton and S Staples.

### **C81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)**

Cllr S Dennis – item 7 – Payee.

### **C82. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Item 4)**

Mr B Walker commented that verbal reports on item 16, 17, 19 and 20 were keeping residents in the dark.

The Town Clerk responded that Council needs to have up to date information that is not always available at the time of agenda dispatch when written reports are sent out. Council decisions are recorded in the minutes.

Mr Byford commented on item 15 expressing his dissatisfaction and disappointment with the lack of adequate rail provision over the summer.

Mr Robinson commented on item 14 stating that parking on verges was an increasing problem.

**C83. 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 thanked the Police for their prompt response when dealing with some travellers in Skegness. The Mayor also gave a quick verbal report on his trip to Bad Gandersheim.

7:26pm Cllr R Cunnington arrived to the meeting.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That:-*

- a) the Mayors announcements be noted.*
- b) a letter of thanks to Lincolnshire Police be noted.*

**C84. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL (Agenda Item 6)**

Cllr S Dennis declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

The Town Clerk reported on a schedule of payments made between 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 and 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 as shown in Appendix A to these minutes. A question around employee costs and budgets was raised which the Town Clerk said would be addressed during the budget setting process at Management Committee.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the payments be approved, and bank reconciliations be noted.*

**C85. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (Agenda Item 7)**

Cllr S Royal had submitted a question about the disabled changing places facility. A discussion took place. The Town Clerk confirmed that that facilities were on the Changing Places website and are available for anyone with additional needs to use.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the response be noted.*

**C86. QUESTION TO/COMMENTS FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE (Agenda Item 8)**

None received.

**C87. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES  
(Agenda Item 9)**

None received.

**C88. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS  
(Agenda Item 10)**

None received.

**C89. MOTIONS (Agenda Item 11)**

Motion A

Cllr R Cunnington presented a statement for a senior ELDC property officer relating to the subject of the motion. In the absence of Cllr S Kirk, Cllr S O'Dare seconded the motion. A discussion took place and the Town Clerk set expectations over the time frame and amount of officer time needed to get any contractual agreement changed explaining that it may take many months and legal advice may need to be sought.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That this council explore and investigates ALL options and avenues of how to amend or remove the covenant on Tower Gardens to allow commercial events and activities to take place within them.*

*Commercial events will only be allowed at the discretion of the Council and should not exceed 6 events in any one Council year. The Council would make a service charge to be paid by the event holder. This would include clean up and removal of rubbish and general maintenance of landscaping. This service charge would be set at a level to ensure that residents are not out of pocket for commercial activity. The Council may also like to consider a range of hiring fees dependent on how much of Tower Gardens the event will take up. Having due regard for its public access requirements.*

*In addition, the Council, at its discretion would allow commercial activities to operate alongside other not-for-profit events. This would help recoup some of the costs of hosting such an event or add to the offer a service the Council, or organiser, could not otherwise afford.*

Motion B

Cllrs M Anderson and P Collins spoke on the motion as the proposer and seconder. A discussion took place. The Town Clerk advised that Skegness Town Council does not have the power to investigate the complaint and that the formal complaint procedure at Platform Housing should be followed which could then be escalated to the Housing Ombudsman who does have the power to investigate.

8:01pm Cllr P Collins left the meeting.

8:03pm Cllr P Collins returned to the meeting.

8:06pm Cllr S Kirk arrived at the meeting.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That Councillor Anderson has received complaints from local residents who are tenants of Platform Housing. The tenants are complaining that they are being charged for services that they are not receiving, for example the cleaning of communal areas. Skegness Town Council calls upon Platform Housing to urgently investigate these complaints and issue a public statement after the investigation.*

**C90. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Agenda Item 12)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved and the resolutions therein adopted.*

**C91. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Agenda Item 13)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved and the resolutions therein adopted.*

**C92. RESPONSE TO MOTION ON VERGE PARKING FROM LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (Agenda Item 14)**

A discussion took place, Cllr C Macey spoke on the work he was doing and that further bollards are due to be installed on Scarbrough Avenue.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the response from Lincolnshire County Council be noted.*

**C93. RESPONSE TO MOTION ON SUMMER RAIL PROVISION FROM EAST MIDLANDS RAILWAY (Agenda Item 15)**

A short discussion on the disappointing response from EMR took place.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That:-*

- a) the response from East Midlands Railway be noted.*
- b) an EMR representative be invited to the February 2024 Council meeting to discuss the summer rail provision in Skegness.*

**C94. TOWNS FUND TOWER GARDENS PROJECT (Agenda Item 16)**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on progress with the project explaining that costs were coming in over budget, value engineering may be necessary and this may result in delays to the project. The Town Clerk explained that the stage had been reached where a quantity surveyor needs to be appointed, as previously agreed, and that full costs would be brought back to the next available meeting. A short discussion took place around seeking funding from other sources.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the verbal report from the Town Clerk be noted.*

**C95. REMEMBRANCE PARADE MEETING NOTES (Agenda Item 17)**

Remembrance Parade Working Group meeting notes from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were presented. A short discussion took place.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the meeting notes and verbal report on the Remembrance Parade be noted.*

**C96. PHONE BOX CONSULTATION – (Agenda Item 18)**

A discussion took place.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That no objection be made to the removal of the phone box opposite seaways, Roman Bank, Ingoldmells.*

**C97. NDP REFERENDUM COSTS - (Agenda Item 19)**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update informing Council that a claim had come in from ELDC for costs towards an overspend on the referendum and costs for the aborted referendum. The Town Clerk explained he had written back to ELDC setting out the Councils position that any overspend was the responsibility of ELDC and had made informal contact with the Planning Consultants regarding the aborted referendum. A discussion took place.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That:-*

- a) Skegness Town Council does not accept any liability for the aborted referendum.*
- b) Skegness Town Council seek to recover the costs from the Planning Consultants.*

**C98. KIOSK RENT REVIEW (Item 20)**

The Town Clerk informed Council that valuations on the kiosks had taken place but the report from this had not been received and that complaints had been received from kiosk holders regarding the delays. The Town Clerk confirmed that the valuers reports would be sent to the next available meeting once received.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** That the verbal report be noted.*

9:12pm Councillors M Anderson, R Cunnington, M Dannatt, S Dennis, A Findley and M Gabbitas left the meeting.

**C99. APPLICATION S/153/01503/23 – Mr. D. Scott, Ex Fun City Site, North Parade, Skegness, PE25 1DB (Agenda Item 21.1)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Change of use of land from former amusement park and arcade to a holiday lodge showground, siting of a mobile lodge to use as an office and construction of a vehicular access.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** That Skegness Town Council objects on the grounds that the scheme is not appropriate for a prime foreshore location, and it is out of character and not in keeping with the foreshore area.*

**C100. APPLICATION S/153/01277/23 – Ms. S. Greenhaigh, 5 Ocean Avenue, Skegness, PE25 3DN (Agenda Item 21.2)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Extension to existing dwelling to provide porch with first floor balcony over, existing conservatory to be demolished and erection of a boundary wall.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** That the application be supported subject to the boundary wall not exceeding a height of 1.2m.*

**C101. APPLICATION S/153/01475/23 – Mr. R. Speed, 89 Richmond Drive, Skegness, PE25 3SG (Agenda Item 21.3)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - - Extension to existing dwelling to provide additional living accommodation.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** That the application be supported.*

**C102. APPLICATION S/153/01463/23 – Mr. A. Hancock, 6-8 Trafalgar Avenue, Skegness, PE25 3SG (Agenda Item 21.4)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Change of use of existing bed and breakfast to use a mixed-use bed and breakfast and a holiday let.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** That the application be supported.*

**C103. APPLICATION S/153/01562/23 – Mr. M. Javed, 11 High Street, Skegness, PE25 3NY (Agenda Item 21.5)**

**Proposal:** Consent to Display 1no. non-illuminated fascia sign.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** That the application be supported.*

**C104. APPLICATION S/153/01564/23 – 124-132 Lumley Road, Skegness (Agenda Item 21.6)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Consent to Display 4no. non-illuminated fascia signs.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** That the application be supported.*

**C105. APPLICATION S/153/01552/23 – Mr. G, Hughes, 103-111 Roman Bank, Skegness, PE25 2SW (Agenda Item 21.7)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Consent to Display - 1no. internally illuminated single sided free standing sign.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** Object due the adverse effect on residential amenity due to light pollution and disturbance from the scheme.*

**C106. APPLICATION S/153/01566/23 – Mr. Javed, 22 Lumley Road, Skegness, PE25 3NG (Agenda Item 21.8)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Consent to Display 1no. non-illuminated fascia sign.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** That the application be supported.*

**C107. APPLICATION S/153/01123/23 – Mr. G. Dastgeer, 112 Lumley Road, Skegness, PE25 3NG (Agenda Item 21.9)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Planning Permission - Change of use, conversion of and alterations to the existing retail premises to provide a mixed use comprising a café (Class E), hot food takeaway (sui generis) and a shisha bar (sui-generis) including associated external seating area and installation of an extraction system and flue.

*It was proposed, seconded and  
**RESOLVED:** Not supported on the grounds that this is not an appropriate location for a Shisha bar due to it being in a prime position in a family focused tourist destination.*

**C108. APPLICATION S/153/00998/23 – Mr. R. Steadman, The Village, Church Farm, Church Road South, Skegness, PE25 2HF (Agenda Item 21.10)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Planning Permission - Extension and alterations to existing training room which is within the curtilage of a listed building.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the application be supported.*

**C109. DECISION NOTICE OCEAN AVENUE/FRANKLIN AVENUE – (Agenda Item 22)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the decision notice be noted.*

**C110. DECISION NOTICE VINE HOTEL (Agenda Item 23)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the decision notice be noted.*

**The meeting closed at 9:40pm**

## Skegness Town Council

## Appendix A

### Current Account

#### List of Payments made from 31/07/2023 till 29/08/2023

31/07/2023	Ark ICT Solutions Ltd	DD JULY	£247.68	phone costs for pavilion
31/07/2023	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB729-1	£50.43	Cleaning and hygiene
31/07/2023	Burdens Group	EB729-2	£765.32	Lawn Mower Lease
31/07/2023	East Lindsey District Council	EB729-3	£1,194.66	Rent for Units
31/07/2023	Eastern Shires Purchasing Orga	EB729-4	£28.80	Cleaning and hygiene
31/07/2023	Nijjar Dairies Ltd	EB729-5	£20.80	cafe stock
31/07/2023	Hedgehogs R Us	EB729-6	£157.50	Donation to Hedgehog appeal
31/07/2023	Pilgrim Foodservice Ltd	EB729-7	£284.11	cafe stock
31/07/2023	Trade UK	EB729-8	£67.98	Workwear
31/07/2023	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB729-9	£69.98	Waste collection Green
07/08/2023	British Telecom	DD AUG	£96.04	Broadband for Office
11/08/2023	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB732-1	£15.93	1st aid equipment
11/08/2023	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB732-1	£16.95	Cleaning and hygiene
11/08/2023	Burdens Group	EB732-2	£2,853.52	Lawn Mower repairs
11/08/2023	B A Bush & Son Ltd	EB732-3	£209.90	Tyre for WN62 UDP
11/08/2023	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB732-4	£125.39	Tools and equipment
11/08/2023	Nijjar Dairies Ltd	EB732-5	£20.80	cafe stock
11/08/2023	N Power Business Solutions	EB732-6	£28.89	Electric for car park
11/08/2023	Parker Motor Services Ltd	EB732-7	£72.80	Tools and equipment
11/08/2023	P & R Decorator Centre	EB732-8	£83.71	Public property materials
11/08/2023	Pilgrim Foodservice Ltd	EB732-9	£207.78	cafe stock
11/08/2023	Piper Window Systems Ltd	EB732-10	£105.00	Fixing for cafe door
11/08/2023	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB732-11	£679.21	Waste collection Tower Gardens
11/08/2023	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB732-11	£193.56	Waste Collection Cemetery
11/08/2023	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd	EB732-12	£104.23	Public property materials
14/08/2023	DVLA	YD10 DDU	£320.00	Tax for YD10 DDU
15/08/2023	AIBMS	13742426	£47.82	car park card transaction fee
21/08/2023	Opus Energy	DD AUG	£86.64	Electricity for units
21/08/2023	Fuel Ginene	DD AUG1	£193.02	Fuel for vans
21/08/2023	British Gas	DD AUG 2	£260.27	Unit 2C Electricity
21/08/2023	Telefonica UK Ltd	DD AUG 3	£30.96	Grounds team phones
21/08/2023	Total Gas and Power	DD AUG 4	£900.83	Gas for Pavilion
22/08/2023	British Gas	DD AUG	£20.45	Electric for pavilion
25/08/2023	Salaries Mnth 5	EB730A	£25,549.20	Salaries Mnth 5
25/08/2023	WYPF	EB731-2	£7,855.63	Pension contributions mnth 5
25/08/2023	HMRC	EB731-1	£6,503.00	Tax and NI Mnth 5
25/08/2023	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB733-1	£3.04	Cleaning and hygiene
25/08/2023	Burdett's Garage	EB733-2	£712.85	MOT and repairs YD10 DUU
25/08/2023	Flowbird Smart City UK Ltd	EB733-3	£114.53	card transaction fee
25/08/2023	Nijjar Dairies Ltd	EB733-4	£41.60	cafe stock
25/08/2023	Lincolnshire County Council	EB733-5	£426.00	New sign for car park
25/08/2023	Pilgrim Foodservice Ltd	EB733-6	£421.85	cafe stock
25/08/2023	R W Stokes & Sons Ltd	EB733-7	£267.00	café stock
25/08/2023	Trade UK	EB733-8	£39.99	Workwear
25/08/2023	Viking Direct	EB733-9	£100.92	office supplies
25/08/2023	British Gas	DD AUG	£447.49	Pavilion Electricity
28/08/2023	Lloyds Bank	403000000	£40.60	bank charges
29/08/2023	Ark ICT Solutions Ltd	DD AUG	£208.62	Software support
			£52,293.28	

<b>Skegness Town Council</b>				
<b>Equals card</b>				
<b>List of Payments made from 01/08/2023 Till 29/08/2023</b>				
04/08/2023	Lidi	EQ196	£55.63	cafe stock
04/08/2023	Bookers	EQ197	£44.49	cafe stock
04/08/2023	Lidi	EQ198	£12.98	cafe stock
07/08/2023	Aldi	EQ199	£24.96	cafe stock
08/08/2023	Tesco	EQ201	£189.90	fuel for vans
09/08/2023	Bookers	EQ200	£86.98	cafe stock
09/08/2023	Lidi	EQ206	£62.02	cafe stock
10/08/2023	Bookers	EQ211	£73.69	cafe stock
13/08/2023	Bookers	EQ208	£44.55	cafe stock
14/08/2023	Lidi	EQ207	£71.14	cafe stock
15/08/2023	Tesco	EQ204	£82.28	fuel for vans
15/08/2023	Bookers	EQ209	£207.70	cafe stock
17/08/2023	Tesco	EQ205	£106.47	fuel for vans
17/08/2023	Home Bargains	EQ202	£4.99	cafe equipment
19/08/2023	Morrisons	EQ203	£20.70	cafe stock
19/08/2023	Bookers	EQ210	£179.02	cafe stock
21/08/2023	Lidi	EQ212	£88.23	cafe stock
28/08/2023	Bookers	EQ214	£168.67	cafe stock
29/08/2023	Lidi	EQ213	£99.63	cafe stock
			£1,624.03	

<b>Skegness Town Council</b>				
<b>Petty Cash</b>				
<b>List of Payments made from 01/08/2023 till 29/08/2023</b>				
01/08/2023	Palmers	PC302	£1.39	cafe stock
06/08/2023	Poundland	PC301	£12.00	workwear
07/08/2023	Fairburn and sons	PC303	£6.25	cafe stock
07/08/2023	Fairburn and sons	PC299	£6.25	cafe stock
14/08/2023	Fairburn and sons	PC298	£12.50	cafe stock
29/08/2023	Lidi	PC300	£11.08	cafe stock
29/08/2023	Fairburn and sons	PC297	£6.25	cafe stock
			£55.72	

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### Credit card

#### List of Payments 01/08/2023 till 29/08/2023

11/08/2023	Names	PH604684	£52.79	Renewal of website
25/08/2023	ADOBE	205108	£16.64	software support
29/08/2023	Land Registry	1000000000	£6.00	Land Registry
			£75.43	