

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 6th September 2017

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Council

Tuesday 12th September 2017 19:00

Planning

Wednesday 27th September 2017

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Direction & Strategy

Tuesday 4th October 2017 19:00

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Council

NEW COUNCILLOR FOR ST CLEMENTS WARD

Skegness Town Council welcomes Cllr Philp Gaskell as Councillor for St Clements ward. Cllr Gaskell was co-opted onto the Council after winning the overall majority following two rounds of voting at the meeting of the Council on Wednesday 2nd August 2017. The Council would like to thank Cllr Gaskell for taking up civic office and looks forward to working with him on the Council's common goal of improving the prospects and quality of life for local residents.

"I am very pleased to have been co-opted onto Skegness Town Council for St. Clement's Ward. I will endeavour to do my best to make a difference."
Cllr P Gaskell

PLUVIAL FLOODING AND WHO TO CONTACT?

What on earth is pluvial flooding I hear you ask? Pluvial flooding is rain related flooding, you may refer to it as surface flooding. Pluvial flooding occurs when you have an extremely heavy downpour that the drainage system cannot absorb. **It is important that you report any pluvial/surface flooding to Lincolnshire County Council** as well as Anglian Water. At the moment surface flooding is not always being reported to LCC. If they are not aware of the problem areas in Skegness they won't be able to take action to remedy this problem in the future.

Skegness Town Council understands that it can sometimes be difficult for residents to find out who is the responsible authority to deal with their issue. People know they need to report it to "the Council" but which one? Is it East Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire County Council or Skegness Town Council? It may be helpful to have a look on our webpage <http://www.skegness.gov.uk/council-services.html>, this explains which authority is responsible for which service. You can also give us a call and we will be happy to signpost you to the correct authority.



Cllr Philip Gaskell



MY EXPERIENCE AS A SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCILLOR BY CLLR SUSAN BLACKBURN

I have been an elected member of Skegness Town Council now for two and a half years. Not something I had really considered doing until the 2015 elections were coming up and I, like many others, was approached to stand for Town Council.

After being elected the feeling of being accepted by the residents is a great boost to your confidence, only then to find the hard work starts. You are now the Councillor you have been canvassing to be for the past four months. To be a good Councillor takes time, it doesn't happen overnight and there is a lot to learn.

I feel I have learnt a lot from my experience as a Councillor, the main one being, Councillor or Resident we should take a step back sometimes and just think before we go wading in. Things may not always be what they seem. It's so easy to go with the crowd, be popular for the moment, but to then discover your actions have had a knock-on effect on something you haven't factored into the equation. Pleasing everyone all the time is an unrealistic achievement, however to try is not.

We have put ourselves out there by asking to be elected, so taking the ups & downs is part of the territory. Just sometimes though it would be nice to be asked "why?" a particular thing can or cannot be achieved. Just a call or an email, stopping us in the street even. This would be so much nicer than feeling like a lamb to the slaughter over social media.

On the up side, I have made many new friends both colleagues and residents alike and having sat on numerous committees & working groups and enjoyed events I have been invited to be involved in. All this considered, it has been a privilege, to be a small part of the Skegness Town Council and for myself has been a very positive experience.

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REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The Remembrance Parade is a very important act of remembrance which the Council takes pride in being involved with. Organising this year's parade on Sunday 12th November 2017, has been a hot topic at Council, due to increased regulations on events and a lack of available police resource to marshal and support the parade. At times, it looked like the parade might be in jeopardy. But due to the community coming together the organisation of the parade is now back on track, although the route has had to change to avoid the one-way system and make a sustainable route for the future. A special thank you goes to the Carnival committee for loaning the signs for the parade, Empreo security for helping to marshal the event and the Hildreds Centre for use of their yard to form up in. The Council is still looking for volunteers to help on the day at the road closures. If you think you can help please contact the office Tel: 01754 766113, training and support will be given.

