

Questions to Council under Rule 11 of the Constitution – Council 040320

1 Question from Mr Anthony Turner to Councillors Fry and Foster, Portfolio Holders for Finance and Operational Services Respectively.

My wife and I are keen to keep fit and healthy as we get older.

There is a need to encourage many residents in Skegness and the surrounding areas to improve their fitness and to engage in more exercise.

My wife is a member of the gym at Richmond Caravan Park - it is much cheaper than the council one, but we cannot afford two memberships.

I take my dog for a walk every day - we live in Wainfleet St Mary and there really is no place to have a good walk and to let a dog run off its lead without getting covered in mud, so we go to the beach at Skegness.

We realised that I spend more money paying for daily parking at the Princes car park than she does on a month's gym subscription!

During the winter months this car park is hardly used and those people who do use it do so to take a walk on the beach, not to set up deckchairs in the sun.

It would be good to remove the car park charge (perhaps limiting the parking to a couple of hours to prevent cars being left there) for this car park during the off peak season, or to have a very much reduced cost for an off-season East Lindsey resident's pass - the cost covering the admin.

It is time we, as a society, encouraged rather than discouraged people taking exercise - especially in those places where there are large numbers of older people who will become very expensive to help if they are less mobile in their old age.

A further help would be very much cheaper entry to the council run fitness facilities for those on pensions or receiving disability benefits, it is impossible to afford the current fees when on benefits.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Turner

A *The matter of fees and charges for East Lindsey District Council car parks were reviewed as part of a much larger review of off street parking provision in East Lindsey in 2017.*

Following extensive consultation with Town and Parish Councils, user groups, public workshops and other consultation, East Lindsey District Council members approved a number of changes to the ways car parks were operated and a number of variations to car park fees and charges which included the implementation of an "out of season" all day parking charge to be placed on all foreshore car parks which includes Princess Parade car park.

As part of this review it was however decided to allow two hour free parking in the councils Scarborough Avenue car park. In addition a significant number of the on street parking restrictions are changed out of season to allow for periods of free parking.

The council also has a number of parking permits available for residents and visitors which significantly reduce the cost of car parking for regular car park users. Full details can be found on the councils parking web pages.