**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 13th April 2015 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor CC Owen Town Mayor

 Councillors SR Court J French

 ML George BM Keane

 GD Philpott MW Purser

 TEW Quince

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Public One

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Cornwell, Pugh and Skoulding.

**2 Police Update**

No police were in attendance, so no update was provided.

**3 Planning Applications**

Because of their positions on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Keane, Owen and Quince declared personal interests and took no part in the discussions relating to planning matters.

It was also noted that due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Purser would not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

Councillor Owen left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

It was agreed that three additional planning applications would be discussed.

Councillor Philpott took the chair for this agenda item only.

*Application Name and address of applicant, details of application,*

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR15/0176/O Trade Recruitment Ltd, C/o Agents.

Erection of 8 x 2-storey 2-bed dwellings with bin and cycle stores.

 Land Rear of 36 High Street, March.

 Received: 18 March 2015.

Reply By: 3 April 2015.

 Recommend refusal due to lack of parking and unsatisfactory access / egress.

F/YR15/0180/F Mr C Caller, 81 Wimblington Road, March.

Erection of a detached garage to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing garage.

 S/a.

Received: 18 March 2015.

 Reply By: 3 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0183/F Mr & Mrs Blaney, 22 Nene Parade, March.

Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling.

 S/a.

Received: 18 March 2015.

 Reply By: 6 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0184/F Ms Tewari, Willow View, The Chase, March.

Erection of a single-storey extension to side of existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing garage, side lean-to extension and chimneys.

 S/a.

Received: 18 March 2015.

 Reply By: 6 April 2015.

Recommend refusal due to lack of amenity space and

over-development of the site.

F/YR15/0193/F Mr I Morton, 83 Burrowmoor Road, March.

Erection of a detached workshop.

 S/a.

Received: 17 March 2015.

 Reply By: 7 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0055/F Erection of an agricultural building to house cattle at Land South East Of Clevely, Burrowmoor Road, March.

Revised Proposals: revised red outline.

Received: 20 March 2015.

 Reply By: 3 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0202/F Mr J Smith, 89 Creek Road, March.

Formation of a vehicular crossing to existing dwelling.

 S/a.

Received: 23 March 2015.

 Reply By: 10 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0208/TRCA Mr P Dolman, Kingfisher House, Radford Way, Billericay, Essex.

Fell 1no Sycamore tree within Conservation Area.

Telephone Exchange, Dartford Road, March.

Received: 23 March 2015.

 Reply By: 8 April.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0232/F Mr S Hussain, Park House, 158-160 Arthur Road, Wimbledon Park, London.

Variation of condition 15 of planning permission F/YR14/0412/F (Change of use of night club to 2 x 2-bed flats, 2 x 1-bed flats and 3 x 2-bed maisonettes involving erection of 2-storey extension, bin/cycle store & formation of dormer to rear and erection of a detached 3-storey block of flats comprising 4 x 2-bed and 4 x 1-bed, involving demolition of single-storey and 2-storey extensions to rear of existing building).

38 And First Floor Of 40 High Street March.

Received: 1 April 2015.

 Reply By: 20 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0233/LB Mr S Hussain, Park House, 158-160 Arthur Road, Wimbledon Park, London.

Variation of Condition 18 of Listed Building Consent F/YR14/0413/LB (Internal and external works to form 2 x 2-bed flats, 2 x 1-bed flats and 3 x 2-bed maisonettes involving erection of 2-storey extension, bin/cycle store & formation of dormer to rear and demolition of single-storey and 2-storey extensions to rear of existing building).

38 And First Floor Of 40 High Street March.

Received: 1 April 2015.

 Reply By: 20 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0234/F Ms L Stevens, 120 Duncomes Road, March.

Erection of a 2-storey side extension to form 2-bed annexe to existing dwelling involving demolition of outbuilding.

 Murfins Farm, 120 Duncomes Road March.

Received: 8 April 2015.

 Reply By: 20 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0252/F Mr K Lumbard, 62 Burrowmoor Road, March.

Conversion of detached garage to 1-bed annexe ancillary to the main dwelling involving alterations to height of garage roof.

S/a.

Received: 8 April 2015.

 Reply By: 20 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0253/F Mr D Gowers, 33 Wood Street, Doddington.

Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling with garage and attached garage for 56 New Park.

 Land West Of 58 New Park, Fronting Newlands Avenue, March.

Received: 8 April 2015.

 Reply By: 23 April 2015.

Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0258/F Priory Group, c/o Agent.

Erection of a conservatory/sensory room to existing care home.

Conquest Lodge, Dagless Way, March.

Received: 13 April 2015.

 Reply By: 28 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0260/F Mrs T Bidwell, 26 Norwalde Street, March.

Siting of mobile unit for use as a playgroup (retrospective).

Maple Grove Community Playgroup Maple Grove March.

Received: 13 April 2015.

Reply By: 28 April 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0263/F Mr G Wilding, The Old Vicarage, Ely Road, Hilgay, Downham Market.

Erection of 9 x 2-storey 2-bed dwellings involving demolition of existing outbuilding.

Land West Of 126-132 Elliott Road, Accessed from Peas Hill Road, March.

Received: 13 April 2015.

Reply By: 30 April 2015.

Recommend approval subject to specific consents for surface water and sewerage disposal.

**4 Public Participation**

Since nobody had given the requisite notice to the Clerk to enable them to address the meeting, no public participation took place.

**5 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 2nd March 2015.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 16th March 2015.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 16th March 2015.

**6 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 2nd March 2015:

Minute 180 / 167: The Mayor reported that he met with PCSO Dawn Rae to discuss the streetlight situation in Truman Avenue. There is, in fact, no problem with the walkway / cycleway, but problems are being encountered in Truman Avenue itself. At this point in time, it was felt that no further action could be taken by March Town Council, but certain recommendations have been made to Circle Anglia.

Minute 183: The Clerk reported that Dan Ball of Frasers had been appointed to establish “The 2015 Estover Playing Field Trust CIC”.

**7 March Town Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Draft**

It was noted that the pre-submission consultation event held on 20th and 21st March 2015 at The Oliver Cromwell Hotel had been reasonably well attended, and it was hoped that the results of such consultation should be available by the end of June 2015 latest.

**8 Flooding Update**

Trevor Watson’s update was circulated to Councillors earlier in the day, and all expressed their pleasure at progress made to date.

**9 Estover Playing Field**

It was noted that:

1. FDC have now officially confirmed their £100,000 commitment to this project.
2. The CIC Trust should hopefully be in existence by the end of the month.
3. Terms relating to the lease should hopefully be discussed and resolved within the next few weeks.

**10 Cambridgeshire County Council Update**

Since no County Councillors were in attendance, no update was provided.

**11 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen stated that there was nothing to report.

**12 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

Prior to Councillors departing, they were reminded that the Annual Assembly is due to take place on Monday 27th April 2015, and were requested to arrive by 7pm with their robes to take part in the annual Council photograph.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Councillor ……………………………………….. 18th May 2015.

Mayor of March.