

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee of March Town Council held via “Zoom” on 19th October 2020 and commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French	Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court R Jack RW White	AR Donnelly G Tustin
	Town Clerk	C Lemmon	
	Public/Press	No members of the public or press (although it was offered within the agenda notice) had requested permission to access the MTC “Zoom” group to witness proceedings.	

To allow the meeting to take place via “Zoom”, and as agreed at the 6th April 2020 Main Council Meeting, Standing Orders are suspended until such time as the coronavirus epidemic abates.

98 Apologies

No apologies were received.

99 Planning Applications

It was noted that one additional planning application would be discussed at this meeting.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council.</i>
F/YR20/0892/FDL	<p>Ms Nicola Hemsey, The Exchange, Market Place, March. Erect a canopy to existing restaurant (to enable outside dining) (retrospective) at The Exchange Tearooms, Market Place, March. Received: 6 October 2020. Reply by: 27 October 2020. The proposed siting of the canopy does not allow the town’s annual Christmas tree to be erected or decorated. Similarly, at a later date, it does not allow sufficient room to have the decorations taken off the tree or the tree itself to be removed. It is appreciated that all businesses need assistance in these difficult times so March Town Council is prepared to seek a compromise. If a legally binding agreement could be formulated to ensure that the canopy was removed for the relevant periods in late November and early January each year, March Town Council does not object to the canopy per se.</p>

In the current year, the tree will be erected on 20th November 2020 (last but one Friday of the month), decorated over the course of the next week and illuminated on 27th November 2020 (last Friday of the month). This follows exactly the same pattern each year. As such, for this year, the canopy would need to be removed prior to 20th November 2020.

The decorations will be taken down on Sunday 3rd January 2021 and the tree will be removed on Monday 4th January 2021. This pattern can vary from year to year but details are arranged well in advance of such dates. As such, for this coming Christmas period, the canopy could not be in position on 3rd January 2021.

March Town Council would accept that such canopy could be:

- a) Removed for the entire Christmas period (minimum of 19th November 2020 to 5th January 2021 for the current year) or, alternatively,
- b) If space was available, allowed to be re-erected or partially re-erected during the period from 28th November 2020 to 2nd January 2021. This is on the proviso that this course of action was possible or financially viable.

Overall, March Town Council recommends approval subject to the above conditions being strictly adhered to and enforceable.

F/YR20/0941/LB

March Civic Trust, Town Hall, Market Place, March.

Works to a Listed Building comprising the replacement of 8 x windows to North elevation and 4 x windows to West elevation with double glazed timber units at March Town Hall, Market Place, March.

Received: 13 October 2020.

Reply by: 3 November 2020.

Since he is Chairman of March Civic Trust, Clive Lemmon declared a personal interest and stated that he could not provide advice relating to this application.

Strongly recommend approval.

F/YR20/0905/O

Mr N Marsh, 317 Wisbech Road, March.

Erect up to 3 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land North East of 317 Wisbech Road, Westry, March.

Received: 13 October 2020.

Reply by: 3 November 2020.

Recommend approval.

F/YR20/0913/F

Mr & Mrs R Nash, 2 Plover Drive, March.

Erect a part first-floor part 2-storey extension to side of existing dwelling at 2 Plover Drive, March.

Received: 15 October 2020.

Reply by: 5 November 2020.

Recommend approval.

100 Street Naming – Site of Former Kingswood Park Residential Home

The developer had not suggested any names for this development.

Following discussions, March Town Council put forward the following names:

- a) Incorporate into Kingswood Road or
- b) Kingswood Park

101 Street Naming – Site Land North of Woodville, Wisbech Road

The developer had suggested Limetree Close.

Following discussions, March Town Council endorsed the developer’s preference of Limetree Close.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Councillor K French 2nd November 2020.
Mayor of March.