**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 1st October 2018 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor J French Town Mayor

 CC Owen Deputy Town Mayor

 Councillors SR Court AR Donnelly

 MEC Field K French

 A Pugh MW Purser

 RF Skoulding

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

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**94 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gowing and Cllr Harris.

**95 Police Update**

No police were in attendance, but their report was circulated to all Councillors earlier in the day.

**96 Planning Applications**

Because of his position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and his commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillor Court declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to planning matters.

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

Councillors Court, Purser and Skoulding all left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

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

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR18/0839/F Mrs Helena Mueller, 6 Papworth Road, March.

 Change of use of land for domestic purposes and erection of a wooden shed (retrospective) at 6 Papworth Road, March.

 Received: 17 September 2018.

 Reply by: 8 October 2018.

The Chairman invited Mrs Meuller to speak in support of her application.

Mrs Mueller explained that she has purchased a piece of neighboring land from the Housing Association. She had installed a shed on it, for storage, thinking it was permitted development as there are many others in the area. Mrs Meuller has 96 names on a petition to say that others have no objection to it, also 10 letters of support.

Councillors considered the situation and concluded that the shed is not fixed and is not in front of the building line, it should be considered permitted development, neighbours are content and consequently there is no apparent reason to object to it.

**Recommend Approval**

F/YR18/0847/F Mr Christopher Wenn, 10 Cavalry Drive, March.

 Erection of a 1.9m high (max. height) fence to side of existing dwelling at 10 Cavalry Drive, March.

 Received: 19 September 2018.

 Reply by: 10 October 2018.

**Recommend Approval**

F/YR18/0861/F Mr D Gowers, Yew Tree Cottage, Tixover Grange, Stamford.

 Erection of a 2-storey 1-bed dwelling. Land West Of 58 New Park Fronting Newlands Avenue March

Received: 25 September 2018.

 Reply by: 16 October 2018.

**Recommend Approval**

F/YR18/0835/VOC Mr A Holmes, The Cedars, Regent Avenue, March.

Variation of condition 7 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR18/0167/F (Erection of single-storey rear extensions, insertion of dormer windows (to enable loft conversion) to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory and detached gym, and other alterations including re-roofing the detached studio to enable the conversion to a bedroom (ancillary to existing dwelling) and raising the height of the existing garage (including re-roofing and insertion of rooflight to front)) to align ridgeline, reduce cathedral glass window, amend hips ends, extend and infill rear wall of bbq area and amend chimney stack at 30 Regent Avenue March.

Received: 25 September 2018.

 Reply by: 16 October 2018.

**Recommend Approval**

F/YR18/0870/F Mr & Mrs Joyce, 50 Green Street, March.

Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 50 Green Street, March

 Received: 28 September 2018.

 Reply by: 19 October 2018.

**Recommend Approval**

F/YR18/0872/TRTPO Mr D Bethell, This Land Ltd, Compass House, Vision Park, Histon.

Works to 1no Plane Tree covered by TPO 16-1986. Land South East Of 164 Norwood Road March

 Received: 1 October 2018.

 Reply by: 22 October 2018.

**Recommend Approval**

F/YR18/0874/F Mr P Fenn, 49 Whittlesey Road, March.

Erection of a 2-bay coach garage and concrete forecourt at 49 Whittlesey Road, March.

 Received: 1 October 2018.

 Reply by: 22 October 2018.

**Recommend Approval**

**97 Public Participation**

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

**98 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 3rd September 2018.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 17th September 2018.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 17th September 2018.

**99 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 3rd September 2018:

Minute 86 / 74: The Assistant Town Clerk reported that no further information had been received from Nigel Spencer or March British Legion relating to funding requirements for future years.

Minute 87: An e-mail was forwarded to Belinda Pedlar on 4th September 2018 stating that March Town Council had appointed Councillors J French and Skoulding to the Members Steering Group for the March Area Transport Study.

 We were subsequently notified that Cambs County Council and Fenland District Council had already appointed the following Councillors as their representatives:

 J French and Gowing (CCC), Owen & Count (FDC).

 Because of this, and the urgency of the situation, the Mayor had to stand down as the MTC representative and, in her place, appointed Councillor Purser.

Minute 88: Updates regarding Barkers Lane were circulated as and when received.

**100 Grants and Donations**

Prior to discussions commencing, the Assistant Town Clerk advised Councillors that £2,000

had been included in the 2018/19 budget for this agenda item.

Councillors could determine whether this amount should be viewed as £500 per quarter or a

lump sum to be spent as and when required.

To date, £950 has been expended during this financial year.

One application for funding had been received as follows:

Name: Revitalise.

Amount requested: £500

Details of project: To directly provide funding for a break for 2 disabled March people and their carers.

Following discussions, it was agreed to defer a decision pending further information from

Revitalise that any grant would be for the benefit of people local to March.

**101 Cambridgeshire County Council Update**

It was noted that all information received from Cambridgeshire County Council had been circulated to Councillors by e-mail as and when received.

In addition, Councillor J French provided the following updates:

Temporary traffic control at Gaul Road should be finished by the end November. Cllr French said that she would be checking to ensure there was no conflict with events on the run up to Christmas.

Cllr Purser added that he and Cllr Scolding had completed training to erect temporary traffic management.

Cllr French will contact CCC to ascertain if the temporary traffic control can be lifted during the Fair.

**102 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen reported on the following:

Parks & Gardens were considering pruning the Market Place trees as they were now very touching some buildings. Benches had been repaired or replaced in West End Park. Issues in the cemetery had been resolved.

**103 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Councillor J French ……………………………………….. 5th November 2018.

Mayor of March.