

## MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

<b>Present</b>	Councillor	RF Skoulding K French	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court J French R Johnson G Tustin	CK Elkin R Jack MW Purser RW White
	Cambs County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		Two

### **163 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Connor and Donnelly.

### **164 Police Update**

No police were in attendance but a written report had been circulated earlier in the day.

### **165 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 Connor declares a permanent personal interest and takes 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 Purser and Skoulding both left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

Councillor J French declared that she had been appointed as a substitute to Fenland District Council (FDC) Planning Committee. However, to ensure the Town Council has an appropriate level of expertise and experience she will not take up the FDC post until Town Councillors have had planning training.

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

Councillor K French took the chair for this one agenda item only.

*Application  
Number*

*Name and address of applicant, details of application,  
and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR20/0078/F

Mr & Mrs Band, 42 Fleetwood Close, March.  
Erect part 2-storey/part single-storey extension to side/rear and porch to front of existing dwelling, involving removal of conservatory at 42 Fleetwood Close, March.  
Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Revised scheme design including reduced roof ridge height to single-storey extension, amended roofline to two-storey extension and inclusion of high-level roof lights to the north-east roof slope.  
Received: 26 February 2020.  
Reply by: 11 March 2020.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR20/0121/F

Mr & Mrs C Hodson, 3 Hereward Street, March.  
Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at 1 Ravenhill Drive, March.  
Received: 17 February 2020.  
Reply by: 9 March 2020.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR20/0129/RM

Mr McFadden, MHG Developments Limited, Abacus House, 93 High Street, Huntingdon.  
Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR17/0307/O for the erection of a dwelling involving the demolition of existing outbuilding (Outline with all matters reserved) at Land South of 72 Burrowmoor Road, Fronting St Thomas Drive, March.  
Received: 24 February 2020.  
Reply by: 16 March 2020.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR20/0131/O

Mr P Gumbley, c/o Swann Edwards Architecture.  
Erect 1 x dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land North of 125A West End, March.  
Received: 25 February 2020.  
Reply by: 17 March 2020.  
Recommend refusal. Over-development. Also, problems may be encountered for residents accessing West End.

- F/YR20/0134/F Mr J Harrison, Riverside Farm, Hobbs Lot Bridge, Wisbech Road, March.  
Erect a single-storey extension to South side of Existing dwelling at Riverside Farm, Hobbs Lot Bridge, Wisbech Road, March.  
Received: 20 February 2020.  
Reply by: 12 March 2020.  
Recommend approval.
- F/YR20/0141/F Miss Natalie Tuerena, 49 Estover Road, March.  
Erect 1 x dwelling (3-storey 5-bed) and detached garden room / store involving demolition of existing bungalow at 49 Estover Road, March.  
Received: 25 February 2020.  
Reply by: 17 March 2020.  
Since she is a friend of the applicant, Councillor K French declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.  
Councillor J French took the chair for this one application only.  
Recommend approval.
- F/YR19/0871/F Mr Choudhury, 40 Forest Glade, London.  
Erect 3 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings and conversion and extension to existing coach house to form 3-bed dwelling with cycle storage at Land West of The Old Rectory, The Walnuts, Fronting Elwyn Court, March.  
Application Withdrawn.  
Received: 27 February 2020.  
Withdrawal noted.
- F/YR20/0151/F Clarion Housing Group, Reed House, Peachman Way, Broadland Business Park, Norwich.  
Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at 100 Norwood Road, March.  
Received: 27 February 2020.  
Return by: 19 March 2020.  
Recommend approval.

## **166 Public Participation**

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

## **167 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:  
Main Council Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.  
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.  
Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.  
Extraordinary Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## **168 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020:

Minute 157: It was reported that Councillor K French was still attempting to obtain prices for replacing the Deputy Mayors chain.

Re Extraordinary Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020:

The Clerk reported the following:

- a) The Estover Playing Field 2015 CIC Restricted Directors Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 had ratified March Town Council's decision regarding March Town United Football Club being assigned the Estover lease.
- b) Subsequently, both March Town United Football Club and March Academy have been notified of this Council's decision.
- c) The Clerk and Kit Owen are continuing in their efforts to conclude all formalities in as short a time as possible.

## **169 Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2020 / 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor R Skoulding and seconded by Councillor Jack that Councillor K French be nominated for the post of Mayor for 2020 / 21.

Councillor K French indicated her willingness to stand and such nomination was unanimously approved.

It was then proposed by Councillor K French and seconded by Councillor Purser that Councillor Jack be nominated for the post of Deputy Mayor for 2020 / 21.

Councillor Jack indicated his willingness to stand and such nomination was unanimously approved.

## **170 Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)**

Councillor Jack reported to Councillors regarding the data extracted from the first siting of the MVAS in Norwood Road.

Basically, the data highlighted the following:

- a) MVAS in situ: Approximately 17 days.
- b) Number of vehicle movements: 24,161.
- c) Percentage of vehicles exceeding 30mph: 18.79%.
- d) Number of vehicles exceeding 35mph: 373 (equating to 1.54%).
- e) Highest speed recorded: 82mph.
- f) Average speed of all vehicles: 27mph or 31mph (both figures are stated within paperwork provided).

For comparison, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents reported in June 2018 that nationally on 30 mph roads in built-up areas, 53% of car drivers exceed 30 mph and 19% exceed 35 mph.

## **171 Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Applications for 2021/2022**

It was noted that decisions now had to be made at a much earlier date for future LHI applications.

Preferably, recommendations could be made at this evenings meeting or, at the very latest, the Main Council Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

However, in part due to the on-going Area Transport Strategy discussions, no recommendations were made and it was agreed to delay further talks until the April 2020 meeting.

**172                    Cambridgeshire County Council Update**

Councillors J French and Gowing provided the following updates:

- a) The CCC budget for 2020/2021 has now been approved.
- b) The Area Transport Strategy is now being finalised and should go out to consultation at the end of March 2020 for a period of six weeks.

**173                    Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) A further meeting regarding the March High Street bid will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- b) The FDC proportion of Council Tax is being frozen for 2020/2021.

**174                    Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Councillor RF Skoulding ..... 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020.  
Mayor of March.