**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 2nd October 2017 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor K French Town Mayor

 J French Deputy Town Mayor

 Councillors SR Court AR Donnelly

 MEC Field CC Owen

 MW Purser RF Skoulding

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public nil

The Mayor opened the meeting by calling for a minutes silence in respect of those affected by the terrible events in Las Vegas Nevada.

**92 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gowing, NJ Harris and ML George.

**93**  **Police Update**

No police were in attendance but a written report from PCSO Thomas Horwood had been circulated on 2 October 2017.

Councillor Owen commented that offenders that had been prosecuted had been seen on the streets again.

**94 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 declared personal interests and stated that they 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 four additional planning applications would be discussed.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR17/0876/A Mr D Rigby, One Stop Stores, Ampex Road, Brownhills.

 Display of 1no non-illuminated double-sided totem; 1no externally illuminated goalpost/fascia sign; 1no externally illuminated fascia sign and 1no PETG Frame at 39 The Causeway.

 Received: 22 September 2017.

 Reply by: 12 October 2017.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0880/TRTPO Mr Michael Carter, The Limes, 7 Wimblington Road, March.

 Fell 1no Lime and works to 3no Limes covered by TPO 03/1984 at 7 Wimblington Road, March.

 Received: 22 September 2017.

 Reply by: 11 October 2017.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0892/F Miss S Cross, 15 Elwyndene Road, March.

 Erection of a 2-storey side and single-storey rear extension and conservatory, formation of a dormer to rear roof slope and reinstatement of integral garage to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory and detached garage.

 Received: 26 September 2017.

 Reply by: 17 October 2017.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0907/F Mr N Topliss 4 Richmond Avenue, March.

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

S/a

Received: 29 September 2017.

Reply by: 19 October 2017.

Councillors Owen and J French declared a non-prejudicial personal interest.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0563/O Revised Proposals

Executors of the late W Feary, 49 Green Street, March.

 Erection of up to 4 x dwellings involving the formation of a new access (Outline application with all matters reserved) at Land South of 85 – 89 Upwell Road, March.

 Received: 29 September 2017.

 Reply by: 12 October 2017.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0042/O Appeal.

Mr M Hardiman, 250 Creek Road, March.

 Erection of 4 dwellings involving demolition of existing buildings (outline with matters committed in respect of layout and landscaping only) and the erection of a 3 metre boundary treatment comprising a timber edging, brick plinth and timber acoustic fencing along the eastern boundary of the site.

 Received: 2 October 2017.

 Reply by: 2 November 2017.

 Noted

F/YR17/0816/F Revised Proposals

Mrs L Fisher, 116 Wisbech Road, March.

Erection of a single-storey3-bed dwelling involving demolition of existing garage at Land South of 116 Wisbech Road, March.

Received: 2 October 2017.

Reply by: 16 October 2017.

Recommend Approval

**95 Public Participation**

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

**96 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 4th September 2017.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 19th September 2017.

Christmas Lights working Party Meeting of 19th September 2017.

**97 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 4th September 2017:

Minute 85 Cllr Court reported that item d) Cavalry Drive waiting restriction, had been discussed at a Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Committee meeting and turned down due to lack of support during the public consultation process.

Minute 78: The Clerk reported that he had e-mailed Thomas Horwood on 5th September 2017 regarding the enforcement of parking within the town.

 He also informed Councillors that Paul Medd and the Middle Level Commissioners had been e-mailed on 5th September 2017 concerning the boat that had been parked long-term close to the town-centre moorings.

 Responses from both were received the same day, and the one from Lorna McShane (MLC) was circulated to Councillors at the time. A further response from FDC (Gary Garford) on 7th September 2017 was circulated to all Councillors on 11th September 2017.

 Cllr Skoulding reported another boat moored long term outside the card shop.

Minute 83: Michelle Bishop was e-mailed on 5th September 2017 regarding the Premises Licenses required by March Town Council.

Minute 85: The LHI applications were made on-line on 13th September 2017.

Minute 86: A replacement A3 photocopier was ordered from Walters on 5th September 2017 in accordance with the terms authorised, and will be installed on 9th October 2017.

Minute 89+: An e-mail of thanks was forwarded to Jennifer Lawler on 6th September

**98** **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.

Councillor J French also reported the following:

1. CCC were looking to a revision of local government
2. They were pressing for more repairs to potholes
3. Various resurfacing schemes were due to commence shortly
4. Children’s Services - a report is due shortly

**99 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen stated that there was nothing to report.

**100 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.40 pm

Councillor K French ……………………………………….. 6th November 2017.

Mayor of March.