**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 3rd April 2017 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor AR Donnelly Town Mayor

 K French Deputy Town Mayor

 Councillors SR Court MEC Field

 J French ML George

 JW Gowing NJ Harris

 CC Owen A Pugh

 MW Purser RF Skoulding

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public None

**1 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**2 Police Update**

No police were in attendance, but a written update had been circulated on 29th March 2017.

**3 Planning Applications**

It was 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.

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

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR17/0219/F Mr & Mrs Lombardo, 67 Gaul Road, March.

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

S/a.

 Received: 22 March 2017.

 Reply by: 5 April 2017.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR17/0233/F Mr L Salter-Boyden, 6 Nene Parade, March.

 Erection of a single-storey 2-bed attached dwelling.

Land South West Of 63 Deerfield Road, March.

 Received: 24 March 2017.

 Reply by: 11 April 2017.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR17/0030/F **Revised Proposals**

 Revision is: Revised site boundary to include new footpath to the north of Estover Road.

Regeneration of playing field to include: erection of a single-storey pavilion, formation of a car park and public footpath; netball courts/multi-games use courts; hard-standing for external terrace and walkways; siting of 3 x storage containers; erection of 4.5m high (max height) mesh fencing bounding both the football pitch and netball court and the erection of 4 x 8.0m high lighting columns to car park and footpaths; 6 x 10.0m high floodlights to netball courts and 6 x 15.0m high floodlights to football pitch at Playing Field, Estover Road, March.

Received: 27 March 2017.

Reply by: 7 April 2017.

Since they are both directors of Estover Playing Field 2015 CIC, Councillor Owen and the Town Clerk declared personal interests and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.

Strongly recommend approval.

F/YR17/0251/F Mr John Spindlow, 57 Churchgate Street, Old Harlow, Essex.

 Erection of 3 x single-storey units (A3 and B2 Use) including 2.1m high (max height) acoustic fencing.

Land North Of 305 Wisbech Road, March.

 Received: 27 March 2017.

 Reply by: 17 April 2017.

Since they live adjacent to the application site, Councillors J & K French both declared personal interests and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR17/0262/F Mr J Clarke, 6 Woodlands Avenue, March.

 Erection of a 2-storey side extension (incorporating a garage) to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing garage.

S/a.

 Received: 3 April 2017.

 Reply by: 19 April 2017.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR17/0264/F Mrs L Hillier, 197 Norwood Road, March.

 Change of use of existing chiropody treatment room (D1) on ground floor to residential use (C3).

S/a.

Received: 3 April 2017.

 Reply by: 19 April 2017.

Recommend approval.

**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 6th March 2017.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 20th March 2017.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 20th March 2017.

**6 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 6th March 2017:

Minute 164: The Clerk reported that he had notified Rebecca Roberts of March Town Council’s decision on 7th March 2017.

 An acknowledgement was received the same day, and an advertisement to put on the website was received on 20th March 2017.

Minute 170 / 156: The Clerk reported that he had forwarded a further e-mail to Dr Batul Dungarwalla on 7th March 2017 requesting an update regarding the current situation with Rural Cambs Citizens Advice Bureau.

 Confirmation that the £1,000 additional funding would allow a CAB presence in March was received the same day.

Minute 173: Cambridgeshire County Council were notified of March Town Council’s support on 7th March 2017.

**7 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.

**8 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen reported that Councillor John Clark, the Leader of Fenland District Council, had recently undergone heart surgery and would be out of circulation for a few weeks.

**9 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 24th April 2017, 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 7.40pm

Councillor K French ……………………………………….. 15th May 2017.

Mayor of March.