**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 3rd August 2015 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor AR Donnelly Deputy Town Mayor

 Councillors S Court MEC Field

 J French K French

 ML George JW Gowing

 NJ Harris A Pugh

 MW Purser

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Public One

**68 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Skoulding and Owen.

**69 Police Update**

Since no police were in attendance and no written report had been received, there was no information to discuss relating to crime within the town during July 2015.

It was suggested that consideration be given to e-mailing the police on a monthly basis with March Town Council concerns, although it was agreed that no decision should be taken on this at the current time.

However, it was noted that individual Councillors could contact the police as and when incidents occurred if they felt such action was necessary.

**70 Planning Applications**

It was noted that due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Purser would not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

Councillor Purser left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

It was agreed that one additional planning application would be discussed.

Councillor J French took the Chair for this one agenda item only.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR15/0273/F Mr J Moore.

Change of use of offices on first and second floors only to 2 x 2-bed flats at 34 High Street, March.

Application withdrawn.

Received : 28 July 2015.

 Withdrawal noted.

F/YR15/0599/O Ms D Frost, 8 Orchard Road, March.

Outline with some matters reserved, detailed as Access, Layout and Scale in relation to the erection of a 3-bed dwelling.

Land South of 31 Estover Road, Fronting Cawood Close, March.

Received: 27 July 2015.

Reply By: 10 August 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0600/F Mr & Mrs TK Fink, 22 Kingswood Road, March.

Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing outbuilding and single-storey extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory.

S/a.

Received: 27 July 2015.

Reply By: 11 August 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0601/F Mr Ray Grint, 16 Wisbech Road, March.

Erection of a single-storey rear extension involving demolition of existing utility and conservatory.

S/a.

Received: 27 July 2015.

Reply By: 11 August 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0610/F Mr T Hussey, 38 Burrowmoor Road, March.

Erection of 2 x single-storey 3-bed dwellings, detached garage and erection of a single-storey extension to rear of 43 Upwell Road involving demolition of part of existing dwelling.

43 and Land South of 43-43A Upwell Road, March.

Received: 27 July 2015.

Reply By: 13 August 2015.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR15/0611/TE1 EE Ltd & Hutchinson 3G UK Ltd., 3 Acres, South Junction, Creek Road, March.

 Upgrade of existing equipment to include replacement of existing 17.0m high mast with a 17.0m high mast and the installation of a 2kw rectifier within existing cabin.

S/a

Received: 27 July 2015.

Reply By: 13 August 2015.

Recommend approval.

Street Naming SNN/15/0080 Re Land South of Phoenix House, 341 Wisbech Road, March.

 Name proposed by Developer: Church Gardens.

Received: 27 July 2015.

Reply By: 10 August 2015.

No objections raised. Developer’s recommendation deemed suitable.

F/YR15/0501/O Mrs M Chapman.

Erection of a dwelling at Land North of 68 March Road, March Road, Wimblington.

Application withdrawn.

Received : 29 July 2015.

Withdrawal noted.

**71 Public Participation**

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

**72 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 6th July 2015.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 20th July 2015.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 20th July 2015.

**73 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 6th July 2015:

Minute 55: An email was forwarded to Sgt Richard Lugg on 7th July 2015. A response received that same day stated that he would get the PCSOs to update him and then take action accordingly.

Minute 59 / 43 / 35: The Clerk reported that:

1. The lease from Cambs County Council had still not been signed although the draft thereof had been received on 31st July 2015.
2. A public meeting will be called as soon as the lease has been signed.

Minute 59 / General: Balfour Beatty has now confirmed that the illumination of Britannia will be corrected as soon as possible.

Minute 60: It was confirmed that Whiting and Partners have been re-appointed as Internal Auditors for year ending 31st March 2016.

Minute 64: Fenland District Council has confirmed that it will contribute up to £10,000 towards the capital costs of Wimblington Road streetlights, but will make no contribution towards energy, repairs or on-going maintenance. We are now awaiting a final budget from Matthew Pickering of Cambridgeshire County Council.

**74 Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2016 / 17**

The following suggestions were muted:

1. Provision of missing footpath along part of Norwood Road.
2. Double yellow lining along Robingoodfellows Lane in the vicinity of the football field.

Councillors were requested to make further suggestions by the next Main Council Meeting of 7th September 2015 at the latest, and it was agreed that a final decision would be made at such meeting.

It was also agreed that Councillor J French would discuss the chosen project in detail with Cambs County Council Officers at a workshop to be held at Hereward Hall on 15th September 2015. The Clerk was requested to book the 2pm to 4pm time-slot for this appointment.

**75 Civil Protection and Emergency Preparedness**

Councillor Pugh circulated the FDC “Civil Protection and Emergency Preparedness for Elected Members” booklet to all Councillors. This would then ensure that everyone was fully aware of their duties and responsibilities in times of crisis, and that they had full contact details of the various interested parties contained within one handy document.

**76 Flooding Update**

Trevor Watson’s update was circulated to Councillors earlier in the day, and its contents were noted.

It was agreed that this document had become a very useful source of information.

**77 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.

**78 Fenland District Council Update**

Since Councillor Owen was on holiday, no update was provided.

However, discussions did ensue regarding the condition of the skateboard facility at West End Park.

**79 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Councillor RF Skoulding ……………………………………….. 7th September 2015.

Mayor of March.