**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 3rd June 2019 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor R Skoulding Town Mayor

 K French Deputy Town Mayor

 Councillors SR Court AR Donnelly

 J French R Jack

 R Johnson MW Purser

 G Tustin RW White

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

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 Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Councillor J Gowing

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Connor and Goundry.

**2 Police Update**

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

**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 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 three additional planning applications would be discussed.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR19/0400/TRTPO Mrs A Herring, 38 Station Road, March.

 Fell 1no Oak covered by TPO 13/1989 (5 days' notice). 38 Station Road March.

Received: 17 May 2019.

 Reply by: 7 June 2019.

 **Recommend Approval**

F/YR19/0406/FJames Development Co Ltd, 123 Victoria Road, Romford.

Erect 2 dwellings (1 x 2 storey 4-bed and 1 x single storey 3-bed) involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings at 11 Jobs Lane March.

 Received: 21 May 2019.

 Reply by: 11 June 2019.

 **Recommend Approval**

F/YR19/0392/O Mr F Warner, 80 Beatrice Street, Swindon.

Erection of a dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Site Of Former 6A Lime Grove March.

Received: 22 May 2019.

 Reply by: 12 June 2019.

 **Recommend Approval**

F/YR19/0396/F G Hayes & B Bonus, 43 Gresley Way, March.

Erection of a 2-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at 43 Gresley Way, March.

Received: 22 May 2019.

 Reply by: 12 June 2019.

 **Recommend Approval**

F/YR19/0397/F Mrs L Bower, Winston Place, Coleseed Road, March.

Change of use of land to gypsy and traveller residential use including the siting of 1no static caravan and storage of 1no touring caravan, creation of a utility room and wash room to existing barn and widening of the access (part retrospective) at Land South of Railway Line Coleseed Road March.

Received: 22 May 2019.

 Reply by: 12 June 2019.

 **Recommend Refusal – Inappropriate site for this use.**

F/YR19/0364/F Mr N Bowers, Goldstar Metal Traders Ltd, Lodge Farm, Knights End Road, March.

Change of use of the land to a sui-generis use involving: Erection of workshop and ancillary office, formation of hardstanding, wash bay and associated works for vehicle repairs, restoration, parking and sales; and erection of 2.4 metre high palisade fence at Land East Of 30 Thorby Avenue March.

Received: 23 May 2019.

 Reply by: 13 June 2019.

 **Recommend Approval**

F/YR19/0403/F Mr & Mrs E Mansfield, 20 Over Road, Willingham.

Erection of 2 x 1-bed flats attached to existing property and conversion of existing outbuilding to cycle store at Land South Of And 2 - 2A Darthill Road March.

Received: 23 May 2019.

 Reply by: 13 June 2019.

 **Recommend refusal – overdevelopment, inappropriate for the location, lack of parking.**

F/YR19/0404/FErection of a first-floor extension to rear of existing dwelling at 124 Station Road, March.

Received: 23 May 2019.

 Reply by: 13 June 2019.

 **Recommend Approval**

F/YR19/0405/F Erection of a single-storey detached office building at 19C Longhill Road March.

Received: 23 May 2019.

 Reply by: 13 June 2019.

 **Recommend Approval**

F/YR19/0090/F Partner Construction Ltd.

Erection of 80 dwellings comprising of 14 x 2-bed flats; 53 x 2-bed and 13 x 3-bed 2-storey dwellings and the installation of a pumping station and substation and formation of an attenuation pond. Land East Of York Lodge Gaul Road March.

Received: 31 May 2019.

 Reply by: 20 June 2019.

**Recommend Refusal – as this should be part of a broad concept plan, and on highway grounds as future traffic needs to be taken into account.**

F/YR19/0410/F Mr A Graham, 79 Knights End Road, March.

Erection of a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling at 79 Knights End Road March.

Received: 31 May 2019.

 Reply by: 19 June 2019.

 **Recommend Approval**

F/YR19/0415/F Mr & Mrs Band,

Erection of a 2-storey side and rear extension, a single storey side extension and porch to front elevation involving removal of conservatory*.* 42 Fleetwood Close March.

Received: 3 June 2019.

 Reply by: 21 June 2019.

 **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:

Annual Meeting 13th May 2019.

**6 Matters Arising Nil**

**7 Register of Electors**

Councillors were each handed a copy of the letter, and application form, from FDC dated 16 May 2019 such that access to the Register of Electors will now be electronic. Each councillor must register with FDC to gain access. Some councillors completed the form and returned it to the Assistant Clerk for transfer to FDC.

**8 Planning Sub-Committee, Chairman**

It was announced that Councillor Court would prefer to stand down for family reasons.

Cllr J French nominated Cllr Donnelly, seconded by Cllr K French, agreed unanimously.

**9 Accident Reduction Appraisal, Norwood Road.**

Councillor J French explained that two Local Highway Improvements (LHI’s) had been approved by CCC for this year: one MVAS (mobile vehicle activated sign) which records vehicle speeds and captures data and for which volunteers would be required to manage, and secondly the installation of a section of footway at Norwood Road. Cllr French explained that she had met with Cllr Count, Leader CCC to discuss traffic issues in Norwood Road. Cllr J French was proposing £300 to enable CCC to complete an assessment, seconded by Councillor Purser, agreed unanimously. Results would help to decide if an LHI bid was worthwhile.

**10 Grants and Donations.**

The Assistant Town Clerk advised Councillors that £2,000 had been included in the

2019/2019 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.

Three applications for funding had been received as follows:

Name: Daniel Roper Team GB Goalball

Amount requested: up to £1,200.

Details of project: To support a registered blind player to train and continue in the national team.

Name: Fen Tigers Goalball Club

Amount requested: up to £1,390.

Details of project: To support and encourage visually impaired and blind in sport.

Name: Citizens Advice Rural Cambs (CAB)

Amount requested: £1,000.

Details of project: Provide help and support to March citizens.

The Goalball bids were discussed together. Cllr J French proposed £250 to Daniel Roper, seconded by Cllr R Skoulding, agreed unanimously.

The Fen Tigers Goalball Club bid was not supported. Councillors supported the club but felt there were many potential funds available to aid sports clubs, e.g. Lottery, Sport England, Tesco.

CAB was not successful as councillors were not convinced that the funds would go to benefit March residents.

**11 Schedule of Councillors for Band Concert Supervision 2019.**

Cllr J French proposed that Cllr Goundry be excluded due to injury, agreed unanimously.

Sunday 7th July 2019: Fenland Music Centre Association 40 chairs

Councillors Jan and Kim French

Sunday 14th July 2019: Wicken Coronation Band 30 chairs

Councillors Donnelly and White

Sunday 21st July 2019: Manea Silver Band 25 chairs

Councillors Purser and Johnson

Sunday 28th July 2019: City of Peterborough Concert Band 30 chairs

Councillors Connor and Court

Sunday 4 August 2019: Wississippi Jazzmen 5 chairs

Councillors R Skoulding

Sunday 11th August 2019: Hilgay Silver Band 25 chairs

Councillors Jack and Tustin

Sunday 18th August 2019: MADAOS 25 chairs

Councillors Donnelly and White

Sunday 25th August 2019: The Arcadian Ramblers 5 chairs

Councillor K French

**12 Cambridgeshire County Council Update**

Councillors J French and Gowing provided the following updates:

1. Library services are not being cut
2. Hate Crime Third Party Provision - an initiative to provide support to people who feel intimidated, aimed at tackling violence against women and men. All Parish Councils will be contacted by the Assistant Director Public Protection.
3. Help for those in poverty planned.
4. Adult Learning & Skills are opening Hot Pots Coffee Shop at the Further Education Centre, and is the latest addition to CCC’s Supporting into Work (SITW) programme.
5. There will be a meeting to discuss March Transport Plan shortly.
6. Boots Bridge is now open.
7. The Fire Authority Judicial Review commences this week.

**13 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Skoulding congratulated Cllr Jan French on her appointment as Deputy Leader of Fenland District Council.

FDC are considering parking enforcement (not pay parking).

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

Councillor……………………………………….. 1 July 2019.

Mayor of March.