**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 3rd October 2016 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

 NJ Harris CC Owen

 A Pugh MW Purser

 RF Skoulding

 Asst. Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public Nil

**95 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Gowing.

**96 Police Update**

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

**97 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 8 additional planning applications would be discussed.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR16/0800/F Mr & Mrs A Parrish, 3 Burdett Gardens, March.

 Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling to form 1-bed annexe.

 S/a.

 Received: 26 September 2016.

 Reply by: 13 October 2016.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0814/F Mr & Mrs Oakley, 5 Hereward Street, March.

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

 S/a.

 Received: 26 September 2016.

 Reply by: 13 October 2016.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0817/FDC Mr T Watson, FDC.

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission F/YR13/0580/FDC (Change of use of land to temporary car park (renewal of planning permission F/YR10/0641/FDC)

 Land South Of 3 Darthill Road, March.

Received: 29 September 2016.

 Reply by: 18 October 2016.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0818/F Mr & Mrs K Ellis, Rosedene, Barnards Place, Lonk Clowson, Melton Mobray. Leics.

Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling.

 Land South Of 443 Wisbech Road Westry.

Received: 29 September 2016.

 Reply by: 17 October 2016.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0828/F Mr T Humphries, 46 Morton Avenue, March.

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

 S/a.

Received: 30 September 2016.

 Reply by: 18 October 2016.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0829/F Ms Julie Mooney, 532 Whittlesey Road, March.

 Erection of a 2-storey side extension and detached double garage/store to existing dwelling involving demolition of utility, store and sheds.

 S/a.

Received: 30 September 2016.

 Reply by: 19 October 2016.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0364/O Erection of 34 x single-storey, 2 and 3-storey dwellings with garages or parking comprising of 8 x 4-bed, 18 x 3-bed and 8 x 2-bed (Outline with matters in respect of access, appearance, layout and scale) involving demolition of former depot building at former Highways Depot Queens Road, March.

 Revised proposals.

 Received: 30 September 2016.

 Reply by: 12 October 2016.

 Councillors reiterate their objection to the planning application: recommend refusal due to flooding, access, highways, sewage & parking issues in order to ensure that these comments are taken into account.

F/YR16/0834/F Mrs Christine Dean, Phoenix House, 341 Wisbech Road, March.

Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling with attached garage.

 Plot Land South Side Of Church Gardens Westry.

Received: 3 October 2016.

 Reply by: 19 October 2016.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0841/F Mrs J Eastwood, 7 Chestnut Crescent, March.

 Erection of a single-storey part rear and side extension, car port and rear conservatory involving demolition of existing conservatory and garage.

 S/a.

Received: 3 October 2016.

 Reply by: 19 October 2016.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0851/CERTLU Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing): Change of use of land to residential curtilage at Land South of the Barn Mill Hill Lane March.

Received: 3 October 2016.

 Reply by: 20 October 2016.

 Councillors have no knowledge of the matter.

**98 Public Participation**

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

**99 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 5th September 2016.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 19th September 2016.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 19th September 2016.

**100 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 5th September 2016:

Minute 79 Councillor French reported that Jason Ablewhite PCC was looking into the Councils concerns and would provide an update. He was also receptive to discussing issues with the Town Council.

Councillor Owen reported that Inspector Lugg is considering the best venue for the Crime Forum and is happy for someone to attend if appropriate.

Minute 89: Councillor Owen reported that the Police Estates Land had been

 offered to CCC on previous occasions.

 Councillor Pugh reported that Safer Routes to School still operated

 but had no funding this year, but may have next year.

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the Local Highways

Improvement Scheme Application was submitted on 21st

September 2016.

**101 External Audit Report for Year Ending 31st March 2016**

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the External Auditor had commented as follows:

“On the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual

return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving

cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met”.

**102 Flooding Update**

An update from Trevor Watson was e-mailed to all Councillors on 26th September 2016.

**103 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.

**104 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen reported as follows:

1. Brown Bins – Cabinet will consider the issue and determine a way forward.

**105 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Councillor AR Donnelly…………………………………………….. 7th November 2016.

Mayor of March.