**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 4th April 2016 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor RF Skoulding Town Mayor

 Councillors SR Court MEC Field

 J French K French

 ML George JW Gowing

 CC Owen A Pugh

 MW Purser

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public Three

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Donnelly and Harris.

**2 Police Update**

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

**3 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 Owen 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 would not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

Councillors Owen, Purser and Skoulding all left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

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

Councillor J French took the chair for this agenda item only.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR16/0177/F Mr J Ashing & Mrs L Jasinauski, 36 Spalding Road, Holbeach.

Change of use from office to off license and coffee shop.

48 Dartford Road, March.

Received: 16 March 2016.

Reply By: 1 April 2016.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0180/F Mr N Bell, 19 Silver Street, March.

Change of use of land to extend residential curtilage of 19 Silver Street.

Land West Of 19 Silver Street, March.

Received: 29 March 2016.

Reply By: 11 April 2016.

Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0188/F Mrs S Adams, 13 Westwood Avenue, March.

Installation of external wall insulation to front, rear and south side elevations of existing dwelling (retrospective).

S/a.

Received: 29 March 2016.

Reply By: 12 April 2016.

Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0191/CERTLU To establish the completion of Plot 1 has lawfully implemented planning permission and to regularise constructed access under Condition 14 of outline approval (Erection of 4 no. detached houses) at Land West Of 9 Church Street, March.

Received: 26 March 2016.

Reply By: 13 April 2016.

March Town Council knows of no reason why a Certificate of Lawful Use should not be issued. Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0197/PNH Erection of a single-storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 5.3 metres, with a maximum height of 4.5 metres and a height of 2.5 metres to the eaves at 98 Foxglove Way, March.

Received: 26 March 2016.

Reply By: 13 April 2016.

Recommend approval.

F/2005/15/CW Change of use of land to create an extension to the waste transfer and treatment station to provide ancillary storage area; construction of a 5 metre high steel wall for 77 metres along the northern elevation and 52 metres along the western elevation of the site; and 3 metre high bund for 86 metres along the northern elevation and 56 metres along the western elevation of the site.

Lodge Farm, Floods Ferry, March.

Received: 4 April 2016.

Reply By: 13 April 2016.

 Recommend refusal. Inadequate and sub-standard road access.

F/YR16/0057/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension involving demolition of existing single-storey to existing dwelling at Oak House, 36 Station Road, March.

Withdrawn.

Received: 4 April 2016.

 Withdrawal noted.

F/YR16/0210/F Mr & Mrs Walsh, 1B Badgeney Road, March.

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

S/a.

Received: 4 April 2016.

Reply By: 22 April 2016.

Recommend approval.

**4 Public Participation**

Since he had given the requisite notice to the Clerk to enable him to address the meeting, Mr G Horry of 103 West End, March, presented a petition and outlined his concerns regarding the dangerous condition of the West End roadway. It was highlighted that the particular area of concern was from number 88 through to Elliot Lodge.

Since the petition included the names of some residents from Upwell Lodge, Councillor Skoulding declared a prejudicial interest (the company of which he is a director owns Upwell Lodge) and left the room for the entirety of this agenda item.

It was agreed that the petition containing in excess of 160 names should be forwarded to John Clark, their County Ward Councillor, for appropriate action and that the Clerk should lodge a complaint with Matt Pickering.

**5 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 7th March 2016.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 21st March 2016.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 21st March 2016.

**6 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 7th March 2016:

Minute 175: The Clerk reported that he had e-mailed Donna Barnes on 8th March 2016. A response dated 14th March 2016 stated that she had been off work ill and someone should have informed us.

Minute 180 / 166 / 151 / 134 / 120 / 106 / 87 / 73 / 64: We are still awaiting budget figures from Matt Pickering in respect of the Wimblington Road replacement streetlights. An e-mail of explanation was received from Matt Pickering on 24th March 2016 and circulated to all Councillors on 29th March 2016.

Minute 180 / 167: Councillor J French updated Councillors regarding the proposed beacon lighting in honour of the Queen’s 90th Birthday on 21st April 2016. It was unanimously agreed that she be allocated a budget of £500 to cover food and entertainment for the event.

**7 Flooding Update**

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

**8 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.

It was also agreed that, subject to his specific approval, Councillor Count’s blogs relating to devolution should also be circulated as and when received.

**9 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen provided an update as follows:

1. A seminar regarding devolution is due to be held at Fenland Hall between 3pm and 5pm on Tuesday 5th April 2016.

It was agreed that, following this seminar, Councillor Owen should e-mail the Clerk to advise him of all pertinent matters relating thereto and that, in turn, the Clerk should then circulate such information to all Councillors.

**10 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 18th April 2016, 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 8.15pm

Councillor ……………………………………….. 16th May 2016.

Mayor of March.