**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 4th July 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

 JW Gowing NJ Harris

 CC Owen MW Purser

 RF Skoulding

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public None

**51 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Pugh.

**52 Police Update**

No police were in attendance, but a written update had been circulated on 28th June 2016.

**53 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 one additional planning application would be discussed.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR16/0466/F Mrs G Clark, 38 New Park, March.

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

 S/a.

 Received: 22 June 2016.

 Reply by: 11 July 2016.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0467/F Mr & Mrs A Brewer, 40 Knights End Road, March.

 Erection of a detached single-storey garden room (retrospective) and 2.15m (max) high fence to western boundary of existing dwelling.

 S/a.

 Received: 22 June 2016.

 Reply by: 11 July 2016.

1. Recommend approval for garden room.
2. Recommend refusal for 2.15m high fence (would recommend approval if reduced to 1.85m high).

F/YR16/0468/F Mrs L Fountain, 88 Knights End Road, March.

 Erection of 3 x dwellings comprising of: 1 x 2-storey 4-bed with detached garage, 1 x single-storey 3-bed with detached garage and 1 x single-storey 3-bed, involving the formation of a new access.

 Land North of 16 The Avenue, March.

 Received: 22 June 2016.

 Reply by: 11 July 2016.

 Recommend approval, but please ensure that there are adequate on-site drainage areas.

F/YR15/1110/O Appeal: APP/D0515/W/16/3150468

 Land West Of 85 Wimblington Road, March.

 Erection of 3 dwellings involving demolition of existing buildings.

 Received: 23 June 2016.

 Reply by: 11 July 2016.

 Appeal noted.

F/YR16/0474/F Mr Colin Roulston, Lancaster Farm, Goosetree Road, Rings End, Wisbech.

 Erection of part 2-storey/single-storey rear extension and side porch to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory.

 S/a.

 Received: 24 June 2016.

 Reply by: 12 July 2016.

Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0475/TRTPO Mr D Harrison, Somerset Farm, Wisbech Road, Coates.

 Fell an Ash tree covered by TPO 11/2012.

89 Upwell Road, March.

 Received: 24 June 2016.

 Reply by: 12 July 2016.

 Recommend approval, but please plant a replacement in a more suitable area.

F/YR16/0480/F Mr M Searle, 1F Norwood Road, March.

 Erection of 2-storey/single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing single-storey to rear.

 S/a.

 Received: 24 June 2016.

 Reply by: 12 July 2016.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0481/F Mrs Hicks, The Cottage, Elm Road, March.

 Erection of a single-storey rear extension (involving demolition of existing conservatory) and re-roofing of single-storey section to side of existing dwelling.

 S/a.

 Received: 24 June 2016.

 Reply by: 11 July 2016.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0485/F Mr M Venni & Ms S Walker, 44 Brewin Avenue, March.

 Erection of a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing garage.

 S/a.

 Received: 24 June 2016.

 Reply by: 12 July 2016.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0492/TRTPO Mr R Ayres, Pendle House, 304 Uggmere Court Road, Ramsey Heights, Huntingdon.

 Works to an Oak tree covered by TPO 19/1986.

 18 Stonecross Way, March.

 Received: 27 June 2016.

 Reply by: 18 July 2016.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0497/F Mr Terry Mace, 2 Grounds Avenue, March.

 Erection of a single-storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing utility.

 S/a.

 Received: 27 June 2016.

 Reply by: 15 July 2016.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/0508/F Mrs V Ayers, 72 West End, March.

Variation of condition 4 of planning permission F/YR13/0414/F (Erection of a 2-storey 2-bed dwelling) to enable amendment to approved plans in relation to addition of rooflight to front and increase in size of central rooflight and addition of solar panels to rear.

Land North Of 69 – 73 West End March.

Received: 4 July 2016.

Reply By: 21 July 2016.

Recommend approval.

**54 Public Participation**

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

**55 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 6th June 2016.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 20th June 2016.

**56 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 6th June 2016:

Minute 43: We are still awaiting responses from Matt Pickering in respect of the Wimblington Road replacement streetlight commuted costs. Councillors are aware of the e-mails that have been passing between March Town Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Balfour Beatty highlighting the enormous anomalies within the figures. In consequence, a meeting has been being arranged between the various parties on 12th July 2016 to attempt to reach a resolution.

Minute 45: The Clerk reported that he had contacted Whiting and Partners on 27th June 2016, and they have indicated their willingness to continue as the Council’s Internal Auditors for year ending 31st March 2017.

**57 Flooding Update**

An update from Trevor Watson was e-mailed to all Councillors earlier in the day. It was noted that there appeared to be a change of emphasis by placing more onus on residents to provide their own flood protection.

**58 Grants and Donations**

The Clerk informed Councillors that this was the first round of applications for the current financial year, and an annual sum of £2,000.00 had been allocated to this budget heading.

Two applications for funding had been received as follows:

Name: 1st March Scouts.

Amount Requested: Up to £687.92p.

Purpose: To purchase side panels and leg weights for an 8m x 4m marquee that is used at scouting and community events within the town.

Name: Young People March Ltd.

Amount Requested: £500.00p.

Purpose: To purchase a floor scrubbing / drying machine to enable them to safely clean and maintain their premises.

It was agreed that both applications met the necessary criteria and, thereafter, it was proposed by Councillor J French and seconded by Councillor Owen, with all in favour, that the following amounts be awarded:

1st March Scouts £500.00p.

Young People March Ltd. £500.00p.

**59 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.

**60 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen provided an update as follows:

1. Fenland District Council approved the devolution deal on 1st July 2016, which will now allow the public consultation process to proceed later in the year.
2. A new Monitoring Officer was appointed on 1st July 2016.

**61 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Councillor AR Donnelly…………………………………………….. 1st August 2016.

Mayor of March.