**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 4th June 2018 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor J French Town Mayor

CC Owen Deputy Town Mayor

Councillors SR Court AR Donnelly

MEC Field K French

ML George JW Gowing

NJ Harris A Pugh

MW Purser RF Skoulding

Town Clerk C Lemmon

Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

Police Sgt Richard Lugg

PCSO Dawn Rae

**38 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**39 Police Update**

Sgt Richard Lugg and PCSO Dawn Rae attended the meeting to discuss the new format for monthly reporting.

In future, this will be relevant to the whole district (March, Chatteris, Whittlesey, Wimblington, Doddington, Benwick and Manea) as opposed to March specific.

This latest report was subsequently forwarded to all Councillors on the morning of 5th June 2018.

**40 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 Court declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to planning matters.

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 Court, Purser and Skoulding all 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/YR18/0233/F Ms Sara Fink, Allendale, Mill Hill Lane, March.

Erection of 2 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings with attached garages involving demolition of outbuildings at Land North of Allendale, Mill Hill Lane, March.

Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.

The revision is: Revised development – reduction to 2 dwellings. Revised plans. Revised design and access statement. Additional tree information.

Received: 30 May 2018.

Reply by: 13 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0366/F Mr Richard Moore, The Bungalow, Three Acres, Railway Junction, Creek Road, March.

Use of land for the siting of shipping containers for self-storage (retrospective) including office accommodation at Three Acres Business Park, Railway Junction South, Creek Road, March.

Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.

The revision is: Additional information received including car movement counter.

Received: 18 May 2018.

Reply by: 1 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0446/F Mr & Mrs S Brett, 36 Elwyn Road, March.

Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at 36 Elwyn Road, March.

Received: 15 May 2018.

Reply by: 5 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0449/F Mr & Mrs M Griffin, Fen Lodge, 37 Whittlesey Road, March.

Formation of a vehicular access and piping of drain at Fenn Lodge, 37 Whittlesey Road, March.

Received: 18 May 2018.

Reply by: 8 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0453/F Mr Ben Love, Norwood Farm Cottage, Elm Road, March.

Erection of a 2-storey agricultural building (retrospective) at Land South West of Norwood Farm Cottage, Elm Road, March.

Received: 18 May 2018.

Reply by: 8 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0455/F Partner Construction Ltd, c/o Agent.

Erection of 94 x dwellings comprising of 17 x 2-storey 3-bed, 63 x 2-storey 2-bed, 4 x 2-storey blocks of flats (consisting of 14 x 2-bed flats), and the installation of a pumping station and substation at Land East of York Lodge, Gaul Road, March.

Received: 18 May 2018.

Reply by: 8 June 2018.

Recommend approval subject to verifiable confirmation of Section 278 being signed prior to approval. Also, subject to any damage caused to Gaul Road being repaired immediately.

F/YR18/0457/TRCA Mr Kane Gibbs, Ground Control Ltd, Kingfisher House, Radford Way, Billericay.

Fell 1 x Ash tree within a Conservation Area at Sainsburys Supermarkets Ltd, Mill View, March.

Received: 18 May 2018.

Reply by: 8 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0458/F Ms Sarah Brind, Sanctuary Affordable Housing Ltd, Sanctuary House, Chamber Court, Castle Street, Worcester.

Erection of 24 x 2-storey dwellings comprising of 12 x 2-bed and 12 x 3-bed together with an extension to Kingswood Road to provide new vehicular and pedestrian access at Site of Former Kingswood Park Residential Home, Kingswood Road, March.

Received: 22 May 2018.

Reply by: 12 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0466/F Mr L Fox, Aldeby, Elliott Road, March.

Erection of 2 x single-storey 3-bed dwellings involving demolition of garage and outbuildings at Land South of 92 Elliott Road, March.

Received: 22 May 2018.

Reply by: 12 June 2018.

Recommend refusal due to flooding issues within the immediate area.

F/YR18/0469/F Mr Brian Hinson, 66 Wimblington Road, March.

` Erection of a 2-storey rear extension; raising roof of existing outhouse and raising of roof to form first-floor living accommodation to existing dwelling at 66 Wimblington Road, March.

Received: 23 May 2018.

Reply by: 13 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0477/F Mr & Mrs O Salter-Boyden, 6 Nene Parade, March.

Erection of a single-storey 1-bed dwelling involving demolition of existing outbuildings at Land South West of 63 Deerfield Road, March.

Received: 24 May 2018.

Reply by: 14 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0484/F Mr & Mrs B Goakes, 1 Phillips Chase, March.

Erection of a detached garage to front of existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing garage at 1 Phillips Chase, March.

Received: 30 May 2018.

Reply by: 20 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0490/F Stonegate Pub Company, c/o Agent.

Change of use of highway land to seating area with demarcation barriers in association with Ye Olde Griffin Hotel, 30-32 High Street, March.

Received: 29 May 2018.

Reply by: 19 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0495/F Mr C Martin, MF Martin Ltd, Westry Lodge, Wisbech Road, March.

Erection of a canteen and extension to existing coldstore at Coldstore, Whitegate Farm, Upwell Road, March.

Received: 1 June 2018.

Reply by: 22 June 2018.

Recommend approval.

**41 Public Participation**

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

**42 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Annual Meeting of 14th May 2018.

**43 Matters Arising**

Re Annual Meeting of 14th May 2018:

Minute 36: The Clerk reported that insufficient information had been received from Lieutenant Colonel Nigel Spencer concerning future Remembrance Day parades, so a further agenda item will have to be delayed until the Main Council Meeting of 2nd July 2018.

**44 Adoption of Standing Orders**

It was noted that the latest Model Standing Orders had been circulated to all Councillors on

21st May 2018.

Following a short discussion it was proposed by Councillor J French and seconded by

Councillor K French, with all in favour, that they be adopted forthwith.

The Clerk informed Councillors that an engrossed copy of the newly-adopted Standing

Orders would be distributed electronically in the coming week.

**45 Local Highway Improvement Bids 2019/20**

The following proposals were put forward:

1. Councillor J French: Footpath to be installed in front of 3 Hundred Road, March.
2. Councillor K French: Flashing speed signs to be installed on the two main roads coming into March as follows:
3. Close to the 30mph sign on Wimblington Road (B1101) or as decreed by Highways officers.
4. Close to the car-wash on Wisbech Road (A141) or as decreed by Highways officers.

Both these proposals were approved to be put forward under the Local Highways Improvement Scheme, with the following amounts being agreed as the contribution to each scheme:

1. Hundred Road footpath scheme: £2,000.00p
2. Flashing speed signs scheme: £4,000.00p.

**46 Grants and Donations**

Prior to discussions commencing, the Clerk advised Councillors that £2,000 had been included in the 2018/19 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.

Five applications had been received as follows:

1. Name: March Lions.

Amount requested: £250.00p.

Details of project: Maintenance of “Santa’s Sleigh” to comply with Safety Regulations.

1. Name: Boogie Tots.

Amount requested: £500.00p.

Details of project: General funding for a children’s play group (ages 0 to 5 years).

1. Name: Cambridgeshire Lowland Search and Rescue (CamSAR).

Amount requested: £300.00p.

Details of project: Contribution towards purchase of six hand held GPS units.

1. Name: Just Sing! March.

Amount requested: £200.00p.

Details of project: Contribution towards cost of holding 25 interactive singing sessions within Elliott Lodge, March.

1. Name: East Anglia Children’s Hospices (EACH).

Amount requested: £500.00p.

Details of project: Contribution towards running costs of the Milton Hospice.

Following discussions, it was proposed by Councillor K French and seconded by Councillor George, with all in favour, that the following amounts be awarded:

March Lions £250.00p.

Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue £250.00p.

Just Sing, March (Care Network Cambridgeshire) £200.00p.

East Anglian Children’s Hospices (EACH) £250.00p.

**47 Schedule of Councillors for Band Concert Supervision 2018**

Sunday 1st July 2018: Soham Comrades Band 25 chairs

Councillors Pugh & Purser

Sunday 8th July 2018: Fenland Music Centre Association 40 chairs

Councillors Court & Skoulding

Sunday 15th July 2018: Wicken Coronation Band 30 chairs

Councillors Court & Field

Sunday 22nd July 2018: MADAOS 25 chairs

Councillors Donnelly & Owen

Sunday 29th July 2018: City of Peterborough Concert Band 30 chairs

Councillors J French & K French

Sunday 5th August 2018: Hilgay Silver Band 25 chairs

Councillors Gowing & harris

Sunday 12th August 2018: Manea Silver Band 25 chairs

Councillors George & Pugh

Sunday 19th August 2018: Wississippi Jazzmen 5 chairs

Councillor Purser

Sunday 26th August 2018: Sunnyside Jazz 5 chairs

Councillor J French

**48 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.

In addition, Councillors J French and Gowing provided the following updates:

1. Cambs Fire Authority was taking legal action (Judicial Review) against the Government in an attempt to stop the Police Commissioner (Jason Ablewhite) from also taking control of the Fire Authority.
2. A new secondary school will be built in Wisbech, for completion by 2020. There are currently 148 Wisbech youngsters attending the Neale-Wade Academy in March because of a lack of capacity there.
3. John Gowing has volunteered to train to become a Master Composter.
4. Work on the Gaul Road / A141 traffic light scheme will commence on 2nd July 2018.
5. Work on the Norwood Road Bridge improvement scheme will commence on 2nd July 2018.

**49 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen reported that the FDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee was looking into the possibilities of a Landlords Housing Licensing scheme.

A discussion also ensued regarding grass cutting and the condition of some headstones in Eastwood Cemetery.

**50 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Councillor J French ……………………………………….. 2nd July 2018.

Mayor of March.