

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 4th November 2019 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	RF Skoulding K French	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court J French RM Johnson G Tustin	AR Donnelly R Jack MW Purser RW White
	Cambs County Councillor		JW Gowing
	Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		Two

111 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Connor.

112 Police Update

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

113 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.

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 one additional planning application would be discussed.

Councillor K French took the chair for this one agenda item only.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR19/0879/F	<p>Mr Keith Harris, 15 Mallett Close, March. Erect a single-storey side and rear extension (incorporating a garage) to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing car port and conservatory at 15 Mallett Close, March. Received: 22 October 2019. Reply by: 12 November 2019. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR19/0883/F ***	<p>Mr & Mrs Barber, Elwyn House, 44 Elwyn Road, March. Alteration to roof to increase size of 2 x existing dormer windows to existing dwelling at Elwyn House, 44 Elwyn Road, March. Received: 22 October 2019. Reply by: 12 November 2019. See last planning item below (received 30 October 2019) detailing changes to this application.</p>
F/YR19/0884/F	<p>Mr M Wilson & Ms S Clews, 32 Regent Avenue, March. Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing extension at 32 Regent Avenue, March. Received: 22 October 2019. Reply by: 12 November 2019. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR19/0886/F	<p>Mrs Lette Bower, Winston Place, Coleseed Road, March. Change of use of land to gypsy and traveller residential use including the erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling at Land South of Railway Line, Coleseed Road, March. Received: 24 October 2019. Reply by: 14 November 2019. Recommend refusal. Site situated in Flood Zone 3.</p>
F/YR19/0893/F	<p>Mr Les Heaton, 37 Knights End Road, March. Change of use of land for domestic purposes at Land South of 41 - 47 Knights End Road, March. Received: 25 October 2019. Reply by: 15 November 2019. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR19/0894/F	<p>GM Property Solutions c/o Agent. Convert existing 2-storey 4-bed dwelling into 2 x 2-storey 2-bed dwellings at 36 - 38 Wisbech Road, March. Received: 25 October 2019. Reply by: 15 November 2019. Recommend approval.</p>

- F/YR19/0906/F Mr & Mrs M Grainger, 24 Ellingham Avenue, March.
Erect a part single-storey / part 2-storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing rear extension and garage at 24 Ellingham Avenue, March.
Received: 29 October 2019.
Reply by: 19 November 2019.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR19/0911/F Mrs Summerlin, 27 Waveney Drive, March.
Erect a single-storey rear extension and install window to side elevation of existing dwelling at 8 Deben Close, March.
Received: 28 October 2019.
Reply by: 18 November 2019.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR19/0913/F Mr S Rutterford, 63 Elwyn Road, March.
Erect an industrial unit (B1) involving demolition of 1 x existing unit at 38 Whittlesey Road, March.
Received: 30 October 2019.
Reply by: 20 November 2019.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR19/0883/F *** Mr & Mrs Barber, Elwyn House, 44 Elwyn Road, March.
Alteration to roof to increase size of existing dormer window on side elevation (south) and construction of 1 x new dormer window on front elevation (east) of existing dwelling at Elwyn House, 44 Elwyn Road, March.
Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.
The revision is: Dormer window relocated from rear elevation to front elevation, rear gallery window remains as existing.
Received: 30 October 2019.
Reply by: 13 November 2019.
Recommend approval.

114 Public Participation

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

115 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Main Council Meeting of 7th October 2019.
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 21st October 2019.
Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 21st October 2019.

116 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 7th October 2019:

- Minute 103: Councillor J French reported that no Councillors had forwarded any concerns to her regarding the Growing Fenland Report.
- Minute 105: Councillor Jack reported that further Speedwatch checks had taken place since the date of the last Main Council Meeting.
- Minute 107: Councillor Purser reported that, contrary to his previous FDC update, works to the Skate Park had not yet been completed.

Re Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 21st October 2019:

Councillor Skoulding agreed to arrange for the wrapping of the additional “Father Christmas gifts” that Councillor J French had sourced on behalf of the Committee.

117 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

Councillors J French and J Gowing provided the following updates:

- a) Because of the number of accidents that have occurred over the years, it is possible that the underpass that goes below the railway line at Stonea will be permanently closed.
- b) The majority of CCC meetings that were due to take place during the purdah period of the General Election have now been cancelled.
- c) Councillor J French has arranged for free “road planings” (including delivery) to be made available to the residents of un-adopted roads provided that they spread such material themselves.

118 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported on the following:

- a) FDC is currently investigating the decriminalisation of on-street parking with the subsequent employment of their own officers to ensure enforcement.
- b) It was confirmed that there will be no pay parking in March for the foreseeable future.
- c) The High Street funding application is progressing well. The consultants responsible for this document will present their application to the March Town Main Council Meeting of 6th January 2020, prior to its official submission on 15th January 2020.
- d) The majority of FDC meetings that were due to take place during the purdah period of the General Election have now been cancelled.

119 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Councillor RF Skoulding 2nd December 2019.
Mayor of March.