**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 5th June 2017 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor K French Town Mayor

J French Deputy Town Mayor

Councillors SR Court AR Donnelly

ML George MEC Field (from 7.30pm)

JW Gowing NJ Harris

CC Owen A Pugh

MW Purser RF Skoulding

Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

Police PC Janine Haggar

PCSO Tom Horwood

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**33 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**34 Police Update**

PCSO Tom Horwood explained that Glen McCloud had joined the team. He provided the following information regarding current concerns:

Anti-social Behaviour – two instances; one offender was being tackled with a targeted, joint approach with housing.

Derelict building at 33 Gaul Road – no security and a potential danger – the management company had been advised.

Fires – 2 instances, one a barn.

Eastwood Cemetery – patrols had been increased and discussions regarding cctv were ongoing.

Shoplifting – known offenders were being dealt with.

West End Park – following instances of drug use police had undertaken a day of action which included engagement with schools etc, there had been one arrest.

March Festival – it was confirmed that there would be a Police presence.

Please use email as the preferred method of communication.

The Mayor thanked PC Haggar and PCSO Horwood for attending.

**35 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. Cllr Court reported that he was now on the Planning Committee of Fenland District Council and left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

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

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR17/0389/F Mr R Watts, 24 Hundred Road, March.

Erection of a porch to front of existing dwelling.

S/a.

Received: 19 May 2017.

Reply by: 6 June 2017.

Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0399/O Mr & Mrs Pettingill, 69 The Avenue, March.

Erection of up to 2 dwellings and garage to serve No. 69 The Avenue (Outline application with all matters reserved).

Land West Of 69 The Avenue, March.

Received: 19 May 2017.

Reply by: 6 June 2017.

Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0407/F Mr & Mrs R Brown, 8 Knights End Road, March.

Erection of 2-storey 4-bed dwelling involving demolition of existing garage.

Land North Of 8 Knights End Road, March.

Received: 22 May 2017.

Reply by: 8 June 2017.

Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0408/F Mr McGarvie, Halfpenny Toll Stables, Hook Road, Wimblington.

Change of use of existing annexe to self-contained 1-bed dwelling (retrospective).

Gravel House Elm Road March.

Received: 22 May 2017.

Reply by: 8 June 2017.

Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0409/F Mr Steven Grange, 18 Norwood Avenue, March.

Erection of detached shed (retrospective).

S/a.

Received: 22 May 2017.

Reply by: 9 June 2017.

Recommend refusal due to inappropriate design and detrimental to surrounding properties.

F/YR17/0412/F Mr T Bayes, Clevely Farm, Burrowmoor Road, March.

Erection of an agricultural storage building (straw/hay).

S/a.

Received: 26 May 2017.

Reply by: 12 June 2017.

Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0080/F Appeal APP/D0515/W/17/3175506.

Land North East Of Radnor Farm Goosetree Road Rings End.

Change of use of land, erection of barn, siting of portacabin to house exotic animals and the temporary siting of a mobile home (retrospective).

Received: 28 April 2017.

Reply by: 17 May 2017.

Noted

F/YR17/0452/F Mr & Mrs Dhillon, 2 Orchard Road, March.

Erection of 2-storey side; single storey rear and side elevations and installation of a bay to front of existing dwelling and formation of new access with closure of existing access.

S/a.

Received: 5 June 2017.

Reply by: 22 June 2017.

Recommend Approval

F/YR17/0357/F Revised Proposals.

Erection of a single-storey rear extension, conversion of existing garage to additional living accommodation and detached garage/store to front of existing dwelling at 39 Cedar Close, March.

The revision is; Amended plans received clarifying parking and hardstanding area and altering location of gates to access and materials to be used for the front elevation.

Received: 5 June 2017.

Reply by: 12 June 2017.

Noted

**36 Public Participation**

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

**37 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Annual Meeting of 15th May 2017.

**38 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**39 Schedule of Councillors for Band Concert Supervision 2017**

2nd July 2017 March Brass 2000 30 Chairs Required

Councillors Field & Owen

9th July 2017 City of Peterborough Concert Band 30 Chairs Required

Councillors J French & Skoulding

16th July 2017 Freddie & Friends 5 Chairs Required

Councillor Gowing

23rd July 2017 Wicken Coronation Band 30 Chairs Required

Councillors George & Purser

30th July 2017 Manea Silver Band 20 Chairs Required

Councillors Donnelly & Harris

6th August 2017 MADAOS 20 Chairs Required

Councillors K French & Pugh

13th August 2017 Wississippi Jazzmen 5 Chairs Required

Councillor Owen

20th August 2017 Hilgay Silver Band 24 Chairs Required

Councillors George & Court

27th August 2017 Freddie & Friends 5 Chairs Required

Councillor K French

**40 Internal Audit Review for Year Ending 31st March 2017 and Re-appointment of Internal Auditors**

Whiting and Partners, in a letter dated 23rd May 2017, stated the following:

1. “Based on our tests there are no material items in relation to which we need to report”.
2. “We have reviewed the expenses supplied by the Mayor which indicate that the Mayor’s Allowance has been expended”.

Following the proposition of Councillor J French, seconded by Councillor A Pugh, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Internal Audit Review.

Following the proposition of Councillor K French, seconded by Councillor M George, it was unanimously agreed that Whiting and Partners be re-appointed as the Council’s Internal Auditors for year ending 31st March 2018.

**41 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.

Councillor J French also reported that Induction had been completed and Council Meetings commenced.

**42 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen reported that there was nothing to report.

**43 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.12 pm

Councillor K French ……………………………………….. 3rd July 2017.

Mayor of March.