**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 5th November 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 ML George

 JW Gowing NJ Harris

 A Pugh MW Purser

 RF Skoulding

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public One

**106 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor K French.

**107 Police Update**

No police were in attendance, but their report was circulated to all Councillors on Wednesday 31st October 2018.

**108 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 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 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/YR18/0780/F Mr D Creese, c/o Agent.

 Erection of 1 x single-storey 3-bed with garage and 2 x 2-storey 3-bed dwellings at Land West of 327 Norwood Road, March.

 Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.

 The revision is: Revised dwelling design, and removal of Revised dwelling design, and removal of proposed Norwood Road access.

 Received: 19 October 2018.

 Reply by: 2 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0815/F Mr D Pettiford, Bedford Farm, Wisbech Road, Coates.

 Conversion of barn to 3-bed dwelling involving partial demolition and erection of single-storey extension to rear at Barn at Bedford Farm, Wisbech Road, Coates.

 Application withdrawn.

 Received: 25 October 2018.

 Withdrawal noted.

F/YR18/0906/F Mr Carl Garrett, 22 Mallard Way, March.

 Erection of a single-storey side/rear extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation for existing dwelling involving demolition of conservatory at 22 Mallard Way, March.

 Received: 15 October 2018.

 Reply by: 5 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0913/F Mr & Mrs R Harvey, 19 Kingfisher Close, March.

 Erection of two-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 19 Kingfisher Close, March.

 Received: 16 October 2018.

 Reply by: 6 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0921/TRCA Mrs Stacey Nicholls, Ground Control Ltd, Sainsburys Supermarket, Mill View, March.

 Works to 1 x Eucalyptus Tree in a Conservation Area at Sainsburys Supermarket, Mill View, March.

 Received: 19 October 2018.

 Reply by: 9 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0940/F Mr & Mrs Mair, Linwood Farm, Linwood Lane, March.

 Erection of 2 x extensions to existing agricultural storage building at Linwood Farm, Linwood Lane, March.

 Received: 25 October 2018.

 Reply by: 15 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0943/F Mr M Betts, Poplar Farm, Upwell Road, March.

 Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving removal of conservatory at Poplar Farm, Upwell Road, March.

 Received: 25 October 2018.

 Reply by: 15 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0947/F Millfield Developments (March) Ltd, 38 Burrowmoor Road, March.

 Erection of 7 x dwellings comprising of 1 x 2-storey 4-bed, 4 x 2-storey 3-bed and 2 x single-storey 3-bed dwellings with garages (Plots 3, 6 and & 7 only) involving demolition of existing dwelling, outbuildings and boundary wall at 33 Gaul Road, March.

Received: 25 October 2018.

 Reply by: 15 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0953/F Mr & Mrs T Bester, Tee Pees, 12 Jobs Lane, March.

 Erection of a single-storey 2-bed dwelling with a linked garage at Land North West of 12 Jobs Lane, March.

 Received: 29 October 2018.

 Reply by: 19 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0955/F Mr Tom Nellist, 121 Badgeney Road, March.

 Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of stores at 121 Badgeney Road, March.

 Received: 29 October 2018.

 Reply by: 19 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0959/F Mr & Mrs Cross, 29A Maple Grove, March.

 Erection of a part 2-storey/single-storey side/rear extension and porch to front of existing dwelling at 29A Maple Grove, March.

 Received: 30 October 2018.

 Reply by: 20 October 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0972/F Mr & Mrs A Spendelow, 9 Shaftesbury Avenue, March.

 Erection of a 2-storey side and single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 9 Shaftesbury Avenue, March.

 Received: 5 November 2018.

 Reply by: 26 November 2018.

 Recommend approval.

**109 Public Participation**

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

**110 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 1st October 2018.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 15th October 2018.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 15th October 2018.

**111 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 1st October 2018:

Minute 99 / 86 / 74: The Town Clerk reported that a request for £1,200.00p had been received from March British Legion relating to road-closure funding requirements for November 2019.

 It was agreed that a figure of up to £2,000.00p per annum should be included in future budgets to cover this item of expenditure for the forthcoming years.

Minute 100: Further information had been received from Revitalise that categorically confirms that any funding awarded would be specifically for March residents in accordance with previous grants that March Town Council had awarded.

 It was, therefore, agreed that £500.00p be awarded as requested.

**112 High Street, West Footway**

Councillor Owen highlighted the problems associated with the narrow west-side footpath in

High Street, nearly opposite the entrance to West End Stores.

It was noted that difficulties were encountered by all user groups including school children,

parents pushing prams or buggies and users of mobility scooters.

It was agreed that Councillor Owen should report his concerns to both transport strategy

groups to ascertain whether any solutions could be proposed.

**113 Hereward Community Rail Partnership Logo**

Councillor Owen encouraged everyone to have their say in regard to the proposed Hereward

Community Rail Partnership logo via the e-mails forwarded to each of them in the last couple

of weeks.

**114 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, Councillor J French and Gowing provided the following updates:

1. The traffic lights on the bypass (A141) will be switched off for Remembrance Day and, hopefully, completely by the end of November 2018.
2. Works on Norwood Road Bridge have now been completed.
3. Both Boots Bridge and Bedlam Bridge will be closed for repairs over the next four weeks.

**115 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen reported on the following:

1. Disputes regarding the collection of used syringes (sharps) are ongoing.
2. Having been reported to him at the meeting, Councillor Owen will attempt to establish why two of the Broad Street toilets are out of use.

**116 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Councillor J French ……………………………………….. 3rd December 2018.

Mayor of March.