

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 6th January 2020 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	RF Skoulding K French	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	AR Donnelly R Jack G Tustin	J French MW Purser RW White
	Cambs County Councillor		JW Gowing
	Assistant Town Clerk		GSD Wilkinson
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137 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Johnson due to family bereavement.

138 Police Update

No police were in attendance and no written update had been received.

139 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 Connor 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 Connor, Purser and Skoulding all 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 1 additional planning application would be discussed.

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

*Application
Number*
F/YR19/1064/F

*Name and address of applicant, details of application,
and recommendation of March Town Council*
Mr David Aplin, This Land Ltd, Compass House, Vision Park,
Histon.

Erect 21 x dwellings (8 x 2-storey 2-bed and 13 x 2-storey 3-bed) involving demolition of former depot buildings at Former Highways Depot, Queens Street, March.

Received: 17 December 2019.

Reply by: 7 January 2020.

Cllr J French declared an interest as a County Councillor and took no part in discussion.

Recommend Approval – and recommend increasing off street parking provision due to existing on street parking issues. The Council is concerned at the lack of section 106 and affordable housing.

F/YR19/1068/F

This Land Ltd, c/o Agent (Carter Jonas LLP).

Erect 50 x 2-storey dwellings comprising of 22 x 2-bed, 23 x 3-bed and 5 x 4-bed (with garages to Plots 18, 20, 21, 37, 43 and 49 only) with attenuation basin and sub-station involving demolition of existing buildings at Land North of Maple Grove Infant School, Norwood Road, March.

Received: 17 December 2019.

Reply by: 7 January 2020.

Cllr J French declared an interest as a County Councillor and took no part in discussion.

Recommend Approval. The Council is concerned at the lack of section 106 and affordable housing.

F/YR19/1077/F

Messrs Siggee & Sanderson, Land Adjoining Cherryholt Farm, Burrowmoor Road, March.

Conversion of existing barn to a single-storey 3-bed dwelling and erection of a double garage, involving demolition of existing lean-to and outbuildings at Plot 1, Land at Cherryholt Farm, Burrowmoor Road, March.

Received: 18 December 2019.

Reply by: 8 January 2020.

Recommend Approval.

F/YR19/1078/F

Messrs Siggee & Sanderson, Land Adjoining Cherryholt Farm, Burrowmoor Road, March.

Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 3-bed) and detached double garage involving the demolition of existing outbuildings at Plot 2, Land at Cherryholt Farm, Burrowmoor Road, March.

Received: 19 December 2019.

Reply by: 9 January 2020.

Recommend Approval.

F/YR19/1088/VOC

Variation of condition 5 and 12 in relation to Site Plan of planning permission F/YR16/0468/F (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: 3 January 2020.
Reply by: 24 January 2020.
Recommend Approval.

140 Public Participation

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

141 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 2nd December 2019.

Extraordinary Council Meeting of 4th December 2019.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 16th December 2019.

142 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 2nd December 2019:

Minute 124: Carol Pilson has made no further contact regarding littering enforcement.

Minute 130: Jacob Hobbs (CCC Assistant Engineer) was notified on 3rd December 2019 that March Town Council would not be proceeding with its 2020 / 2021 LHI bid.

Minute 131: No changes have been received regarding the FDC tax-base estimate, so the budget and precept figures can be ratified at this evenings meeting.

143 Affirmation of Budget 2020 / 21

The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed all details regarding the proposed budget and precept documents for 2020 / 2021.

The figures presented were confirmed as follows:

Budget figure £284,470.

Total funding required £411,418.

Support Grant payable by FDC £ NIL.

Net Council Tax Base 6,554.

Amount obtained by precept £320,000.

Charge per property £48.83p.

Following a short discussion, the above figures were all unanimously ratified (proposer Councillor J French, seconder Councillor R Jack).

Full details relating to the budgets and precept are attached as appendices 1, 2 and 3.

144 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

Councillors Gowing and J French provided the following updates:

- a) The Transport Plan has been progressing – consultation is expected in February.

145 Fenland District Council Update

- a) Little to report due to the election purdah period.

146 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm

Councillor RF Skoulding 3rd February 2020.
Mayor of March.