**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 6th June 2016 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present** Councillor AR Donnelly Town Mayor

K French Deputy Town Mayor

Councillors SR Court MEC Field

J French ML George

CC Owen A Pugh

MW Purser RF Skoulding

Town Clerk C Lemmon

Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

Public

**36 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gowing and Harris.

**37 Police Update**

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

**38 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.

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F/YR16/0122/F Withdrawn

Creation of 3 x dwellings involving: erection of a 3-storey 4-bed and a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling, and the conversion of existing coach house to a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling at Land West of the Old Rectory, The Walnuts, Fronting Elwyn Court, March.

Received: 23 May 2016.

Withdrawal noted.

F/YR16/0309/F Mr N Riches, Apex Road, Brownhills, Walsall.

Variation of condition 5 of planning permission F/YR13/0773/F (Erection of a single-storey building comprising of 2no units for retail (A1) and retail (A1)/financial and professional services (A2) …) relating to operating hours to extend from 7am and 10pm daily to 6am – 11pm daily.

Site of 43 to 47 The Causeway, March.

Received: 25 May 2016.

Reply by: 13 June 2016.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0332/O Mr M Hardiman, 250 Creek Road, March.

Erection of 4 dwellings involving demolition of existing buildings (Outline application with all matters reserved).

S/a.

Received: 20 May 2016.

Reply by: 8 June 2016.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0339/F Mr M George, Clovelly House, 44 Station Road, March, March.

Removal of Condition 2 of planning permission F/YR15/0346/F (Erection of an ancillary building for use as hairdressers and healthcare treatments), to enable the business to operate without the ancillary tie to the main building.

S/a.

Received: 23 May 2016.

Reply by: 8 June 2016.

Since he is the applicant, Councillor George declared a prejudicial interest and left the room for the duration of the discussions relating to this application.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0355/F Mr L Brownlow, 25A Cavalry Drive, March.

Erection of 6 x dwellings comprising of: 1 x block of 4 x 2-bed flats, 1 x single-storey 1-bed dwelling, 1 x 2-storey 3-bed dwelling and a cycle shelter and bin store involving the demolition of existing dwelling.

Land West Of Kinloss, St Johns Chase, March.

Received: 25 May 2016.

Reply by: 13 June 2016.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0356/F Mrs J Philpott, 5 Martin Avenue, March.

Erection of workshop/storage and covered way to existing workshop and single-storey side extensions to existing offices.

S/a.

Received: 27 May 2016.

Reply by: 13 June 2016.

As the applicant is an employee of FACT Councillor Owen declared a personal interest as he is a member of the FACT Board and left the room for the duration of the discussions relating to this application.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0358/F Mr B Skoulding, Marwick House, Station Road, March.

Change of use from Tuition Centre (D1) to 4-bed dwelling (C3)

4 Burrowmoor Road, March.

Received: 27 April 2016.

Reply by: 16 May 2016.

Councillor Skoulding declared a personal interest as the applicant is his nephew and left the room for the duration of the discussions relating to this application.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0359/F Mrs J Grounds & D Brinton, 57 Knights End Road, March.

Removal of Condition 1 of Planning Permission F/YR11/0254/F (Stationing of 2 x portacabins for use as office accommodation and WC facilities (retrospective)).

Auction Field, Knights End Road, March.

Received: 27 May 2016.

Reply by: 14 June 2016.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0360/F Mr & Mrs Morton, 83 Burrowmoor Road, March.

Formation of a new access to existing dwelling.

S/a.

Received: 25 May 2016.

Reply by: 13 June 2016.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0364/O Mr & Mrs Smith Ltd, 3 Meadowlands, Burwell.

Erection of 34 x single-storey, 2 and 3-storey dwellings with garages or parking comprising of 8 x 4-bed, 18 x 3-bed and 8 x 2-bed (Outline with matters in respect of access, appearance, layout and scale) involving demolition of former depot building.

Former Highways Depot, Queens Street, March.

Received: 31 May 2016.

Reply by: 16 June 2016.

Councillor Skoulding declared a prejudicial interest as he owns property adjacent to the site and left the room for the duration of the discussions relating to this application.

Recommend Refusal due to flooding, access, highways, sewage and parking issues.

F/YR16/0367TRCA Mr Richard Hamill, Wallace Lodge, 9 Swanley Gardens, March.

Fell 1no Walnut tree within a Conservation Area.

S/a.

Received: 25 May 2016.

Reply by: 13 June 2016.

Recommend Approval

F/YR16/0389/F Mr A Dean, 49 Suningdale Drive, Rushden, Northants.

Erection of a 3-storey 5-bed dwelling with a detached triple garage and store.

Plot 3 Land South Of Phoenix House, 341 Wisbech Road.

Received: 6 June 2016.

Reply By: 23 June 2016.

Councillors J and K French declared a personal interest as they live adjacent to the application site and took no part in discussions relating to this application.

Recommend approval

F/YR16/0400/PNC03 Change of use from agricultural land to siting of self storage containers at Yard At Badgeney Farm, Badgeney End, March.

Application for prior approval.

Received: 6 June 2016.

Reply By: 22 June 2016.

An assumption was made that this application is from the Aveling family so all conservatives declared a personal interest. Consequently, the meeting became non-quorate and no decision could be taken.

**39 Public Participation**

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

**40 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Annual Meeting of 16th May 2016.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 23rd May 2016.

**41 Matters Arising**

Re Annual Meeting of 16th May 2016:

Minute 31 / 6 / 180 / 166 / 151 / 134 / 120 / 106 / 87 / 73 / 64: It was noted that progress now appeared to be taking place in respect of the Wimblington Road street lights as per e-mails previously circulated.

Further discussion took place under agenda item 43 following.

Minute 31 / 6 / 180 / 167: Letters of thanks were forwarded to the four various parties, as requested, in respect of the Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations.

Minute 31 / 9: The clerk reported that he had e-mailed our three March County Councillors on 17th May 2016 to request more detailed information concerning devolution. A holding response had been received from Councillor Count, no response had been received from Councillor Clark and a response had been received from Cllr Yeulett concerning his own lack of knowledge.

Minute 34: Councillor Donnelly reported on the Doddington Hospital Public Meeting held on 2nd June 2016.

**42 Flooding Update**

No update had been provided for this month.

**43 Wimblington Road Street Lights**

The Clerk summarised information received to date and, in consequence, it was agreed that Councillor Owen and the Town Clerk (or, in his absence, the Assistant Town Clerk) should negotiate the best deal possible within sensible limits and advise the other Councillors accordingly if and when such deal was completed. It was also agreed that if the commuted sums had to be paid in full up front, the deal could not proceed any further.

**44 Schedule of Councillors for Band Concert Supervision 2016**

3rd July 2016 March Brass 2000 30 Chairs Required

Councillors Harris & Owen

10th July 2016 City of Peterborough Concert Band 30 Chairs Required

Councillors Skoulding & Gowing

17th July 2016 City of Ely Military Band 50 Chairs Required

Councillors Court, K French & Pugh

24th July 2016 Wississippi Jazzmen 5 Chairs Required

Councillor George

31st July 2016 Wicken Coronation Band 30 Chairs Required

Councillors J French & Purser

7th August 2016 MADAOS 20 Chairs Required

Councillors Donnelly & Field

14th August 2016 Freddie & Friends 5 Chairs Required

Councillor Skoulding

21st August 2016 Hilgay Silver Band 24 Chairs Required

Councillors Field & Gowing

28th August 2016 Manea Silver Band 20 Chairs Required

Councillors Donnelly & Owen

**45 Internal Audit Review for Year Ending 31st March 2016 and Re-appointment of Internal Auditors**

Whiting and Partners, in a letter dated 27th May 2016, stated the following:

1. There are no material items on which they need to report.
2. They have reviewed the expenses supplied by the Mayor and these indicate that the Mayor’s Allowance has been fully expended.

Following the proposition of Councillor J French, seconded by Councillor R Skoulding it was unanimously agreed that Whiting and Partners be re-appointed as the Council’s Internal Auditors for year ending 31st March 2017.

**46 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.

**47 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen provided an update as follows:

1. What is meant by ‘Devolution’ has yet to be clarified

**48 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Councillor AR Donnelly…………………………………………….. 4th July 2016.

Mayor of March.