**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 7th January 2019 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 K French

 ML George JW Gowing

 NJ Harris A Pugh

 MW Purser RF Skoulding

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public One

**132 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**133 Police Update**

No police were in attendance and no report had been received.

**134 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 three additional planning applications would be discussed.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR18/1130/F Mrs Tim Bower, Winston Place, Coleseed Road, March.

Temporary change of use of land to gypsy and traveller residential use including the siting of a static caravan (retrospective) at Land South of Railway Line, Coleseed Road, March.

Received: 17 December 2018.

Reply by: 7 January 2019.

 Recommend refusal. Inappropriate location within a Flood Risk Zone 3.

 Councillor Field asked for it be recorded that he was not in favour of this decision.

F/YR18/1133/F Mr Ebrahim, Prestige Priorities Turves, 367 Eastfield Road, Peterborough.

 Erection of 6 x 2-storey 3-bed dwellings including the formation of 2 x vehicular accesses involving culverting the ditch at Land South of 710 Whittlesey Road, March.

 Received: 18 December 2018.

 Reply by: 8 January 2019.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/1131/F Mr Seref Sarilmaz, 25 Broad Street, March.

 Change of use of ground floor only from A1 (Retail) to A3/A5 (Restaurants and Café and Hot Food Takeaway) including the installation of external extraction and erection of timber waste storage area to the rear at 25 Broad Street, March.

 Received: 19 December 2018.

 Reply by: 9 January 2019.

 Recommend approval. Although this recommendation is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan, March Town Council does not want to see more empty shops in this central area of town. Also, it is sited next door to similar premises.

F/YR18/1139/F Mr D Ward, 123 Elm Road, March.

 Erection of a single-storey rear extension to dwelling and single-storey extension to detached store of existing dwelling at 123 Elm Road, March.

 Received: 21 December 2018.

 Reply by: 11 January 2019.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/1140/F Mrs D Flowerday, 1A Badgeney Road, March.

 Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at 1A Badgeney Road, March.

 Received: 21 December 2018.

 Reply by: 11 January 2019.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/1136/F Mrs S Newstead, Clarion Housing Group, c/o Agent.

 Erection of 40 dwellings comprising of 4 x 1-bed and 4 x 2-bed 2-storey flats; 20 x 2-storey 2-bed and 12 x 2-storey 3-bed dwellings; formation of a surface water lagoon and pumping station and new access to cricket club at Land South West of 1 to 23 Springfield Avenue, March.

 Received: 3 January 2019.

 Reply by: 24 January 2019.

 Recommend approval subject to adequate Section 106 agreements for local projects.

F/YR18/1143/F Ms M Patrick, 278 Kings Avenue, Ely.

 Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling with integral garage at Land North East of 159 Wisbech Road, March.

 Received: 2 January 2019.

 Reply by: 23 January 2019.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/1146/F Mr D Creese, 327 Norwood Road, March.

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

 Received: 3 January 2019.

 Reply by: 24 January 2019.

 Recommend approval.

**135 Public Participation**

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

**136 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 3rd December 2018.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 17th December 2018.

**137 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**138 Affirmation of Budget for 2019 / 2020**

The Clerk confirmed all details regarding the proposed budget and precept documents for 2019 / 2020.

The figures presented were confirmed as follows:

Budget figure £294,270.

Total funding required £283,356.

Support Grant payable by FDC £ NIL.

Net Council Tax Base 6,505.

Amount obtained by precept £283,000.

Charge per property £43.50p.

Following a short discussion, the above figures were all unanimously ratified (proposer Councillor K French, seconder Councillor Skoulding).

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

**139 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 Floods Ferry road is due to be resurfaced by 31st March 2019.
2. The switching-on of the A141 traffic lights is due in the not-too-distant future.
3. It is hoped that both of our 2019/20 LHI Applications have been successful.

**140 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen reported on the following:

1. The situation regarding the disposal / collection of used syringes (sharps) now appears to have been resolved.

**141 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Councillor J French ……………………………………….. 4th February 2019.

Mayor of March.