**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 9th April 2018 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

 MEC Field JW Gowing

 CC Owen A Pugh

 MW Purser

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Asst Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors George, Harris and Skoulding.

**2 Police Update**

No police were in attendance, but a written update had been circulated earlier in the day.

**3 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 noted that due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Purser would not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

Councillors Court and Purser both left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

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

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR17/1147/F Mr Martin Savage, March Cold Stores Limited, 20-24 Marwick Road, March.

 Erection of a cold storage building including plant rooms, 6 x loading docks, 14 x vehicle charging points, 2 x condensers and new hard-standing area at March Cold Stores Limited, 20-24 Marwick Road, March.

 Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.

 The revision is: Reduction of the ridge height of the main building by 2261mm; Reduction of the main building clear internal height requirement by 1500mm; Reduction of the main building eaves level by 1500mm; Reduce all building roof slopes by 2 degrees to 4 degrees pitch; Move the new building location 15m to a westerly direction (into the hard-standing area) from the original proposed position to reduce visual impact; Add band of semi-mature tree planting to the area where the building has been moved from.

 Received: 29 March 2018.

 Reply by: 12 April 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0003/F Ms Christine Dean, Phoenix House, Church Gardens, Westry, March.

Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with detached double garage at Land South of Phoenix House, Church Gardens, Westry, March.

Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.

The revision is: Revised design of dwelling, submission of accurate survey and location of trees.

Received: 21 March 2018.

Reply by: 28 March 2018.

Since they live close to the application site, Councillors K & J French declared personal interests and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.

Councillor Owen took the chair for this one application only.

Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0281/F Mrs Katie Goodger, Lincoln Farm, Duncombes Road, Coates.

 Change of use of agricultural building to farm shop (retrospective) at Building South of Lincoln Farm, Duncombes Road, March.

 Received: 22 March 2018.

 Reply by: 12 April 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0287/O Mr & Mrs R Bond, 17 Laburnum Grove, March.

Erection of a dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land North of 17 Laburnum Grove, March.

Received: 22 March 2018.

 Reply by: 12 April 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0289/F Mr Mason, Silverback Cottage, Whitemoor Road, March.

 Erection of a 2-storey / single-storey rear extension, porch to front and chimney stack to side; conversion of loft to living accommodation; insertion of 4 x dormers to front elevation of existing dwelling and render finish to existing and proposed external walls at Silverback Cottage, Whitemoor Road, March.

 Received: 23 March 2018.

 Reply by: 13 April 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0291/VOC Mr John Wiles, R Wiles & Son, Paddock Lodge, Whitemoor Road, March.

 Removal of Condition 1 relating to planning permission M/67/154/D (Erection of a farm bungalow) relating to agricultural occupancy at Paddock Lodge, Whitemoor Road, March.

 Received: 26 March 2018.

 Reply by: 16 April 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0298/F Mr & Mrs Rodney Fox, 115 Elliott Road, March.

 Erection of 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with integral garage and erection of a shed at 1 Poppy Lane, March.

 Received: 27 March 2018.

 Reply by: 17 April 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0311/TRCA Rookswood Club, Rookswood House, 27 West End, March.

 Works to 1 x Hornbeam, 1 x Turkey Oak, 2 x Oaks and 1 x Silver Birch within a Conservation Area at March Cruising Club, West End, March.

 Received: 3 April 2018.

Reply by: 24 April 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0160/RM Mr B Mason, Silverback Cottage, Whitemoor Road, March.

 Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR16/0665/O for the erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling at Land East of 6 St Peters Road, March.

 Application withdrawn.

 Received: 6 April 2018.

 Withdrawal noted.

F/YR18/0306/F Mr Richard Spies, 86 The Avenue, March.

 Insertion of a dormer window and roof lights to sides of existing dwelling to enable conversion of loft to living accommodation at 86 The Avenue, March.

 Received: 4 April 2018.

 Reply by: 25 April 2018.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0308/CERTLU Mr Ben Love c/o Agent.

 Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing): Siting of a mobile home at Norwood Farm Cottage, Elm Road, March.

 Received: 4 April 2018.

 Reply by: 25 April 2018.

 Since he is a friend of the applicant, Councillor Field declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0321/F Mr Ben Saxby, MJS Construction (March) Ltd, MJS House, Wisbech Road, March.

 Erection of 8 x dwellings comprising of: 2 x 3-storey 3-bed, 2 x 2-storey 4-bed, 2 x 2-storey 3-bed and 2 x single-storey 3-bed at Land South of 31-33 Lake Close, March.

 Received: 5 April 2018.

 Reply by: 26 April 2018.

 Recommend refusal until such time as Lake Close roads have been finished and adopted. Also, due to flooding issues in the area and the fact that AWA have not yet adopted the sewage system re foul and surface water.

**4 Public Participation**

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

**5 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 5th March 2018.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 19th March 2018.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 19th March 2018.

**6 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 5th March 2018:

Minute 165 / 151: Efforts are ongoing regarding getting the boat moved from under the town bridge.

**7 Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2018 / 19**

It was proposed by Councillor K French and seconded by Councillor Pugh that Councillor J French be nominated for the post of Mayor for 2018 / 19.

Councillor J French indicated her willingness to stand and such nomination was unanimously approved.

It was then proposed by Councillor J French and seconded by Councillor Pugh that Councillor Owen be nominated for the post of Deputy Mayor for 2018 / 19.

Councillor Owen indicated his willingness to stand and such nomination was unanimously approved.

**8 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, Councillors J French and Gowing provided the following updates:

1. Network Rail have now handed over the land to CCC that will allow the long-awaited Norwood Road Bridge improvements. Footpath works will commence on 1st July 2018.
2. From 23rd April 2018 to late June 2018, Anglian Water will be laying new pipes in the carriageway of the A141 from the “Tesco flyover” towards Wisbech. Long traffic delays are anticipated.
3. The Gaul Road / A141 junction improvements will commence in July 2018.
4. As stated in the local press, the Police Commissioner will also be taking on the Fire Authority role.

**9 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor Owen had nothing to report.

**10 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

Prior to Councillors departing, they were reminded that the Annual Assembly is due to take place on Monday 23rd April 2018, and were requested to arrive by 7pm with their robes to take part in the annual Council photograph.

Councillor J French also stated that volunteers were required for stewarding duties at St George’s Fayre on Sunday 22nd April 2018. Anyone interested should contact her or Councillor Skoulding for details.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Councillor J French ……………………………………….. 14th May 2018.

Mayor of March.