**MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 9th January 2017 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

 JW Gowing NJ Harris

 A Pugh MW Purser

 RF Skoulding

 Town Clerk C Lemmon

 Asst. Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

 Public Nil

**135 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Owen.

**136 Police Update**

No police were in attendance, but a written update from PCSO Dawn Rae had been circulated to all Councillors on 3rd January 2017.

**137 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 one additional planning application would be discussed.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR16/1043/F Withdrawn

Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 32 Mallard Way, March.

Received: 29 December 2016.

Withdrawal noted.

F/YR16/1151/PNH Erection of a single-storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 6.0 metres, with a maximum height of 3.6 metres and a height of 2.4 metres to the eaves at 46 Morton Avenue, March.

Received: 28 December 2016.

 Reply by: 10 January 2017.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/1152/PNC04 Change of use of an agricultural building to a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling (Class Q(a) and (b)) at Barn North Of Hampshire Bungalow, 311 Whittlesey Road, March.

Received: 28 December 2016.

 Reply by: 10 January 2017.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/1153/F Mrs Harding, Barn North Of Hampshire Bungalow, 311 Whittlesey Road, March.

 Erection of an agricultural storage building.

 Land East Of 311 Whittlesey Road, March.

Received: 28 December 2016.

 Reply by: 10 January 2017.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/1183/PNH Erection of a single-storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 5.95 metres, with a maximum height of 3.381 metres and a height of 2.694 metres to the eaves at 32 Mallard Way March.

Received: 3 January 2017.

 Reply by: 19 January 2017.

 Recommend approval.

F/YR16/1177/F Mr A Sayeed, 66 Robingoodfellows Lane, March.

 Addition of ancillary retail use (A1) to existing commercial laundry business (B1).

 Unit C5, March Enterprise Park, 33 Thorby Avenue, March.

 Received: 9 January 2017.

 Reply by: 25 January 2017.

 Recommend approval.

**138 Public Participation**

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

**139 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 5th December 2016.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 19th December 2016.

**140 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**141 Financial Regulations**

The Clerk detailed changes contained within the revised Financial Regulations as recommended by NALC.

Following discussions, it was agreed that these revised Financial Regulations be approved as previously circulated.

It was also agreed that each Councillor should be provided with a hard copy of these Financial Regulations at the next Main Council Meeting.

**142 Affirmation of 2017 / 2018 Budget**

The Clerk confirmed all details regarding the proposed budget and precept documents for 2017 / 2018.

The figures presented were confirmed as follows:

Budget figure £267,470.

Total funding required £276,791.

Support Grant payable by FDC £ 10,135.

Net Council Tax Base 6,411.

Balance obtained by precept £267,000.

Charge per property £41.65p.

Following a short discussion, the above figures were all unanimously ratified.

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

**143 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.

**144 Fenland District Council Update**

Since Councillor Owen was not in attendance, no update was provided.

**145 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Councillor AR Donnelly…………………………………………….. 6th February 2017.

Mayor of March.