

March Town Council.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March Town Council held on 10th May 2021 in the Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French RE Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	DW Connor AR Donnelly J French MW Purser RW White	SR Court CK Elkin RM Johnson RF Skoulding
	Cambs County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		Nil

24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Tustin.

25 Declaration of Town Mayor

As unanimously agreed at the Main Council Meeting of 1st March 2021, Councillor Kim French would remain as Mayor for a second term.

She formally accepted the post, gave a brief introductory speech of her aspirations and signed her “Declaration of Office”. She stated that she would do everything in her power to carry out her duties for the benefit of the people of March.

26 Declaration of Deputy Town Mayor

Also, as unanimously agreed at the Main Council Meeting of 1st March 2021, Councillor Kim French then declared Councillor Jack as Deputy Mayor of March for a second term. Councillor Jack formally accepted the post, stated he would do all he could to assist the Mayor and signed his “Declaration of Office”.

27 Agreement of Mayor's Allowance

Councillor Kim French declared a prejudicial interest, left the debating table and took no part in discussions whilst the Mayor's allowances were being discussed.

Councillor Jack took the Chair for this agenda item only.

It was unanimously agreed that the following allowances would apply for 2021 / 2022:

£2,750.00 Basic Mayors allowance.

£ 400.00 Travelling allowance.

These amounts coincided with the amounts provided within this year's budget.

28 Dates of Council Meetings for 2021 / 2022

The dates for the 2021 / 2022 meetings were agreed as presented (See Appendix 1).

29 Appointment of Committee Members & Council Representatives

It was agreed to appoint Committee Members and Council Representatives in accordance with Appendix 2 (2 pages).

30 Public Participation

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

31 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the following meetings were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 12th April 2021.

Annual Assembly of 26th April 2021.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 26th April 2021.

32 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

33 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors left the debating table for the entire time that planning applications were discussed.

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

*Application
Number*

*Name & Address of Applicant, Details of Application,
and Recommendation of March Town Council.*

F/YR21/0088/F

Mr M Key, 27 Acacia Grove, March.

Erect part single/part 2-storey side and rear extension with Juliet balcony to rear, conversion of loft to form living space, render front elevation of existing dwelling involving demolition of existing single-storey rear extension at 27 Acacia Grove, March.

Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.

The revision is: Reduction in depth of single-storey rear extension and first-floor rear extension.

Received: 4 May 2021.

Reply by: 18 May 2021.

Recommend approval.

F/YR20/1230/O

Miss Jill Riches, 91A Grand Parade, Leigh-on-Sea.

Erect up to 3 x dwellings (outline application with matters committed in relation to access only) involving demolition of double garage and highway works including formation of a footpath at Land East of 25-27 Russell Avenue, March. Application withdrawn.

Received: 26 April 2021.

Withdrawal noted.

F/YR21/0380/F

March Rifle Club, Upwell Road, March.

Installation of timber cladding to external walls of existing building at March Rifle Club, Upwell Road, March.

Received: 26 April 2021.

Reply by: 17 May 2021.

Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0412/F

Mrs Z Vawser, 161 Creek Road, March.

Erect a single-storey front extension and part single/part 2-storey rear extension to existing dwelling including dormers to front elevation, amended window and door arrangements, front boundary wall and new vehicular access at 161 Creek Road, March.

Received: 28 April 2021.

Reply by: 19 May 2021.

Recommend approval subject to the equivalent number of trees being planted to replace those being removed.

F/YR21/0435/F

Mr T Westbrook, 34 Maple Grove, March.
Erect 2-storey side, first-floor rear, single-storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling at 34 Maple Grove, March.
Received: 23 April 2021.
Reply by: 14 May 2021.
Since she is a friend of the applicant, Councillor Johnson declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0424/F

Terrance Collins, c/o Agent (Green Planning Studio Ltd., Shrewsbury).
Change of use of land to gypsy and traveller residential use including erection of a day room and hardstanding and demolition of existing building at Land between Hampton House and Stonea House, Middle Road, March.
Received: 6 May 2021.
Reply by: 27 May 2021.
Recommend approval subject to permission being strictly limited to the one mobile home, one touring caravan and one day room.

F/YR21/0433/F

Mr Subramaniam Perinpanathan, 3 Ireton Way, March.
Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of conservatory at 3 Ireton Way, March.
Received: 7 May 2021.
Reply by: 28 May 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0438/F

Mr N Ayres, 44 Regent Avenue, March.
Erect a single-storey extension to side of existing dwelling at 44 Regent Avenue, March.
Received: 7 May 2021.
Reply by: 28 May 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0439/F

Mr Hussey, Millfield Developments Ltd., 38 Burrowmoor Road, March.
Conversion of garage to form living accommodation at 1 Magnolia Close, March.
Received: 7 May 2021.
Reply by: 28 May 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0464/F

Mr & Mrs Graves, 301 Norwood Road, March.
Erect a single-storey rear extension and re-roof to rear of
existing dwelling at 301 Norwood Road, March.
Received: 4 May 2021.
Reply by: 25 May 2021.
Recommend approval.

34 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

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

Councillor K French..... 7th June 2021.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 7th June 2021 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French R Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court J French MW Purser G Tustin	CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Asst. Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public / Press		None

35 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Connor and Donnelly.

36 Police Update

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

37 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

It was agreed that six additional planning application would be discussed.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/0140/F	<p>Mr Belton, 33 The Avenue, March.</p> <p>Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at 33 the Avenue, March.</p> <p>Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Amended plans – removal of first floor extension and addition of a single-storey extension to rear.</p> <p>Received: 10 May 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 24 May 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0167/F	<p>Mr & Mrs Sally Batchelor, Aspen Grange, 6 Aspenwood Grove, March.</p> <p>Erect a dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) at Land South of 89 Elwyn Road, March.</p> <p>Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Revised dwelling design and materials.</p> <p>Received: 21 May 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 28 May 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0462/F	<p>Mrs Ratha Nimalan, 95 Badgeney Road, March.</p> <p>Erect a 2-storey extension to side and rear and porch to front of existing dwelling at 95 Badgeney Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 10 May 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 31 May 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0486/F	<p>Mr & Mrs Eldred, 59 Peas Hill Road, March.</p> <p>Conversion of garages to living accommodation, erect a single-storey front extension and formation of a retaining wall and hardstanding to side and walkway to rear of existing dwelling at 59 Peas Hill Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 26 May 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 16 June 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0510/F	<p>Mr G Harradine, 19 The Avenue, March.</p> <p>Erect a part 2-storey part single-storey extension to side of existing garage to create a 1-bed annex involving works to number 19 to include demolition of existing extension and formation of new access at 17 The Avenue, March.</p> <p>Received: 27 May 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 17 June 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

- F/YR21/0537/F
- Mr Richard Smith, Elm Tree Farm, Elm Road, March.
 Erect a dwelling (2-storey, 3-bed), detached single garage and boundary fence 1.5m high (max) and temporary mobile home during construction involving demolition of existing dwelling at Elm Tree Farm, Elm Road, March.
 Received: 20 May 2021.
 Reply by: 10 June 2021.
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0540/F
- Mr & Mrs Stephen & Sarah Hall, 15 Robingoodfellows Lane, March.
 Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing garage at 15 Robingoodfellows Lane, March.
 Received: 2 June 2021.
 Reply by: 23 June 2021.
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0546/F
- Mr Stephen Borrett, 57 Elwyn Road, March.
 Installation of a roof window to rear of existing dwelling at 57 Elwyn Road, March.
 Received: 2 June 2021.
 Reply by: 23 June 2021.
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0554/F
- Jo Denson, 26 Grounds Avenue, March.
 Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing extension at 26 Grounds Avenue, March.
 Received: 3 June 2021.
 Reply by: 24 June 2021.
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0563/VOC
- Mr A Patel, Formcraft Ltd, c/o Swann Edwards, Architects.
 Variation of condition 13 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR12/0440/F (Erection of 4 x 3-storey 4-bed dwellings, 1 x 2-storey 3-bed dwelling and 4 x 2-storey 2-bed dwellings with associated parking) at Former Pilgrims of March, Dartford Road, March.
 Received: 3 June 2021.
 Reply by: 24 June 2021.
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0570/F
- Mr & Mrs Gosling, 6 Ashbeach Road, March.
 Change of use of land, formation of a tiered garden terrace, mooring and erection of a summer house on riverbank (retrospective) at Land North of 6 Ashbeach Road, March.
 Received: 4 June 2021.
 Reply by: 25 June 2021.
 Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0583/F

Mr Jamie McGarvie, Ashewell Developments, Halfpenny Toll,
Hook Road, Wimblington.

The siting of a temporary mobile home (during refurbishment
and repair of existing dwelling) involving the demolition of
existing outbuildings at The Walnuts, Flaggrass Hill Road,
March.

Received: 3 June 2021.

Reply by: 24 June 2021.

Recommend approval.

38 Public Participation

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

39 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Annual Council Meeting of 10th May 2021.

40 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 12th April 2021:

Re Minute 6 / 157: The March Museum lease has now been extended until 13th
May 2042, so a further review will not now be needed until
2035.

41 Grants and Donations

No applications for grants or funding had been received during the previous quarter.

42 Schedule of Councillors for Band Concert Supervision 2021

The Clerk reported that it is necessary to agree the Schedule of Councillors for Band Concert Supervision for the 2021 season.

Band Concerts could commence on either Sunday 4th July or Sunday 1st August 2021 dependent upon the following:

- a) Covid lockdown restrictions ceasing on 21st June 2021 as planned.
- b) Fenland District Council approving the use of West End Park.
- c) The various bands having not made alternative arrangements.
- d) Priority would be given to the smaller bands/groups to alleviate the risk of crowding within the bandstand.

Councillors discussed the overall scenario and, thereafter, unanimously agreed that the first concert should not be held until Sunday 1st August 2021.

The draw took place as follows:

Sunday 1 st August 2021	Councillor Elkin
Sunday 8 th August 2021	Councillor White
Sunday 15 th August 2021	Councillor Connor
Sunday 22 nd August 2021	Councillor J French`

Sunday 29th August 2021 Councillor K French (as is tradition, the Mayor always supervises the final concert so was not included within the draw).

Further details would be provided closer to the date, but the following conditions would apply:

- a) If Councillors could not fulfil their obligations at any time, it would be their responsibility to find a replacement.
- b) If, on any week, the band was larger than currently anticipated, it would be the Councillor's responsibility to arrange assistance for themselves.

43 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French and Gowing then reported as follows:

- a) County Council elections were held on 6th May 2021 and a new administration has been established which comprises of a coalition of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent members.
- b) No meetings have yet been held, since they are now due to be held quarterly as opposed to monthly.
- c) Investigations are ongoing in an attempt to resolve the flooding issues which were experienced in certain areas of March.

44 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) Contact has been established with the new Mayor of the Combined Authority to ensure that all previously promised funding stays in place.

45 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

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

Councillor K French5th July 2021.
Mayor of March.

After the official meeting had closed, the following points were agreed:

- a) The Christmas Lights Sub-Committee Meetings will resume from 21st June 2021.
- b) The Senior Citizens Christmas Concert provisionally planned for 2nd December 2021 will not now go ahead. This will be re-instated onto the MTC calendar of events in 2022.
- c) Partial home-working for the office staff is continuing in accordance with Government guidelines.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

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Present	Councillor	K French R Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	DR Connor AR Donnelly R Johnson RF Skoulding	SR Court J French MW Purser
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Asst. Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public / Press		None

48 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Elkin, Tustin and White.

49 Police Update

No police were in attendance and no written report had been circulated.

50 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

It was agreed that one additional planning application would be discussed.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/0661/VOC	<p>Mr & Mrs White, c/o Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. Variation to conditions 4 (sustainable construction elements) and (access), relating to planning permission F/YR19/0423/VOC (Variation of condition 4 relating to F/YR17/0061/O (Erection of a dwelling - Outline with matters committed in respect of access)) at Land South of 725 Whittlesey Road, March. An application to vary or remove a condition has been received in respect of the above. Received: 22 June 2021. Reply by: 13 July 2021. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0668/F	<p>Mr Andrew Goakes, 51 Creek Road, March. Erect a 2-storey side extension, a single-storey rear extension and insertion of a rear dormer (to enable a loft conversion) to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing lean-to at 51 Creek Road, March. Received: 25 June 2021. Reply by: 16 July 2021. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0673/F	<p>Mr & Mrs Henson, 4 Bittern Way, March. Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving removal of conservatory at 4 Bittern Way, March. Received: 23 June 2021. Reply by: 14 July 2021. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0677/F	<p>Mr Darius Jonaitis, 54 Eastwood Avenue, March. Erect a single-storey extension linked to outbuilding of existing dwelling at 54 Eastwood Avenue, March. Received: 24 June 2021. Reply by: 15 July 2021. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0684/F	<p>Miss Amy Pigott, 183 Norwood Road, March. Erect a garden shed to rear of existing dwelling (retrospective) at 183 Norwood Road, March. Received: 25 June 2021. Reply by: 16 July 2021. Recommend approval.</p>

F/YR21/0686/F

Mr Joshua Robinson, 4 Marylebone Road, March.
Erect a 2-storey side extension, a first-floor rear extension and a porch to front of existing dwelling at 4 Marylebone Road, March.
Received: 25 June 2021.
Reply by: 16 July 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0439/F

Mr Hussey, Millfield Developments Ltd, 38 Burrowmoor Road, March.
Conversion of garage to form living accommodation at 1 Magnolia Close, March.
Application withdrawn.
Received: 2 July 2021.
Withdrawal noted.

51 Public Participation

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

52 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Main Council Meeting of 7th June 2021.
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 21st June 2021.
Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 21st June 2021.

53 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

54 Internal Audit Review for Year Ending 31st March 2021 & Reappointment of Internal Auditors

Whiting and Partners, in a letter dated 28th June 2021, stated the following:

- a) “Based on our tests there are no material items in relation to which we need to report”.
- b) “We note from discussions with you and with the minutes of the meeting dated 26th April 2021 that due to Covid restrictions it was not possible for the Mayor to undertake their normal duties. As such the mayoral expenses for 2020/21 have not been expended. We note also the decision for these to be carried forward into the 2021/22 year to be expended in addition to the annual expense allowance for that year. Given the unprecedented nature of circumstances during that year we can agree that this would seem a reasonable course of action”.

Following the proposition of Councillor Purser, seconded by Councillor Skoulding, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Internal Audit Review.

Following the proposition of Councillor K French, seconded by Councillor J French, it was unanimously agreed that Whiting and Partners be re-appointed as the Council’s Internal Auditors for year ending 31st March 2022.

55 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French and Gowing then reported as follows:

- a) The Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme for Estover Road/Creek Road has been approved.
- b) Repairs in Nene Parade are due to take place imminently where road slippage has occurred.
- c) Unsubstantiated queries have been raised in respect of the suitability of foster parents.
- d) Climate change aspirations have been brought forward from 2050 to 2030.

56 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) High Street funding has been confirmed by the Mayor of the Combined Authority.
- b) A contract manager/consultant is due to be appointed to oversee the High Street project to ensure all targets and aspirations are achieved.

57 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.37pm

Councillor K French2nd August 2021.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

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	Councillors	SR Court CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding	AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Asst. Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		Two
	Press		None

60 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Connor and White.

61 Police Update

No police were in attendance but a written report had been circulated on 1st August 2021.

62 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

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

*Application
Number*

*Name and address of applicant, details of application,
and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR21/0783/F

Mr Tony Sharman, Lilly Rose Construction Ltd., Plot 2, Land South East of 161B Creek Road, March.
Erect 1 x dwelling (3-storey 5-bed) with detached garage at Plot 2, Land South East of 161B Creek Road, March.
Received: 20 July 2021.
Reply by: 10 August 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0787/F

Mr Vawser, 50 Grounds Avenue, March.
Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling, and reinstatement of front door at 50 Grounds Avenue, March.
Received: 23 July 2021.
Reply by: 13 August 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0566/F

Brossman Mills c/o Agent (Contour Planning Services Limited).
Erection of 13 x retail units (Class A1), 1 x drive-thru restaurant/coffee shop (Class A3/A5), 2 x units with A3/A5 use and associated parking and street furniture, and the erection of a pumping station, electricity substations, formation of a customer and delivery access, a new roundabout on A141, 3 x balancing ponds, involving the demolition of existing dwelling (St Mary's View) at Land South and West of 322 Wisbech Road, Westry.
Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Retail Impact assessment advice (23.8.18., 28.10.19., 4.7.19.), Updated Transport details (17.5.21.) and CCC Transport comments (6.7.21.).
Received: 28 July 2021.
Reply by: 11 August 2021.
Since she lives adjacent to the application site, Councillor K French declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.
Only recommend approval subject to the roundabout being completely installed prior to any other development works. If this condition cannot be agreed, March Town Council would recommend refusal.

F/YR21/0786/FDL

Group Holdings (South) Limited, 3 Acre Road, March.
Creation of 8 x dwellings: Erect 4 x dwellings (2-storey 3-bed), and extend and convert existing derelict buildings to form 4 x dwellings (3 x 2-storey 1-bed and 1 x 2-storey 2-bed) involving the partial demolition of buildings within a conservation area at Site of 3 to 6 and Land West of Acre Road, March.
A Regulation 4 application for planning permission where land is owned by FDC, where FDC is not the applicant, has been received in respect of the above.
Received: 27 July 2021.
Reply by: 17 August 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0811/O

Mr Andy Hauptert, 107 Upwell Road, March.
Erect up to 8 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land South of 107 Upwell Road, March.
Received: 29 July 2021.
Reply by: 19 August 2021.
Recommend refusal unless all access/egress and flooding issues within the immediate vicinity are resolved.

63 Public Participation

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

64 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Main Council Meeting of 5th July 2021.
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 19th July 2021.

65 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 5th July 2021:

Minute 54: Whiting and Partners agreed to continue in their role as Internal Auditors in an email dated 6th July 2021.

66 Local Highway Improvement Bids 2022/23

It was reported that Cambridgeshire County Council is now accepting Local Highway Improvement (LHI) applications for the 2022/23 financial year.
The absolute deadline for the submission of such schemes is Thursday 30th September 2021, but it was agreed that it was advisable to make any MTC approved application(s) at the earliest possible opportunity.

The following schemes were put forward for discussion:

- a) Traffic calming measures between the Creek Road railway crossing and the Creek Road/Estover Road junction.

- b) Traffic calming measures between the Creek Road/Estover Road junction and Elm Road.

It was agreed that with both schemes March Town Council should be fully guided by the recommendations of Cambridgeshire County Council highway officers.

Following the discussions regarding the relative merit of each scheme, and since March comprises of two County divisions, it was decided that an application should be made for both schemes and that a March Town Council contribution of £5,000 should be offered with each bid.

It was agreed that the Assistant Town Clerk should be requested to make the necessary applications as soon as feasibly possible.

67 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French and Gowing then reported as follows:

- a) March Fire Station is being retained along with a first aid responder.
- b) Part of Nene Parade will be having a full road closure to allow repairs where the riverbank/road have slipped. Investigations are underway to ascertain the cause of such slippage.
- c) Due to recent incidents in the vicinity, it is hoped that the works within our recently approved Creek Road LHI Scheme will be undertaken as a matter of urgency.
- d) The parking bays adjacent to the Station Road zebra crossing may need to be closed because of safety concerns.
- e) With planings provided by CCC, Lime Grove has been resurfaced. It is noted that residents will have to pay for any future maintenance of this road.

68 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) An additional £1.1M has been agreed with the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to enable the High Street/Broad Street project to proceed as planned.
- b) The following problems are currently being investigated:
 - i) Speeding issues in Upwell Road.
 - ii) West End “park side” moorings that have fallen into disrepair.
 - iii) Flooding issues throughout the town.
 - iv) Continued closure of the Broad Street disabled toilet cubicle.

69 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

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

Councillor K French6th September 2021.
Mayor of March.

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	Town Clerk		C Lemmon
	Public		One

72 Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor John Gowing.

73 Police Update

No police were in attendance and no written report had been circulated.

It was noted, however, that this was because the next meeting between the Police and Town & Parish Council Chairmen was not due to be held until Tuesday 7th September 2021.

74 Planning Applications

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It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

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

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/0747/F	<p>Mr Ian Tabor, 164 Elm Road, March.</p> <p>Erect a single-storey 2-bed dwelling and detached outbuilding involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings at 164 Elm Road, March.</p> <p>Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Amended windows to front elevation and amended outbuilding design.</p> <p>Received: 26 August 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 9 September 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0850/F	<p>Mr G Smith, Radnor Farm, Goosetree Road, Rings End.</p> <p>Erect a single-storey rear extension and porch to side of existing dwelling at Radnor Farm, Goosetree Road, Rings End, Wisbech.</p> <p>Received: 18 August 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 8 September 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0855/F	<p>Mr Lee Russell, Cedarwoods, 72 Barton Road, Wisbech.</p> <p>Erect 25 x dwellings (2-storey 3-bed) with associated garages, parking and landscaping, and the formation of an access, involving the demolition of existing outbuilding at 7 Wisbech Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 17 August 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 7 September 2021.</p> <p>Recommend refusal due to massive over-development.</p>
F/YR21/0883/F	<p>March Sports Association, Elm Road Sports Field, Elm Road, March.</p> <p>Erect a changing room and toilet facilities building, and insertion of 1.2m high entrance gates, at Elm Road Sports Association, Elm Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 26 August 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 16 September 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0886/F	<p>Mrs T King, All Saints Inter-Church Academy, County Road, March.</p> <p>Siting of a mobile classroom for use by playgroup/out of school club (retrospective) at All Saints Inter-Church VA Primary School, County Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 24 August 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 14 September 2021.</p> <p>Since she is employed by the school, Councillor Johnson declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

F/YR21/0887/F

Mr P Burke, Force One Ltd, Unit 8, Arthur Park, 20 Thorby Avenue, March.

Erect 1 x office/workshop, 1 x vehicle workshop and 1 x training centre, 2.4m high (approx.) fence and formation of car park and associated infrastructure at Land North West of Middle Level Commissioners, Whittlesey Road, March.

Received: 31 August 2021.

Reply by: 21 September 2021.

Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0974/VOC

Mr Garry Harradine, 23 Wisbech Road, March.

Variation of Condition 2 (occupant) of planning permission F/YR13/0452/F (Erection of 2 x light industrial units, 2 x 5-bed 2-storey dwellings and 2 x detached double garages, involving the demolition of existing buildings) to read “the commercial unit and associated dwelling will be retained by a sole owner/landlord and managed as such, properties shall not be sold separately under any circumstance” at The Old Dairy Buildings, Grange Road, March.

Received: 3 September 2021.

Reply by: 24 September 2021.

Recommend approval.

75 Public Participation

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

76 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 2nd August 2021.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 16th August 2021.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 16th August 2021.

77 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 2nd August 2021:

Minute 66: The two bids under the Local Highway Improvement Scheme 2022/23 were forwarded to Cambridgeshire County Council on 13th August 2021.

Minute 68: Councillor J French reported that the Broad Street disabled toilet is eventually due to be repaired and put back into service this week.

- Re Allotments: Councillor Connor highlighted concerns raised by one of the tenants of Wimblington Road allotments. Discussions ensued, after which the following conclusions were agreed:
- a) In future, the following clause should be added to all tenancy agreements – “Allotments are purely for the use of persons residing within the parish of March. Any allotment tenant who moves away from the parish of March will relinquish their tenancy immediately”
 - b) In the case of the disputed tenancy, it was agreed that, on this one occasion only, the tenant should be given twelve months’ notice to vacate the allotment in question (vacate by 4th October 2022 latest).
 - c) It was agreed that the person in question should also be provided with Councillor Connor’s mobile telephone number so that the possibility of a replacement allotment in Benwick could be discussed.

78 Grants and Donations

Prior to discussions commencing, the Clerk advised Councillors that £2,000 of funding had been provided under this heading within the current year’s budget.

This could be regarded as £500 per quarter or split on whatever other basis that Councillors decreed.

No grants have yet been awarded in this financial year.

Five applications for funding have been received as follows:

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| Name: | Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR). |
| Amount requested: | £350. |
| Purpose of grant: | Replacement kit for one of their Search Technicians. |
| Name: | Magpas Air Ambulance. |
| Amount requested: | £1,000. |
| Purpose of grant: | Provision of fuel for their AW-169 helicopter. |
| Name: | March Library (Cambridgeshire County Council). |
| Amount requested: | £250. |
| Purpose of grant: | Family activities in lieu of the Summer Reading Challenge. |
| Name: | 1 st March Scout Group. |
| Amount requested: | £500. |
| Purpose of grant: | Provision of improved technology for record-keeping and fund-raising activities. |
| Name: | Rowan. |
| Amount requested: | £105. |
| Purpose of grant: | Provision of arts training for adults with learning disability. |

It was noted that all applicants met the necessary criteria and the total of the above applications amounted to £2,205.

Prior to discussions commencing, Councillors Elkin and Skoulding declared personal interests and took no part in such discussions.

Councillor Elkin is an officer within 1st March Scout Group and Councillor Skoulding is currently fund-raising for MAGPAS in a personal capacity.

Following lengthy discussions, it was unanimously agreed that all applications should be awarded in full as follows:

Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR)	£ 350.
Magpas Air Ambulance	£1,000.
March Library (Cambridgeshire County Council)	£ 250.
1 st March Scout Group	£ 500.
Rowan	£ 105.

79 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillor J French then reported as follows:

- a) Under the new administration, CCC monthly meetings have been cancelled and replaced with quarterly ones.
- b) Parking enforcement is due to be discussed at a Highways meeting on 7th September 2021. If approved, it could still take over two years to fully implement.

80 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) A cycling / walking strategy is currently being discussed to encourage motorists to use alternative modes of transport within town.

81 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

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

Councillor K French4th October 2021.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 4th October 2021 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French R Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White	AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin
	Town Clerk Asst Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		None

84 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Connor and County Councillor Gowing.

85 Police Update

No police were in attendance and no written report had been circulated by the Chairman because the Police had requested extensive parts be redacted.

As such, it was agreed that the Clerk should email Sgt Richard Lugg to request one of the following:

- A monthly report being provided that all Councillors are entitled to read without any parts being redacted. If required, an additional report could be forwarded to the Chairman attending any such restricted meetings.
- A return to the time when the Police visited each Parish or Town on a suggested annual or bi-annual basis to meet and exchange views with all Councillors.
- Any improvements to the current system that allowed all Councillors to feel that they were an important part of the on-going consultation process.

86 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

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

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/1013/F	<p>Innerspace Homes Group Limited c/o Agent (Mr E Durrant, Pegasus Group, Histon).</p> <p>Hybrid Application: Full application to erect 41 x dwellings (1 x 2-storey 2-bed, 28 x 2-storey 3-bed and 12 x 2-storey 4-bed) with associated parking, landscaping and a new access, and Outline Application with matters committed in respect of access for the erection of up to 2 x dwellings at Land West of 180 to 200 Elm Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 20 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 11 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend refusal due to over-development.</p>
F/YR21/1010/RM	<p>Mr & Mrs C Grey, 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 6 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0931/O, to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 4-bed) with detached garage, and associated works at Land South of 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 21 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 12 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1011/RM	<p>Mr & Mrs S Guest, 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 4 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0931/O, to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 5-bed) and associated works at Land South of 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 21 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 12 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1040/F	<p>Mr S Brett, 36 Elwyn Road, March.</p> <p>Erect an extension to existing domestic garage at 36 Elwyn Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 22 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 13 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1052/F	<p>Mr & Mrs K Veness, 83 Deerfield Road, March.</p> <p>Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of kitchen/conservatory at 83 Deerfield Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 22 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 13 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

- F/YR21/1087/F Mr & Mrs Gordon Burgess, 124 Elliott Road, March.
Erect single-storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling at 124 Elliott Road, March.
Received: 30 September 2021.
Reply by: 21 October 2021.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/1093/F Mr D Watson, 20 Ellingham Avenue, March.
Erect a 2-storey side extension and front porch canopy, installation of cladding and render to existing dwelling at 20 Ellingham Avenue, March.
Received: 30 September 2021.
Reply by: 21 October 2021.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/1105/O Mrs Elizabeth Wilkinson, 8 Steeple View, March.
Erect up to 4 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land South and West of Highfield House, Elm Road, March.
Received: 1 October 2021.
Reply by: 22 October 2021.
Since the applicant is his spouse, the Deputy Town Clerk (GSD Wilkinson) declared a pecuniary interest and left the room whilst this application was being discussed.
Recommend approval.

87 Street Naming

The developers have requested suggestions for the names of two roads for the development on land north of The Green and north of 145-159 Wisbech Road, March.
The following two names were suggested:
Hazelnut Close and Pond View.

88 Public Participation

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

89 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Main Council Meeting of 6th September 2021.
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 20th September 2021.
Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 20th September 2021.

90 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 6th September 2021:

Minute 77 / Allotments: It was reported that all recommendations have now been actioned.

91 External Auditor Report for Year Ending 31st March 2021

The Clerk informed Councillors that the external auditor (PKF Littlejohn LLP) had issued their Annual Report on 8th September 2021.

It stated:

“On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met”.

There were no other matters that the auditors considered necessary to raise.

92 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French then reported as follows:

- a) The preliminary designs for the March Area Transport Scheme are now complete and have been submitted to the Combined Authority as the first stage in the approval process.
- b) Councillor Skoulding asked Councillor J French to investigate why the rear access (in Robingoodfellows Lane) to the Further Education Centre had been locked. A defibrillator was located within the Further Education Centre but could not be accessed from the carpark located on the other side of the road whilst the gate remained locked.

93 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) The Walking and Cycling Strategy, designed to encourage motorists to adopt other modes of transport within town, is now being finalised.

94 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Councillor K French1st November 2021.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 1st November 2021 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French R Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	DW Connor AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin	SR Court CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White
	County Councillor		JW Gowing
	Town Clerk Asst Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		None

97 Apologies

No apologies were received.

98 Police Update

A written report is due to be circulated in the next two days once the Mayor has checked the contents thereof.

99 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

It was agreed that one additional planning application would be discussed.

*Application
Number*

*Name and address of applicant, details of application,
and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR21/1175/F

Partner Construction Ltd., Media House, Azalea Drive,
Swanley, Kent.

Erect 65 x dwellings comprising of 4 x 3-storey 4-bed, 40 x 2-storey 3-bed 13 x 2-storey 2-bed and 2 x blocks of flats (8 x 1-bed), and the installation of a pumping station and substation, and formation of 2 x attenuation pond areas at Land East of York Lodge, Gaul Road, March.

Received: 18 October 2021.

Reply by: 8 November 2021.

Since he is a member of the Fenland District Scouting Association that owns land next to the application site, Councillor Elkin declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.

Recommend approval subject to satisfactory flood risk assessment.

F/YR21/1185/O

Elmside Limited, Grosvenor House, 66-67 Athol Street,
Douglas, Isle of Man.

Erect up to 9 x dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land South West of Queen Street Close, March.

Since she is employed by the school that is adjacent to the application site, Councillor Johnson declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.

Received: 21 October 2021.

Reply by: 11 November 2021.

Recommend approval.

F/YR21/1193/RM

Mr A Fovargue, Cross Road Poultry Farm, Cross Road, March.
Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and access pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0972/FDC to erect 1 x dwelling to Land East of 80 Upwell Road, March.

Received: 21 October 2021.

Reply by: 11 November 2021.

Recommend refusal since the design is out-of-keeping with the surrounding properties.

F/YR21/1214/VOC	<p>Ms S Brind, Sanctuary Homes, Avro House, 49 Lancaster Way Business Park, Witchford, Ely.</p> <p>Variation of condition 19 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR18/0458/F (Erection of 24 x 2-storey dwellings comprising of 12 x 2-bed and 12 x 3-bed together with an extension to Kingswood Road to provide new vehicular and pedestrian access) in relation to Plots 11 and 12 and removal of sub-station at Site of Former Kingswood Park Residential Home, Kingswood Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 21 October 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 11 November 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1220/TRCA	<p>Mr Nick Munns, March Museum, High Street, March.</p> <p>Fell 1 x Alder and Works to 1 x Ash Tree and 2 x Silver Birch Trees within a Conservation Area at The March Museum, High Street, March.</p> <p>Received: 19 October 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 9 November 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0819/FDL	<p>Mrs W Carver, 12 Waveney Drive, March.</p> <p>Erect 1 x dwelling involving the demolition of existing outbuildings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land South of Gillingham Lodge, The Chase, Gaul Road, March.</p> <p>Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Scheme amended from separate footpath to widened shared surface and highways requirements included at the junction with Gaul Road.</p> <p>Received: 29 October 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 8 November 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

100 Public Participation

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

101 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 4th October 2021.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 18th October 2021.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 18th October 2021.

102 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 4th October 2021:

Minute 85: The Clerk reported that he had emailed Sgt Richard Lugg on 5th October 2021 with Councillors concerns. A response dated 8th October 2021 stated that he would continue to forward full copies of all minutes to Councillors following the meetings with their respective Mayors. If, on any occasion, the Mayor could not attend the meeting, a substitute could be appointed in place thereof.
Budgets, however, did not allow for his general attendance at Council meetings but in-person visits would continue to be arranged on limited irregular occasions.

Councillor J French also reported that “Specials” will be visiting all schools in the near future to enforce parking issues.

Re Christmas lights Working Party Meeting of 18th October 2021:

Page 3, Point 15: Councillor Elkin reported that the “Iceland” lamp posts had still not been fitted with the necessary sockets as previously promised.

103 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Councillor Jack outlined details of events, including beacon lighting, that are being arranged on a national basis.

Discussions ensued and the following points were agreed:

- a) Due to the problems involved, March Town Council should not, at this stage, consider joining the national beacon lighting ceremonies.
- b) March Town Council would plant trees in recognition of this amazing achievement and encourage local families and organisations to do the same.
- c) March Town Council would consider commissioning a plaque to be placed in a prominent position within town (such position as yet to be agreed).

104 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French and Gowing then reported as follows:

- a) Civil Parking Enforcement will continue to be progressed at the earliest possible opportunity.
- b) Flooding issues within town are still being encountered even though Cambridgeshire County Council has already carried out extensive remedial works.
- c) Enforcement action will be taken against any property owners who have illegally filled in dykes etc.
- d) Councillor J French is still trying to ascertain why the rear gates to the Further Education Centre have been locked. It was noted that someone had to recently climb over these gates to access the defibrillator. A less-fit or older person would not have been able to undertake such a task.

105 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) Many complaints are being received by local Councillors concerning the inconsiderate and illegal parking in Cavalry Park within close proximity to the school.

106 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Councillor K French6th December 2021.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 6th December 2021 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French R Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White	AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin
	County Councillor		JW Gowing
	Town Clerk Asst Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		None

109 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Connor.

110 Police Update

A written report was circulated on 24th November 2021 relating to the previous liaison meeting held on 28th October 2021.

A further meeting was held on 1st December 2021 and these minutes were distributed on 2nd December 2021.

111 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

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

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/1192/RM	<p>Mr & Mrs Topping, 7 Mill Hill Lane, March.</p> <p>Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR20/0335/O to erect 2 x dwellings at Land South and West of 4-5 Mill Hill Lane, March.</p> <p>Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Layout amendments.</p> <p>Received: 23 November 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 7 December 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1235/VOC	<p>Mrs L Pluckrose, 27 City Road, March.</p> <p>Variation of condition 09 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR14/0034/F (Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling and detached double garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and buildings) at 194 Whittlesey Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 17 November 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 8 December 2021.</p> <p>Recommend refusal. The original design is aesthetically preferable for this location.</p>
F/YR21/1275/F	<p>Mr Guy Clandillon, Guy James Ltd, 3 Limetree Close, Westry, March.</p> <p>Erect 3 x dwellings (2-storey 4-bed) (part retrospective) at Plots 1-3, Land North of Woodville, Wisbech Road, Westry, March.</p> <p>Received: 16 November 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 7 December 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1320/F	<p>Mr J Overland, The Bungalow, Coleseed Road, March.</p> <p>Erect a dog kennel block, a day care unit, an office cabin, and a 1.8m high boundary fence, including the associated change of use of land to sui generis (domestic/commercial) and the formation of an access at The Bungalow, Coleseed Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 24 November 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 15 December 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1343/O	<p>Mr M Henson c/o Swann Edwards Architecture.</p> <p>Erect up to 9 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land East of 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 29 November 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 20 December 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

F/YR21/1345/TRTPO	<p>Mr Jonathon Chandler, 4A St Peters Road, March. Works to 1 x Lime tree and 1 x Willow tree covered by TPO 15/1988 at Springfield Rest Home, 63 The Causeway, March. Received: 16 November 2021. Reply by: 7 December 2021. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1347/F	<p>Ms Naomi Largerman-Warby, 2 Sycamore Close, March. Erect a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at 2 Sycamore Close, March. Received: 24 November 2021. Reply by: 15 December 2021. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/0887/F	<p>Mr P Burke, Force One Ltd, Unit 8 Arthur Park, 20 Thorby Avenue, March. Erect 1 x office/workshop, 1 x vehicle workshop and 1 x training centre, 2.4m high (approx.) fence and formation of car park and associated infrastructure at Land North West of Middle Level Commissioners, Whittlesey Road, March. Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Amended Location Plan H6537/02, revision A Amended site layout plan H6537/07, revision B Response to Highways comments, Amended Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy. Received: 13 December 2021. Reply by: 17 December 2021. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1352/F	<p>Paul Gillings, JD Wetherspoon Plc, Wetherspoon House, Central Park, Reeds Crescent, Watford. Installation of external insulation and cladding to walls and roof at The Hippodrome, Dartford Road, March. Received: 1 December 2021. Reply by: 22 December 2021. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1367/LB	<p>Rob Tinworth, 36 High Street, March. Internal and external works to Listed Building including replacement windows, lintel and staircase, and installation of stud walls and reinstate fireplace at 36 High Street, March. Received: 2 December 2021. Reply by: 23 December 2021. Recommend approval.</p>

112 Public Participation

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

113 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 1st November 2021.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 15th November 2021.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 15th November 2021.

114 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 1st November 2021:

Minute 102/18.10.21.Xmas Lights: The Clerk reported that he had emailed Garry Edwards on 2nd November to enquire about the “Iceland” lamp posts. A response received that same day indicated that he thought the work had been completed.

In consequence, the Clerk e-mailed Councillor Elkin to get him to check the veracity of his previous comments. Subsequently, all problems have been resolved.

Minute 104 Point d: Councillor J French reported that a walk-through would be installed to the rear of the Further Education Centre to allow access to the defibrillator. However, at this point in time, a timescale could not be provided.

115 Budget for 2022/23

The Clerk presented the proposals for the 2022 / 2023 budget and precept.

The Clerk also informed Councillors of the following:

- a) At this point in time, Towns and Parishes did not have to work under the same Government constraints that Districts and Counties were bound by i.e. a restricted rise in Council Tax charges.
- b) Towns and Parishes could, in the future, be requested to undertake more additional functions that Districts and Counties currently undertook but may decide to cut back due to budget constraints.
- c) The budget presented took account of the economic climate and likely changes to future precept rules. It had been set to maintain the services and support currently provided whilst ensuring adequate reserves.
- d) Due to the possibility of the FDC tax-base estimate changing, it would be necessary to approve the budget and precept in principle at this meeting and then ratify or amend the figures accordingly at the 10th January 2022 meeting.

In particular, the Clerk highlighted the following points within the budget:

- a) Maintaining relatively high contingencies due to the unpredictable nature of local politics in possibly having to provide unexpected support.
- b) Continued support for the town’s CCTV.
- c) Continued support for March Town FC Estover CIC (previously known as Estover Playing Field 2015 CIC).
- d) Continued support for March Museum and March Street Pride.

Following discussions, it was unanimously agreed that the budget and precept be accepted without amendment (Proposer Councillor J French, Seconder Councillor Purser).

The figures accepted equated to a budget of £301,320 and a precept requirement of £320,000.

It was agreed that these figures would be ratified (following amendment if necessary) at the 10th January 2022 meeting.

Full details relating to the budget and precept will be included as an appendix to the 10th January 2022 minutes, at which time all outstanding items will have been finalised.

116 Positioning of Replacement Town Toilets

Councillor J French reported that funding will be made available for the provision of new public toilets in conjunction with the High Street/Broad Street Refurbishment Scheme. What has not been agreed upon, however, is the best place for these to be situated.

Discussions ensued and the following points were agreed:

- a) A location within or adjacent to the Leisure Centre was not appropriate and too far from the town centre.
- b) If we are to encourage people to visit our town centre shops and facilities, it is necessary to provide public toilets in that area.
- c) Since the “old mans’ shelter” is due to be demolished, it was felt that the preferred positioning of the replacement toilets should be in a similar area to the one already occupied.
- d) The two options are:
 - i) Demolish the current toilet block and move the new one a short distance to the left or right.
 - ii) Completely refurbish the current toilet block and move any planned seating to either side thereof.
- e) If the refurbishment option was accepted, possibly the most economically viable solution, it would be necessary to do so in a proper manner. Unlike the current toilets, it is essential that the refurbished edition allowed chemicals/bleach to be used on the chosen materials to ensure a clean user-friendly environment.

It was agreed that the Clerk should notify Phil Hughes (FDC) of March Town Council’s decisions.

117 Grants and Donations

No applications for funding had been received during the last quarter.

118 Trees

Councillors discussed various suggestions that had been made regarding tree planting to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee but considered many other options were available.

It was suggested, therefore, that a Diamond Jubilee Sub-Committee be formed to

- a) establish the most suitable sites for tree planting and
- b) decide upon the preferred type of plaque required (also to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee), the wording thereon and a suitable location.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee should comprise of Councillors K French (Chair), J French, Johnson, Skoulding and White.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee should be brought back to a future Main Council Meeting for ratification and approval.

119 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French and Gowing then reported as follows:

- a) £1.51 million additional funding for March has been agreed by the Combined Authority.
- b) Discussions are ongoing regarding the railway underpass at Stonea. There is the possibility that this may be closed and automated gates installed on the road that crosses the railway line.

120 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) City Fibre will commence cable-laying works within town on 12th January 2022.
- b) 21.5 acres of land, situated between their Gaul Road housing development and the bypass, are due to be transferred from Cannon Kirk to Fenland District Council in Spring 2022. This could provide another ideal site for tree planting.

121 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Councillor K French10th January 2022.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 10th January 2022 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French R Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	DW Connor AR Donnelly R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White	SR Court J French MW Purser G Tustin
	Town Clerk		C Lemmon
	Public		None

Prior to the meeting commencing, one minutes silence was held in memory of Geoff Wilkinson (Assistant Town Clerk) who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on 12th December 2021.

124 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Elkin and County Councillor Gowing.

125 Police Update

No written report had been circulated.

126 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

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

*Application
Number*

*Name and address of applicant, details of application,
and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR21/1484/F

Mr J Salter, 10 Woodlands Avenue, March.
Conversion of loft and install dormer windows and cladding to front and velux roof lights to rear to form additional living accommodation to existing dwelling and erect a detached double garage involving demolition of existing garage at 10 Woodlands Avenue, March.
Received: 22 December 2021.
Reply by: 12 January 2022.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/1488/RM

Mr D Betts, D R Betts Bespoke Joinery, 43 Whittlesey Road, March.
Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR20/1103/O, to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 4-bed) and detached garage with games room above at Land South East of 43 Whittlesey Road, March.
Received: 23 December 2021.
Reply by: 13 January 2022.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/1496/F

Mr & Mrs Ogden, 95 Foxglove Way, March.
Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 95 Foxglove Way, March.
Received: 21 December 2021.
Reply by: 11 January 2022.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/1497/O

Mrs Anne Dew, Persimmon Homes East Midlands, Persimmon House, 19 Commerce Road, Lynch Wood, Peterborough.
Erect up to 1,200 x dwellings with associated infrastructure, public open space, allotments, local centre and primary school, involving the demolition of existing buildings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land West of The Avenue, March.
Received: 4 January 2022.
Reply by: 25 January 2022.
Recommend approval, but only subject to the following conditions:

- a) Roundabout on bypass (A141) and site access from such roundabout being constructed prior to any house-building being commenced.
- b) No site access from Knights End Road.
- c) Full flooding and drainage assessment being undertaken.

F/YR21/1506/F

Screwfix Direct Limited, Trade House, Mead Avenue,
Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil.
Change of use of building from retail (Class E) to storage and
distribution (B8) at Unit 4, Meadowland Retail Park, Wisbech
Road, March.
Received: 7 January 2022.
Reply by: 28 January 2022.
Recommend approval.

127 Public Participation

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

128 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Main Council Meeting of 6th December 2021.
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 20th December 2021.

129 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 6th December 2021:

Minute 116: The Clerk reported that he had spoken to and emailed Phil Hughes on 7th December 2021 in regards to the positioning of the replacement town toilets. No response has been received.

130 Affirmation of Budget / Precept for 2022/23

The Town Clerk confirmed all details regarding the proposed budget and precept documents for 2022 / 2023.

The figures presented were confirmed as follows:

Budget figure	£301,320.
Total funding required	£305,070.
Net Council Tax Base	6,726.
Amount obtained by precept	£320,000.
Charge per property	£47.58p.

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.

131 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillor J French then reported as follows:

- a) Councillor J French is due to present a petition to CCC concerning the lack of a “special needs” educational facility within the town on 18th January 2022.

132 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) Dr Nik Johnson (Combined Authority Mayor) and Stephen Barclay MP are due to meet in town in the near future to discuss the High Street project.
- b) CityFibre are due to start work in town soon.

133 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Councillor K French7th February 2022.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 7th February 2022 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French	Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White	AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin
	County Councillor		JW Gowing
	Town Clerk		C Lemmon
	Public		None

136 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Connor and it was noted that, due to personal reasons, Councillor Jack had requested a few months leave of absence.

137 Police Update

A written report had been circulated on 31st January 2022, and the next Liaison Meeting is due to be held on Thursday 10th February 2022.

Councillor K French was requested to again raise the question of the need for Police parking enforcement in several different areas of town.

138 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

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

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/1534/F	<p>Mrs Lizzy Goodger, 109 Dartford Road, March. Conversion of garage to additional living accommodation at 109 Dartford Road, March. Received: 24 January 2022. Reply by: 14 February 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1535/F	<p>Mr D Henson, Coleseed Lodge, Upwell Road, March. Erect a part two-storey part single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at Coleseed Lodge, Upwell Road, March. Received: 24 January 2022. Reply by: 14 February 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0046/F	<p>Mr Ace Hudson, 293 Norwood Road, March. Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling and installation of window to existing side elevation at 293 Norwood Road, March. Received: 27 January 2022. Reply by: 17 February 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0047/F	<p>Mr D Mundy, 15 Regent Avenue, March. Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 4-bed) with integral garage at 21 Alpha Street, March. Received: 26 January 2022. Reply by: 16 February 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0087/F	<p>Darren Ogden & Ramona Lilley, 38 Green Street, March. Erect a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at 38 Green Street, March. Received: 27 January 2022. Reply by: 17 February 2022. Since he is a friend of the applicants, Councillor Elkin declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application. Recommend approval.</p>

F/YR21/1235/VOC

Mrs L Pluckrose, 27 City Road, March.

Variation of Condition 09 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR14/0034/F (erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling and detached double garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and buildings) at 194 Whittlesey Road, March.

Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Significant design changes, new drawings submitted for consideration.

Received: 2 February 2022.

Reply by: 16 February 2022.

Recommend approval.

F/YR22/0075/F

Mr & Mrs Smith, Infields Farm, Goosetree Road, Rings End.

Erect a 2-storey extension to side (North-West) of existing dwelling at Infields Farm, Goosetree Road, Rings End.

Received: 4 February 2022.

Reply by: 25 February 2022.

Recommend approval.

139 Public Participation

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

140 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 10th January 2022.

Personnel & Admin Sub-Committee Meeting of 11th January 2022.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Sub-Committee Meeting of 18th January 2022.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 24th January 2022.

141 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 10th January 2022:

Minute 130:

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the 2022/23 Precept Form to Fenland District Council on 11th January 2022.

Re Personnel & Admin Sub-Committee Meeting of 11th January 2022:

Councillors ratified the findings of the Personnel & Admin Sub-Committee and its recommendations in relation to current and prospective employees.

It was agreed that advertising for the Town Clerk's position should commence immediately.

142 Agreement to Armed Forces Covenant

Details relating to the Armed Forces Covenant had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Following discussions, it was unanimously agreed that March Town Council should fully endorse this worthwhile expression of support.

143 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French and Gowing then reported as follows:

- a) The March Town Council 2022/23 LHI applications had been presented to the panel on 2nd February 2022.
- b) There will be a Full Cambridgeshire County Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th February 2022.
- c) Disagreements are ongoing regarding the transfer of funds away from specified projects to reserves.

144 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) Staff home-working practices are to be investigated.

145 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Councillor K French7th March 2022.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 7th March 2022 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French	Town Mayor
	Councillors	DW Connor AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin	SR Court CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White
	County Councillor		JW Gowing
	Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk		C Lemmon SA Taylor
	Public		None

148 Apologies

No apologies were received.

149 Presentation by Robin Sutton, Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch

Robin Sutton highlighted the following points:

- This year marks the 40th anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch. Nationally it has two million members but the March branch, like many towns, is currently redundant.
- Neighbourhood Watch has a new website that offers useful and practical advice to users.
- Common sense, burglar alarms, CCTV, good lighting, lockable windows and quality door locks all dramatically reduce the opportunity for theft. Thieves are both professional and mobile and, obviously, prefer “easy” targets which provide less risk of detection.
- Crime is currently rising but effective Neighbourhood Watch can assist in alleviating this problem.
- Neighbourhood Watch brings groups of people together to assist with issues within their community and, effectively, becomes the “eyes and ears” of that community.
- It is important for everyone to be aware of community problems and antisocial behaviour and then report those issues to the police by telephoning 101. The police cannot intervene or assist effectively without local knowledge.

A “question and answer” session ensued during which the following points were raised:

- To form a new Neighbourhood Watch group, it is imperative to have good coordinators. It is often recommended doing an initial leaflet drop advising prospective members of the aims of Neighbourhood Watch and providing details of the website.
- Thereafter, small neighbourhood groups can be formed and membership is free via the website.

Following his presentation, Robin Sutton was thanked by the Mayor and left the meeting at 7.40pm.

150 Police Update

A written report had been circulated on 14th February 2022 and 4th March 2022. The next Liaison Meeting is due to be held on 6th April 2022.

Councillors were again advised to ring 101 if they witnessed anything of concern so that the police were aware of ongoing anti-social/illegal behavioural issues.

151 Planning Applications (including Street Naming)

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

The afore-mentioned Councillors always leave the debating table for the duration of this agenda item.

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

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR22/0145/F	Mr Mark Crofts, 170 Cavalry Park, March. Erect a single-storey rear extension, a porch and infill extension to front of existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory at 170 Cavalry Park, March. Received: 23 February 2022. Reply by: 16 March 2022. Recommend approval.
F/YR22/0199/TRTPO	Miss Chelsea Terry, Innovation Group, 4 Linnet Court, Cawledge Business Park, Alnwick. Fell 2 x Ash Trees and 2 x Oak Trees covered by TPO 1/2011 and TPO Land East of 88 West End, March. Received: 21 February 2022. Reply by: 14 March 2022. Recommend approval.
STREET NAMING:	Land South of 135 and 137 Upwell Road, March. (Site Plan available at F/YR19/0931/O). Developer's suggestion: Icen Close. Recommend approval.

F/YR21/1395/F	<p>Mrs Michelle Palmer, Land South of Pear Tree Farm, Cross Road, March.</p> <p>Erect 2 x polytunnels and 1 x agricultural storage building at Land South of Pear Tree Farm, Cross Road, March.</p> <p>Application withdrawn.</p> <p>Received: 3 March 2022.</p> <p>Withdrawal noted.</p>
F/YR22/0197/F	<p>Mr Louie Claridge, 18 Burn Street, March.</p> <p>Erect a single-storey extension to side/rear of existing dwelling at 18 Burn Street, March.</p> <p>Received: 3 March 2022.</p> <p>Reply by: 24 March 2022.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0202/VOC	<p>Minster Property Group Ltd and This Land Ltd, c/o Agent, 155 Main Street, Grenoside, Sheffield.</p> <p>Variation of condition 25 (list of approved plans) relating to planning permission F/YR19/1064/F (Erect 21 x dwellings [8 x 2-storey 2-bed and 13 x 2-storey 3-bed] involving demolition of former depot buildings including the erection of a 2.4 metre boundary fence adjacent to numbers 1-4 Stevens Way) – amendments to dwelling designs and visitor parking at Former Highways Depot, Queens Street, March.</p> <p>Received: 2 March 2022.</p> <p>Reply by: 23 March 2022.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0207/VOC	<p>Minster Property Group Ltd and This Land Ltd, c/o Agent, 155 Main Street, Grenoside, Sheffield.</p> <p>Removal of condition 3 (potential future access points) and variation of condition 22 (list of approved drawings) relating to planning permission F/YR19/1068/F (Erect 48 x 2-storey dwellings and 2 x single storey dwellings comprising 24 x 2-bed, 21 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 the demolition of existing buildings) – to allow changes to house types / schedule of accommodation at Land North of Maple Grove Infant School, Maple Grove, march.</p> <p>Received: 2 March 2022.</p> <p>Reply by: 23 March 2022</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

152 **Public Participation**

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

153 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Sub-Committee Meeting of 7th February 2022.
Main Council Meeting of 7th February 2022.
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 21st February 2022.
Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 21st February 2022.
Personnel & Administrative Sub-Committee Meeting of 25th February 2022.

154 Matters Arising

Re Queen's Platinum Jubilee Sub-Committee Meeting of 7th February 2022:

Contact has been made with Mark Turner to design and provide a quotation for a wall-mounted plaque in granite.

Re Main Council Meeting of 7th February 2022:

Minute 141/ Personnel & Admin: Our new Assistant Town Clerk, Mrs Sally Taylor, commenced her employment on 14th February 2022.

Re Personnel & Admin Sub-Committee Meeting of 25th February 2022:

Subject to agreement with her current employers, it is hoped that the incoming Town Clerk will commence her employment on Monday 28th March 2022.

Additional Matter Arising:

Pay scales dated back to 1st April 2021 have just been agreed and equate to a rise of approximately 1.75%. The new rates, along with arrears, will be implemented in the March 2022 wage payments which will appear on the schedule of accounts dated 21st March 2022.

155 Grants and Donations

Prior to discussions commencing, the Clerk advised Councillors that £2,205.00p had already been spent during the current financial year under this budget heading. The amount provided within the budget had been £2,000.00p.

Three further applications for funding had been received as follows:

Name:	March Library, Cambridgeshire County Council.
Amount requested:	£250 to £500.
Purpose of grant:	To support the Summer Reading Challenge which encourages children to continue reading over the summer holidays by holding events and workshops within the library.
Name:	Girl Guiding (4 th March Brownies).
Amount requested:	Unspecified amount.
Purpose of grant:	To contribute towards the cost of painting their existing storage container, the total cost of which is £955.

Name: March Armed Forces Fair.
Amount requested: £1,000.
Purpose of grant: To contribute towards the March Armed Forces Fair that will be held on West End Park on 4th September 2022.

All applicants met the general criteria but it was noted that March Library had received some funding in the September 2021 round of applications. As such, their last receipt of funding was within one year of this application and, in accordance with normal rules, further applications should be precluded until September 2022. Discussions ensued as to whether the influence of previous Covid restrictions could be used as a mitigating factor in reaching a final decision in this respect.

Following discussions, the following payments were approved:

March Library: £300.00p to be paid from The Mayors Charity Fund. March Library to be advised that it can apply to March Town Council again with effect from the September 2022 Main Council meeting.
4th March Brownies: £250.00p.
March Armed Forces Fair: £1,000.00p.

156 Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2022/23

Due to activities during 2020/21 and 2021/22 being severely restricted because of the Coronavirus epidemic and subsequent national lockdowns, the current post holders have only experienced, held or attended a minimal number of events.

As such, Councillor Purser proposed and Councillor Connor seconded, with all in favour, that Councillor K French should remain in post for a third term.

Because of Councillor Jack's extended leave of absence, Councillor K French proposed and Councillor White seconded, with all in favour, that Councillor Purser become Deputy Mayor for 2022/23.

Both Councillor K French and Purser stated that they would be honoured to accept and hoped that 2022/23 would see a continuing return to normality and an end to the problems associated with Covid 19.

Since local elections are due to be held in May 2023, it will not be possible to determine the 2023/24 incumbents until the post-election Annual Meeting of 15th May 2023.

157 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French and Gowing then reported as follows:

- a) Station Road has recently been resurfaced.
- b) Full Council Meetings are now only held quarterly.
- c) The 2022/23 budgets have now been finalised but, even though £6.8 million is held in reserves, no funding has been allowed for the general repair of potholes.
- d) The Fire Authority is now used much more often in their role as first responders.
- e) Councillors received more complaints about potholes and the state of footpaths than anything else.

158 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) City Fibre works are progressing well and a finish date is anticipated by the end of June 2022.
- b) The High Street regeneration discussions are ongoing.

159 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

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

Councillor K French4th April 2022.
Mayor of March.

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 4th April 2022 held in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French	Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court J French MW Purser	AR Donnelly R Johnson
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk		C Lemmon
	Town Clerk Elect		SL Lemmon
	Asst. Town Clerk		SA Taylor
	Public		

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Connor, Elkin, Jack, Skoulding, Tustin and White.

2 Police Update

All written reports to date have been circulated. A further liaison meeting is due to be held on 6th April 2022.

3 Planning Applications

Because of their position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and their commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillors Connor, J French and Purser declare a permanent personal interest and take no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

It is also noted that, due to his involvement in the building industry, Councillor Skoulding does not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.
(Councillors Connor and Skoulding were not in attendance at this particular meeting).

It was agreed that one additional planning application would be discussed.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/1235/VOC	<p>Mrs L Pluckrose, 27 City Road, March.</p> <p>Variation of condition 09 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR14/0034/F (Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling and detached double garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and buildings) relating to design changes at 194 Whittlesey Road, March.</p> <p>Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Overall dwelling height reduced, rear offshoot height reduced, footprint amended.</p> <p>Received: 30 March 2022.</p> <p>Reply by: 13 April 2022.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1526/F	<p>Mr P Hussey, Millfield Developments Limited, 38 Burrowmoor Road, March.</p> <p>Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) at Land South of 2 Magnolia Close, Marc.</p> <p>Application withdrawn.</p> <p>Received: 28 March 2022.</p> <p>Withdrawal noted.</p>
F/YR22/0271/F	<p>Mr Sean Saxby, 30 Kingswood Road, March.</p> <p>Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling and the change of use of agricultural land for domestic purposes at 30 Kingswood Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 21 March 2022.</p> <p>Reply by: 11 April 2022.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0302/F	<p>Mr & Mrs Gordon Burgess, 124 Elliott Road, March.</p> <p>Erect single-storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling, involving the demolition of existing conservatory, at 124 Elliott Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 23 March 2022.</p> <p>Reply by: 13 April 2022.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0307/RM	<p>Mr C Grey, Grandford Homes Limited, 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plots 1-3 only) pursuant to outline planning permission F/YR19/0931/O to erect 3 x dwellings (2-storey 4-bed) and associated works at Land South of 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 23 March 2022.</p> <p>Reply by: 13 April 2022.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

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| F/YR22/0308/F | <p>Mr Dominic Seims, 4A Dartford Road, March.
 Change of use from shop (A1) to Adult Gaming Centre (Sui Generis) including installation of roller shutter at 4A Dartford Road, March.
 Received: 29 March 2022.
 Reply by: 19 April 2022.
 Recommend approval.</p> |
| F/YR22/0322/FDC | <p>Mr A Fovargue, Cross Road Poultry Farm, Cross Road, March.
 Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and access pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0972/FDC to erect a 3-bed 3-storey dwelling at Land East of 80 Upwell Road, March.
 Received: 29 March 2022.
 Reply by: 19 April 2022.
 Recommend refusal. Design is completely out-of-character with surrounding area.</p> |
| F/YR20/0838/F | <p>Mr Jamie McGarvie, Ashwell Developments, Halfpenny Toll, Hook Road, Wimblington.
 Erect 1 x block of 3 x industrial units (Class E(g)(iii) – light industrial) involving the demolition of existing building, and the construction of an internal access road to existing unit including the relocation of external door at Barn at Gravel House, Elm Road, March.
 Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.
 The revision is: Application proposal drawings resubmitted (for the avoidance of doubt).
 Received: 30 March 2022.
 Reply by: 13 April 2022.
 Recommend approval.</p> |

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:
 Queens Platinum Jubilee Sub-Committee Meeting of 7th March 2022.
 Main Council Meeting of 7th March 2022.
 Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 21st March 2022.
 Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 21st March 2022.
 Personnel and Admin Sub-Committee Meeting of 29th March 2022.

6 Matters Arising

Re Platinum Jubilee Sub-Committee Meeting of 7th March 2022:

- a) The celebratory plaque was ordered on 8th March 2022.
- b) Initial contact was made by the Clerk with both Kevin McCourt and Tom Harlock regarding food and entertainment for the beacon lighting evening on Thursday 2nd June 2022.

Re Main Council Meeting of 7th March 2022:

Minute 154 / Personnel & Admin: Our Town Clerk Elect, Sarah Lemmon, commenced her employment on Monday 28th March 2022.

Re Personnel & Admin Meeting of 29th March 2022:

Councillors approved the decision to appoint Whittings LLP to manage March Town Council payroll operations.

7 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.

Councillors J French and Gowing then reported as follows:

- a) Certain yellow lines within town have now been re-marked. Further ones will be done subject to negotiation.
- b) Civil Parking Enforcement arrangements are progressing well.
- c) The Norwood Road speed calming measures (between Wisbech Road and Hundred Road) are due to be installed in May 2022.
- d) Various changes to speed limits within different parts of Cambridgeshire are being investigated.

8 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) It was noted that discussions regarding the March High Street / Broad Street Rejuvenation Scheme are on-going.
- b) Works within March Market Place are due to commence in September 2022 but no details relating to such works were available.

9 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

Prior to the meeting concluding, Councillors were reminded to bring their robes to the Annual Assembly on 25th April 2022.

This would enable the annual Council photograph to be re-instated following two years of Coronavirus shutdowns.

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

Councillor K French9th May 2022.
Mayor of March.