# **MARCH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee of March Town Council held on 19th February 2018 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present**  Councillor K Owen Chairman

 Councillors MEC Field

NJ Harris

 Asst. Town Clerk GSD Wilkinson

Public Mr M Gray

### 156 Apologies

Councillors Pugh and George.

**157 Public Forum**

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that Mr M Gray had given the required notice that he wished to make representations on two issues.

The Chairman explained that there would be no discussion and that representations would subsequently be considered by the Council. Mr Gray was then invited to speak.

Mr Gray raised two issues:

1. he drew attention to Biodiversity Checklists, many of which he said had all the ‘No’ boxes ticked whereas he contends that many sites clearly have suitable habitats. As such he believes that the applications could be invalid.
2. F/YR17/1207/F. Mr Gray contends that the original application had surface water discharging to soakaways, the latest application has surface water discharging to the foul water system which could cause surcharging and consequent flooding. Mr Gray considers that the proposals are also likely to cause surface water drainage problems resulting in flooding.

**158 Planning Applications**

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

Cllr Field reported that application 0720/O had come up in conversation when he had visited the shop recently – not lobbying but general conversation.

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

*Number and recommendation of March Town Council.*

F/YR17/0720/O Mr & Mrs Hicks, 92 The Avenue, March.

Erection of up to 4 x dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) involving demolition of existing cycle shop at 92 and Land East of 90 The Avenue, March.

Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.

The revision is: Amended access, amended parking, trees cut back, amended illustrative house design.

Recommend Approval

F/YR17/1207/F Miss A Ward, The Old Vicarage, Ely Road, Hilgay.

Erection of 2 x single-storey 4-bed dwellings with detached single garages (retrospective) at Land West of Greenacre Elliott Road March.

Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.

The revision is: Revised certificate B as notice now served on all with interest in the access and site.

Recommend Refusal: a) backland development, b) flooding issues in this area c) sewerage system already over capacity, d) insufficient infrastructure.

F/YR18/0127/A Mr Stephen Crowther, Nationwide.

Display of 1no internally illuminated logo sign, 1no non-illuminated fascia sign, 1no double sided internally illuminated projection sign, 1no non-illuminated ATM surround, 2no lobby window signs and 1no window text sign at 22 Broad Street March.

Recommend Approval

F/YR18/0138/F Middle Level Commissioners, 85 Whittlesey Road, March.

Erection of a plant and machinery store and insertion of 2no roller shutter doors and cladding of covered area of existing depot building at Middle Level Commissioners, 85 Whittlesey Road, March.

Recommend Approval

F/YR18/0147/F Mr D Watts, 31 Henson Road, March.

Erection of a single-storey side and rear extension to form garage/store to existing dwelling at 31 Henson Road, March.

Recommend Approval

F/YR18/0143/F Aitus Investments Ltd, 28 St Thomas Place, Ely.

Erection of 5no flats over three floors comprising of 4 x 2-bed flats and 1 x 2-bed flat with roof terrace involving demolition of existing building within a Conservation Area at 26 Market Place, March.

 Recommend Refusal: a) object to the demolition of a building within the conservation area, b) flats over three floors not aesthetically suitable – flats over two floors would be acceptable.

F/YR18/0154/F Mr & Mrs B James, 85 Wimblington Road, March.

 Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling. S/a.

 Recommend Approval

F/YR18/0165/F Snowmountain Enterprises Ltd, Marwick House, Station Road, March.

 Erection of a single-storey retirement complex block comprising of 13 x 1-bed units with communal facilities, and a 1.1m high(max height) railings to front boundary involving demolition of existing dwelling at Land North and West of Elliott Lodge Elliott Road, March.

 Recommend Refusal: a) over development, b) drainage concerns – could contribute to surface water flooding, c) object to the removal of trees.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.36 pm.

Councillor K French …………………………………………… 5th March 2018.

Mayor of March.