

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.