

## March Town Council.

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

<b>Present</b>	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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Annual Assembly of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> 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..... 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.  
Mayor of March.