

March Town Council.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March Town Council held on 15th May 2017 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	AR Donnelly K French	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court J French JW Gowing CC Owen MW Purser	MEC Field ML George NJ Harris A Pugh RF Skoulding
	Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		27 members

23 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

24 Nomination and Declaration of Town Mayor

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Donnelly, made his outgoing remarks and thanked Councillors for their assistance during his term of office.

Councillor Donnelly then nominated Councillor Kim French as Mayor of March for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Councillor Skoulding, with all in favour.

Councillor Donnelly then officially handed over the robes and chain of office to Councillor K French.

Councillor K French accepted the post, gave a brief introductory speech of her aspirations and signed her "Declaration of Office". She thanked the outgoing Mayor for all his efforts and stated that she would do everything in her power to carry out her duties for the benefit of the people of March.

Councillor K French also presented Councillor Donnelly with his Past Mayor's Jewel.

25 Nomination and Declaration of Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor K French then nominated Councillor Janet French as Deputy Mayor of March. This was seconded by Councillor Skoulding, with all in favour.

Councillor K French then officially handed over the appropriate robes.

Councillor J French accepted the post, stated she would do all she could to assist the Mayor and signed her "Declaration of Office".

26 Agreement of Mayor's Allowance

Councillor K French declared a prejudicial interest and left the room whilst the Mayor's allowances were being discussed.

Councillor J French took the Chair for this agenda item only.

It was unanimously agreed that the following allowances would apply for 2017 / 2018:

£2,750.00 Basic Mayors allowance.

£ 400.00 Travelling allowance.

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

27 Dates of Council Meetings for 2017 / 2018

The dates for the 2017 / 2018 meetings were agreed as presented (See Appendix 1).

28 Appointment of Committee Members & Council Representatives

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

29 Minutes of Meetings

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

Main Council Meeting of 3rd April 2017.

Annual Assembly of 24th April 2017.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 24th April 2017.

30 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

31 Planning Applications

It was noted that due to their involvement in the building industry, Councillors Purser and Skoulding would not take part in any discussions relating to planning issues.

Councillors Purser and Skoulding both left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

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

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name & Address of Applicant, Details of Application, and Recommendation of March Town Council.</i>
F/YR17/0139/F	<p>Mr David Mason.</p> <p>Erection of 1 x 2-storey 3-bed dwelling and 2 x 1-storey 3-bed dwellings at 348 Creek Road, March.</p> <p>Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.</p> <p>The revision is: Amended layout, elevations and floorplans.</p> <p>Received: 10 May 2017.</p> <p>Reply by: 20 May 2017.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR17/0325/F	<p>Mr Russell Lenton, 62 Camargue Drive, March.</p> <p>Erection of a single-storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling.</p> <p>S/a.</p> <p>Received: 25 April 2017.</p> <p>Reply by: 15 May 2017.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR17/0330/F	<p>Ms J Betts, 186 Station Road, March.</p> <p>Formation of a dropped kerb to existing dwelling.</p> <p>S/a.</p> <p>Received: 28 April 2017.</p> <p>Reply by: 17 May 2017.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR17/0335/F	<p>Mr Michael Anthony, 43 West End, March.</p> <p>Conversion of existing 7-bed dwelling to 1 x 2-storey 3-bed and 1 x 2-storey 2-bed dwellings; conversion of existing outbuilding to form 1-bed detached annexe (ancillary to 2-bed dwelling) including erection of a side extension and alterations to the mooring to include erection of a summer house and shed, creation of a covered area and formation of stairs to mooring.</p> <p>S/a.</p> <p>Received: 2 May 2017.</p> <p>Reply by: 18 May 2017.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

F/YR17/0344/O	<p>Mr B James, c/o Agent. Erection of 2 x single-storey 3-bed dwellings involving the demolition of existing buildings (Outline with matters committed in respect of appearance, layout and scale). Land West Of 85 Wimblington Road, March. Received: 5 May 2017. Reply by: 23 May 2017. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR17/0345/PNC01	<p>Change of use from (B1) to 12 x flats (comprising of 5 x 2-bed and 7 x 1-bed) and 2 x 1-bed houses (C3) at The Resource Centre, March Business Centre, Dartford Road, March. Received: 5 May 2017. Reply by: 23 May 2017. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR17/0357/F	<p>Mr D and Mrs K McFadden, 39 Cedar Close, March. Erection of a single-storey rear extension and detached garage/store to front of existing dwelling. S/a. Received: 8 May 2017. Reply by: 25 May 2017. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR17/0363/F	<p>Mr J Elener, 14 Bitten Way, March. Erection of a 2-storey rear extension to existing dwelling and relocation of flue. S/a. Received: 8 May 2017. Reply by: 25 May 2017. Since he is a friend of the applicant, Councillor Owen declared a personal interest, left the debating table and took no part in the discussions relating to this application. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR17/0384/TRTPO	<p>Mr Morris, Skanska Highways. Works to 1no Horse Chestnut tree and 1no Thorn covered by TPO M2/465/17 (Barkers Lane boundary). Neale Wade Community Academy, Wimblington Road, March. Received: 15 May 2017. Reply by: 1 June 2017. Recommend approval.</p>

F/YR16/0965/F

Revised Proposals

Erection of 6 x 2-storey dwellings comprising of 3 x 2-bed and 3 x 3-bed with garages involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings at 33 Gaul Road, March.

The revision is: Reduction in number of proposed dwellings from 7 to 6. These will be 2-storey, comprising of 3 x 2 bed and 3 x 3 bed properties. The layout has changed see plan reference PL10A. Plot 1 remains the same but Plots 2-6 have changed. See plan references: PL01A; PL03A and PL06A. The weeping willow tree in the centre of the site will now be retained.

Received: 15 May 2017.

Reply by: 18 May 2017.

Recommend approval.

32 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

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

Councillor K French..... 5th June 2016.
Mayor of March.

Appendix 1.

Dates of March Town Council Meetings for 2017 / 2018
to be held in The Skoulding Suite at the Town Hall, March,
commencing at 7.15pm unless otherwise stated.

2017	5th & 19th June	
	3rd & 17th July	
	7th & 21st August	
	4th & 18th September	
	2nd & 16th October	
	6th & 20th November	
	4th & 18th December	
2018	8th & 22nd January	
	5th & 19th February	
	5th & 19th March	
	9th April	
	23rd April	Annual Assembly
	14th May	Annual Meeting

Please note that, in general, the first Monday of the month is a Main Council Meeting and the third Monday of the month is a Planning Sub-Committee Meeting.

Town Council Representatives - 2017 / 2018.

Museum Liaison Committee	Councillors Field, J French, Harris, Pugh & Purser
Christmas Lighting Committee	Councillors Court, Donnelly, Field, Harris, Owen, Pugh, Purser & Skoulding plus non-Councillors
Personnel & Admin. Sub-Committee	Councillors Owen & Pugh + The Mayor
Planning Sub-Committee	Councillors Field, George, Harris & Pugh (Reserve: Court)
Town Centre Management & Environmental Enhancement Working Party	Councillors J French, Gowing, Owen, Pugh, Purser & Skoulding
Band Concert Supervisor	Done on weekly basis per draw held in June each year
Allotment Overseers:	
Peyton Avenue	Councillor Pugh
Wimblington Road	Councillor Purser
West End / West End Yardy	Councillor Owen
Grandford	Councillor J French
Robingoodfellows Lane	Councillor Gowing
Bank Account Signatories	Councillors Donnelly, J & K French, Owen & Skoulding
Nat. Savings Signatories	Councillors J French & Pugh + C.Lemmon

Council Representation to Outside Organisations.

March Almshouses & Pensions Charities (3 year term of office)	Mrs Linda Peckett & Mr John Orbell (Re-appointed May 2017)
Cambs & P'boro Association of Local Councils	Councillor K French though ALL Councillors are invited to attend meetings
CPALC Liaison Sub-Committee	Councillor K French
CPALC Assembly Representative	Councillor K French
March Educational Foundation (4 year term of office)	Councillor Field (May 2015) Councillor Quince (Reappointed November 2014) Councillor Owen (May 2016)
Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor George
Middle Level Commissioners	Mr B Keane
Fenland CCTV Liaison Group	Councillor Purser (Reserve: Councillor K French)
Young People March	Councillors Owen & Pugh
March Summer Festival Committee	Councillors Donnelly, Field, K French, Harris, Pugh, Purser & Skoulding
Community Rail Partnership	Councillor Owen