

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 Ms S Brind, Sanctuary Homes, Avro House, 49 Lancaster Way Business Park, Witchford, Ely.
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.
Received: 21 October 2021.
Reply by: 11 November 2021.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/1220/TRCA Mr Nick Munns, March Museum, High Street, March.
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.
Received: 19 October 2021.
Reply by: 9 November 2021.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0819/FDL Mrs W Carver, 12 Waveney Drive, March.
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.
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.
Received: 29 October 2021.
Reply by: 8 November 2021.
Recommend approval.

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.