

## MARCH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee of March Town Council held via “Zoom” on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and commencing at 7.15pm.

<b>Present</b>	Councillor	K French	Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court R Jack RW White	J French G Tustin
	Town Clerk	C Lemmon	
	Public/Press	No members of the public or press (although it was offered within the agenda notice) had requested permission to access the MTC “Zoom” group to witness proceedings.	

To allow the meeting to take place via “Zoom”, and as agreed at the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Main Council Meeting, Standing Orders are suspended until such time as the coronavirus epidemic abates.

### 87 Apologies

No apologies were received.

### 88 Planning Applications

Councillor J French declared that, since she has been made a substitute member for the FDC Planning Committee, she would not take part in any discussions relating to planning applications. She further added that she was attending the meeting as an observer only.

It was noted that no additional planning applications would be discussed at this meeting.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council.</i>
F/YR20/0658/VOC	Mr D Creese, 327 Norwood Road, March. Variation of condition 9 (condition listing approved plans) to planning permission F/YR18/1164/F (Erection of 2 x single-storey 3-bed dwellings with attached single garage) relating to repositioning of dwellings at Land West of 327 Norwood Road, March. Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Revised site plan detailing relationship with neighbouring dwelling to the north. Received: 15 September 2020. Reply by: 29 September 2020. Recommend approval.

F/YR20/0792/F

Miss Natalie Tuerena, 49 Estover Road, March.  
Erect a detached garden room/store to existing dwelling involving demolition of garage at 49 Estover Road, March.  
Received: 9 September 2020.  
Reply by: 30 September 2020.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR20/0807/SCOP

Persimmon Homes.  
Scoping Opinion – Residential development with associated public open space, infrastructure, local centre and school at Land West of The Avenue, March.  
The prospective applicant has requested a formal opinion on what information needs to be included in the Environmental Statement.  
Received: 8 September 2020.  
Reply by: 22 September 2020.  
Recommend approval subject to comments already made directly to Persimmon Homes as follows:

- a) Two new primary schools are welcomed, but the longer-term problem of senior school capacity also needs addressing.
- b) The shortage of doctors and dental surgeries is already a major concern within the town so additional facilities will be desperately needed.
- c) Particular attention needs to be paid to sewerage disposal since March's current capability is close to capacity.
- d) Town centre parking would struggle to cope with the increased volume of traffic and additional areas would need to be provided.
- e) Vehicular access to the bypass would need to be carefully planned, both from the main access point and the secondary points where Burrowmoor Road and, particularly, Knights End Road meet the A141.
- f) In the initial building phase, problems could be created by the additional volume of traffic accessing the A141 via Knights End Road. This road is already used as a "rat-run" for school traffic and the junction with the A141 has visibility problems created by a long bend in the A141 and overgrown hedges.
- g) The commitment made by Persimmon Homes to March Town Council not to circumnavigate their responsibilities in respect of social housing by the use of viability studies once planning has been approved is welcomed.
- h) The inclusion within the plan of cycleways, walkways, green space and playing fields is welcomed.
- i) In general, March Town Council welcomes new housing within the town but is adamant that this should not be at the expense of overwhelming local services and facilities.

F/YR20/0819/F

Mr & Mrs Heather, 5 The Shires, March.  
Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling  
involving removal of conservatory at 5 The Shires, March.  
Received: 11 September 2020.  
Reply by: 2 October 2020.  
Recommend approval.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.37pm.

Councillor K French ..... 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.  
Mayor of March.