

## MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

<b>Present</b>	Councillor	K French R Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding	AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Asst. Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		Two
	Press		None

### **60 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Connor and White.

### **61 Police Update**

No police were in attendance but a written report had been circulated on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

### **62 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 three additional planning applications would be discussed.

*Application  
Number*

*Name and address of applicant, details of application,  
and recommendation of March Town Council*

F/YR21/0783/F

Mr Tony Sharman, Lilly Rose Construction Ltd., Plot 2, Land South East of 161B Creek Road, March.  
Erect 1 x dwelling (3-storey 5-bed) with detached garage at Plot 2, Land South East of 161B Creek Road, March.  
Received: 20 July 2021.  
Reply by: 10 August 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0787/F

Mr Vawser, 50 Grounds Avenue, March.  
Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling, and reinstatement of front door at 50 Grounds Avenue, March.  
Received: 23 July 2021.  
Reply by: 13 August 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR18/0566/F

Brossman Mills c/o Agent (Contour Planning Services Limited).  
Erection of 13 x retail units (Class A1), 1 x drive-thru restaurant/coffee shop (Class A3/A5), 2 x units with A3/A5 use and associated parking and street furniture, and the erection of a pumping station, electricity substations, formation of a customer and delivery access, a new roundabout on A141, 3 x balancing ponds, involving the demolition of existing dwelling (St Mary's View) at Land South and West of 322 Wisbech Road, Westry.  
Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Retail Impact assessment advice (23.8.18., 28.10.19., 4.7.19.), Updated Transport details (17.5.21.) and CCC Transport comments (6.7.21.).  
Received: 28 July 2021.  
Reply by: 11 August 2021.  
Since she lives adjacent to the application site, Councillor K French declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application.  
Only recommend approval subject to the roundabout being completely installed prior to any other development works. If this condition cannot be agreed, March Town Council would recommend refusal.

F/YR21/0786/FDL

Group Holdings (South) Limited, 3 Acre Road, March.  
Creation of 8 x dwellings: Erect 4 x dwellings (2-storey 3-bed), and extend and convert existing derelict buildings to form 4 x dwellings (3 x 2-storey 1-bed and 1 x 2-storey 2-bed) involving the partial demolition of buildings within a conservation area at Site of 3 to 6 and Land West of Acre Road, March.  
A Regulation 4 application for planning permission where land is owned by FDC, where FDC is not the applicant, has been received in respect of the above.  
Received: 27 July 2021.  
Reply by: 17 August 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0811/O

Mr Andy Hauptert, 107 Upwell Road, March.  
Erect up to 8 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land South of 107 Upwell Road, March.  
Received: 29 July 2021.  
Reply by: 19 August 2021.  
Recommend refusal unless all access/egress and flooding issues within the immediate vicinity are resolved.

### **63 Public Participation**

Since nobody had given the requisite notice to the Clerk to enable them to address the meeting, no public participation took place.

### **64 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:  
Main Council Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.  
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **65 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021:

Minute 54: Whiting and Partners agreed to continue in their role as Internal Auditors in an email dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **66 Local Highway Improvement Bids 2022/23**

It was reported that Cambridgeshire County Council is now accepting Local Highway Improvement (LHI) applications for the 2022/23 financial year.  
The absolute deadline for the submission of such schemes is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, but it was agreed that it was advisable to make any MTC approved application(s) at the earliest possible opportunity.

The following schemes were put forward for discussion:

- a) Traffic calming measures between the Creek Road railway crossing and the Creek Road/Estover Road junction.

- b) Traffic calming measures between the Creek Road/Estover Road junction and Elm Road.

It was agreed that with both schemes March Town Council should be fully guided by the recommendations of Cambridgeshire County Council highway officers.

Following the discussions regarding the relative merit of each scheme, and since March comprises of two County divisions, it was decided that an application should be made for both schemes and that a March Town Council contribution of £5,000 should be offered with each bid.

It was agreed that the Assistant Town Clerk should be requested to make the necessary applications as soon as feasibly possible.

## **67 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) March Fire Station is being retained along with a first aid responder.
- b) Part of Nene Parade will be having a full road closure to allow repairs where the riverbank/road have slipped. Investigations are underway to ascertain the cause of such slippage.
- c) Due to recent incidents in the vicinity, it is hoped that the works within our recently approved Creek Road LHI Scheme will be undertaken as a matter of urgency.
- d) The parking bays adjacent to the Station Road zebra crossing may need to be closed because of safety concerns.
- e) With planings provided by CCC, Lime Grove has been resurfaced. It is noted that residents will have to pay for any future maintenance of this road.

## **68 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) An additional £1.1M has been agreed with the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to enable the High Street/Broad Street project to proceed as planned.
- b) The following problems are currently being investigated:
  - i) Speeding issues in Upwell Road.
  - ii) West End “park side” moorings that have fallen into disrepair.
  - iii) Flooding issues throughout the town.
  - iv) Continued closure of the Broad Street disabled toilet cubicle.

## **69 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Councillor K French .....6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.  
Mayor of March.