

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 3 April 2023 held in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French MW Purser	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court C Elkin R Johnson R White	J French G Tustin
	Cambridgeshire County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk		S Lemmon S Taylor
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1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Donnelly, Connor, Jack and Skoulding.

2 Police Update

A police liaison meeting took place on 29 March with the new Inspector (Chris Arnold). Minutes will be circulated when available.

3 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.

It was agreed that 4 (four) additional planning application would be considered.

*Application
Number*

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

F/YR22/0835/VOC

Mr J Green, Ely Diocesan Board Finance
Agent: Headley Stokes Associates Ltd
Variation of condition 11 (access), 12 (turning and parking) and 21 (condition listing approved plans) relating to planning permission F/YR19/1106/F (Erect 4 dwellings (4 x 2-storey 2-bed) and associated works) to enable amendments including; access redesign (including removal of turning head and section of path), attenuation pond redesign and creation of pedestrian access to rear of dwellings (resulting in reduction of private gardens to plots 1-3) for full details refer to schedule of amendments at Land East of St Mary's Church Hall, Wisbech Road, Westry.
Received: 24 March 2023
Reply by: 7 April 2023
Recommendation: Approval

F/YR23/0209/RM

Mr Nigel Marsh, 317 Wisbech Road, March.
Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR20/0905/O to erect 3 x dwellings (3 x 3-storey 5-bed) at Land South West of 317 Wisbech Road, March.
Received: 29 March 2023
Reply by: 19 April 2023
Recommendation: Approval

F/YR23/0222/F

Motorfuel Group, St Albans.
Creation of Electric Vehicle charging zone, involving 4 x electric vehicle charging bays, canopy, sub-station enclosure, LV panel, meter cabinet and air and water machine, including demolition of existing Jetwash and installation of new Jetwash at Land South of Dartford Road, March.
Received: 24 March 2023
Reply by; 14 April 2023
Recommendation: Approval

F/YR23/0232/F

Mr Noble, Nicholas Percival, Colchester.
Erect 7 x commercial units comprising of 1 x blocked of 6 x units (Class B8) and 1 x detached (Class E(b)) with associated parking at Land South and West of March Enterprise Park, 33 Thorby Avenue, March.
Received: 23 March 2023
Reply by: 13 April 2023
Recommendation: Approval

- F/YR23/0240/F Mr David Staples, Ransonmoor Grange, Grange Road, March.
Erect a coach house/garage involving demolition of existing garage block (part retrospective) at Ransonmoor Grange, Grange Road, March.
Received; 30 March 2023
Reply by: 20 April 2023
Cllr Elkin declared a personal interest in this matter and took no part in the discussions/deliberation.
Recommendation: Approval
- F/YR23/0250/F Mr Newton, The Stable Block. Knights End Road, March.
Erect a detached car port and log store to existing dwelling at The Stable Block, Knights End Road, March.
Received: 31 March 2023
Reply by: 21 April 2023
Recommendation: Approval
- F/YR23/0260/TRTPO Mrs McAuliffe, 9 Woodlands Avenue, March.
Works to 1 x Ash Tree covered by TPO 7/1972 at 1 Aldeby Close, March.
Received: 30 March 2023
Reply by: 20 April 2023
Recommendation: Approval
- F/YR23/0266/F Mr Robert Skoulding, Upwell Park, March.
Erect 26 x dwellings (20 x single-storey 1-bed, 6 x single-storey 2-beds for over 55's) and the formation of an access road and attenuation pond at Land South of 107 Upwell Road, March.
Received: 31 March 2023
Reply by: 21 April 2023
Recommendation: Approval *subject to a satisfactory Flood Risk Assessment.*

4 Public Participation

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

5 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

- 6 March 2023 – Main Council Meeting
- 20 March 2023 – Planning Sub-Committee
- 20 March 2023 – Christmas Lights

6 Matters Arising

Re; Main Council Meeting – 6 March 2023

Minute 172 Cllr J French reported that the proposed town-wide introduction of a 20mph speed limit would not be implemented due to delivery costs and lack of police enforcement.

Minute 181 The walking and cycling maps will be delivered to the Town Hall on Wednesday 5 April.

7 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily-basis.

Cllr J French reported that work would soon be starting (new drains and gullies cleaned) in notorious March flood hot-spots; Sycamore Close, Ellingham Avenue and Gaul Road. Brewin Avenue and Butt Avenue works would be commencing next week. This was great news for long-suffering residents.

8 Fenland District Council Update

Cllr J French reported that the new benches on the Market Place would be replaced shortly. Due to an FDC error, wooden benches had been fitted. The replacement benches will be very similar in appearance, but will not be wooden. They will therefore have increased longevity and be easier to maintain than wooden benches.

Cllr J French was also pleased to announce that the town was hosting a whole month of events in April to include a celebration of St Georges Day. The celebrations were renamed as the St Georges Day *Festival* (rather than Fair) for 2023 only, with the traditional fair hopefully returning next year, following completion of the Broad Street redevelopment works.

There had been a serious medical incident at the George Campbell Leisure Centre this morning involving the air ambulance to deal with a swimmer who had suffered a heart attack. Cllr J French praised the George Campbell leisure staff involved for their superb handling of the situation.

9 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Councillor.....17 April 2023
Mayor of March.