

## MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

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| <b>Present</b> | Councillor                         | RF Skoulding<br>K French                      | Town Mayor<br>Deputy Town Mayor               |
|                | Councillors                        | SR Court<br>AR Donnelly<br>R Jack<br>G Tustin | D Connor<br>J French<br>MW Purser<br>RW White |
|                | Town Clerk<br>Assistant Town Clerk |   | C Lemmon<br>GSD Wilkinson                     |
|                | Public                             |   | None  |

### **149 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Elkin & Johnson, Steve Count and John Gowing. As previously advised by email, the Clerk reported that Clinton Elkin was elected to March Town Council at the bye-election held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Although he could not attend this evenings meeting, the Clerk advised Councillors that he had signed his Declaration of Office and provided his Personal Information Sheet on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020. He had also completed and signed his Register of Members Interests Form. At this time the Clerk had provided him with copies of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

### **150 Presentation by Councillor Steve Count, Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council**

Since Councillor Steve Count had forwarded his apologies because of ill health, Councillor Jan French provided March Town Council with the following information:

- a) Cambridgeshire County Council is due to hold its 2020 / 2021 budget meeting week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- b) A £5,000,000 fund will be created to finance capital projects throughout the county. These projects must benefit the community, and will be known as “Investment in the Community”. A framework will be established to ascertain the best method of distributing this money.  
During discussions, several suitable schemes within the town were highlighted.
- c) Additional money is being allocated into Highways.

It was agreed that, if he so wished, Councillor Steve Count would be invited back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 Main Council Meeting.

### **151 Police Update**

No police were in attendance but a written report had been circulated earlier in the day.

## 152                    **Planning Applications**

Because of his position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and his commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillor Connor declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to planning matters.

It was also 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 Connor, Purser and Skoulding all left the debating table for the entirety of this agenda item.

Councillor J French declared that she had been appointed as a substitute to Fenland District Council (FDC) Planning Committee. However, to ensure the Town Council has an appropriate level of expertise and experience she will not take up the FDC post until Town Councillors have had planning training.

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

Councillor K French took the chair for this one agenda item only.

| <i>Application Number</i> | <i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>   |
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| F/YR19/1013/CERTLU        | Mr A Vawser, 161 Creek Road, March.<br>Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing): Use of site for importation, storage, processing, loading and batching of solid fuel including wood and coal and eventual delivery at Land at Vawser's Coal Yard, Creek Road, March.<br>Application withdrawn.<br>Received: 22 January 2020.<br>Withdrawal noted. |
| F/YR20/0039/F             | Mr & Mrs L Shepherd, 82 Burrowmoor Road, March.<br>Extensions and alterations to bungalow to form a 2-storey dwelling involving the formation of a first-floor extension and a single-storey rear extension at 82 Burrowmoor Road March.<br>Received: 17 January 2020.<br>Reply by: 7 February 2020.<br>Recommend approval.                    |
| F/YR20/0049/F             | Mr A Boyraz c/o Agent.<br>Erect a single-storey rear extension, alterations to size to 2 x first-floor front windows and alteration to stairway to rear of existing building (retrospective) at 91 High Street, March.<br>Received: 22 January 2020.<br>Reply by: 12 February 2020.<br>Recommend approval.                                     |

- F/YR20/0061/F Mr Marcus Shaw, 1 Stevens way, March.  
 Replace existing roof with a higher dual pitched roof including the insertion of a dormer window to south roof slope and 9 x roof lights to both north and south roof slopes to form first floor living accommodation to existing dwelling at 1 Stevens Way, March.  
 Received: 27 January 2020.  
 Reply by: 17 February 2020.  
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR20/0066/F Mr Gregg Mason, 5B Wisbech Road, March.  
 Change of use of existing garage/workshop to 2-storey 4-bed dwelling at Land North of 5B Wisbech Road, March.  
 Received: 27 January 2020.  
 Reply by: 17 February 2020.  
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR20/0075/C1490E Fisher German LLP, 50 South Bar, Banbury.  
 Installation of a new pole mounted transformer and lame leg to existing terminal pole at Telecom Pole 105120 298 at the Junction of Cross Road and Knights End Road, March.  
 An Overhead Lines (Exemption) Regulations 2009 application has been received in respect of the above.  
 Received: 29 January 2020.  
 Reply by: 19 February 2020.  
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR20/0078/F Mr & Mrs Band, 42 Fleetwood Close, March.  
 Erect part 2-storey / single storey side / rear extension to existing dwelling involving removal of conservatory at 42 Fleetwood Close, March.  
 Received: 30 January 2020.  
 Reply by: 20 February 2020.  
 Recommend approval.
- F/YR20/0086/TRTPO Mr S Rutterford, 63 Elwyn Road, March.  
 Fell 1 x Ash Tree covered by TPO03/2013 (5 day notice) at Land South of 3 Rosewood Close, March.  
 Received: 3 February 2020.  
 Reply by: 24 February 2020.  
 Recommend approval.

## 153 Public Participation

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

**154 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:  
Main Council Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.  
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.  
Personnel and Administrative Sub-Committee Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

**155 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020:  
Minute 142 / 124: Councillor J French reported that FDC’s Littering Enforcement contract with Kingdom had now been terminated.

Re Personnel and Administrative Sub-Committee Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020:  
Following Councillor J French’s report, the meeting unanimously ratified the findings and recommendations of the afore-mentioned Sub-Committee.

**156 Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)**

Councillor Jack demonstrated to Councillors how MVASs operated and explained the information that could be obtained therefrom.

**157 Deputy Mayor’s Regalia**

Councillor K French reported that the Deputy Mayor’s chain needed replacement. It was unanimously agreed that she should be given authority to investigate the cost and arrange such replacement.

**158 Cambridgeshire County Council Update**

Councillor J French stated that there was nothing to report this month.

**159 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor J French reported that various methods of parking enforcement were being investigated along with the remarking of all yellow lines within town.

**160 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Councillor RF Skoulding ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.  
Mayor of March.