

F/YR24/0103/VOC

Mrs June Clark, 107 Whittlesey Road, March.
Removal of condition 2 of planning permission M/73/98/F
(Erection of an agricultural bungalow and garage) relating to
removal of agricultural tie at Prospect Bungalow, 107
Whittlesey Road.
Received: 19 February 2024
Reply by: 11 March 2024
Recommendation: Approval

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Fenland District Council
Erect a single-storey toilet block at Land South West of 2
Broad Street, March.
Received: 21 February 2024
Reply by: 13 March 2024
Recommendation; Approval

171 Public Participation

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

172 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Meeting – 5 February 2024
Planning Committee – 19 February 2024
Christmas Lights Working Party – 19 February 2024

173 Grants & Donations

Prior to discussions commencing, the Clerk advised Councillors that £1,270.00 had already been spent during the current financial year under this budget heading. The amount provided within the budget had been £2,500.00.

Two applications for funding had been received from March Library and CamSAR.

Councillors voted to award March Library the sum of £500 (as requested), but determined not to make an award to CamSAR on the basis of the financial information provided and the availability of alternative funding streams.

174 Regalia

Cllr K French proposed the purchase of both cadet and outgoing mayoral badges. Various options had been explored and it was cheaper to buy in bulk. This was seconded by Cllr Christy.

175 Mayor and Deputy Mayor Nominations

It was proposed by Councillor K French and seconded by Councillor Purser that Councillor Christy be nominated for the post of Mayor for 2024-2025.

Councillor Christy indicated his willingness to stand and such nomination was unanimously approved.

It was then proposed by Councillor Christy and seconded by Councillor K French that Councillor Woollard be nominated for the post of Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

Councillor Lawler further nominated Councillor Field, seconded by Councillor Court.

Councillors voted 7:4 in favour of Councillor Woollard taking on the role of Deputy Mayor.

176 Outside Body Memberships

Former Town Councillor, Clinton Elkin had approached the Town Council as his 4-year period on the committee of the March Educational Fund was drawing to an end. He was keen to remain on the committee and Town Councillors voted in favour of his remaining, to help deliver the great work of the charity. Councillors Orbell and Field are also on the Committee. A decision to potentially appoint a further member to the committee would be taken at the next meeting.

177 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

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

The budget had been set last month with a 4.9% increase.

Phase 1 of works to combat flooding at Sycamore Close commenced today. Gaul Road Park was being used as a compound.

Cllr Gowing updated Councillors in relation to Manea Fire Station. There is a webinar on 6 March but any decisions look set to be deferred since the current Fire Chief is retiring.

178 Fenland District Council Update

Cllr J French advised that the budget had been set last week.

Details had been circulated about the £10k Rural England Prosperity Fund.

A press release was expected to celebrate the qualification of FDC's apprentice.

Emergency repair works were underway to address the void discovered on Dartford Road.

Cllr J French had had discussions with FDC about a flag pole in Broad Street for D-Day in June. The Clerk would purchase an official commemorative flag for the occasion.

Cllrs K French, Spencer and Christy will make arrangements for this event.

The St Georges Day Fayre takes place on 21 April. It will feature a St George-themed writing competition involving 4 schools with prizes for all age categories.

179 Payments List

The Payments List, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Councillor K French8 April 2024
Mayor of March.