

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 4th April 2022 held in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French	Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court J French MW Purser	AR Donnelly R Johnson
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk		C Lemmon
	Town Clerk Elect		SL Lemmon
	Asst. Town Clerk		SA Taylor
	Public		

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Connor, Elkin, Jack, Skoulding, Tustin and White.

2 Police Update

All written reports to date have been circulated. A further liaison meeting is due to be held on 6th April 2022.

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.

(Councillors Connor and Skoulding were not in attendance at this particular meeting).

It was agreed that one additional planning application would be discussed.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/1235/VOC	<p>Mrs L Pluckrose, 27 City Road, March. Variation of condition 09 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR14/0034/F (Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling and detached double garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and buildings) relating to design changes at 194 Whittlesey Road, March. Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Overall dwelling height reduced, rear offshoot height reduced, footprint amended. Received: 30 March 2022. Reply by: 13 April 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1526/F	<p>Mr P Hussey, Millfield Developments Limited, 38 Burrowmoor Road, March. Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) at Land South of 2 Magnolia Close, Marc. Application withdrawn. Received: 28 March 2022. Withdrawal noted.</p>
F/YR22/0271/F	<p>Mr Sean Saxby, 30 Kingswood Road, March. Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling and the change of use of agricultural land for domestic purposes at 30 Kingswood Road, March. Received: 21 March 2022. Reply by: 11 April 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0302/F	<p>Mr & Mrs Gordon Burgess, 124 Elliott Road, March. Erect single-storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling, involving the demolition of existing conservatory, at 124 Elliott Road, March. Received: 23 March 2022. Reply by: 13 April 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0307/RM	<p>Mr C Grey, Grandford Homes Limited, 137 Upwell Road, March. Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plots 1-3 only) pursuant to outline planning permission F/YR19/0931/O to erect 3 x dwellings (2-storey 4-bed) and associated works at Land South of 137 Upwell Road, March. Received: 23 March 2022. Reply by: 13 April 2022. Recommend approval.</p>

- F/YR22/0308/F Mr Dominic Seims, 4A Dartford Road, March.
Change of use from shop (A1) to Adult Gaming Centre (Sui Generis) including installation of roller shutter at 4A Dartford Road, March.
Received: 29 March 2022.
Reply by: 19 April 2022.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR22/0322/FDC Mr A Fovargue, Cross Road Poultry Farm, Cross Road, March.
Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and access pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0972/FDC to erect a 3-bed 3-storey dwelling at Land East of 80 Upwell Road, March.
Received: 29 March 2022.
Reply by: 19 April 2022.
Recommend refusal. Design is completely out-of-character with surrounding area.
- F/YR20/0838/F Mr Jamie McGarvie, Ashwell Developments, Halfpenny Toll, Hook Road, Wimblington.
Erect 1 x block of 3 x industrial units (Class E(g)(iii) – light industrial) involving the demolition of existing building, and the construction of an internal access road to existing unit including the relocation of external door at Barn at Gravel House, Elm Road, March.
Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.
The revision is: Application proposal drawings resubmitted (for the avoidance of doubt).
Received: 30 March 2022.
Reply by: 13 April 2022.
Recommend approval.

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:

Queens Platinum Jubilee Sub-Committee Meeting of 7th March 2022.

Main Council Meeting of 7th March 2022.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 21st March 2022.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 21st March 2022.

Personnel and Admin Sub-Committee Meeting of 29th March 2022.

6 Matters Arising

Re Platinum Jubilee Sub-Committee Meeting of 7th March 2022:

- a) The celebratory plaque was ordered on 8th March 2022.
- b) Initial contact was made by the Clerk with both Kevin McCourt and Tom Harlock regarding food and entertainment for the beacon lighting evening on Thursday 2nd June 2022.

Re Main Council Meeting of 7th March 2022:

Minute 154 / Personnel & Admin: Our Town Clerk Elect, Sarah Lemmon, commenced her employment on Monday 28th March 2022.

Re Personnel & Admin Meeting of 29th March 2022:

Councillors approved the decision to appoint Whittings LLP to manage March Town Council payroll operations.

7 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) Certain yellow lines within town have now been re-marked. Further ones will be done subject to negotiation.
- b) Civil Parking Enforcement arrangements are progressing well.
- c) The Norwood Road speed calming measures (between Wisbech Road and Hundred Road) are due to be installed in May 2022.
- d) Various changes to speed limits within different parts of Cambridgeshire are being investigated.

8 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) It was noted that discussions regarding the March High Street / Broad Street Rejuvenation Scheme are on-going.
- b) Works within March Market Place are due to commence in September 2022 but no details relating to such works were available.

9 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

Prior to the meeting concluding, Councillors were reminded to bring their robes to the Annual Assembly on 25th April 2022.

This would enable the annual Council photograph to be re-instated following two years of Coronavirus shutdowns.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Councillor K French9th May 2022.
Mayor of March.