

## MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 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 RW White	AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin
	Town Clerk Asst Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public		None

### **84 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Connor and County Councillor Gowing.

### **85 Police Update**

No police were in attendance and no written report had been circulated by the Chairman because the Police had requested extensive parts be redacted.

As such, it was agreed that the Clerk should email Sgt Richard Lugg to request one of the following:

- a) A monthly report being provided that all Councillors are entitled to read without any parts being redacted. If required, an additional report could be forwarded to the Chairman attending any such restricted meetings.
- b) A return to the time when the Police visited each Parish or Town on a suggested annual or bi-annual basis to meet and exchange views with all Councillors.
- c) Any improvements to the current system that allowed all Councillors to feel that they were an important part of the on-going consultation process.

### **86 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.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR21/1013/F	<p>Innerspace Homes Group Limited c/o Agent (Mr E Durrant, Pegasus Group, Histon).</p> <p>Hybrid Application: Full application to erect 41 x dwellings (1 x 2-storey 2-bed, 28 x 2-storey 3-bed and 12 x 2-storey 4-bed) with associated parking, landscaping and a new access, and Outline Application with matters committed in respect of access for the erection of up to 2 x dwellings at Land West of 180 to 200 Elm Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 20 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 11 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend refusal due to over-development.</p>
F/YR21/1010/RM	<p>Mr &amp; Mrs C Grey, 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 6 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0931/O, to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 4-bed) with detached garage, and associated works at Land South of 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 21 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 12 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1011/RM	<p>Mr &amp; Mrs S Guest, 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 4 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0931/O, to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 5-bed) and associated works at Land South of 137 Upwell Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 21 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 12 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1040/F	<p>Mr S Brett, 36 Elwyn Road, March.</p> <p>Erect an extension to existing domestic garage at 36 Elwyn Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 22 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 13 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1052/F	<p>Mr &amp; Mrs K Veness, 83 Deerfield Road, March.</p> <p>Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of kitchen/conservatory at 83 Deerfield Road, March.</p> <p>Received: 22 September 2021.</p> <p>Reply by: 13 October 2021.</p> <p>Recommend approval.</p>

F/YR21/1087/F Mr & Mrs Gordon Burgess, 124 Elliott Road, March.  
Erect single-storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling at 124 Elliott Road, March.  
Received: 30 September 2021.  
Reply by: 21 October 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/1093/F Mr D Watson, 20 Ellingham Avenue, March.  
Erect a 2-storey side extension and front porch canopy, installation of cladding and render to existing dwelling at 20 Ellingham Avenue, March.  
Received: 30 September 2021.  
Reply by: 21 October 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/1105/O Mrs Elizabeth Wilkinson, 8 Steeple View, March.  
Erect up to 4 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land South and West of Highfield House, Elm Road, March.  
Received: 1 October 2021.  
Reply by: 22 October 2021.  
Since the applicant is his spouse, the Deputy Town Clerk (GSD Wilkinson) declared a pecuniary interest and left the room whilst this application was being discussed.  
Recommend approval.

## **87 Street Naming**

The developers have requested suggestions for the names of two roads for the development on land north of The Green and north of 145-159 Wisbech Road, March.

The following two names were suggested:

Hazelnut Close and Pond View.

## **88 Public Participation**

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

## **89 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**90                   Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021:

Minute 77 / Allotments:       It was reported that all recommendations have now been actioned.

**91                   External Auditor Report for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The Clerk informed Councillors that the external auditor (PKF Littlejohn LLP) had issued their Annual Report on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

It stated:

“On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met”.

There were no other matters that the auditors considered necessary to raise.

**92                   Cambridgeshire County Council Update**

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

Councillors J French then reported as follows:

- a) The preliminary designs for the March Area Transport Scheme are now complete and have been submitted to the Combined Authority as the first stage in the approval process.
- b) Councillor Skoulding asked Councillor J French to investigate why the rear access (in Robingoodfellows Lane) to the Further Education Centre had been locked. A defibrillator was located within the Further Education Centre but could not be accessed from the carpark located on the other side of the road whilst the gate remained locked.

**93                   Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) The Walking and Cycling Strategy, designed to encourage motorists to adopt other modes of transport within town, is now being finalised.

**94                   Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Councillor K French .....1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.  
Mayor of March.