

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 5th August 2019 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	R Skoulding K French	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	D Connor AR Donnelly R Jack MW Purser R White	SR Court J French R Johnson G Tustin
		Town Clerk Asst Town Clerk	C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
		Public	None

69 Apologies

No apologies were received.

70 Police Update

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

71 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 one additional planning application would be discussed.

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

*Application
Number*

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

F/YR19/0397/F

Mrs Lette Bower, Winston Place, Coleseed Road, March.
Change of use of land to gypsy and traveller residential use including the siting of 1 x static caravan and storage of 1 x touring caravan, creation of a utility room and wash room to existing barn and widening of the access (part retrospective) at Land South of Railway Line, Coleseed Road, March.
Application withdrawn.
Received: 25 July 2019.
Withdrawal noted.

F/YR19/0563/RM

Nor Cambs Homes Limited, Hollycroft Road, Emneth.
Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR18/0210/O to erect 2 x dwellings (2-storey, 4-bed) (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land East of The Barn, Mill Hill Lane, March.
Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.
The revision is: Reduction in height of western section of plot 3 to single-storey.
Received: 29 July 2019.
Reply by: 12 August 2019.
Recommend approval.

F/YR19/0614/F

Mr & Mrs Barnett, 47 Upwell Road, March.
Erect a 2-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of a single-storey rear extension at 47 Upwell Road, March.
Received: 15 July 2019.
Reply by: 5 August 2019.
Recommend approval.

F/YR19/0624/F

Cambridgeshire Canine Creche, Flagrass Hill Road, March.
Change of use of part of building from grain store to Canine Creche and erection of 1.8 metre high boarded fencing (retrospective) at Cambridgeshire Canine Creche, Flagrass Hill Road, March.
Received: 23 July 2019.
Reply by: 13 August 2019.
Recommend approval.

- F/YR19/0631/O Mr & Mrs J Wallis, Meadow Cottage, 4 Causeway Close, March.
Erect 1 x dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of scale and access) at Land North of 4 Causeway Close, March.
Received: 17 July 2019.
Reply by: 7 August 2019.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR19/0635/F Mrs Rita Lee, 29 Cherryholt Avenue, March.
Erect a 1.9m high (max height) close boarded fence to the side boundary of existing dwelling (retrospective) at 29 Cherryholt Avenue, March.
Received: 18 July 2019.
Reply by: 8 August 2019.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR19/0645/O Mr Gregg Mason, 5B Wisbech Road, March.
Erect 1 x dwelling and widen existing access, involving the demolition of existing outbuildings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land North of 5B Wisbech Road, March.
Received: 25 July 2019.
Reply by: 15 August 2019.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR19/0650/F Mr J Scott, c/o 56 Oakleigh Drive, Orton Longville, Peterborough.
Erect 2 x dwellings (2 x 2-storey 3-bed) involving demolition of garage at Land North West of 117 Norwood Road, March.
Received: 29 July 2019.
Reply by: 19 August 2019.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR19/0661/F Mr Sam Robinson, 19 Alpha Street, March.
Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of garage at 19 Alpha Street, March.
Received: 1 August 2019.
Reply by: 22 August 2019.
Recommend approval.

72 Public Participation

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

73 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Main Council Meeting of 1st July 2019.
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 15th July 2019.
Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 15th July 2019.

74 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 1st July 2019:

- Minute 59: Whiting & Partners indicated their willingness to remain as the Council's Internal Auditors in e-mail exchanges with the Clerk on 2nd July 2019.
- Minute 60: The Clerk e-mailed Aarron Locks on 3rd July 2019 to ascertain suitable dates for a visit to the CCTV Control Room in Wisbech. Since Aarron was on holiday until 9th July 2019, a response was not received until that date. Subsequently those Councillors who had evinced an interest were circulated on 9th July 2019 and a visit was arranged for 30th July 2019.
- Minute 61: The LHI bid was forwarded to Cambridgeshire County Council on 23rd July 2019.
- Minute 62: Jason Ablewhite has agreed to fund the equipment necessary for the successful launch of a March Speedwatch Group. It was noted that during the past month Councillor Jack had circulated updates as and when received. All Councillors present (Skoulding, K French, Connor, Court, Donnelly, J French, Jack, Johnson, Purser, Tustin and White) agreed to be a part of the Speedwatch Group.

75 Green Dog Walkers Scheme

Two emails from Rebecca Robinett (Fenland District Council Street Pride Co-ordinator) dated 17th and 29th July 2019 were circulated to Councillors on 22nd and 29th July respectively.

These highlighted details of the Green Dog Walkers Scheme that had already been launched in Whittlesey and Chatteris.

Councillors from March were being asked whether they wished to see such a scheme introduced to March and, if so, whether they were prepared to provide some initial financial support.

The following Councillors indicated their willingness to be involved in the scheme: Connor, J French, Purser and Skoulding.

Thereafter, it was agreed that March Town Council should support the scheme and provide up to £265 contribution towards the initial financial support needed. This would cover the cost of 100 engraved dog tags (£225) and 100 rolls of biodegradable "dog poo" bags (£40).

76 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

Councillor J French provided the following updates:

- a) A recent judicial review has concluded that the proposed merger between the Police and Fire Authorities is allowed to go ahead.
- b) Funding details relating to This Land and its operating methods were discussed.
- c) White-lining within certain areas of the town will recommence in the near future.
- d) The March Transport Study should be going out for consultation in the autumn.
- e) £150,000 funding has been secured to undertake a town centre / high street study. If successful, this would open the door to even greater funding opportunities.

77 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor Purser reported that:

- a) A CCTV visit had taken place on 30th July 2019.
- b) Public buildings within Fenland and Cambridgeshire are looking into solely using recyclable consumables during the foreseeable future.
- c) Pay parking will not be introduced into Fenland during the term of the current administration.

78 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 2nd September 2019.
Mayor of March.