

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 5th July 2021 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French R Jack	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	DR Connor AR Donnelly R Johnson RF Skoulding	SR Court J French MW Purser
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Asst. Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public / Press		None

48 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Elkin, Tustin and White.

49 Police Update

No police were in attendance and no written report had been circulated.

50 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 one additional planning application would be discussed.

*Application
Number*

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

F/YR21/0661/VOC

Mr & Mrs White, c/o Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.
Variation to conditions 4 (sustainable construction elements)
and (access), relating to planning permission
F/YR19/0423/VOC (Variation of condition 4 relating to
F/YR17/0061/O (Erection of a dwelling - Outline with matters
committed in respect of access)) at Land South of 725
Whittlesey Road, March.
An application to vary or remove a condition has been received
in respect of the above.
Received: 22 June 2021.
Reply by: 13 July 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0668/F

Mr Andrew Goakes, 51 Creek Road, March.
Erect a 2-storey side extension, a single-storey rear extension
and insertion of a rear dormer (to enable a loft conversion) to
existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing lean-to at
51 Creek Road, March.
Received: 25 June 2021.
Reply by: 16 July 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0673/F

Mr & Mrs Henson, 4 Bittern Way, March.
Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling
involving removal of conservatory at 4 Bittern Way, March.
Received: 23 June 2021.
Reply by: 14 July 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0677/F

Mr Darius Jonaitis, 54 Eastwood Avenue, March.
Erect a single-storey extension linked to outbuilding of existing
dwelling at 54 Eastwood Avenue, March.
Received: 24 June 2021.
Reply by: 15 July 2021.
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0684/F

Miss Amy Pigott, 183 Norwood Road, March.
Erect a garden shed to rear of existing dwelling (retrospective)
at 183 Norwood Road, March.
Received: 25 June 2021.
Reply by: 16 July 2021.
Recommend approval.

- F/YR21/0686/F Mr Joshua Robinson, 4 Marylebone Road, March.
Erect a 2-storey side extension, a first-floor rear extension and a porch to front of existing dwelling at 4 Marylebone Road, March.
Received: 25 June 2021.
Reply by: 16 July 2021.
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0439/F Mr Hussey, Millfield Developments Ltd, 38 Burrowmoor Road, March.
Conversion of garage to form living accommodation at 1 Magnolia Close, March.
Application withdrawn.
Received: 2 July 2021.
Withdrawal noted.

51 Public Participation

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

52 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:
Main Council Meeting of 7th June 2021.
Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 21st June 2021.
Christmas Lights Working Party Meeting of 21st June 2021.

53 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

54 Internal Audit Review for Year Ending 31st March 2021 & Reappointment of Internal Auditors

Whiting and Partners, in a letter dated 28th June 2021, stated the following:

- a) “Based on our tests there are no material items in relation to which we need to report”.
- b) “We note from discussions with you and with the minutes of the meeting dated 26th April 2021 that due to Covid restrictions it was not possible for the Mayor to undertake their normal duties. As such the mayoral expenses for 2020/21 have not been expended. We note also the decision for these to be carried forward into the 2021/22 year to be expended in addition to the annual expense allowance for that year. Given the unprecedented nature of circumstances during that year we can agree that this would seem a reasonable course of action”.

Following the proposition of Councillor Purser, seconded by Councillor Skoulding, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Internal Audit Review.

Following the proposition of Councillor K French, seconded by Councillor J French, it was unanimously agreed that Whiting and Partners be re-appointed as the Council’s Internal Auditors for year ending 31st March 2022.

55 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) The Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme for Estover Road/Creek Road has been approved.
- b) Repairs in Nene Parade are due to take place imminently where road slippage has occurred.
- c) Unsubstantiated queries have been raised in respect of the suitability of foster parents.
- d) Climate change aspirations have been brought forward from 2050 to 2030.

56 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) High Street funding has been confirmed by the Mayor of the Combined Authority.
- b) A contract manager/consultant is due to be appointed to oversee the High Street project to ensure all targets and aspirations are achieved.

57 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.37pm

Councillor K French2nd August 2021.
Mayor of March.