

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 7th February 2022 in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French	Town Mayor
	Councillors	SR Court CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White	AR Donnelly J French MW Purser G Tustin
	County Councillor		JW Gowing
	Town Clerk		C Lemmon
	Public		None

136 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Connor and it was noted that, due to personal reasons, Councillor Jack had requested a few months leave of absence.

137 Police Update

A written report had been circulated on 31st January 2022, and the next Liaison Meeting is due to be held on Thursday 10th February 2022.

Councillor K French was requested to again raise the question of the need for Police parking enforcement in several different areas of town.

138 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 two 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/YR21/1534/F	<p>Mrs Lizzy Goodger, 109 Dartford Road, March. Conversion of garage to additional living accommodation at 109 Dartford Road, March. Received: 24 January 2022. Reply by: 14 February 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR21/1535/F	<p>Mr D Henson, Coleseed Lodge, Upwell Road, March. Erect a part two-storey part single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at Coleseed Lodge, Upwell Road, March. Received: 24 January 2022. Reply by: 14 February 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0046/F	<p>Mr Ace Hudson, 293 Norwood Road, March. Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling and installation of window to existing side elevation at 293 Norwood Road, March. Received: 27 January 2022. Reply by: 17 February 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0047/F	<p>Mr D Mundy, 15 Regent Avenue, March. Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 4-bed) with integral garage at 21 Alpha Street, March. Received: 26 January 2022. Reply by: 16 February 2022. Recommend approval.</p>
F/YR22/0087/F	<p>Darren Ogden & Ramona Lilley, 38 Green Street, March. Erect a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at 38 Green Street, March. Received: 27 January 2022. Reply by: 17 February 2022. Since he is a friend of the applicants, Councillor Elkin declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussions relating to this application. Recommend approval.</p>

F/YR21/1235/VOC

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) at 194 Whittlesey Road, March.

Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above. The revision is: Significant design changes, new drawings submitted for consideration.

Received: 2 February 2022.

Reply by: 16 February 2022.

Recommend approval.

F/YR22/0075/F

Mr & Mrs Smith, Infields Farm, Goosetree Road, Rings End.

Erect a 2-storey extension to side (North-West) of existing dwelling at Infields Farm, Goosetree Road, Rings End.

Received: 4 February 2022.

Reply by: 25 February 2022.

Recommend approval.

139 Public Participation

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

140 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

Main Council Meeting of 10th January 2022.

Personnel & Admin Sub-Committee Meeting of 11th January 2022.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Sub-Committee Meeting of 18th January 2022.

Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of 24th January 2022.

141 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 10th January 2022:

Minute 130:

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the 2022/23 Precept Form to Fenland District Council on 11th January 2022.

Re Personnel & Admin Sub-Committee Meeting of 11th January 2022:

Councillors ratified the findings of the Personnel & Admin Sub-Committee and its recommendations in relation to current and prospective employees.

It was agreed that advertising for the Town Clerk's position should commence immediately.

142 Agreement to Armed Forces Covenant

Details relating to the Armed Forces Covenant had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Following discussions, it was unanimously agreed that March Town Council should fully endorse this worthwhile expression of support.

143 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 March Town Council 2022/23 LHI applications had been presented to the panel on 2nd February 2022.
- b) There will be a Full Cambridgeshire County Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th February 2022.
- c) Disagreements are ongoing regarding the transfer of funds away from specified projects to reserves.

144 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) Staff home-working practices are to be investigated.

145 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Councillor K French7th March 2022.
Mayor of March.