

## **MARCH TOWN COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 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 J French MW Purser G Tustin	CK Elkin R Johnson RF Skoulding RW White
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Asst. Town Clerk		C Lemmon GSD Wilkinson
	Public / Press		None

### **35 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Connor and Donnelly.

### **36 Police Update**

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

### **37 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 six additional planning application would be discussed.

*Application  
Number*

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

F/YR21/0140/F

Mr Belton, 33 The Avenue, March.  
Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at 33 the Avenue, March.  
Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.  
The revision is: Amended plans – removal of first floor extension and addition of a single-storey extension to rear.  
Received: 10 May 2021.  
Reply by: 24 May 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0167/F

Mr & Mrs Sally Batchelor, Aspen Grange, 6 Aspenwood Grove, March.  
Erect a dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) at Land South of 89 Elwyn Road, March.  
Revised proposals have been received in respect of the above.  
The revision is: Revised dwelling design and materials.  
Received: 21 May 2021.  
Reply by: 28 May 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0462/F

Mrs Ratha Nimalan, 95 Badgeney Road, March.  
Erect a 2-storey extension to side and rear and porch to front of existing dwelling at 95 Badgeney Road, March.  
Received: 10 May 2021.  
Reply by: 31 May 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0486/F

Mr & Mrs Eldred, 59 Peas Hill Road, March.  
Conversion of garages to living accommodation, erect a single-storey front extension and formation of a retaining wall and hardstanding to side and walkway to rear of existing dwelling at 59 Peas Hill Road, March.  
Received: 26 May 2021.  
Reply by: 16 June 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0510/F

Mr G Harradine, 19 The Avenue, March.  
Erect a part 2-storey part single-storey extension to side of existing garage to create a 1-bed annex involving works to number 19 to include demolition of existing extension and formation of new access at 17 The Avenue, March.  
Received: 27 May 2021.  
Reply by: 17 June 2021.  
Recommend approval.

- F/YR21/0537/F Mr Richard Smith, Elm Tree Farm, Elm Road, March.  
Erect a dwelling (2-storey, 3-bed), detached single garage and boundary fence 1.5m high (max) and temporary mobile home during construction involving demolition of existing dwelling at Elm Tree Farm, Elm Road, March.  
Received: 20 May 2021.  
Reply by: 10 June 2021.  
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0540/F Mr & Mrs Stephen & Sarah Hall, 15 Robingoodfellows Lane, March.  
Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing garage at 15 Robingoodfellows Lane, March.  
Received: 2 June 2021.  
Reply by: 23 June 2021.  
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0546/F Mr Stephen Borrett, 57 Elwyn Road, March.  
Installation of a roof window to rear of existing dwelling at 57 Elwyn Road, March.  
Received: 2 June 2021.  
Reply by: 23 June 2021.  
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0554/F Jo Denson, 26 Grounds Avenue, March.  
Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing extension at 26 Grounds Avenue, March.  
Received: 3 June 2021.  
Reply by: 24 June 2021.  
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0563/VOC Mr A Patel, Formcraft Ltd, c/o Swann Edwards, Architects.  
Variation of condition 13 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR12/0440/F (Erection of 4 x 3-storey 4-bed dwellings, 1 x 2-storey 3-bed dwelling and 4 x 2-storey 2-bed dwellings with associated parking) at Former Pilgrims of March, Dartford Road, March.  
Received: 3 June 2021.  
Reply by: 24 June 2021.  
Recommend approval.
- F/YR21/0570/F Mr & Mrs Gosling, 6 Ashbeach Road, March.  
Change of use of land, formation of a tiered garden terrace, mooring and erection of a summer house on riverbank (retrospective) at Land North of 6 Ashbeach Road, March.  
Received: 4 June 2021.  
Reply by: 25 June 2021.  
Recommend approval.

F/YR21/0583/F

Mr Jamie McGarvie, Ashewell Developments, Halfpenny Toll,  
Hook Road, Wimblington.

The siting of a temporary mobile home (during refurbishment  
and repair of existing dwelling) involving the demolition of  
existing outbuildings at The Walnuts, Flaggrass Hill Road,  
March.

Received: 3 June 2021.

Reply by: 24 June 2021.

Recommend approval.

### **38 Public Participation**

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

### **39 Minutes of Meetings**

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:  
Annual Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### **40 Matters Arising**

Re Main Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021:

Re Minute 6 / 157:           The March Museum lease has now been extended until 13<sup>th</sup>  
May 2042, so a further review will not now be needed until  
2035.

### **41 Grants and Donations**

No applications for grants or funding had been received during the previous quarter.

### **42 Schedule of Councillors for Band Concert Supervision 2021**

The Clerk reported that it is necessary to agree the Schedule of Councillors for Band Concert Supervision for the 2021 season.

Band Concerts could commence on either Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July or Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 dependent upon the following:

- a) Covid lockdown restrictions ceasing on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 as planned.
- b) Fenland District Council approving the use of West End Park.
- c) The various bands having not made alternative arrangements.
- d) Priority would be given to the smaller bands/groups to alleviate the risk of crowding within the bandstand.

Councillors discussed the overall scenario and, thereafter, unanimously agreed that the first concert should not be held until Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

The draw took place as follows:

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	Councillor Elkin
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Councillor White
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Councillor Connor
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2021	Councillor J French`

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Councillor K French (as is tradition, the Mayor always supervises the final concert so was not included within the draw).

Further details would be provided closer to the date, but the following conditions would apply:

- a) If Councillors could not fulfil their obligations at any time, it would be their responsibility to find a replacement.
- b) If, on any week, the band was larger than currently anticipated, it would be the Councillor's responsibility to arrange assistance for themselves.

#### **43 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) County Council elections were held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and a new administration has been established which comprises of a coalition of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent members.
- b) No meetings have yet been held, since they are now due to be held quarterly as opposed to monthly.
- c) Investigations are ongoing in an attempt to resolve the flooding issues which were experienced in certain areas of March.

#### **44 Fenland District Council Update**

Councillor J French reported that:

- a) Contact has been established with the new Mayor of the Combined Authority to ensure that all previously promised funding stays in place.

#### **45 Schedule of Accounts**

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

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

Councillor K French .....5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.  
Mayor of March.

After the official meeting had closed, the following points were agreed:

- a) The Christmas Lights Sub-Committee Meetings will resume from 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021.
- b) The Senior Citizens Christmas Concert provisionally planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 will not now go ahead. This will be re-instated onto the MTC calendar of events in 2022.
- c) Partial home-working for the office staff is continuing in accordance with Government guidelines.