

MARCH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 3rd October 2022 held in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present	Councillor	K French MW Purser	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
	Councillors	DW Connor AR Donnelly J French R Johnson G Tustin	SR Court C Elkin R Jack RF Skoulding
	County Councillor		J Gowing
	Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk		S Lemmon S Taylor

92 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor White.

93 Police Update

All written reports to date have been circulated. The next meeting will take place on the re-arranged date of Monday 10 October 2022.

94 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.

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Name and address of applicant, details of application, and recommendation of March Town Council</i>
F/YR22/1088/F	<p>Mr R Smith and Mr M Grove, Cambridgeshire Car Sales, Coleseed Business Complex, Upwell Road, March. Change of Use of land to outdoor car sales yard including palisade perimeter fencing (2.4 m high max), gate and CCTV (retrospective) at Cambridgeshire Car Sales, Coleseed Business Complex, Upwell Road, March. Received: 29 September 2022 Reply by: 20 October 2022 Recommendation: Approval</p>
F/YR22/1089/CERTLU	<p>Mr Kevin McCourt, Rendezvue Limited (Cassanos) 78-82 High Street, March. Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing): Business operating without compliance of condition 1 of planning permission F/YR03/0668/F, relating to opening hours at 78-82 High Street, March. Received: 28 September 2022 Reply by: 19 October 2022 Recommendation: Approval</p>

95 Public Participation

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

96 Minutes of Meetings

The following Minutes were agreed and signed by the Mayor:

- 5 September 2022 – Main Council Meeting
- 26 September 2022 – Planning Sub-Committee
- 26 September 2022 – Christmas Lights Working Party

97 Matters Arising

Re Main Council Meeting of 5 September 2022:

- Minute 82 The revised Standing Orders were dated and duly minuted and circulated to Councillors on 6th September 2022.
- Minute 86 The Clerk, C Lemmon, prepared a statement on behalf of March Town Council that was read out at the Project Steering Group Meeting on

Tuesday 6 September setting out the Town Council's conditions to be met by FDC if MTC was to support the Project.
Failure to meet **any** if the conditions specified would result in the withdrawal by the Town Council of its support for the entire project.

A further Broad Street Steering Group Meeting will be held on Thursday 6 October, 4-5pm at Fenland Hall.

98 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily basis.
Councillor J French updated Councillors as follows;

- i) Works on the Market Place will commence in January 2023. This has been agreed with market traders.
- ii) Discussions had taken place with partners and the gas companies and, with works to Broad Street potentially starting on 31 March 2023, there will be inevitable disruption.
- iii) A new BMX track at West End Park and Park extension had been agreed and would be handed over to Fenland District Council in Spring 2023. £50,000 funding had been secured from Mick George Limited.

Councillor J Gowing had received a complaint about the state of the town moorings and had met with Middle Level Commissioners and Simon Bell (FDC) and had discussed the matter with Stephen Barclay MP, to apply pressure.

99 Fenland District Council Update

Councillor J French updated Councillors as follows;

A walking/cycling strategy had been agreed at Cabinet earlier today (to include Peas Hill to Mill Hill roundabout, using the grass verge and not highway). Missing white lines would be replaced/renewed.

100 Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, as circulated, was agreed.

101 Special Motion

It had been agreed at a meeting held on 20th September 2022 that a special motion (proposed by Councillor Connor) would be prepared and signed by Councillors with a view to amending the resolution of March Town Council at its meeting of 5 September 2022 (minute 86 – Broad Street regeneration) in light of new information forthcoming from Fenland District Council.

A motion would be drafted by Councillor Connor and signed by at least 6 other Councillors (in accordance with March Town Council Standing Orders 7 and 9).
Once submitted in writing and accepted by The Clerk an extraordinary meeting of March Town Council would be convened.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Councillor K French5 December 2022.
Mayor of March.