# MARCH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of March Town Council held on 1 July 2024 held in The Skoulding Suite at March Town Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

| Present | Councillor  | G Christy<br>A Woollard                     | Town Mayor<br>Deputy Town Mayor              |
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|         | Councillors | S Court<br>J French<br>J Lawler<br>M Purser | M Field<br>K French<br>H Orbell<br>N Spencer |
|         | Town Clerk  |   | S Lemmon                                     |

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**Assistant Town Clerk** 

#### 49 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Harris and Taylor and County Councillor Gowing.

S Taylor

#### **50** Police Update

Minutes of the 10 May 2024 meeting were circulated by the Clerk on 5 June. The meeting scheduled for 10 June 2024 was cancelled owing to the General Election. The next meeting will be held on 11 July.

#### 51 Planning Applications

Because of her position on the Fenland District Council Planning and Development Committee and her commitment to Paragraph 28 of the Fenland District Council Code of Conduct, Councillor J French declares a permanent personal interest and takes no part in discussions relating to planning matters.

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

It was agreed that 2 (two) additional planning applications would be discussed at tonight's meeting.

F/YR24/0115/FDC

Fenland District Council

Erect a single-storey toilet block at Land South West of 2

Broad Street, March.

**Revised Proposals;** Amended plans received comprising amended site layout, elevations, floor and roof plan and design

and access statement. Received: 17 June 2024 Reply by: 1 July 2024

**Recommendation: Approval** 

F/YR24/0496/F

Mr & Mrs White, 79 Burrowmoor Road, March.

Erect a 2-storey, part single-storey rear extension to existing

dwelling at 79 Burrowmoor Road, March.

Received: 17 June 2024 Reply by: 8 July 2024

Recommendation: Refusal – concerns over over-looking the

neighbouring property.

F/YR24/0499/VOC

Mr Tony Valentine, Snowmountain Investments Ltd, The Oliver Cromwell Hotel.

Variation of condition 12 (list of approved plans) relating to planning approval F/YR22/0478/F (erect 6 residential units (1 x 3-storey block of flats -6 x 2-bed) with associated parking) to enable changes to externa; appearance of windows and doors at

Land South of 88-90 High Street, March.

Received: 17 June 2024 Reply by: 8 July 2024

\*Cllr Lawler declared an interest in this application and took no

part in discussions or voting. **Recommendation: Approval** 

F/YR24/0501/F

Mrs Kathy Francis, 3A Hereward Street, March. Conversion of existing detached garage to living

accommodation ancillary to existing dwelling, involving the replacement of existing flat roof with dual pitched roof (part

retrospective) at 3A Hereward Street, March.

Received: 18 June 2024 Reply by: 9 July 2024

**Recommendation: Approval** 

F/YR24/0505/F

Euro Property Investment Limited, Birmingham

Erect 23 units (Use Class B2, B8 and E(g) (i), (ii) and (iii), 6 x

cycle shelters, 6 x bin stores and 11 x 6m high lighting

columns, including associated landscaping and parking at Land

North of 7 Martin Avenue, March.

Received: 20 June 2024 Reply by: 11 July 2024

\*Cllr Christy declared an interest in this application and took

no part in discussions or voting.

**Recommendation: Approval** 

F/YR24/0509/RM

Allison Homes East, Peterborough.

Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission APP/D0515/W/23/3327578, relating to application F/YR22/0062/O to erect 110 dwellings (3 x 1-bed flates, 3 x 2-bed flats, 32 x 2-storey, 2-bed, 4 x 3-storey, 3-bed, 55 x 2-storey, 3-bed and 13 x 2-storey, 4-bed) at Land South of 73-81

Upwell Road, March. Received: 24 June 2024 Reply by: 15 July 2024

\*Cllrs Court and Purser declared an interest in this matter and

did not take part in discussions or voting.

Recommendation: Refusal – the developer has not submitted documents/information required by the Planning Inspectorate.

Mr & Mrs Emmington, 11 Steeple View, March.

Change of use of existing dwelling to mixed use to include erection of a single-storey detached building for the use as a nail/beauty salon business (retrospective) at 11 Steeple View,

March.

Received: 24 June 2024 Reply by: 15 July 2024

**Recommendation**; Approval

F/YR24/0512/F

F/YR24/0510/F

Mr Kevin Kidman, 52 Wulpstan Way, Cambridge.

Erect a dwelling (2-storey, 2-bed) (part retrospective) at 46

Newlands Avenue, March. Received: 21 June 2024 Reply by: 12 July 2024

**Recommendation: Approval** 

F/YR24/0514/F

Mr Rick Hughes, 1 Meadowlands, March.

Erect 1 dwelling (self-build) and Land South of 1

Meadowlands, March. Received: 25 June 2024 Reply by: 16 July 2024

Recommendation; Refusal – over-development

F/YR24/0435/F

Mr Josh Ingram, 4 Burn Street, March.

Erect a 2-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension

to existing dwelling at 4 Burn Street, March.

Revised Proposals; amended roof design and materials.

Received: 27 June 2024 Reply by: 11 July 2024

**Recommendation: Approval** 

F/YR24/0526/F Mr Cherry, Prestige Pipelaying JV Ltd, Unit 5, 55 Thorny

Avenue.

Erect 1 x industrial unit (B2 use) at Plot 5, Norwood Industrial

Estate, Norwood Road, March.

Received: 27 June 2024 Reply by: 18 July 2024

Recommendation: Approval subject to the usual conditions

re operating in a residential area.

# 52 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 Meeting – 3 June 2024 Planning Meeting – 17 June 2024 Christmas Lights – 17 June 2024

#### 53 Matters Arising

None.

#### 54 Freedom of the Town Presentation

At the meeting of March Town Council on 18 April 2024 Cllr K French nominated Cllr J French to receive the prestigious award of *Honorary Freedom of the Town of March*. Cllr J French, 5 times Mayor of March, has tirelessly and selflessly served the town for over 30 years, helping the vulnerable, advocating for the youth and armed forces, running committees to deliver wonderful community events in the town, providing FACT with its first fridge.

Cllr J French was presented with a framed scroll by Cllr Christy. Cllr J French expressed her gratitude at receiving this award and felt very honoured to be only the fifth recipient of the Freedom of the Town, and thanked everyone for their support.

#### 55 Council Representation to Outside Body – March Educational Foundation

On 4 March, it was determined that consideration be given at a future meeting to the appointment of a further member to the March Educational Fund Committee. Cllrs Orbell and Field are already on the committee in a non-councillor capacity. It was proposed by Cllr K French and seconded by Cllr J French that Cllr Woollard be appointed to the Committee to represent March Town Council. The Clerk would contact Reg Gill to advise.

# 56 Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Clerk reported that all email updates are being circulated on a daily-basis.

County Councillor J Gowing had sent an update in his absence regarding the appointment of a new Fire Chief. Any decision regarding closure of the Manea fire station would be deferred until after the election.

Cllr J French provided an update on MATS and the Combined Authority funding for Peas Hill, Hobbs Lot and St Peters Road, projects which would be delivered after the completion of Broad Street.

# 57 Fenland District Council Update

Cllr J French confirmed that Broad Street would be completed on time and advised that there was a sizable underspend which would be used to improve other parts of the town.

FDC grants would be available for empty shops and for improving shop frontages. Grants up to £15,000 could be applied for, with the business owner only required to pay only 5% of the amount applied for. It was hoped that this would greatly improve the aesthetic of the town.

### **Payments List**

The Payments List, as circulated, was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:20 pm.