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**MINUTES OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017, AT 7PM  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST. MARY'S BAY**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr. Graham Allison, Chairman  
Cllr. David Evans  
Cllr. Pamela Millen  
Cllr. Andrew Sinden  
Cllr. Russell Tillson  
Cllr. Michael Wilson

**Apologies:**

**Cllr. Terry Wilson – family commitment**

The Chairman opened the meeting.

**Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.**

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson that the Minutes of the meeting be approved. All Agreed.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Annual Parish Meeting gives the opportunity to have a look around the Parish to see what we have done and also what needs to be done.

July saw the departure of Roger Moore who chose to continue his retirement in Norfolk, September we welcomed back Russell Tillson, former Parish Councillor and Ward Member for Shepway District Council.

St. Mary in the Marsh: The bus shelter near the church was completed and the surrounding area tidied-up, with Mark Coleman looking after the Glebe land grass. A great improvement, complimented by many residents. The future of the old hut, which at some stage will have to be demolished, together with the use of the land will be items for the agenda in the coming months.

As you know the Parish is Twinned with St. Andre, a town near Lille in France. Several of their groups have visited Romney Marsh including an educational visit to St. Nicholas School and a visit to New Romney Town Hall to learn about its history and heritage.

Delegates from St. Andre were present at the Remembrance Service on 13<sup>th</sup> November which followed our visit to them on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

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The Twinning Association is getting stronger with many more events planned for the coming year and its Chairman Nigel Ward must be congratulated for this dedicated involvement.

In conjunction with Kent County Council the boundary signs have been installed informing that the village is twinned with St. Andre.

Work at the entrance to Jefferstone Lane Playing Field has been completed making it safe for residents and visitors.

Four years ago when the Neighbourhood Plan first commenced I am pleased to report it is now approaching its final stages and is now needing approval of Shepway District Council Cabinet and Government Departments. It is expected to be presented to parishioners by way of referendum in the coming months. Thanks was given to Gill, Clerk to the Council, for her continued effort in bringing the plan to fruition.

Together with other councils, we have expressed concerns over the diminishing banking facilities on the Marsh and Medical facilities with an increasing population. We have asked Kent County Councillor to re-look with Kent County Council the road situation of Teelin Close, roads on the tree estate together with the volume of traffic in Jefferstone Lane. We are keeping an eye on the planning applications of both the Sands Motel and Rugby Club sites.

Our precept has been increased by £1000, to £26,000 per annum.

Councillors have attended many meetings, and been representatives at other bodies and I thank them for their work during the past year.

**Any Other Information Items:**

None.

There were no parishioners present.

The meeting closed at 7.10am.

Signed..... Date.....