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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. G. Allison                      **Chairman**  
                 Cllr.T. Wilson                              **Deputy Chairman**  
                 Cllr. D. Evans  
                 Cllr. P. Millen  
                 Cllr. A. Sinden  
                 Cllr.M. Wilson  
                 **Clerk to the Parish Council and 1 member of the public**

**APOLOGIES:**

None

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Terry Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 2016, be approved. All agreed.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Allison declared personal interest in items referring to the Village Hall.

Cllr. Sinden declared personal interest in items referring to St. Mary in the Marsh Project.

**CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH ARE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA:**

The EA has placed a block in front of the gate to their land following a recent break-in by a traveling caravan. EA thanked the parish council for its advice on this matter.

**ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:**

Cllr. Sinden informed there is no new information to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

1.A Parish Charter for Shepway District Council has been approved by Cabinet. Council has been asked if it wishes to formally adopt the Charter. Council noted the document.

2.A meeting will take place at the Civic Centre on Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> August to discuss Otterpool Park Garden Town. All councillors are invited. Cllrs. Allison, Evans and Millen will attend.

**Kent County Council:**

1. Kent Waste Disposal Strategy consultation is available on their web-site.

[www.kent.gov.uk/wastestrategy](http://www.kent.gov.uk/wastestrategy).

2. Carole Waters informs that KCC has a £4M pot of money for the whole of Kent to find and fix local highway issues. Clerk has requested the Tree Estate and rural end of Jefferstone Lane to have weed killing. Clerk asked councillor to inform her of any requests.

**Romney Marsh Forum:**

At the last meeting the Forum agreed to forward each agenda to those parish councils who are not members, to keep council's informed of what is being discussed. Clerk read Agenda.

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**UK Power Networks:**

On 6<sup>th</sup> September a new national phone number 105 will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. 105 will connect customers to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y16/0484/SH**                      Erection of single storey side/rear extension including conversion of  
10 Cedar Cresc.                      part of existing garage. Approved by SDC.

**Y16/0057/SH**                      Non-material change to current application Y15/0710/SH.  
RM Potato Co.                      Approved by SDC.

**Y16/0563/SH**                      Erection of single storey rear extension  
25 Cedar Cresc.                      Approved by SDC.

**Y15/1182/SH**                      Erection of a replacement dwelling.  
23 Dunstall Lane                      Approved by SDC.

**Y16/0820/SH**                      Erection of a detached garage with room in roof space, plus  
The Old School                      replacement sliding gates and hard standing.  
STMM.                                  Proposed by Cllr. Sinden, seconded by Cllr. Terry Wilson, that  
The proposed garage is very close to the boundary and will overlook  
the neighbouring property. This is of concern to the neighbour. If the  
window can be removed and placed in a position where it does not  
overlook the neighbouring property, the council and the neighbour will  
not object to the erection of the detached garage with room in roof  
space, , replacement gates and hardstanding.  
Voting: Unanimous.

**MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYING FIELD, JEFFERSTONE LANE AND GLEBE LAND:**

Simon Browne has completed the driveway at the recreation ground at Jefferstone Lane. Chairman asked M. Coleman to secure the concrete posts at the recreations ground. Also, to clear the area of shrub from the fence to the bus stop at St. Mary in the Marsh.

**MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:**

At a meeting of the Beach Advisory Group at Dymchurch Parish Council, a letter from SDC Leader Cllr. Monk was read out that stated parish council's may wish to consider paying for the seawall to be swept themselves. SDC only pays for its own beaches at Folkestone and Hythe to be swept. Cllr. Terry Wilson would like to represent STMMPC at the Beach Advisory Group. Clerk agreed to forward details to Cllr. T. Wilson.

**FINANCE:**

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Mike Wilson, that the accounts be accepted. Agreed.

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Salaries:	785.99
M. Coleman:	753.00
Simon Browne Building Services Ltd.	9397.20
BT line rental	83.65

Income: Way leave from UK Powernetwork £1.15  
Current Account balance: £2,291.13  
Business Account balance: £17,758.64

Council agreed for the clerk to transfer funds from the business account to current account.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

Clerk to meet with SDC officers on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**Boundary Signs:**

Application for grant from Ward Councillors has been refused as the parish council does not meet the criteria to enable it to make application. Grant application to KCC has been successful and KCC Cllr. Carole Waters has agreed to fund £300 towards the project.

**Twinning:**

Cllr. Sinden agreed to ask the new proprietor of The Star about the whereabouts of the tree.

**VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR:**

SDC has granted approval for the parish council to co-opt. Council considered the options to either take the next candidate on the persons nominated for election from the recent 2015 Election, or advertise the position.

Proposed by Cllr. Terry Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Mike Wilson that council take the next candidate on the persons nominated for election from the recent 2015 Election.

Voting: For: 4 Against: 2 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Mike Wilson informed:

1. tree branches between 17 and 27 Elm Road are still in need of cutting back and are overhanging the footpath. Also branches are overhanging the garden at 19 Elm Road.
2. The footpath between A259 and beach needs cutting back again.
3. The bench on the A259 has still not been cut around.

Clerk to report again.

Cllr. Millen informed she attended the opening of the coastal footpath at Dover.

Meeting closed 7.55pm.

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