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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL ON
THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY, 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Allison **Chairman**
 Cllr. T. Wilson **Vice-Chairman**
 Cllr. D. Evans
 Cllr. P. Millen
 Cllr. A. Sinden
 Cllr.M. Wilson
 Clerk to the Parish Council

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. R. Moore - poorly

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Evans, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January, 2016, be approved. All agreed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

Cllr. Millen declared personal interest in items referring to the Levin Club.

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:

Clerk informed the street light at Honeychild Cottages has been reported again and SDC has requested it be attended to as a matter of urgency.

The light on the corner of the recreation ground/Jefferson Lane has been reported again, but the light has been removed and KCC now claim there is no light to attend to.

White lines on the Tree Estate have been reported and KCC will investigate.

Regarding the Length Man Service KCC has advised the parish council needs to invite 3 or 4 neighbouring parishes to join in and the District Council, once all on-board the parish council should contact Toby Howe, Highways Manager East.

Clerk has made several enquiries with Planning regarding the toilet block at the old sands motel site, and has been informed there is a new case officer dealing with the application and she will respond as soon as she has had the opportunity to research the matter.

ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:

Cllr. Sinden informed that the project group has been successful in passing the first stage of the process for grant aid and has been invited to apply to the next stage of the application process. A coffee morning will be held at the Church on 6th February at 10am-12noon.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

1.A copy of SDC's response to a lorry parking area has been received. SDC supports Stanford West as a preferred option. Clerk read part of the response.

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2.Scrutiny Committee has asked parish councils to identify any items it would like the Committee to scrutinize.

Highways England:

A consultation has been launched for the Lower Thames Crossing with a closing date of 24th March. Individuals are able to make representation on-line at www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk. KALC has requested that if the parish council wishes to make comment, would it include KALC with its response.

The Boundary Commission:

The Electoral Review of Kent has been finalised and the parish of St. Mary in the Marsh has been placed in Hythe West ward.

Kent County Council:

The mobile library service is under review and it is being proposed that Rectory Road and Taylors Lane service be withdrawn. Evidence over the last year has highlighted that less than 2 persons visited the service from October 2014 to September 2015. The stop at Jefferstone Lane and The Fairway will continue.

Marsh Forum:

John Rich has been appointed clerk. Minutes have been received. The constitution was approved at the last meeting together with annual fees to participating councils.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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| Y15/1184/SH
1 Dymchurch Rd. | Retrospective application for erection of bungalow.
At the previous parish council meeting there was no access to plans and therefore council was unable to comment collectively, although some councillors did visit the planning web-site after the meeting and provided clerk with their comments. Plans at the site are for the same footprint as a previous building. No Objection. |
| Y16/0092/SH
22 Elm Road | Erection of single storey rear extension with mezzanine floor.
Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden, that Objection be raised on the grounds of over intensive development of the site and that the design will not be in keeping with the Tree Estate.
Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0 |

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

The purchase of Glebe Land has been completed. Stamping and registration of the title documents are still being dealt with and copies of the registered title will be sent in due course.

KCC Contractors are due at the bus stop site shortly. Weather conditions have caused a backlog with their groundwork schedule. SDC, KCC and Stagecoach have approved the design of the bus shelter and it has been ordered.

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Response received from SDC regarding the disabled toilet. The toilet block is closed during winter due to financial constraints. It does not contravene the Equality Act by closing the toilet, SDC claim it would contravene the Act if the disabled toilet was open and the other toilets kept shut. SDC has invited the parish council to take over the management of the toilet block if it wishes to do so. There will be no financial support from SDC for this service.

FINANCE:

Proposed by Cllr. Sinden, seconded by Cllr. Millen, that the following accounts be authorised for payment: All agreed.

Salaries:	765.19
BT Telephone	176.94

Current Account balance: £12,713.90

Business Account balance: £17,736.60

Discussion took place about the cost of calls made from the office phone and clerk informed it was not her making the calls. The chairman acknowledge his call usage and due to the lack of calls made by the clerk, council unanimously agreed to remove the outgoing telephone line.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

Clerk met with officers at SDC and the plan is now undergoing its final draft. Council unanimously agreed to the amendments. The final part of the consultation process is to produce a questionnaire to farmsteads to provide the required evidence that consultation on specific matters has been carried out. This was a recommendation made in the recent Health Check.

Whilst it is difficult to put timescales to this process it is hoped that results of the questionnaire to farmsteads will be received by end-February, clerk to incorporate details in an accompanying consultation statement document, SDC officers hope to submit the neighbourhood plan to Cabinet in April/May with the Planning Inspectorate Review to take place August/September. Following the Planning Inspectorate's comments, which hopefully will be favourable, a referendum could be held early in the new year.

Cllr. T. Wilson thanked the clerk for undertaking the task of completing the plan.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Sinden reported two pot-holes; Five Vents Road, near Chittingden Lane (bridge end) and Five Vents Road near Honey Child Farm milk shed.

Cllr. T. Wilson informed white lines have appeared on the Tree Estate.

Cllr. Evans informed parking on the corner of Newlands has been discussed with an officer from KCC Highways and it has been suggested yellow lines be installed. Cllr. Evans will speak to residents in the area to gauge public opinion on the matter.

Cllr. Allison informed a light by the railway station is not working.

Meeting closed 7.45pm.

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