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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST, 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY at 7pm**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Allison Chairman
Cllr. P. Millen
Cllr. A. Sinden
Cllr. R. Tillson
Cllr. M. Wilson
Clerk to the Parish Council

Chairman opened the meeting by congratulating Cllr. Tillson on his success in the by election at New Romney.

Chairman reported Cllr. David Evans has resigned and express thanks for the two years contribution he made to the council.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. T. Wilson - away

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Millen, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July, 2017, be approved. All agreed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

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

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

None.

ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:

Cllr. Sinden informed he has forwarded further details to the Big Lottery regarding its application for financial assistance. Ongoing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Following the parish council's communications to SDC regarding the condition of play areas at Oak Drive and Meads Way a response has finally been received. Clerk read response.

Council's view is that the response is not acceptable and Cllr. Tillson agreed to take the matter up at Shepway.

Environment Agency:

Notification received regarding the terms for trading rights. The annual rent for trading has increased by £50 per year.

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Kent Highways:

In response to the parish council's request for warning signs to be erected in Jefferstone Lane, a response has been received stating no finance is available to support signage. Council requested clerk to write to Kent Highways to establish what criteria KCC employs in determining these decisions.

KALC:

Notification received that the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities requires a list of councillor responsibilities and details of land and buildings owned by the council. Clerk to place information on the web-site.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y17/0542/SH Retrospective application for erection of detached garage & day room.
8 Orchard Road Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: unanimous.

Y17/0826/SH Erection of a single storey side extension and garage
4 Orchard Road Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous.

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

The crashed car that had been left in the council's recreation ground car park has been removed. Mr. Burgess kindly cleared away the broken glass.
Cllr. M. Wilson informed several large branches have fallen during the last 24 hours due to high winds. Clerk to ask Mr. Coleman to look at the trees/branches.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden, that the accounts be accepted. Agreed.

Salaries:	808.79
Commercial Services	52.26
The Romney Marsh Net	157.20
M. Coleman	368.40
Environment Agency	52.00
BT	85.32

Income:

UK Power Networks wayleave £1.15

Current Account balance: £ 11,330.37

Business Account balance: £ 14,758.64

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SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

A timetable has been provided for progressing with the plan. A report regarding the plan will be submitted to Corporate Management Team in two weeks. It will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 September and Cabinet on 13 September.

Twinning:

Clerk provided information from the Association's Minutes held on 2nd August, 2017.

The parish council chairman and members of the association have been asked to attend a Europa Day celebration on 10th September and Memorial Services on 11th November.

Wreaths will be required and the Association has asked if the parish council would meet the cost of the wreaths. Total cost is £81.00.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden that the parish council meets the cost of the wreaths. Voting: Unanimous.

MARSH FORUM:

Cllr. Tillson updated council of the last meeting. The Forum does accept it is not a decision making body and the constitution was adopted without amendment. The Forum believes its role is to unify the Marsh on issues such as health, banking, policing, burial ground etc., and outside speakers at the meetings are useful. The Forum will not guarantee circulating its agenda in advance to parish/town councils. Cllr. Tillson offered to keep the parish council informed of the Forum's activities as he attends in another capacity.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Sinden informed cleaning fluids are required for the bus shelter at STMM. I was agreed a receipt should be sent to the clerk and reimbursement will be provided.

Cllr. Sinden also reported pot-holes on Five Vents Road near Turnagates and School Road to the Starr Inn.

Cllr. M. Wilson informed that following discussion with the clerk and the grounds maintenance team at SDC, he had conducted a survey amongst residents regarding the felling of trees on Elm Road and replanting with a more different species. The survey identified that 7 households wish for the trees to be felled and 6 households wish them to remain.

Whilst conducting the survey, councillor was asked for identification and this raised much discussion. Enquiries to be made where identification badges can be obtained.

Cllr. Allison informed the No Waiting sign at the top of Jefferstone Lane has rusted and is lying on the grass verge.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm

Signed.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH
PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER, 2017, AT 7PM,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST. MARY'S BAY**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 August, 2017.
3. Receive any declarations of interest. (*Councillors should disclose prejudicial interest/s in any item/s on this agenda. Councillors with a prejudicial interest must describe and give details of the interest*).
4. Consider any matters arising from previous Minutes which are not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
5. Consider matters relating to the St. Mary in the Marsh Project.
6. Consider correspondence
7. Consider planning applications
8. Consider any matters relating to the Playing Field, Jefferstone Lane and Glebe Land, St. Mary in the Marsh.
9. Consider any matters relating to the slipway, seawall and foreshore
10. Consider finance.
11. Special Projects Update:
 Neighbourhood Plan
 Twinning
12. Any other information items (at Chairman's discretion)

Gillian Smith

Clerk to the Council

