

**1282/December/2017**

**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. T. Wilson, Vice-chairman chaired the meeting  
Cllr. T. Cooper  
Cllr. R. Tillson  
Cllr. M. Wilson  
Clerk to the Parish Council and 1 member of the public  
Cllr. G. Allison joined the meeting at 8.30pm following twinning duties

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. A. Sinden – family matters  
Cllr. P. Millen - twinning duties

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017, be approved. All agreed.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None.

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

Cllr. Cooper informed the overgrowth at Collins Bridge and surrounding area has still not been attended to. Clerk to report to EA.

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

Cllr. Sinden was not present to give an update.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

**Kent County Council:**

KCC's construction contractors Amey, have notified that it is conducting a feasibility study on widening the bridge outside the Star Inn and STMM Church. This is only a feasibility study and nothing has been confirmed as yet.

KCC is reviewing its Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy and is currently consulting on proposed changes.

**KALC:**

Has informed that it has written to the Dept. for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport expressing concern about the impact of the General Data Protection Regulation on parish councils. At the current time the regulation states that a parish clerk cannot be the Data Controller. Clerk to attend a briefing session on the subject on 14<sup>th</sup> December and will report back.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Y17/0903/SH            Installation of 2 roof light windows in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom  
2 Dunstall Lane        Approved by SDC

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

M. Coleman has moved a bench from the A259 and reinstated at the recreation ground. The wooden struts have been replaced.

UK Power Networks has investigated the installation of a pole at Glebe Land and the response was distributed to councilors prior to the meeting. Council agreed not to accept a 15 year lease agreement for the pole to remain and reserves the right to request the pole be removed as future plans develop. Council will have a greater understanding of future use by April.

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

Concern has been expressed by a resident regarding the entrance to the slipway is being used for construction work at the Sands Motel site. Clerk has informed resident that it is a matter for SDC, EA and the Construction Company to determine how works can be carried out and would be part of the planning application process.

**FINANCE:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that the accounts be accepted. All agreed.

Salaries:	857.14
SDC	3531.70
Commercial Services	52.26
M. Coleman	460.20

Income: £1418.41 refund from bank charges.

Current Account balance: £ 15,466.79

Business Account balance: £ 14,758.64

**ROMNEY MARSH PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET:**

It is being proposed that a new Romney Marsh leaflet be produced to promote all areas on the Marsh in a joint leaflet. The leaflet is supported by the Romney Marsh Forum, subject to funding being secured. All parishes are being asked if they would contribute towards the leaflet and Magnox and Ward Councillors are being asked for financial assistance.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson that a sum of £250 be made available toward the project. Voting: Unanimous.

**BUDGET AND PRECEPT:**

Clerk tabled a draft budget for council's consideration and the matter was discussed at length.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the budget be accepted and the precept increase to £36,000 to accommodate council's future projects. Voting: Unanimous.

Cllr. Allison joined the meeting at 8.30pm

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

The Plan is on deposit and available to view via SDC website, New Romney library, village hall, Foords and Beachstores until 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Examiner, Mrs. Kidd has been secured and will commence in January.

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**Twinning:**

A fundraising visit to Nieuport, Belgium, is being planned for June that will include a river trip.

Nigel and Sharon Ward visited St. Andre Christmas Fare.

**Memorial Service at the Commemorative Stone:**

The Service was well attended and refreshments by Breeze Bakes in the village hall was most successful. The Bugler and Breeze Bakes are available for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 if council would like the clerk to confirm arrangements. All agreed.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Allison informed the lights on A259 are out.

Cllr. Cooper informed the lights in Jenner Lane have not been upgraded.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH  
PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2018, 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 7<sup>th</sup> December, 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. General Data Protection Regulations
13. KALC/KAPC to consider format for casual vacancies.
14. Councillor Reports.

***Gillian Smith***

Clerk to the Council