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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL ON  
THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 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. R. Moore  
              Cllr. A. Sinden  
              Cllr.M. Wilson  
              **Clerk to the Parish Council and 3 members of the public**

**APOLOGIES:**

None.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Moore, seconded by Cllr. Evans, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December, 2015, 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:**

None.

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

Cllr. Sinden informed The Big Lottery has acknowledged the grant application and expects to reach a decision by the end of the month. On 6 February there will be a second hand book sale and coffee morning.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**National Grid:**

Work is to be carried out to refurbish the overhead line between substations in Dungeness and Sellindge a briefing meeting will be held at Lydd Town Council on 11 January, at 6pm, for those wishing to attend.

**Office of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent:**

Invitation of the chairman to attend his annual Civic Service at All Saints Church in Maidstone on Tuesday 15 March at 11am. Cllr. Terry Wilson agreed to attend.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y15/0097/NMC**       Non-material change to previous application.

4 Willowbank Close   Approved by SDC.

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**Y15/1070/SH**                      Erection of a front conservatory.  
6 Maple Drive                      Refused by SDC.

**Y15/0868/SH**                      Erection of training tower with plinth.  
Sycamore Farm,                      For information.  
Old Romney.                      No Objection

**Y07/1566/SH**                      Letter received enquiring if any comments wish to be taken  
Land by pumping                      into consideration.  
Station.                      Clerk to enquire what is happening to the old toilet block.

**Y15/1184/SH**                      Retrospective application for erection of bungalow.  
1 Dymchurch Rd.                      There was no access to plans at the meeting and therefore council  
was unable to comment. If plans are for the same footprint, there  
will be no objection.

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

Fence line and trees have been cut back in preparation for siting a bus shelter.  
Groundworks have been ordered by SDC and KCC and Stagecoach have ordered the shelter.  
Exchange of contracts will take place once STMMPC has released the finance.

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

No information as yet from SDC on the closure of a disabled toilet at High Knocke car park.

**FINANCE:**

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

Salaries:	768.71
HMR&C	590.36
G. Allison	49.98
M. Coleman	460.14
Metcalf & Sharp	126.00
Hallett & Co.	23219.00
Nat West	20.92

Current Account balance: £13,386.57

Business Account balance: £17,736.60

Clerk informed the Twinning Association has repaid a deposit for the coach trip to St. Andre.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

Clerk has an appointment with SDC officers on 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**PRECEPT:**

Proposed by Cllr. Sinden, seconded by Cllr. Moore that the precept be increased to £25K.

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An amendment was proposed.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the precept be increased to £26.5K. Voting: For: 3 Against: 4. The proposal was lost.

Proposed by Cllr. Sinden, seconded by Cllr. Moore that the precept be increased to £25K. Voting: For: 4 Against: 3. The motion was carried.

**SHEPWAY PARISH CHARTER:**

Copies of the Charter had previously been forwarded to councillors.

Cllr. Sinden raised issues regarding Point 4, Page 6 that SDC Planning should provide at least 28 days, preferably 6 weeks for consultation with parish councils as it can often be 4-5 weeks before parish councils meet to discuss planning applications. All Agreed.

It was also proposed that SDC provide hard copies to parishes when requested, to enable an informed decision to be made. It is not always possible to see details on A4 sized plans. At the current time when copies are requested, they are not sent by SDC. All Agreed.

**CRAFT CLUB REQUEST:**

Cllr. M. Wilson informed the craft club has shown interest in using land at the rear of the village hall to grow flowers and vegetables.

Cllr. Allison advised the land is leased to the village hall and the hall does offer it to hirers of the hall. The village hall is also considering an extension to the hall and the grass is on a concrete base. With these issues in mind, it was considered inappropriate for the Craft Club to use the grass area at the current time. The Craft Club may however, be interested in attending to tubs and hanging baskets at the front of the village hall.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Sinden informed there has been no attention to the light outside Honeychild Cottages and it is still not working after some 3 years of reporting.

Cllr. Allison informed the light outside the recreation ground has also received no attention from KCC. Clerk to report again.

Cllr. M. Wilson reported the white lines on the Tree Estate need repainting and asked for the Lengthman’s Service to be pursued.

Cllr. Millen informed the corner of Newlands and Taylors Lane has seen an increase in white vans parking. Cllr. Evans advised the Neighbourhood Watch service is dealing with this issue.

Cllr. Allison advised he is unable to attend the Town and Parish User Group Meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January and asked if any other councillor would like to attend on his behalf.

Meeting closed at 7.43pm.

**Public Session:**

Mr. Alan Church queried issues regarding the toilet block on EA land and its inclusion with the Sands Motel development site. He also raised several queries about the new car park and its future management. Clerk to raise issues with planning.

Public Session closed at 8pm.

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