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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JANUARY, 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Allison, Chairman
Cllr. T. Wilson, Vice-chairman
Cllr. T. Cooper
Cllr. P. Millen
Cllr. R. Tillson
Cllr. M. Wilson
Clerk to the Parish Council

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. A. Sinden

Chairman opened the meeting and wished councillors a happy new year.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December, 2017, be approved. All agreed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

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

Cllr. Cooper informed he will be attending the Marsh Forum and will advise that STMMPC has agreed to support a Marsh tourism leaflet and will enquire if other parish/town councils have offered support. Cllr. Tillson informed he has agreed to support the leaflet from his Ward Councillor Fund.

ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:

Cllr. Sinden not present to give an update.

Mrs. Carr, chairman of St. Mary in the Marsh Project Fund has been invited to attend the parish council meeting on 1st February, at 6.30pm for informal discussions. No reply received to date. Council asked for a reminder to be sent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Kent County Council:

Road closure notice for Jefferstone Lane has been received for the closure of the lane for two months regarding sewer works. This has now been deferred due to ground conditions and is being planned for spring. A site meeting has been arranged on 12th January with Southern Water.

Cllr. Sinden has informed that School Road is not gritted during icy conditions and clerk has requested KCC to add to gritting schedule. KCC has stated it is not possible to add the road to the schedule due to the gritting lorry being unable to accommodate any further roads. KCC has suggested STMMPC purchase a salt bin and top up its contents when required. Council's

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view is that residents will not be prepared to grit the entire road and should not be expected to do so. Clerk requested to inform KCC Cllr. Tony Hills and ask for his intervention.

Natural England:

Notification received that Dungeness, Romney Marsh and Rye Bay have been given a marine Natura 2000 designation in the Register of European Sites in England.

KALC:

In the Local Government Finance Settlement, council tax referendum principles have not been extended to parish and town councils in 2018/19.

St. Andre Twinning Association:

Warm wishes have been received from our friends at St. Andre. Clerk read the greeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y17/1402/SH Compliance with conditions 3,5 & 6 of Y07/1566/SH

Pumping Station Approved by SDC.

Y17/0103/NMC Non material change to planning application Y07/1566/SH

Pumping Station Approved by SDC.

Y17/1546/SH Application for variation to Y07/1566/SH. Alternations proposed relate to window designs, sizes and materials.

Pumping Station Council noted the alternations being proposed and raised no objection

Y17/1390/SH Outline planning application for 117 dwellings.

Land adjoining Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper that there are inadequate local services and infra-structure to accommodate Hope All Saints further development at New Romney and that sight of the traffic Ashford Road, NR. management plan be requested before any decision is made.

Voting: Unanimous.

Cllr. M. Wilson informed that queuing of lorries on the A259, waiting to enter the construction site at the pumping station, is causing a backlog on the A259. Clerk requested to inform Planning Services.

Clerk requested to make enquiries with Planning Services as to what is happening with the old toilet block at the construction site.

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

UK Power Network has been informed that Council reserves the right to have the pole removed. UKPN has requested Council inform by April, if it wishes the pole to be removed.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Cllr. T. Wilson suggested beach huts be considered on the seafront, similar to those at Hythe.

FINANCE:

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

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Outgoings this month: £ 1,643.58
Current Account balance: £ 13,843.21
Business Account balance: £ 14,758.64

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

No further news to report. All going well.

Twinning:

The chairman informed that Elisabeth Masse is mayor elect. When council receives official notification, an appropriate congratulations be sent.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS:

Clerk reported on a seminar she had attended about the Regulations that come into force in May 2018. Much has to be done to ensure the council is compliant and clerk is working on changes to administration. A Data Controller must be engaged who is not a member of the parish council nor another parish council's clerk may carry out the role. A company called Satswana has been recommended by KALC and will provide guidance and advice and act as Data Controller. Clerk requested council's approval to enroll with Satswana and tabled a GDPR Policy for council to consider with a view to adopting at the Feb meeting. Cllr. Tillson congratulated the clerk for producing a comprehensive document and meetings attendance.

KALC/KAPC FORMAT FOR CASUAL VACANCIES:

Chairman requested council's support that the costs of mid-term elections and the impact this has on smaller councils, to be raised at the next KAPC meeting. Co-option was once a first resort and is now a last resort and the process has a huge financial impact on the smaller councils. KAPC has the ability to take this matter to Government with a view to simplifying the system.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson that KAPC be approached to rid the financial burden of unreasonable costs of bye-elections on smaller councils. Voting: Unanimous.

CHURCH LANE SURGERY:

Chairman informed that information has been received and comments are invited on future proposals for the surgery. Councillors expressed concern that nearly 900 new houses are being proposed at New Romney and St. Mary's Bay and the provision of doctors is totally inadequate. Clerk requested to contact the Commission Group to inform of the current inadequate provision and to ask where, if the surgery were to close, will people register for medical care.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr. M. Wilson suggested waste bins at Maple Drive and Elm Road. Clerk to contact SDC.
Cllr. M. Wilson raised celebrations for commemorating the end of WW1. This will form an agenda item at next meeting.
Cllr. Cooper has made contact with SDC regarding street sweeper visits and monthly arrangements have been promised.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH
PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY, 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 4th January, 2018.
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 Policy
13. Commemoration of end of WW1.
14. Southern Water Works – Jefferstone Lane
15. Councillor Reports.

Gillian Smith

Clerk to the Council

