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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER, 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY at 7pm**

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 and 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. A. Sinden - poorly

Chairman congratulated Cllr. Tony Copper on his success at the election and welcomed him to the Council.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mike Wilson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October, 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:

Nothing to report.

ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:

Cllr. Sinden provided the clerk with a report to be read at the meeting:

1. The Big Lottery panel was postponed due to ill health.
2. The Project Fund and St. Mary's church are holding a Christmas Fair at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 2nd December from 10am-12noon, the proceeds will be split between the two organisations.
3. The annual Christmas Party with Father Christmas is on Sunday 17th December in the church from 4pm-6pm. Hot and cold drinks provided, people are asked to bring a small plate of party food to share.
4. The Haywardians are offering a date to the Twinning Committee of Saturday 26th May, 2018.

The chairman suggested a courtesy meeting with the Project Fund Committee to share their thinking of alternative approaches and contingency plan. All agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Following the parish council's approach to SDC regarding responsibility for public areas on the Tree Estate, a map has been produced that identifies the areas that KCC are responsible and SDC has confirmed it is responsible for maintenance of five open spaces.

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Following the parish council's contact with SDC Enforcement Officer and with the help of KCC Cllr. Tony Hills, patching has taken place at the front of Teelin Close.

Notification that precept amounts are required by 31 January, 2018. The exact council tax base for the parish will be available in December 2017. Budget/precept item to be placed on the next agenda.

A Shepway Networking Forum is to be held at the Romney Marsh Day Centre, Rolfe Lane on Thursday 23rd November, 2017 from 1.30pm-4.30pm. The theme of the event is 'Health and Wellbeing on Romney Marsh'. Cllrs. Allison, Millen and Mike Wilson to attend.

Kent County Council:

KCC is consulting regarding its budget for 2018/19, the consultation can be found on www.kent.gov.uk/budgetconsultation where members of the public are able to comment. The estimated increase is 3.99%, nearly £42 per year for a band C property.

KALC:

Notification received that the UK Parliament has decided to reduce the number of parliamentary constituencies, and therefore MPs, from 650 to 600. It doesn't appear from the information received that Folkestone and Hythe Constituency will be affected.

Notice that the 70th AGM of KALC will be held on Saturday 18th November at Aylesford should anyone wish to attend.

KALC has introduced a Community Awards Scheme and is available should council's wish to adopt the scheme and nominate a person or group for a community award.

Dept. for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport:

For the purposes of the future data protection regulatory scheme, parish councils will count as public authorities and have been advised the clerk should not act as the data protection officer. Advice awaited from KALC.

New Romney Town Council:

Is hosting a Flood Training Session at the Assembly Rooms, on Thursday 30th November, should any councillor wish to attend.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y17/0903/SH Installation of roof light windows
2 Dunstall Lane Approved by SDC

Y17/1308/SH Change of use of land for stationing touring and static caravans
Marlie Farm and tents plus construction of amenity buildings.
Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous.

Y17/1329/SH Installation of foul sewage pumping stations and associated facilities
Marlie Farm Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.

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Voting: Unanimous

Y17/1009/SH Erection of an extension to existing agricultural building
Grassland Turf Farm Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that
No Objection be raised
Voting: Unanimous

Now that work has started at both sites, and at the chairman's request, plans for the old Sands Motel site and Rugby Club site were tabled for information purposes.

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

Clerk wrote to UK Power Networks and requested the removal of the newly erected pole, an officer has made contact and an outcome is awaited.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

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

Salaries:	808.79
BT	137.99
SMB Village Hall	57.00
Crown Estate	77.00
Commercial Services	52.26

Current Account balance: £ 19,159.48

Business Account balance: £ 14,758.64

Income: £13,000 precept

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

Information sheet for hand delivery to all households is being worked on.

SDC is trying to secure Mrs. Kidd to act as examiner.

Twinning:

Delegation from St. Andre visited on 6th October and the event was a huge success.

Plans are being finalised for a delegation to visit St. Andre on 11th November.

A coach trip to northern Belgium is planned for the Spring and other events are being arranged.

Memorial Service at the Commemorative Stone:

Raymond Moses has confirmed he will conduct a short service on Saturday 11th November, at 11am. A bugler has also been confirmed. Refreshments will be available for those attending at the village hall, Breeze Bakes will offer tea / coffee and cakes after the service.

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Clerk enquired if councilors would like to move the service in 2018 to 9th November, to enable a minister and bugler to be secured. Council wished for the service to be held on the 11th.

MARSH FORUM:

A number of documents have been received that were passed to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Tillson attended the meeting on 26th October and briefed council on the topics discussed; speed watch, promotional material and an invitation has been sent to SDC chief executive inviting him to attend the Forum meetings. Other topics for discussion at future meetings will be burial grounds, medical services and tourism.

Cllr. Tony Cooper offered to attend future meetings and report to council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. M. Wilson enquired who had cut the trees in Jefferstone Lane as he thought they had been butchered.

Cllr. Cooper informed the reeds and overgrowth around the bridge at Taylors Lane/New Bridge Way needed attention.

Cllr. Allison reminded councillors that the next meeting of the parish council will start at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8. 15 pm

Signed.....

Public Session:

Graham Comber enquired about the old Sands Motel Site

Nick Southgate enquired if the council would consider taking over the responsibility for grass/play areas currently owned and managed by Shepway District Council.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH
PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER, 2017, AT 7.30 PM,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST. MARY'S BAY**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November, 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. Romney Marsh Promotional Leaflet
12. Budget and Precept
13. Special Projects Update:
 - Neighbourhood Plan
 - Twinning
 - Memorial Service at Commemorative Stone
14. Any other information items (at Chairman's discretion)

Gillian Smith

Clerk to the Council