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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. G. Allison            **Chairman**  
              Cllr.T. Wilson            **Deputy Chairman**  
              Cllr. D. Evans  
              Cllr. P. Millen  
              Cllr. A. Sinden  
              Cllr. R. Tillson  
              Cllr. M. Wilson  
              **Clerk to the Parish Council and 2 members of the public**

**APOLOGIES:**

**None**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Russell Tillson back to the Council.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, be approved. All agreed.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

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

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:**

Cllr. Sinden informed he has spoken to the proprietor of The Star Inn and the Ginko Tree cannot be located. Clerk to inform Twinning Committee. It was considered that the project field could be used to site a new tree.

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

Cllr. Sinden informed Big Lottery has yet to respond. A coffee morning and book sale took place at the Church last Saturday.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Highways England:**

Consultation has started on 'Managing freight vehicles through Kent – a consultation on proposals for a lorry area at Stanford West'. A consultation document and interim environmental assessment can be found via the following link:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/managing-freight-vehicles-through-kent> the deadline for comments is 11.45pm on 23 September 2016. There are a number of public information events, ones local to this area are:

Friday 2 September : 1-7pm at Sellindge Village Hall. Main Road, TN25 6JX

Saturday 3 September: 1-7pm at Postling Village Hall, CT21 4EU

Saturday 10 September: 12-6pm at Lympne Village Hall, CT21 4HL

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**National Grid Electricity Transmission plc:**

Last March, National Grid informed it is refurbishing the Dungeness to Sellindge overhead line. A number of road closures will be taking place namely at; Aldington, Bonnington and Newchurch. A public footpath at St. Mary in the Marsh and Old Romney, HM112/HL10 is expected to close sometime during 12 September to 11 November.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

For information, the parish council has been copied into a letter disputing a planning application that was approved last year. Planning ref: Y15/0510/SH, 40 Laurel Avenue.

**Y16/0574/SH**               Erection of single storey rear extension and 1.9M boundary fence.  
21A Oak Drive             Approved by SDC.

**Y16/0534/SH**               Change of use to holiday park for general holiday use and replacement  
Rugby Club                 holiday accommodation, swimming pool, associated access and infra-  
  structure.  
Council discussed the application and the Chairman adjourned the  
meeting at 7.10pm to allow Mr. Nycolas Bolton, local resident to  
speak.  
Mr. Bolton informed he is objecting to the development plans and gave  
his reasons.  
The Chairman expressed disappointment that the community will miss  
out on community facilities, once promised by the previous land  
owners and approved in the previous planning application.  
Mr. Bolton requested the parish council to support the site becoming a  
community asset.  
The meeting resumed at 7.20pm.  
Cllr. Tillson said there was no harm in supporting an application for  
the site to be considered as an asset of community value, although he  
feels any application would fail.  
Cllr. Tillson said the council has no grounds to object to the planning  
application. All agreed.  
Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that the parish  
Council supports the site being considered as an asset of community  
value.  
Voting: For: 4 Against: 3

**Sands Motel Site:**       The Chairman informed the current owners are planning to sell the site  
to a developer with greater experience in development/construction.

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

Mark Coleman has cleared the area at Glebe Land between the fence line and bus shelter. The seat on the A259 has been strimmed around and is now able to be used.  
Cllr. M. Wilson advised that the seat on the A259 is in poor condition. The Chairman suggested that all seats in the parish should at some stage be considered for maintenance/restoration.

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

Licence holder has paid the licence fee in full for this season.

**FINANCE:**

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

Salaries:	805.79
Romney Marsh Net.	204.80
Bank charges	11.68

Income: Trading Licence       £2500  
          KCC Grant for signage £300  
Current Account balance: £ 7,437.79  
Business Account balance: £14,758.64

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

Clerk met with SDC officers on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Wording of the plan and policies have been agreed. Administration and presentation issues are now being checked and the plan should be ready for presenting to SDC Cabinet in November. At the meeting the clerk informed that the parish council would be willing to monitor any new recreational activity the plan may encourage and will notify the local planning authority should any recreational activity cease operating. Council agreed to monitor any new facility.

**Boundary Signs:**

Further details are still awaited from KCC. KCC Cllr. Carole Waters has provided £300 towards the cost of the new signs.

**Twinning:**

The Chairman, who is president of the Twinning Association, will be representing the parish council at four Memorial Services on 11<sup>th</sup> November in St. Andre. There will be a return visit to St. Mary in the Marsh by delegates from St. Andre on 13<sup>th</sup> November, who will attend four Memorial Services on the Marsh. Eight wreaths/sprays will be required at an estimated cost of £8 each.

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

**Commemorative Stone:**

The annual service will go ahead at the Commemorative Stone on the corner of Maple Drive /Jefferstone Lane at 11am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Council has already agreed to host a drinks reception for attendees at the Bailiffs Sergeant after the service. Cllr. Terry Wilson will host the event in the absence of the Chairman who will be in St. Andre. It was agreed the cost of the wreath will be included with those purchased for the Twinning Services.

**OTTERPOOL LANE – SDC DEVELOPMENT PLANS:**

Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Millen attended a briefing at the Civic Centre regarding the district council's proposal to build a new town at Otterpool Lane. Cllr. Evans briefed council of SDC's plans and is of a view that SDC will go ahead with development at the site regardless

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of the outcome from Government. Planning officers at SDC have offered to meet with parish councils to brief and present their proposals for Otterpool Lane. Cllr. Evans suggested a meeting at SMB village hall be arranged and invitations be extended to neighbouring parish councils. Council supported the suggestion.

**NHS FACILITIES / DR. SURGERY:**

Chairman informed Dr. Quastel is leaving the practice at New Romney and Invicta Health has agreed to provide medical services at the premises until 2018.

Concern was expressed about the inadequate service at Dymchurch which is already operated by Invicta Health. It was agreed that The Marsh in general, is inadequately served. Cllr. Tillson informed that New Romney Town Council is pushing for improved medical facilities via the Marsh Forum.

Cllr. Evans informed that as of 1<sup>st</sup> October, parking at the practice in Dymchurch will only provide parking spaces for disabled and parent & child parking. Council was disappointed with the decision and agreed to monitor the situation.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. M. Wilson informed that two branches have now fallen from the trees in Elm Road, already reported to SDC, are lying on the floor. Cllr. M. Wilson enquired who should be notified regarding a parking issue at Laurel Drive.

Cllr. Allison informed a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated by a resident in Maple Drive. Also, street lighting on two A259 black-spots are not working; Dunstall Lane to Seaway Road and the Redoubt bends.

Clerk informed she attended a meeting for parish clerks regarding SDC's Core Strategy and development sites. A draft will be sent to town/parish councils in the next couple of months and a consultation process of two months will be held. There are no new development sites proposed (other than the site of the old Sands Motel) in Dymchurch or St. Mary's Bay, due to flooding issues.

Meeting closed 8pm.

Signed..... Date.....