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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE
MARSH PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 5 MAY, 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. R. Moore
 Cllr. M. Wilson
 Clerk to the Parish Council

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Sinden - away

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that Cllr. Allison be elected as chairman. Voting: Unanimous.

Cllr. Allison thanked councillors for their support and said it was an honour to serve the parish council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Chairman was duly signed.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:

Proposed by the Chairman, that Cllr. T. Wilson be elected as deputy chairman, seconded by Cllr. Moore. Voting: Unanimous.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Moore, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April, 2016, be approved. All agreed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

In light of The Levin Football Club being disbanded, it was agreed there is no need for Cllr. Millen to declare personal interest.

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

Nothing to report.

ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:

The clerk visited the May Day event and said it was busy and appeared most successful.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kent County Council:

Notification that Five Vents Road between Pickney Bush Lane and Rectory Close will be closed for five days for erection of bus stop base and shelter. Clerk will hand deliver notices to nearby houses.

Kent Highways was contacted regarding the street light and exposed wires on the wood pole outside the recreation ground. Highway stewards attended the site within 2 hours and made the wiring safe. As yet there is still no replacement light. Clerk to pursue with KCC & SDC.

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Southern Water:

Press release received informing it will invest £1.4M to keep clear the sewers of fat, oil and grease, in a five-year programme of maintenance.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y16/0205/SH Erection of first floor side extension.
66 Cedar Cresc. Approved by SDC.

Y15/1182/SH Erection of a replacement dwelling.
23 Dunstall Lane Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Moore, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

Y16/0324/SH Lawful development certificate (existing) for the change
6 Jesson Close of use of a garage to habitable accommodation.
Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

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

Simon Browne has informed he will be on site at the end of May.
Cllr. M. Wilson requested signs be erected at the entrance to keep parishioners informed of the forthcoming works.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

The EA has swept the seawall. Chairman informed the toe of the slipway is now showing although some shingle remains half-way along the slipway.
Cllr. M. Wilson enquired if the white foam substance, reported by the EA, was still prevalent. It would appear there is much less around, but advice from EA is not to let dogs eat it.

FINANCE:

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

Salaries	785.99
Commercial Services	924.00
St. Mary's Bay Village Hall	84.00
M. Coleman	168.00
Crown Estate	68.68
BT	133.50
Current Account balance:	£20,365.12
Business Account balance:	£17,750.83

It was agreed the clerk should purchase a new phone with answer-phone facility.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The plan will be submitted to SDC as soon as responses are received from the rural survey. As Cllr. Sinden was not present, clerk was requested to contact Cllr. Sinden for an update.

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In terms of the overall timetable it is now planned to submit the plan to SDC Cabinet in the autumn, the plan will need to be publicised by SDC for six weeks and an examiner appointed for the examination process. After the examination the Inspector's report will be required to be submitted to Cabinet before a referendum can be organised. SDC anticipate the examination being towards the end of this year.

Cllr. T. Wilson circulated prior to the meeting a document on CIL. The content was discussed and Cllr. Wilson requested clerk to contact SDC to establish if CIL applies to the development at Dunstall Lane and if so, what tariff is being applied.

TWINNING:

A successful Barn Dance was held in April and another is planned for November. A trip to Holland is being considered to help raise funds.

A small delegation has been invited to St. Andre on 11th November for a memorial service and will return on 13th November with a delegation from St. Andre to attend a service and place a wreath at the commemorative stone.

A school exchange with the Marsh Academy is being organised for June and a fish and chip lunch.

The parish council did agree, at a previous meeting, to meet the hire cost of the village hall to help with fund raising. Council also agreed to meet the cost of a public liability insurance to enable any event to take place. The Twinning Association has received a quote for public liability at £119.50 per annum. Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that Council agrees to pay for the public liability insurance at £119.50. Voting: Unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. M. Wilson informed that a lot of rubbish has appeared, since the grass was cut back, along the A259 near the outlet sewer and Coast Drive. Report to SDC.

Cllr. Allison made enquiries if the bench was still usable, but nobody could remember seeing the bench. Clerk to ask M. Coleman to strim around the bench area.

Cllr. Evans informed there is a new tenant at the 'old post office shop', called Shed Works.

Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Allison attended a planning seminar at the Civic Centre.

Cllr. Evans informed the Shepway Neighbourhood Watch Association will hold a meeting at Dymchurch Village Hall on 14th June from 7-11pm, to help spread the word across Romney Marsh of the benefits involved in forming local groups.

Cllr. Moore advised he plans to move from the area.

Cllr. Millen expressed concern about the safety of the lights at Dunstall Lane that appear intermittent.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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