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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH  
PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 4 MAY, 2017 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**  
              **One member of the public, Graham Comber**

**APOLOGIES:**

None.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**

Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden, 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. Sinden. Voting: Unanimous.

**STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that Council agree to conduct its responsibilities in accordance to the adopted Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct. Voting: Unanimous.

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**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Sinden, seconded by Cllr. Evans, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April, 2017, be approved. All agreed.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Allison declared personal interest in items referring to 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:**

Clerk informed she has written again to Nat West Bank regarding the closure of the Hythe branch but has received no reply. Lloyds TSB has also not responded to Council's request for clarification regarding possible closure of the New Romney branch.

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

Cllr. Sinden informed The Big Lottery has requested additional information regarding its financial status. The Wind Farm approved a grant and purchased in full a new sound system, which was successfully used at the May Day event. Profit at the May Day event has not been calculated as yet, but is considered to have been a very successful day. A book sale will be held in the church on 10th June.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

Planning Enforcement Officer has informed that Brazier Construction has been written to regarding the condition of Teelin Close, but a response has not been received to date.

**KCC Councillor Carole Waters:**

A copy of the Romney Marsh Annual Report 2016/17 has been received. Clerk read the support that KCC Cllr. Waters has provided to clubs/societies on Romney Marsh.

**Ms. Leanne Dabin and Mr. Hackney:**

Visited the office and discussed the play park at Oak Drive, highlighting several maintenance matters that need addressing. Clerk was requested to send letter to SDC.

**Romney Marsh Forum:**

The parish council has been requested to notify the Forum of its representative for the forthcoming year. The council may have two representatives attending the meetings, but only one representative may vote. Council has been asked to nominate the councillor who may vote. This matter was discussed later during the meeting.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y17/0118/SH**                      Erection of single storey front and side extensions  
20 Links Cresc.                      Approved by SDC.

**Y17/0016/NMC**                      Non-material change to Y15/0710/SH to allow porch style change  
Greenacres                              Approved by SDC

**Y17/0017/NMC**                      Non-material change to Y15/0710/SH to allow rear gable change  
Greenacres                              Approved by SDC.

**Y17/0018/NMC**                      Non-material change to Y15/0710/SH to allow landscaping change  
Greenacres                              Approved by SDC.

**Y17/0030/NMC**                      Non-material amendment to Y16/1113/SH to amend occupancy dates  
Jesson Court                              Approved by SDC

**Y17/0136/SH**                      Certificate of lawful development for use of garage as ancillary living  
25 Dunstall Lane                      accommodation.  
Approved by SDC.

**Y17/0011/GPD**                      Notification under Order 2105 for erection of a rear extension.  
8 Orchard Road                              SDC notified planning permission is required.

**Y17/0071/SH**                      Erection of a two storey side extensions  
18 Seaway Cresc.                      Approved by SDC.

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**Y17/0305/SH**

Remains of All  
Saints Church  
Ashford Rd.

Erection of 5 stables/sheds

Proposed by Cllr.Sinden, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that  
There are no grounds for objection, but the heritage element should  
be preserved.

Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:1 Cllr. Evans

**Y17/0442/SH**

Workshop rear of  
33 Dymchurch Rd.

Erection of a dwelling and associated parking.

Proposed by Cllr. Millen, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that  
Objection be raised as concern has been expressed about vehicle  
access and previous planning applications in the road have been  
refused due to insufficient vehicle access.

Voting: For: 7 Against:0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

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

The swings will be attended to shortly.

Chairman informed The Levin charity football match, held on Good Friday, was well  
supported and raised a four figure sum.

**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	836.59
Commercial Trading	52.26
Zurich Municipal	868.87
M. Coleman	680.40
BT	87.00

Income: Half-year Precept 12,000.00

Current Account balance: 17,564.14

Business Account balance: 14,758.64

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that payment for litter-picking duties be  
increased to £60 as of June. Voting: Unanimous.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Due to workload, SDC Officer Piran Cooper has missed the deadline for the neighbourhood  
plan to be presented to the Cabinet meeting in May. The plan will now be presented to  
Cabinet in June.

**TWINNING:**

Several activities are being planned; 13<sup>th</sup> May, delegation from St. Andre will visit. A barn  
dance, school exchange, golf tournament and a further visit in October are all being arranged.

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The Twinning Association has asked if the parish council would be willing to assist with its public liability insurance again this year. The insurance is £120.

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that the parish council meets the cost of the Twinning Associations public liability insurance. Voting: Unanimous.

**MARSH FORUM:**

Cllr. Evans informed he attended the latest Forum meeting and the draft constitution was discussed. The draft constitution has been amended and it recommends that items that are of concern to the Marsh as a whole, will not be circulated to parish councils prior to a Marsh Forum meeting and parish representatives will be expected to vote on these matters without prior consultation with their respective councils.

Council expressed concern over items that will be voted on without prior consultation with parish/town councils. It was suggested that KAPC be asked to comment on the constitution and this parish council will review its previous comments about the constitution.

Cllr. Evans informed he raised the parish councils concerns at the meeting of the Forum and suggested that the Forum chairmanship be rotated and policing on the Marsh should form part of the Forum's agenda. Cllr. Evans also volunteered to represent this council at future meetings. The Forum's AGM will be held in July.

Item to be placed on STMMPC June agenda for further consideration.

**OFFICE IT:**

Clerk informed IT needs improving at the office and forwarded a background report to councillors prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the clerk make arrangements for updating and improving IT as required, with a ceiling for expenditure of £1500.

Voting: Unanimous.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that a maintenance contract be agreed with the computer lady. Voting: Unanimous.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Evans notified that parking in Jefferstone Lane is very congested when activities are taking place in the village. Also, Cllr. Evans is now a qualified speed watch operative for Kent Police.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....