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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY, 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.M. Wilson  
              **Clerk to the Parish Council and 1 member of the public**

**APOLOGIES:**

**None**

Chairman informed there is a vacancy on the council, Cllr. Moore has resigned. SDC has been notified and will inform council if there is to be an election or co-option. Clerk will liaise with SDC and act accordingly. Chairman thanked Cllr. Moore for his service.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 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:**

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Sinden informed the May Day event had been most successful and raised over £1K profit. The result of the second stage application to The Lottery should be announced in August. A coffee morning is being planned for September.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

- 1.Notification received that SDC has written draft proposals to simplify the planning system. These can be viewed on the SDC web-site. Six weeks consultation commenced 24 June.
- 2.Update received on The Romney Marsh Partnership. Clerk read the communication.
3. Results of the recent referendum have been received for the Shepway district; Remain 22884 (36%), Leave 37729 (64%).

**Kent County Council:**

Notification received that a temporary junction layout at the A259/Romney Road junction at Hammonds Corner was installed as part of an annual Crash Reduction programme. The scheme is to be removed on 30<sup>th</sup> June and its effectiveness will be assessed.

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**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y15/0683/SH** An appeal has been made against the decision by SDC.  
Hope Farm Appeal start date is 9<sup>th</sup> June.  
Ashford Road.

**Y16/0324/SH** Lawful development certificate for change of use.  
6 Jesson Close Refused by SDC.

**Y16/0574/SH** Erection of single storey rear extension & boundary fence.  
21A Oak Drive Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that  
No Objection be raised in principle, but concern was expressed  
regarding the removal of a garage and no provision made for parking.  
The house is situated on a corner already congested with on-street  
parking.  
Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

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

Simon Browne has started work on the entrance to the playing field.

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

A meeting took place between EA and SDC regarding the sweeping and cleaning/clearing of the seawall. SDC deny it is their responsibility and EA was disappointed with the outcome. SDC has agreed to send representatives to the Beach Advisory Committee hosted by Dymchurch Parish Council and this may be a promising start for partnership working and to negotiate matters of this kind.

Cllr. M. Wilson enquired about preventative measures on EA land by the slipway to stop further break-ins. Clerk to contact EA to request consideration be given to the matter.

**FINANCE:**

Audited accounts were presented and approved. Clerk to forward to Audit Commission. Proposed by Cllr. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden, that the accounts be accepted. Agreed. Clerk informed VAT repayment has been received from HMR&C.

Salaries:	785.99
HMR&C	614.49
KCC	1364.58
Metcalfe & Sharp	450.00
SMB Village Hall	63.00
M. Coleman	338.40

Income: £862.16, (reimbursement from HMR&C for VAT payments.)

Current Account balance: £13,283.97

Business Account balance: £17,758.64

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

Cllr. Sinden carried out a comprehensive survey with farmsteads and the results have been included in the plan. The returned surveys now complete the evidence base required to

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submit the plan. Clerk is waiting for confirmation of a date to meet with SDC officers to formally submit the plan.

**Twinning:**

Chairman of the Council and President of the Twinning Association, Cllr. Graham Allison attended an educational twinning event at St. Nicholas School on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

The Twinning Association is planning a day trip to Boulogne on 21 September and a Barn Dance on 12 November. Chairman informed a party of 50 from St. Andre will be visiting New Romney Town Hall to learn about its History and Heritage and will also take a journey on the Light Railway.

**Boundary Signs:**

Boundary signs depicting ‘twinned with St. Andre’ have been costed and designed by KCC. Each sign will cost £183.00 +vat. Cllr. Evans has consulted with Ward Councillors who have indicated they would be willing to consider a grant towards the project.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Evans that the clerk applies for grant aid and the parish council meets the remaining cost of the project. Voting: Unanimous.

**SECURITY ISSUES:**

Chairman advised at the recent KAPC meeting lone working was raised and each council was asked to consider the implications at its own offices. The matter was discussed. The parish council office is covered by CCTV, there is no cash on the premises and invariably there is activity in the hall. It was unanimously agreed the offices and staff are at minimal risk.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Sinden gave thanks to all involved in reaching a successful conclusion to a new bus shelter at Glebe Land and a replacement street lamp at Honeychild Cottages.

Cllr. T. Wilson advised all night lighting is back on the Tree Estate.

Cllr. M. Wilson informed the trees at Elm Road, previously reported to SDC, are still shedding branches. Weeds on Yew, Willow and Oak Drive need spraying. Pot-holes at the junction of Oak Drive and Maple Drive are 3inches deep and 12 inches in length. Cllr. M. Wilson also queried the design of the LED lights.

Cllr. Evans tabled a note on the Heritage Meeting he attended and informed council of the key points of the meeting. Cllr. Evans also attended A Destination Management Plan seminar at the MACH, New Romney where interested parties gave details of their own markets and requirements which will be used to form the basis of SDC’s plan.

Meeting closed 8.10pm.

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