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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd MARCH, 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
1 member of the public

APOLOGIES:

None

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February, 2017, 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:

None.

ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:

Cllr. Sinden informed there is no further news to their application and a response is awaited from The Lottery. A Greek Night proved very successful and raised over £550. A Night of Musicals will be held on 25th March and tickets are nearly sold out.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

It has been brought to the clerk's attention that a local planning authority has enforcement powers under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act, to serve notice on owners if a condition of land is harming the amenity of the area. Council requested clerk to notify the local planning authority of the condition at the entrance to Teelin Close.

Kent County Council:

1. Following numerous requests for lights to be rectified in the parish, Kent Highways has informed that the lights in question belong to Shepway District Council. Lighting in the ownership of Shepway District Council no longer meets the compliance for lighting and therefore KCC is unable to maintain them. SDC has informed it is currently undertaking a survey of all its lighting and has requested KCC to quote for upgrading the equipment. Ongoing.

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2. KCC Cllr. Carole Waters has informed that double yellow lines around the turning circle in Newlands is to go out for public consultation. The Joint Transport Board considered the possible introduction at its recent meeting.

NatWest:

The parish council's letter requesting plans for a mobile service at Hythe has been passed to the NatWest Complaints department. Clerk read the letter to NatWest and the response received. Council requested a further letter be sent to Nat West.

National Grid:

Notification received that the refurbishing of overhead lines between Dungeness and Sellinge has been completed.

Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance:

An annual request for a grant of £250 has been received from Air Ambulance. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the council supports the service and a grant of £250 be awarded towards the costs of providing life-saving services in the parish. Voting: Unanimous.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y16/113/SH Jesson Court	To allow occupation of static caravans for 50 weeks per year. Approved by SDC with Conditions.
Y16/0324/SH 6 Jesson Close	Change of use of a garage to habitable accommodation. An appeal has been made against the decision of SDC.- Noted.
Y16/1410/SH 2 Dymchurch Rd.	Amended plan to include pitched roof on side extension. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson that No Objection be raised to the amended plan. Voting: Unanimous.

Cllr. Millen raised concerns about a property being renovated at Newlands. The situation will be monitored.

MATTERS RELATING TO JEFFERSTONE LANE RECREATION GROUND, LITTER PICKING AND GLEBE LAND:

Cllr. Evans and Cllr. M. Wilson declared interest as applicants for the role of litter-picker are known to them. The advertisement for a litter-picker attracted four expressions of interest.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Millen, that Mr. Burgess be asked to carry out the role. Voting: Unanimous.

Clerk litter-picked the recreation ground during February. Someone has stolen the steel container of the waste bin at the recreation ground and the waste bin needs to be secured to the ground. Clerk to include this work on the schedule of works already in place with Mr. Wood.

Cllr. Sinden informed that Denise Henley has volunteered to clean the windows of the bus shelter at St. Mary in the Marsh and she will inform council when cleaning materials need replacing.

Following the difficulties with SDC re-siting a waste bin, Cllr. Sinden will make local arrangements for this to be done.

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MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

EA has confirmed it will sweep the seawall prior to Easter.

FINANCE:

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

Salaries:	793.19
NatWest	9.95
Commercial Services	50.48
Current Account balance:	£ 8,313.20
Business Account balance:	£ 14,758.64

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to SDC. SDC will forward the plan to Natural England, Environmental Services and Historic England, for comments and in the meantime will present the document to Cabinet to obtain approval to take things forward. SDC will then provide the parish council with a timetable leading up to referendum/adoption. Councillors agreed a final leaflet drop to houses, nearer the time of the referendum should take place.

Twinning:

30 Councillors from St. Andre will visit St. Mary's Bay on Friday 17th March. Plans are in place for a meet and greet at the Bailiffs Sergeant from 10.45am. Councillors have been invited to lunch with the French delegation at Littlestone. Cllr. Evans gave his apologies. There will be a delegation from St. Andre visiting the area on 13th May. The day will comprise of a train ride on RHD&DR, lunch at Dungeness and a visit to the railway museum at New Romney. The day will finish with drinks at the Bailiffs Sergeant from 15:00hrs. St. Andre delegation will be meeting the cost of the visits. Cllr. Sinden informed he will be unable to attend on 13th May.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk informed an abandoned car in the dyke at Jefferstone Lane has been removed.

Cllr. Millen expressed concern about the mud and condition of grass verges at Newlands where renovation is taking place.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

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