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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th April, 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY at 7.15pm**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Allison, Chairman
Cllr. T. Wilson, Vice-chairman
Cllr. T. Cooper
Cllr. P. Millen
Cllr. A. Sinden
Cllr. R. Tillson
Cllr. M. Wilson
Clerk to the Parish Council 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES:

None.

Cllr. Cooper informed he was unable to attend the February meeting as he was hospitalized.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Sinden, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February, 2018, be approved. (The parish council meeting scheduled for 1st March, 2018 was cancelled due to severe weather conditions). Minutes 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. Cooper informed the Marsh Forum met in January, although he was unable to attend, it incorporated a presentation by KCC Cllr. Tony Hills on extraction of shingle. There has since been a public meeting about the proposed site at Lydd, which Cllr. Cooper did attend and KCC will make its recommendation to the Secretary of State regarding extraction sites.

ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:

Cllr. Sinden informed the Project Group was unsuccessful in its bid for lottery funding. A letter from the Project Group was sent to the parish council regarding this matter and a copy had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. In response to questions raised in the letter, Council confirmed it is not in a financial position to fund the removal of the old hut from Glebe Land at the current time and agreed that it had no objection to a new community hall being sited further away from the boundary for maintenance and convenience purposes. Cllr. Sinden informed the May Fair has been cancelled due to bridge works and the road being closed to the public. There will be an evening event at SMB village hall on Sunday 6th May. A meeting with the Parish Council and Project Group has been confirmed on 3rd May.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

1.Name change to Folkestone and Hythe District Council will commence as of 1st April.

2.Core strategy Local Plan Review Consultation commenced 29th March until 18th May.

Comments can be made to planning.policy@shepway.gov.uk

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3. Marsh Town and Parish Councils have been invited to attend a progress and update consultation session on Otterpool Park at the Civic Centre. Two members from each council may attend on Monday 23 April at 17.30. Places to be reserved by 10th April. Cllr. Sinden agreed to attend.

Kent County Council:

Road closure notice for Jefferstone Lane has been received. The Lane will be closed for two months as of Tuesday 3rd April.

Kent Highways has informed they will blitz pot-holes in Kent during April and requested all pot-holes to be reported via the online reporting system. Clerk requested to report pot-holes at Maple and Oak, Grassmere and School Road.

NALC:

NALC is undertaking a review of Ethical Standards.

NHS South Kent Coast:

An update has been distributed at the Church Lane Surgery notifying that Invicta Health has extended its contract until the end of January 2019.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y17/1146/SH Application for erection of 5 dwellings.

1 Cockreed Lane Refused by SDC.

Y18/0199/SH Erection of single storey side extension.

31 Holly Road Approved by SDC.

Y18/0286/SH Demolition of existing bungalow and erect two detached houses

1 Dunstall Gdns. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden, that No objection be raised subject to neighbours views being taken into consideration. Voting: Unanimous.

Clerk has sent a response to SDC regarding the draft submission of the Places and Polices Local Plan. The response addressed the lack of consideration given to using/modernizing the existing public conveniences at the site of the new coastal park. The response has been acknowledged, but a reply is awaited.

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

Grass cutting has commenced at both sites.

Inspection summaries from Zurich were read to council. Both summaries were noted.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

The EA confirmed they would sweep the upper promenade on the seawall apron prior to Easter and did do so.

The electricity box installation reached a snag when the concrete casing gave way and additional work had to be carried out for the installation to be completed.

The seawall vendor is in situ for the season.

FINANCE:

Half-yearly annual precept has been received.

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Clerk tabled statement of accounts, unaudited.

Clerk tabled a draft investment strategy for consideration at the May meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Terry Wilson, that the monthly accounts be accepted. All agreed.

Outgoings this month: £ 2,888.25

Current Account balance: £ 30,690.80

Business Account balance: £ 14,758.64

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

A draft report from the examiner has been received and the parish council has been asked to keep the document private and confidential and is not to be discussed at a public meeting until a formal report has been submitted. Chairman agreed to a private session, as instructed, by SDC.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden that private session be held at the end of the parish council meeting to discuss the draft report. Voting: Unanimous.

Twinning:

Forthcoming events include; Haywardians concert on 26th May, Belgium shopper and River cruise on 12 June and a 5 day holiday to Holland on 16th September, the holiday is in conjunction with Marshara.

Commemorative Stone – 11/11/18:

Our regular bugler has informed he is not available to play at the service and neither is Mr. Blythe. Cllr. Sinden offered to place a message on social media asking if anyone would be available.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr. Sinden informed the St. Mary's Road road sign at Turnagates has collapsed.

Cllr. Mike Wilson informed rubbish is collecting at the alleyway by Laurel and Taylors Close

Cllr. Tony Cooper requested a thank you letter to district council for grass cutting at Grassmere.

Cllr. Cooper informed he would like to hold advice sessions at the village hall for residents in his own capacity as Queens Council. Council supported the proposal.

Cllr. Cooper informed the Lung Foundation Association is planning to use the village hall for its meetings in the future.

Cllr. Allison requested council's support in bringing KCC's attention to the exposed watercourse running alongside Jefferstone Lane and request signage or railings be considered as a matter of safety. Council supported the suggestion.

Public Session:

Graham Comber updated council on the practices at Church Lane medical surgery.

Members of the public left the meeting.

Parish Council meeting closed at 8.05pm

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Neighbourhood Plan:

Council discussed the draft report from the Examiner and requested the Clerk to formulate a response incorporating Council's views.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL ON
THURSDAY 3rd MAY, 2018, AT 7PM,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST. MARY'S BAY**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Elect Chairman
3. Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office
4. Elect Deputy Chairman
5. Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th April, 2018.
6. Receive any declarations of interest. (*Councillors should disclose prejudicial interest/s in any item/s on this agenda. Councillors with a prejudicial interest must describe and give details of the interest*).
7. Consider any matters arising from previous Minutes which are not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
8. Consider matters relating to the St. Mary in the Marsh Project.
9. Consider correspondence
10. Consider planning applications
11. Consider any matters relating to the Playing Field, Jefferstone Lane, and Glebe Land, St. Mary in the Marsh.
12. Consider any matters relating to the slipway, seawall and foreshore
13. Consider finance.
14. Consider Investment Strategy
15. Special Projects Update:
 Neighbourhood Plan
 Twinning
 Memorial Service:
16. Councillor Reports.

Gillian Smith

Clerk to the Council