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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th JANUARY, 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. R. Tillson
 Cllr. M. Wilson
 Clerk to the Parish Council
 1 member of the public

Chairman opened the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. A. Sinden - away

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2016, be approved. All agreed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

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 was not in attendance to provide a report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

1. Provisional tax base is to be approved at SDC Council on 18th January. The report indicates the SDC provisional tax base for St. Mary in the Marsh is £990.52 (Band D equivalent), this does not include KCC's element or parish precept.

2. A Dementia awareness conference is to take place at The MACH Marsh Academy, on Saturday 14th January from 9.30-1pm.

3. Town and Parish User Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February at Civic Centre at 6.30pm. Cllr. Evans agreed to attend.

KALC:

Notification received that Government has announced that Council tax referendum principles have not been extended to parish and town council in 2017/18.

DEFRA:

Ramsgate to Whitstable coastal access path has been given approval to go-ahead.

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HER MAJESTY'S LORD LIEUTENANT OF KENT:

Invitation for the Chairman to attend the annual Civic Service at Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 14 March, commencing at 11am. Cllr. T. Wilson agreed to attend.

ROMNEY MARSH FORUM:

The Marsh Forum has changed the way it operates. As membership is no longer restricted to those parish councils which agreed to pay, parish councils are invited to send representatives to future meetings. The next meeting is on Thursday 12 January at 7pm at Lydd Guild Hall and the topic of discussion is Policing and Safety on The Marsh. Cllr. Evans agreed to attend in a non voting capacity.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y16/1347/SH Erection of a single storey side extension and detached garage
5 Cobsden Close Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For:6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

Y16/1410/SH Erection of a rear extension and proposed detached garage.
2 Dymchurch Road Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y16/1259/SH Felling of an ash tree subject to TPO 12 of 2013.
4 Links Crescent. Previous application for crowning has now been amended to felling
following advice from SDC's Arboricultural Manager.
No objection. All agreed.

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

Clerk has requested M. Wood to rub down rust on the swing frames, treat and repaint. Two adjacent park benches will also be rubbed down and a wood preserver applied. Cllr. M. Wilson suggested the seat opposite Gazedown be re-sited. Council discussed relocation and agreed to move it to the copse area of the recreation ground. Cllr. M. Wilson informed the seat by the sluice on A259 has sunken and needs to be raised.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

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

Salaries:	793.19
HMR&C	614.49
Village hall	64.30
Commercial Services	50.48
Nat. West	9.55

Current Account balance: £ 10,160.43

Business Account balance: £ 14,758.64

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BANKING ON THE MARSH:

Chairman informed Nat West in Hythe is to close in May 2017 and rumour suggests Lloyds Bank in New Romney will close in May 2017.

Councillors expressed concern about the lack of banking facilities on the Marsh. Clerk requested to write to Lloyds and Nat West Banks expressing disappointment and request a mobile facility. Chairman suggested the council write to SDC chief executive, KALC and Damian Collins MP, to ask for their support in securing banking facilities on the Marsh. All agreed.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

Clerk informed Piran Cooper has indicated that final stages of preparation are underway with a view to a referendum being planned for the Spring. A suite of documents; the plan, consultation statement, conditions statement and environmental screening opinion, will be forwarded shortly for final agreement.

Twinning:

The Twinning Association AGM will take place at 6.30pm on 14 January, in the church hall. The event will include wine, cheese and snacks and a fun quiz. Free to all members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. M. Wilson informed the willow tree on the corner of 26 Elm Road is overhanging the footpath.

Cllr. Allison informed the road is cracking outside 127 Jefferstone Lane.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Bexley informed he operates a garden group swap shop via face book and would like to organise a Flower, Fruit and Veg show. He requested a budget from the council to do so.

Mr. Bexley would like free use of the village hall, one-day in May to sell and swap flowers fruit and veg and one-day free use in the village hall in June for a show. He requested the parish council to meet the cost of the hire of the hall, public liability insurance and to purchase winning cups. Council agreed to place an item on the next agenda to consider the matter. Chairman informed there used to be a very active gardening club in the village that organized similar shows. Many of its members belong to MARSHARA (Marsh Active Retirement Association) and Mr. Bexley may wish to make contact to seek involvement and advice/ideas. Clerk to forward contact details.

Mr. Bexley also raised concern about a tall tree in his neighbour's garden. Cllr. Evans agreed to take a look and advise.

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