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**MINUTES OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY, 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, Cllr. Tony Hills, Lydd Town Council

APOLOGIES:

None

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 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:

Clerk informed she has written to Nat West and Lloyds Banks regarding local branches, but no response from either bank has been received to date. Cllr. Tillson informed current rumour is that Lloyds Bank in New Romney will close on 31 March, 2017.

ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PROJECT:

Cllr. Sinden informed the grant application is to be submitted to the Lottery Panel during February. Fund raising events are planned; a Greek Night is planned for next Saturday, a coffee morning will be held on 11th March and a Musicals evening on 25th March.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Notification received that the Public Spaces Protection Order will be undertaking a 6-week public consultation period commencing on 1st February, 2017. The Order replaces existing Dog Control Orders and the new Order requires a person if found guilty of an offence of failing to pick-up after their dog is liable to a fine of £1000. However, if payment of a fixed penalty to the authority is within 14 days, the fine will be £80. Council agreed with the Order.

KALC:

Information received informing that Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet District/Borough Councils have been looking into the feasibility of establishing a new single Council for East Kent. The five Councils commissioned the Local Government Association

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and Local Partnerships to prepare a business case, which has just been published. Ashford Borough Council has announced it no longer intends to be involved. The other four councils are to consider a 4-way business case. Business Case documents are available to view from each respective web-site; www.shepway.gov.uk/ekcouncils

The KALC Devolution Advisory Committee is meeting on 24 February and will be looking at the business case. If there is anything specific that the parish council would want to be raised at the meeting, please inform the clerk who will advise KALC prior to the meeting.

There will be a free joint KALC/Kent Federation of Amenity Societies event on 28 February for KALC members only, which will cover the East Kent Business Case. More details will be sent out by KALC shortly.

Stagecoach:

Notification received that a programme of works will take place in early 2017 to replace Kent's remaining 235 concrete bus stop poles with modern alternatives.

Rural Kent, Action with Communities:

A Rural Kent Coffee and Information Project will commence in April 2017, comprising of a mobile café to rural communities and provide a source of information. As more villages are losing their Post Offices, shops and pubs, it can be difficult finding the information needed about services. The service will stay for two hours, in an invited area. The visits are completely free. Cllr. Allison took details as this may be useful in the village hall car park.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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| Y16/1259/SH
4 Links Crescent | Felling of an Ash tree. TPO 12, of 2013.
Approved by SDC |
| Y16/1297/SH
11 Oak Drive | Erection of single storey side extension
Approved by SDC |
| Y16/1347/SH
5 Cobsden Close | Erection of single storey extension
Approved by SDC |
| Y16/0434/SH
6 Dymchurch Rd. | Erection of a two storey Dwelling
An appeal has been made against the decision of SDC to refuse the Application. |
| Y16/0534/SH
Rugby Club
Campsite. | Amended plans have been submitted. SDC inform the changes are not considered to raise any new issues.
Proposed by Cllr. T.Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Sinden, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous |
| Y16/1386/SH
21 Dymchurch Rd. | Erection of a rear conservatory.
Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Evans, that
No Objection be raised, subject to neighbours views being taken into consideration.
Voting: Unanimous |
| Y17/0071/SH
18 Seaway Cresc. | Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extensions.
Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous |

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

Clerk has requested Mark Coleman to move and re-align the seats on A259.

Mrs Tubbs will be giving up her role of managing litter at the recreation.

Cleaning materials for the new bus shelter at Glebe Land has been provided as the parish council is responsible for cleaning the glass. Clerk asked Cllr. Sinden to make enquiries if anyone local would be interested in carrying out the function.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Mrs. Dabin has informed she will be operating again at seawall.

FINANCE:

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

Salaries: 793.19

M. Coleman 72.00

Commercial Services 50.48

BT 80.28

Current Account balance: £ 9,156.87

Business Account balance: £ 14,758.64

MARSH FORUM:

Cllr. Evans informed he attended a recent meeting on behalf of the parish council. Police & Crime Commissioner sent his apologies but a PCSO and Sergeant were in attendance.

Inclement weather resulted in the meeting being terminated early. Cllr. Evans agreed to attend future meetings on behalf of the council in an observational role.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

Clerk sent copies of a suite of documents to accompany the plan prior to the meeting and requested councillors views. Cllr. Tillson sent his comments prior to the meeting and Cllr. M. Wilson raised a few issues regarding the SEA Screening Statement and Basic Conditions Statement. It was agreed that whilst there are some contradictions in the statements, nothing in the documents are detrimental to the neighbourhood plan.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that the plan be formally submitted and thanked the clerk for her continued effort in bringing the plan to fruition.

Voting: Unanimous.

Twinning:

Parish councillors have been invited to a lunch with delegates from St. Andre, on 17th March.

The delegation has requested coffee and pre-lunch drinks at the Bailiffs Sergeant from 11am.

Cllr. M. Wilson raised the forthcoming trip to Ypres and said the stop-off in St. Andre was not long enough and the offer of free drinks is offensive. Cllr. Allison and Cllr. Millen agreed to pass the comment to the twinning committee.

FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHOW:

Mr. Bexley has approached the parish council requesting a budget to organise a show at the village hall.

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Chairman informed Parish Council's are only permitted to offer funds to an official organisation that has a constitution and bank account. Without confirmation of these requirements no further action can be taken.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Sinden informed the Pickneybush Lane road sign is still not fixed; the waste bin by the bus shelter needs to be moved forward and its door is in need of repair. Also, pot-holes in School Road need attention.

Cllr. T. Wilson informed the road surface at the corner of Oak Drive/Maple needs attention; requested 20mph signs for the Tree Estate.

Cllr. M. Wilson supported 20mph signs and road conditions at Teelin Close are getting worse.

Cllr. Evans enquired if any events were being planned for 100th Anniversary of WW1 In 2018.

Cllr. Allison raised concern that the car in the ditch at Jefferstone Lane has been there since Christmas. Clerk has raised this matter with PCSO and Cllr. Evans agreed to discuss with PCSO again.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

PUBLIC SESSION:

Cllr. Tony Hills informed Highway issues are a major concern in most parishes and is happy to help with any issues. Cllr. Hills will be standing to represent Romney Marsh Ward at the forthcoming KCC elections

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