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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 6th AUGUST, 2020, AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY, at 7pm.**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Allison, Chairman
Cllr. T. Wilson, Vice-Chairman
Cllr. G. Comber
Cllr. T. Cooper
Cllr. P. Millen
Cllr. R. Tillson
Cllr. M Wilson
Clerk to the Parish Council and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES:
None.

MINUTES:
Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that the Minutes of 2nd July, 2020 be approved. Voting: Unanimous.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
Cllr. Allison and Cllr. Millen are council representatives on the Village Hall Management Committee and declared 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:
F&HDC
Examination of the Folkestone & Hythe Places and Policies Local Plan concluded the document provides an appropriate basis for planning of the district with some modifications.

KCC
Director of public health provided a response to national media reports regarding Ashford and Folkestone outbreak plans. Report forwarded to councillors prior to meeting.

Resident's concern at Dunstall Lane parking.
Visitor parking causing concern during summer season. Matter has been reported to Community Warden and Kent Highways.

Action with Rural Communities in Kent:
Invitation received to join annual membership. The village hall is already a member.

Apetito:
Details received of a company providing meals on wheels. Information will be kept on file.

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Resident concern about net fishing off Jesson Outfall:

Resident has reported large net fishing and the matter has been reported to EA and Police.

Risk Assessment re Village Hall Management Committee's proposal to open the hall:

Chairman informed the Clerk had identified risks to staff and Council members should the hall be opened to the public for bingo and asked the Parish Council for its comments. There was much debate and concern that a Covid-safe environment could not be guaranteed for large/mass gatherings. Pre-registration is a legislative requirement to attend bingo and such-like events and whilst the Chairman informed that the Village Hall Management Committee has a system in place for bingo events, it was considered that opening the hall to large groups is premature. It was stated it is the Parish Council's duty of care to the public and staff, as a public body, to safeguard the health of its parishioners.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson that the Chairman of the Council makes the views of the Parish Council known to the Village Hall Management Committee that opening the hall is premature and should be reviewed in October. Voting: For: 4 Abstained 3.

Cllr. T. Wilson Proposed a recorded vote, seconded by Cllr. Tillson. Voting: Unanimous. Councillors voting for the proposal: Cllrs., Russell Tillson, Mike Wilson, Terry Wilson, Graham Comber. Cllr. Tony Cooper initially voted for the proposal but then abstained. Councillors abstained from voting: Cllrs., Graham Allison, Pamela Millen, Tony Cooper.

Cllr. Tillson enquired if a response had been received from the Secretary of State regarding rates on public conveniences. Clerk to research.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

No notification received of applications being submitted in the parish this month.

A letter has been sent to head of planning regarding the parish council's application and an acknowledgement has been received stating the matter will be receiving attention.

Works will commence shortly at the development site in Dunstall Lane.

MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYING FIELD, JEFFERSTONE LANE, 7 ACRE FIELD AND GLEBE LAND:

Playing field: A retractable post has been replaced at the car park, due to vandalism.

A member of the public informed football goal post fittings are prominent in the recreation ground. The mowing contractor has not reported any prominent structures at the ground. Council to monitor the situation.

7 Acre field: Letter sent to Llewelyn Lloyd re the handling of our application (as already reported under Planning Applications).

Glebe Land: Following a meeting with the Project Group, it was agreed that the community hall could be moved to another position on site, children's play equipment can also be moved on site. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper that the parish council should reimburse the Project Group the full cost of a tree report. Voting: Unanimous.

Minutes of the Project Group meeting held on 27th July have been received.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

License holder was contacted about using the apron for trade during August, but no activity on site to date.

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FINANCE:

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

Total expenditure for month £ 2,750.95

Current Account balance: 21,132.37

Business Account balance: 14,810.59

Income:

PLAY PARKS:

Clerk has emailed F&HDC officer Aaron McKinney for an update, but no response to date.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

VJ & VE Day: 16th August, 2020,

2.50pm at the Commemorative Stone, Piper, Trumpeter and Priest all confirmed. Greatstone Singers will perform outside the hall, socially distanced, a medley of songs for a short while after the service. Poster is ready for circulating in the village.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr. Cooper requested F&HDC be asked to weed-kill needles at Laurel Avenue and Taylors Close bridge and that a solar light be installed.

Meeting closed 8.10pm.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

Public Session:

Prior to the meeting Graham Collard provided Council with an update on St. Mary in the Marsh Project Group activities and tabled a new plan for the proposed hall. A tree survey will be conducted next week.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER, 2020, AT 7PM,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST. MARY'S BAY**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th August, 2020.
3. 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*).
4. Consider any matters arising from previous Minutes which are not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
5. Consider correspondence
6. Consider planning applications
7. Consider any matters relating to the Playing Field, Jefferstone Lane, 7-acre field and Glebe Land, St. Mary in the Marsh.
8. Consider any matters relating to the slipway, seawall and foreshore
9. Consider finance:
10. Play Parks:
11. Special Projects Update:
12. Councillor Reports.