

**1415/August/2021**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL  
held on THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021, at the Village Hall, at 7pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. G. Allison, Chairman  
Cllr. T. Wilson, vice chair  
Cllr. G. Comber  
Cllr. P. Millen  
Cllr. R. Tillson  
Cllr. M Wilson  
Clerk to the Parish Council

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. T. Cooper, illness

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2021, 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:**

Press release received regarding upgrading of the car park at Coast Drive.

**KCC:**

Trading Standards has notified of a national fraud from matching mobile phones.

A bus improvement plan is being developed to improve bus services in Kent.

Invitation to attend the launch of Vision Zero, Kent's new road safety strategy at Manston Airport. 15 September.

**KALC:**

NALC chief executive bulletins forwarded to councillors prior to meeting.

Business Rates revaluations consultation unveiled by Government.

**KENT POLICE:**

Latest report from Rural Task Force and Rural Matters forwarded to councillors prior to meeting.

PCSO has requested dates of the parish council meetings and has asked if council would like a physical attendance of the Ward PCSO at our meetings. Council unanimously agreed attendance would be beneficial.

PCSO report received on Marsh activities, circulated to councillors prior to meeting.

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**RESIDENT COMMUNICATION Re GRASS VERGES:**

Resident email has highlighted several areas of concern, all of which have been raised by the parish council to district council for several years, with no success. Communication was discussed. Clerk to write to Head of Paid Service at F&HDC and portfolio holders.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Decisions by District Council:**

**21/1025/FH/PA**

School Farm                      whether prior approval is required under Class Q for change of use.  
STMMPC                              Planning approved subject to conditions.

**21/0655/FH**

Rushes, STMM                      Replacement dwelling with detached garage & sewer treatment plant  
Refused.

**21/1054/FH**

7 Dunstall Cl.                      single storey side and rear extension.  
Approved with conditions.

**21/1022/FH**

12 Teelin Cl.                      side extension  
Approved with conditions

**Applications for consideration:**

**Y21/1333/FH**

Old Slinches Barn                No Objection. Unanimously agreed.

**21/1586/FH**

7 Dunstall Ln.                      Resubmission- side and rear extension, single storey  
Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Comber, That  
No Objection, subject to the application being compliant with  
Policy HB8. Voting: Unanimous.

**21/1590/FH**

Gardenleigh                      Conversion of garage with extension above and side & solar panels  
Coast Drive                          Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, That  
No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

**Planning matters in the Parish:**

Clerk informed both Highways and Environment Agency have withdrawn their objection to 21/1172/FH.

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

A recent play inspection identified the nest swing had been wrapped over the bar, causing damage to the safety chain. Contractor has rectified the disconnected chain link.

Seating benches are currently being repainted/repared by former maintenance person of the village hall.

Illegal encampment of travelers was evicted on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, last van left at 8pm.

Clerk to write to Police & Crime Commissioner and F&HDC regarding lack of support.

Marc Coleman and Marsh Litter Watch have been most helpful. Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson that a donation of £200 be made to Marsh Litter Watch.

Voting: Unanimous.

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Clerk informed a height barrier and installation has been quoted at £2165. Proposed by Cllr. Comber, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that the height barrier be commissioned. Voting: Unanimous

Request received from a private event at the Star to use the council’s field for parking. Council agreed that as the field is subject to an active planning application, the field should not be hired at the current time.

Clerk provided update on STMM Project Fund. Helen Carr has informed that the planning application submitted over a year ago has still not reached a conclusion. Planning Services has given shortage of staff as the reason for the delay in considering the application and the original case officer forgot to place public notices in the village about the application. Demolition approval has been granted this week. Due to cost and logistics, it will be sensible to wait for planning approval before demolition takes place thus ground work and removal can commence at the same time.

**MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:**

It is understood that an issue with electricity at the former Sands Motel site has prevented one of the traders from operating for some weeks and another trader has had an accident preventing him from trading at the current time. Council agreed if the trader cannot trade this season, the licence fee should be refunded.

**FINANCE:**

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

Total expenditure for month £ 2,618.50  
Current Account balance: £25,546.62  
Business Account balance: 14,821.61

**VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK ENTRANCE:**

Chairman informed that exiting the village hall car park is becoming dangerous due to large delivery lorries in the lane and suggested diagonal parking lines be placed on the corner of the car park entrance and Jefferstone Lane. Council agreed contact be made with F&HDC for consideration.

**NO PARKING SIGNS:**

Cllr. Millen suggested no parking on grass signs be sited at Newlands and Taylors Lane and anywhere else in the parish where parking on grass is a problem. Council agreed that District Councillor Ian Meyers be asked to pursue the matter and address where signs would be most useful in the parish.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

Cllr. M. Wilson informed a bench seat on the A259 has sunk and should be raised accordingly.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021, 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 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.
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, Glebe Land, 7-acre field.
8. Consider any matters relating to the slipway, seawall and foreshore
9. Consider finance.
10. Councillor Reports.

*Gillian Smith*

Clerk to the Council