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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY, 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. M. Wilson
Clerk to the Parish Council,
1 Member of the public, Helen Carr

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. R. Tillson – Prior engagement

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Millen, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January, 2020, be approved. All agreed.

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:

Clerk informed Kent Highways has reinstated the white lines at Oak Drive /Maple Drive junction that were omitted when patching was carried out.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Folkestone-Hythe District Council:

Modifications to the Places and Policies Local Plan have been received. Clerk informed that the sites have not changed but modifications are being proposed.

New Romney Town Council:

Letter received requesting assistance with their Community Emergency Plan by offering St. Mary's Bay village hall, free of charge, for emergency accommodation to support evacuated residents should it be necessary. Council supports helping neighbouring councils in an emergency situation and suggested the request be forwarded to the Village Hall Management Committee to consider and respond direct.

KALC:

Monthly newsletter has informed parish councils are responsible for water management of their buildings if they are the landlord. Council agreed the information should be forwarded to the Village Hall Management Committee with a request that it responds, in writing, to enable a paper-trail to be filed for insurance purposes.

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Kent Wildlife Trust:

A letter has been sent to all town and parish councils advising that the Trust has technical expertise to advise on the planning process and are happy to provide free advice where habitats, species and designated sites of conservation value are under threat.

Fifth Continent:

A number of visitor resting spots and display boards are to be installed at sites of historical importance across Romney Marsh. Also being proposed is a Heritage Trail in the town of New Romney and an Audio Guide to assist visitors to Romney Marsh's medieval churches.

PCSO Report:

Monthly report received from. Report had been circulated to councillors prior to meeting.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:

Invitation received to become a member. Chairman informed the Village Hall is already a member.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y19/0024/PA	Whether prior approval of the LPA is required for change of use
School Farm,	and conversion of agricultural units to residential dwellings.
School Road.	Prior Approval Refused by District Council.

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

Playing field: A new basket swing, adult keep fit bike and picnic bench has been installed. An article has been published in The Looker highlighting the council's achievement and giving thanks to KCC Cllr. Tony Hills for a grant towards the equipment. Council agreed to request the grounds maintenance contractor to keep the boundary areas cut down as part of its regular maintenance programme.

7 Acre field: Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the drawings be approved and planning application be submitted. Voting: Unanimous.

Glebe Land: STMM Project Group has forwarded a copy of the minutes of its meeting held on 13th January. Clerk read the Minutes. The group has requested use of the field for the May Fair on Friday 8th May. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that subject to weather conditions, the field be made available as requested. Voting: Unanimous.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

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

Total expenditure for month £ 11,920.66

Current Account balance: 20,669.35

Business Account balance: 14,767.34

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SPECIAL PROJECTS:

TWINNING:

Cllrs. Allison, Millen and Cooper attended the Annual Meeting the Mayor of St. Andre Town Council and provided an update.

ROMNEY MARSH LEAFLET:

Grants are trickling in and the leaflet will have art-work refreshed in mid-February, printing at the end of February and a six-month distribution programme will commence early April by Pear Distribution Ltd.

WEB-SITE:

Cllr. Cooper informed KCC is vastly increasing its fees to host parish/town council web-sites.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr. M. Wilson expressed concern over the future of the Day Centre at New Romney and many of our parishioners will suffer if the service is lost. Clerk requested to write to KCC expressing disappointment that services at the centre are at risk and urge KCC to reconsider.

Cllr. Cooper attended the Romney Marsh Forum and informed its members expressed concern at Kent Highways scheme for new highway proposals to be paid for by town/parish councils. The RM Forum will be writing to express its concern. Also the Romney Marsh leaflet was supported and councillors will raise this at their respective parish meetings.

Cllr. Cooper raised several other issues:

- a) Church Lane Surgery will be operated by Invicta Health Care under a 5 year contract.
- b) NHS is merging CCT groups and this is causing concern with the increase in population on the Marsh and lack of health services there could be no local CCT group to represent local needs.
- c) As a member of the public, and not in his capacity as a parish councillor, Cllr. Cooper will be attending meetings with a view to setting up Dementia Cafes in Dymchurch and St. Mary's Bay.
- d) The Bay has a street sweeper and it would be useful to know the route. STMM would welcome his services. Council agreed to give time to the service before requesting additional areas be incorporated.
- e) A new waste bin has been installed at Taylors Lane.

Cllr. Millen informed the entrance to Newlands is very muddy with vehicles driving over the grass area. Clerk to request bollards be placed on the grass verge.

Meeting closed at 8 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON THURSDAY 5th MARCH, 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 February, 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. Special Projects Update:
11. Web-Site:
12. Councillor Reports.