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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 4th MARCH, 2021, at 7pm.**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Allison, Chairman
Cllr. G. Comber
Cllr. T. Cooper
Cllr. P. Millen
Cllr. R. Tillson
Cllr. M Wilson
F&HDC Cllr. Ian Meyers
Clerk to the Parish Council

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. T. Wilson – family commitment

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that the Minutes of 4th February, 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 releases on; reduced carbon emissions, Princes Parade scheme and new business hub in Bouverie Place, Folkestone.

KCC:

Eastbridge Road will be closed for three months for bank stabilisation works.
Numerous roads will be closed for patching and repairs, dates to be advised.

KENT POLICE:

Newsletter received and circulated to council prior to meeting.
Rural Crimes report circulated prior to meeting.

KENT/SURREY/SUSSEX AIR AMBULANCE:

Annual request received for a contribution towards the charity.
Proposed by Cllr. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper that a donation of £200 be made.
Voting: Unanimous.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION INDUSTRIES:

Preparing to mark VE Day on 8th May and offering for sale Tommy statues starting at £175 each. Item to be placed on agenda for next meeting.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Decisions made by F&HDC.

20/2039/FH Rear extension – Approved by F&HDC
9 Dymchurch Road.

20/1937/FH Side extensions – Approved by F&HDC
13 Dunstall Close.

20/2029/FH Conversion of garage to detached annexe – Refused by F&HDC
Hope Farm House,
STMM

Y19/1270/FH Change of use to garden, erection of barn & gated access – Refused by
105 Jefferstone Ln. F&HDC.

21/0382/FH LDC application for new vehicular access onto
15 Taylors Lane unclassified road. Decision awaited.

Applications for consideration:

21/0317/FH side extension to replace existing garage and car port.
6 Beechwood Close Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Wilson,
That no objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

21/0039/FH Replacement dwelling
Beechcroft Farm Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilson,
STMM That no objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

21/0365/FH Single storey rear extension
22 Taylors Close Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Tillson
No objection, subject to neighbour's views be taken
into consideration.

Clerk informed there has been no response from Llywelyn Lloyd to the council's letter seeking clarification on issues raised in previous correspondence.

Chairman raised the condition of Teelin Close with KCC Cllr. Tony Hills at the KALC Area Committee who agreed to raise the matter direct with Llywelyn Lloyd and Kent Highways.

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

Jefferstone Lane - Quote received for replacement fencing at recreation ground.
Proposed by Cllr. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper that the fence be replaced. Voting Unanimous.

7 acre field - Channel Rotary's annual charity cycle ride is due to take place on 4th July, 2021 and has requested use of 7-acre field for car parking. Council agreed subject to weather permitting.

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Glebe Land – Chairman of the Project Group provided clerk with written update that was read to Council. F&HDC Cllr. Ian Meyers was thanked for a grant towards the project and those who donated via a crowdfunding page on face book.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Interest shown from drive on/off ice cream seller at site currently not used due to construction work. Council agreed to a trial license for this season to establish demand.

FINANCE:

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

Total expenditure for month £ 1,867.17

Current Account balance: 21,852.44

Business Account balance: 14,810.59

Clerk informed £2933.75 had been received from F&HDC from CIL.

EV CHARGING POINTS:

Cllr. Wilson suggested that income from the points is in favour of the district council leaving the hall responsible for maintenance and little in return. The car park will need to close for installation and valuable parking spaces for the hall will be reduced by cars waiting to use the charge points. Cllr. Comber questioned if electric points were a long term solution or would other energy opportunities such as hydrogen become more popular in the near future. He also raised that it is the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee to make such decisions.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr. Comber informed a metal detectorist has been seen digging at the recreation ground.

Cllr. Cooper has attended flood warden training.

Cllr. Allison informed Seaway Road is subject to fly-tipping garden waste. Council discussed the un-adopted status and felt little could be done about the situation as the matter had been reported before with no authority taking responsibility for the issue.

Cllr. Allison reported pot-holes at the turning point by the recreation ground.

Clerk informed she is exploring costs for cctv at the recreation ground.

Meeting adjourned at 7.45pm.

F&HDC Cllr. Ian Meyers informed full council held last week approved the budget. District council tax will increase by 1.9%, County will rise by 3.49%.

Also raised:

Electric charging points are likely to be an interim solution and possibly not in the best interest of the village hall.

There are delays to Planning matters due to vacancies within the department and the difficulty in attracting quality planners.

Warren Farm is to have a 5G tower installed.

Parking issues have been raised in Grassmere.

Vaccination hubs are working exceptionally well.

Request received to close Napier Barracks. This matter has been passed to Overview and Scrutiny to address.

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KCC has launched a Vision Zero Road Strategy for Kent.

Cllr. Allison enquired about the parish council's vision for improvements on the seafront and if this matter could be resurrected.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON THURSDAY 1st APRIL, 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 4th March, 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, 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. RBL Tommy Statues:
11. Councillor reports: