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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL ON  
THURSDAY 9th MAY, 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARYS BAY AT 7PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. G. Allison            **Chairman**  
              Cllr. T. Wilson            **Deputy Chairman**  
              Cllr. T. Cooper  
              Cllr. R. Tillson  
              Cllr. M. Wilson  
              **Clerk to the Parish Council**  
              **3 members of the public**

**APOLOGIES:**

None.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that Cllr. Allison be elected as chairman. Voting: Unanimous.

Cllr. Allison thanked councillors for their support and said it is an honour to serve the parish council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Chairman was duly signed.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:**

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that Cllr. Terry Wilson be elected as Deputy Chairman. Voting: Unanimous.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April, 2019, be approved. All agreed

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Allison declared personal interest in items referring to Village Hall.

**CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH ARE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA:**

Nothing to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Folkestone-Hythe District Council:**

Drop in events have been organized following the submission of a planning application for 8500 homes at Otterpool Park. Events will be held at Westenhanger Castle 16 May, and Leas Cliff Hall 17 May, both events commence at 2pm - 7.30pm

**NHS:**

Response received from Jonathan Bryant following council's letter regarding the poor service being offered at Church Lane. Clerk read the letter. Council requested a further letter be sent to Mr. Bryant regarding the spiraling demand on the service.

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**KALC:**

Dates for new councillor training have been received.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y19/0134/FH** 2.4m high fence between rear gardens.  
2-14 Bramley Way Approved by District Council

**Y19/0374/FH** Dropped kerb and new vehicle access from A259.  
1a Dymchurch Rd. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper,  
No Objection be raised.  
Voting: Unanimous.

**Y19/0289/FH** Erection of two semi-detached dwellings  
3 Fairway Close Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper  
That concern be raised over the close proximity to neighbouring  
properties that will undermine the privacy and loss of amenity of those  
neighbouring properties and potentially violate Policy BE8.  
Voting: Unanimous.

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

Zurich Insurance have submitted their annual inspection report. Council is in the process of addressing the issues raised and is awaiting a quote from KCC for the work identified. District Council has agreed swings can be moved to Jefferstone Lane recreation ground. Awaiting a quote for the work.  
Cllr. Tillson informed he will report under this item at future meetings.

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

Nothing to report.

**FINANCE:**

Clerk tabled the Annual Audit and reminded council of PK Littlejohn's previous comments. Clerk read response to accompany audit.

Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that the audit be accepted and signed.

Voting: Unanimous.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that the accounts be accepted. All agreed. Total expenditure for month £2826.92 .

Current Account balance: 31,487.02

Business Account balance: 14,785.62

**CO-OPTION PROCEDURE:**

Clerk informed it is normal practice of this council to refer to previous nominations for the purpose of co-option.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that Graham Comber be co-opted to council. Voting: Unanimous.

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**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

**TWINNING:**

Trips are being planned and membership is nearing 100. Brexit situation is holding-up firming arrangements for other activities.

**HIRE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND:**

An application has been received from an individual to use 7-acre field as a car park for a wedding in June.

An expression of interest has been received to use the recreation ground for a commercial activity.

Council agreed 7-acre field can be used by the wedding party for parking, subject to the clement weather.

After discussion it was considered that the limited parking facilities at the recreation ground, the narrow lane it is situated on and close proximity to residential dwellings excludes the recreation ground from being available for hire.

**STRATEGY FOR FUTURE USE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND:**

Council requested an options report and that St. Mary in the Marsh Project Group produce details/business plan to enable council to plan ahead.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

Cllr. Cooper recently attended a Scouts event and Romney Marsh Forum and enquired if any response had been received regarding the continuous flooding at Grassmere.

Cllr. Tillson attended the Marsh Forum and informed the National Park project had lost its advocate councillor following recent elections. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper that Richard Blackwell be invited as a guest representative by this council, to secure his continued presence at the Marsh Forum, giving the Forum an opportunity to pursue the topic. Voting; Unanimous.

Cllr. Allison informed the lights are still out on the A259 and the road is in darkness. A drain in Jefferstone Lane is sinking into the road and this has been reported.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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

Member of the public informed lights have been out at Willowbank and A259 for over 9 months. Clerk will report again to KCC.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH  
PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2019, 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 9th May, 2019.
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, 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:
11. Play Parks:
12. Council Owned Land:
13. Councillor Reports.

*Gillian Smith*

Clerk to the Council