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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 1st APRIL, 2021, at 7pm.**

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

APOLOGIES:

None

Chairman informed the Annual Parish Meeting would normally be held prior to this meeting, but due to lockdown this will be deferred until restrictions are lifted.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Comber, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the Minutes of 4th March, 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.

Cllr. Allison declared neighbouring interest in planning application 21/0599/FH

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

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

F&HDC:

Numerous press releases have been received and forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.

Planning Services will introduce a planning forum twice a year. One representative only from each parish. Cllrs. Cooper and Tillson will alternate attendance.

Government has launched a Welcome Back Fund and £165K is being allocated to F&HDC.

Councils have been asked for views and ideas on activities that would be beneficial in their area. Council agreed toilet/bistro/beach huts at the Sands development to be put forward.

KENT HIGHWAYS:

Chittenden Lane will be closed for 6 days from 26th April, 2021, for surface repairs.

NALC:

1. Government has allocated finance to district councils to assist community and high street initiatives.

2. A new guide has been produced on cyber security.

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3. Government has not extended regulations to meetings beyond May 7, consequently, where safe to do so, councils are expected to meet face to face.

AIR AMBULANCE:

A letter of thanks received for the donation towards the service.

FIFTH CONTINENT:

Newsletter received and forwarded to councillors prior to meeting.

RESIDENT COMMUNICATION:

Resident has raised several concerns about the seafront development. Clerk has informed a response is still awaited from the head of planning.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Decisions made by F&HDC.

21/0158/FH side extension and replacement garage.
Sunny side, Approved by F&HDC
Cockreed Lane

20/0202/FH Four new holiday accommodation units.
Cabu by the sea Approved by F&HDC
Dymchurch Rd.

21/0317/FH Removal of garage and car port and construction of
6 Beechwood Close new garage, games room and porch.
Approved by F&HDC.

Applications for consideration:

20/2029/FH Resubmission for conversion of garage to detached annexe.
Hope Farm House, Parish Council did not object to original application.
STMM Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Comber that
the application is manifestly not a new build and is
consistent with Policy HB9, therefore no objection be raised.
Voting; Unanimous.

21/0599/FH Retrospective change of use of land and erection of barn and
105 Jefferstone Lane erection of gated access to front of barn and hard standing.
Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that
Council is not convinced the applicant has disclosed all material
facts. The development is not in keeping with neighbouring properties,
is over intensive and infringes BE1 and BE8. Voting: Unanimous.
Chairman abstained from discussion and voting.

Planning matters in the parish:

Development at the Sands Motel Site:

Landscape Management Plan is available on F&HDC's web-site, that was not forwarded to the parish council for comment. It would appear that after a few years ground management

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will reduce, potentially leaving the site unmanaged and visually unkempt. Council raised concern about long-term visual appearance with lack of future management plan.

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

7 acre-field:

Agent will re-submit plans within the next few weeks. Infiltration testing is being carried out on 14th April, the report will accompany the re-submission. Council approved testing go ahead at its September 2020 meeting (Minute 1384 refers).

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

Jefferstone Lane – a retractable post has again been vandalized.

Proposed by Cllr. Comber, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson that a gate and posts be installed.

Voting: Unanimous.

Request received from Grasshopper Junior Football Club for use of the recreation ground until June 21 for training and matches for the remainder of the extended season. The Club will mark out the pitches. The Club's home ground is The Marsh Academy, but due to the pandemic and shift in season the extended season is clashing with the athletic season at the school and pitches cannot be marked out. The Levin has confirmed it will not require the use of the pitch until next season. Council agreed juniors can use the ground.

Mr. Madden has received a request from Saltwood F.C., to use the Levin's name and play at Jefferstone Lane. Council agreed the ground can be used at a fee of £25 per game.

7 acre field – Infiltration testing and resubmission is in hand.

The owner of Star Inn Cottage has informed pipes are being damaged at the rear of his property. The property rear wall is the boundary of the premises and consequently the pipes and guttering overhangs council property. Owner wishes to place a protective cage over the pipes and requires council permission for the cage to overhang its land. Council agreed, subject to review.

Glebe Land – As soon as lockdown measures are lifted, the derelict building will be taken down.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Traders kiosks have been erected.

The underground electric cable supply to Site B has been severed. Clerk has written to Empire Civils but no response received to date. Clerk met with representative from UK Power Networks and re-laying of the cable will be approximately £5K. Clerk has contact EA to inquire if Site B could be temporarily moved to provide a shorter distance from a light column to the seawall and therefore cheaper installation costs. A further meet with UK Power Networks is planned for 9th April. Council requested a further letter be sent to developer and possible legal intervention.

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FINANCE:

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

Total expenditure for month £ 4,052.70

Current Account balance: 17,770.48

Business Account balance: 14,810.59

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION INDUSTRIES:

Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Comber that 2 Tommy Statues be purchased.

Voting: Unanimous

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr. Tillson raised the application for a licence to hold 3 raves at Lydd Airport. This should be objected to as there is obvious danger to public safety and anti-social behavior. All agreed.

Cllr. Millen informed the surface of the A259 outside the new development is a disgrace.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL ON
THURSDAY 6th MAY, 2021, AT 7PM,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST. MARY'S BAY**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Elect Chairman
3. Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office
4. Elect Deputy Chairman
5. Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st April, 2021.
6. 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*).
7. Consider any matters arising from previous Minutes which are not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
8. Consider correspondence
9. Consider planning applications
10. Consider any matters relating to the Playing Field, Jefferstone Lane, Glebe Land, 7-acre field.
11. Consider any matters relating to the slipway, seawall and foreshore
12. Consider finance.
13. RBL Tommy Statues update:
14. Councillor Reports.

Gillian Smith
Clerk to the Council