

**1360/December/2019**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL  
held on THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2019, 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. R. Tillson  
Cllr. M. Wilson  
Clerk to the Parish Council,  
F&HD Cllr. Ian Meyers  
0 Members of the public

**APOLOGIES:**

None.

Chairman requested Item 9 be held at the end of the meeting and exclude any members of the public. All agreed.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, be approved. All agreed.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Allison and Cllr. Millen declared personal interest in items referring to the Village Hall. Cllr. Allison declared neighbour interest in Planning Application Y19/1270/FH and stated he has not been lobbied.

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

Nothing to report

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**FOLKESTONE-HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

Notification received that Early Help Grants are available with applications required by 23 December, the criteria is not applicable to any project being considered by this council. Amendments are being made to the Core Strategy due to Government changes to the National Planning Policy. The District Council is now required to build 738 new houses a year and not 676 as previously identified. The additional housing can be accommodated on sites already identified in the Core Strategy and no additional sites are required to fulfill the quota.

**ROMNEY MARSH LEAFLET:**

All councils are being asked to consider funding a reprint of the current promotional leaflet. Proposed by Cllr. Allison, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that £250 be granted.  
Voting: Unanimous.

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**PCSO:**

Monthly report received highlighting incidents in the area.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y19/0020/NMA** Non material amendment to Y10/0746/SH  
Former St. Mary's Bay Holiday Village, 31 Dunstall Lane. Approved by District Council

**Y19/1047/FH** Information sign  
Marlie Farm Holiday Village. Approved by District Council

**Y18/1493/FH** Landscaping issues to Y16/0434/SH  
Chelsea Cottage, 6 Dymchurch Road. Approved by District Council

**Y19/0024/PA** Whether prior approval is required for change of use and conversion of 3 agricultural units to dwellings, under Class Q of the T&CPOrder.  
School Farm Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Millen, that prior approval of the local planning authority is required. Voting: Unanimous.

**Y19/1275/FH** Erection of 25 dwellings  
Garden Centre Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson, that  
Ashford Rd. Objection be raised on the same grounds as previous applications;  
Over intensive development, narrow lanes cannot continue to  
accommodate additional vehicle movements and lack of infrastructure  
to support further mass development. Voting: Unanimous.

**Y19/1270/FH** Retrospective application for erection of barn and gated archway.  
105 Jefferstone Lane. Chairman declared interest as a near neighbour and left the table.  
Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Millen, that  
Objection be raised on the grounds of unauthorized change of use,  
violation of Policies BE1, BE8 and SD1, the construction being  
incongruous, not in keeping with other properties in the area and over  
intensive. Voting: Unanimous.  
The construction is of concern to local residents and clerk requested  
to obtain an answer from F&HDC on the matter.

Clerk informed that the Village Hall Management Committee is at an early stage of drawing up plans for an extension to the village hall. The hall is the property of the parish council. Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Comber, that Cllr. Allison and Cllr. Millen be granted the council's allocation to have parish council representatives on the committee and represent council's interests. Voting: Unanimous.

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

Playing field: No response received to date regarding grants.

7 Acre field: The Parish Church Council has requested use of the field for parking cars on 20<sup>th</sup> December, for attendees of the Carol Service. Council agreed the field can be used for the event, subject to ground conditions being suitable. The chairman will visit the site prior to the event to assess the condition.

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Glebe Land: Council's solicitor has prepared a new lease and this has been sent to the project group. Also a Deed of Covenant has been sent to Diocesan Board. The derelict hut has collapsed in the middle and the site has been fenced off for safety. The project group will start to dismantle the structure and a planning application to replace the hut will be submitted shortly. A planning officer has visited the site with the project group and a report is required for tree work for TPO trees. Clerk to meet with tree surgeon tomorrow.

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

Nothing to report.

### **FINANCE:**

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

Total expenditure for month £ 1,688.67

Current Account balance: 38,391.33

Business Account balance: 14,767.34

### **PRECEPT:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that the precept for 2020/21 be increased by £5000. Voting: Unanimous.

Chairman thanked the clerk for preparing detailed budgetary documentation.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

#### **COMMEMORATIVE STONE:**

Piper, trumpeter, catering, parson and entertainment have been secured for VE Day Commemorations, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Remembrance Sunday attracted 110 parishioners and Armistice Day 50.

### **TWINNING:**

Recent events have been most successful at the village hall with a choir from St. Andrea and the Seaside Singers providing entertainment.

An invitation to attend the St. Andre Town Council AGM has been accepted by Cllr. Allison, Cllr. Millen and Cllr. Cooper.

### **ROMNEY MARSH FORUM:**

Cllr. Cooper informed speed watch equipment has been paid for by KCC Cllr. Tony Hills. The Romney Marsh leaflet is on the next meeting agenda and Cllr. Cooper will represent the parish council at the Dementia Café presentations. Further update in January.

### **WEB-SITE:**

Council's web-site needs to be updated to accommodate use via mobile devices. This will require a merging with Romney-Marsh.Net technology.

Proposed by Cllr. Comber, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that Peter Faulkner be asked to undertake the upgrading required and clerk to place a regular agenda item at each council meeting to discuss updates to the site. Voting: Unanimous.

### **COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

Cllr. Comber requested white lines be installed at the junction of Oak Drive and Maple Drive.

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Cllr. M. Wilson requested 20mph signs around the Tree Estate. Cars are being parked on the corner of Elm and Maple blocking sight-lines. Also cameras have been placed on the A259. Cllr. Cooper requested a letter of thanks be sent to KCC following the installation of a dropped kerb.

Meeting deferred for update from F&HD Cllr. Ian Meyers. Meeting deferred at 8pm. Cllr. Meyers informed:

- a) A recent traveler situation at Martello Car Park has been resolved.
- b) Weed growth in parks and play areas will no longer be treated with pesticides.
- c) F&HDC claim it does not own the toilet block at the former Sands Motel site.
- d) Meetings have taken place with F&HDC officers and developer of the Sands Motel site to consider amendments to original plans.
- e) A shop in New Romney will be relocating to St. Mary’s Bay.
- f) F&HDC budget for all play parks in the district is £14K.

Cllr. Meyers left the building and meeting resumed at 8.30pm

**HOURS OF WORK:**

A review of the hours of work was discussed.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson that the clerks hours of work be increased to 20 per week, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and if additional projects require a further increase to hours of work the clerk and chairman to discuss and bring a proposal to council.

Voting: Unanimous.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY, 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 5<sup>th</sup> December, 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, 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. Traffic Management Scheme
13. Councillor Reports.