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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY, 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
F&HDC Cllr. Ian Meyers
Clerk to the Parish Council

APOLOGIES:

None.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. P. Millen, that the Minutes of 7th January, 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:

Architects have been appointed to deliver a Place Plan for Folkestone Town Centre.

KCC Cllr. Tony Hills:

Notification of a press release on volunteers from the Romney Marsh Community Support Hub offering transportation to the Lydd Airport vaccination centre.

KENT & MEDWAY NHS:

Various reports had been circulated to councillors throughout the month regarding updates on vaccination centres and inoculation of vaccines.

KENT HIGHWAYS:

Notification received that Hythe High Street will be closed from 15-19 February from Bank Street to Malthouse Hill.

KALC:

1.National Assembly will adopt a revised code of conduct on 9 March, 2021 that will be forwarded to local councils to adopt and replace the current NALC code.

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2. Notice received that many parish councils are having their zoom meetings disrupted by people joining the meeting for the sole purpose of causing mayhem. Monitoring public access to meetings has been advised.

The matter was discussed and unanimous support given to the link to a council meeting be provided on request.

Proposed by Cllr T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that if it is legal and following a risk assessment, Council returns to holding meetings at the village hall. Voting: Unanimous.

Clerk to research the legality of returning to face-to-face meetings.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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Sunnyside

Side extension and replacement garage.

Cockreed Lane

Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Comber,

That no objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

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Wild Refuge, STMM

Single storey extension and garden terrace – Approved by F&HDC

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

Clerk has raised the condition of Teelin Close with Llywelyn Lloyd who responded by directing her to seek information on the Government web-site. Chairman suggested the matter be raised at a KAPC meeting as there are several roads in other parishes in similar situations. Council supported this suggestion.

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

Trees at the boundary of Jefferstone Lane recreation ground have been reduced in accordance to council's planned maintenance programme. Fencing has been identified as being in need of attention and a quote for the work has been requested.

A parishioner was verbally abused at the recreation ground, and notified the clerk for information purposes. The incident has been given a crime number by the Police and will be investigated accordingly. F&HDC safety unit and local PCSO has also been informed.

Helen Carr, Chair of STMM Project Group has informed that due to a strong objection to the planning application for a community hall, Planning Services has requested the materials for the car park surface and siting of the bus stop be researched further. The author of the objection also contacted the Project Group and criticized its actions of relinquishing Star Field and the lack of raising funds. F&HDC Cllr. Ian Meyers suggested an application be made by the Project Group for a grant from the Ward Councillor Grant Scheme.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Cllr. T. Wilson suggested a reduction in licence fee be considered to the seawall trader should this season's trading be affected by lockdown. Chairman advised a reduction was offered last season and would be considered again when there is more clarity to the lifting of lockdown.

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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 £7694.

Current Account balance: 20,440.63

Business Account balance: 14,810.59

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Nothing to report.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr. Cooper briefed council on his activities, in his capacity as chair of Breathe Easy, to raise concern about access to Lydd Airport. Additional centres are due to open at the old school in New Romney and the village hall, St. Mary's Bay is being considered as a venue. Council supported additional centres on the Marsh and commended the service provided at Lydd Airport.

Cllr. Tillson enquired if F&HDC has released details of its tax base. Clerk to inquire.

Cllr. Allison addressed an increase in accidents occurring on the A259, from New Romney to St. Mary's Bay and the need for KCC to limit the speed.

Meeting closed 7.50 pm.

The Chairman invited F&HDC Cllr. Ian Meyers to address council.

Cllr. Meyers informed that due to lockdown full council last met in November 2020 and is due to meet again in February 2021. There have been few Committee meetings during lockdown. An initiative with financial assistance has been made available for installation of car charging electric points and urged council/village hall to consider the initiative.

An update of Otterpool Park and Princes Parade & Leisure Centre was provided.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON THURSDAY 4th MARCH, 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 February, 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. EV Charging Points
11. Councillor reports:
12. Personnel matters – exclusion of the public