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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 2nd JULY, 2020, 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

2 members of the public; F&HDC Cllr Ian Meyers, Mrs C Cooper

APOLOGIES:

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman addressed the difficult situation over the last three months and thanked councillors for returning to a socially distanced meeting this evening. Monthly updates and communication has been upheld and councillors agreed to take advice from KALC that the APM and AGM be postponed until 2021. Proposed by the Cllr. Millen, seconded by Cllr. Comber, that this council will postpone APM and AGM and chairmanship and vice-chair to remain in place until 2021. Voting: Unanimous.

CORONAVIRUS:

Chairman expressed condolences to all those who have lost their lives and to their families throughout the pandemic and gave thanks to local shops and services who have provided an excellent service through such hard times.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that the Minutes of March 5th 2020 be approved. Voting: Unanimous.

Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. M. Wilson that the Minutes of an extraordinary meeting on 18th March 2020 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

Examination of the Folkestone & Hythe Core Strategy Review is being planned but due to social distancing measures in operation, the hearing session cannot currently take place.

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KCC

Response received from Leader of the Council regarding the parish council's concern over future funding of the RM Day Centre. Council agreed that the response was insufficiently specific and that a second letter requesting more details should be sent.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

20/0637/FH

69 Jefferstone Lane Application to change into 2 dwellings.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, second by Cllr. Cooper, that no objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

20/0756/FH

Dunstall Lane Application for approval of Condition 4 (materials) and Condition 19

(drainage).

Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, second by Cllr. M. Wilson, that No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous

20/0811/FH

25 Orchard Road Demolition of current dwelling and replacement build.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Comber, no objection be raised, subject to consultation with neighbours be undertaken. Voting: Unanimous.

20/0862/FH

6 Laurel Avenue Two storey extension to replace single storey extension. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Comber, that no objection be raised, subject to neighbours views be taken into consideration.

Voting: Unanimous

STAR FIELD:

Planning application 20/0338/FH has been refused. Refusal letter previously sent to councillors. Agent was not consulted during the process and his three requests for a return call before determination was announced, were ignored by case officer.

Quotes for Infiltration tests have been received. It was agreed Cllr. Tillson should provide a rebuttal of the letter received by the agent for the clerk.

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

Playing field: Overgrowth down one-side needs attention to enable regular cutting and maintenance.

7 Acre field: Rotary Club cycle ride has been cancelled this year.

Glebe Land: Planning application has been submitted and old hut due to be dismantled shortly. A tree survey has been requested. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Comber that Council should meet with the Project Group at the earliest opportunity to discuss the financing of a tree survey and related project matters. Voting: For 6, Against: 1

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Licence holder plans to sell ice-creams and wrapped food/confectionary during July and August and is seeking a favourable rental for this short period. Proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper that as a goodwill gesture there will be no fee due. Voting: Unanimous.

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Chairman reported a number of young people are ‘tombstoning’ from the outfall by jumping into the sea. Environment Agency to be alerted.

ANNUAL AUDIT:

Copies of the annual return were tabled.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that Section 1, Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 be approved. Voting: Unanimous

Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that Section 2, Accounting Statements be approved.

Voting: Unanimous

FINANCE:

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

Total expenditure for month £ 3,281.26

Current Account balance: 25,095.00

Business Account balance: 14,810.59

Income:

PLAY PARKS:

Clerk has spoken to F&HDC officer regarding Oak Drive and Meads Way. £10k for Oak Drive and £6k for Meads Way will be made available for renovating the parks. Thereafter the district council’s plan is that town and parish councils should finance and maintain their parks. Smaller councils such as St. Mary in the Marsh have neither the human or financial resources to take on such a responsibility. A further meeting to be held in couple of weeks and we await the outcome.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

VJ & VE Day: 16th August, 2020,

Piper, Bugler and Vicar to go ahead as planned. Entertainment after will be subject to Gov’t guidelines regarding social gatherings.

CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION:

It was noted that LGA is currently consulting on Draft Model Member Code of Conduct.

SCHOOL CLASSES:

Cllr. T. Wilson informed this item has since been superseded by Gov’t announcements but he would like to see local schools be invited to use the village hall.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr. Cooper: District Council be asked to clear rubbish from Taylors Close and Laurel Avenue area and more intensive cleaning throughout the village is needed.

Cllr. Millen: Reported that a broadband pole is being erected at Newlands and requested a cycle path from St. Mary’s Bay to New Romney.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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F&HDC Cllr. Ian Meyers informed:

The District Council is lobbying for the completion of the coastal cycle path.
He has attended numerous digital meetings, this is his first face-to-face meeting in months.
Next full council meeting is planned for September.
Ward Budget applications will commence in July.
Made enquiries regarding a planning application at Dunstall Gdns.
Addressed Litter-picking
The Romney Marsh Day Centre Community Hub, is planning an exit strategy.

Mrs Chrissie Cooper informed:

There will shortly be a shortage of volunteers as many volunteers are furloughed workers and will consequently be returning to their respective employment.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON THURSDAY 6th AUGUST, 2020, 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 2ND July, 2020.
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. Play Parks:
11. Special Projects Update:
12. Councillor Reports.