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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER, 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 and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: None.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that the Minutes of 3rd September, 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.

Cllr. Cooper declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Items 13 and 15.

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

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

F&HDC:

Amandeep Khroud informed she is unable to provide advice to the parish council or village hall on the situation of opening the hall. The Chairman obtained information from Action in Rural Kent and this will be addressed at Item 13.

The Places and Policies Local Plan has been adopted with modifications recommended in the Inspector's Report, and comes into force with immediate effect.

KCC:

Acknowledgement has been received from the Leader that the parish council's letter seeking further clarification regarding the future of the Romney Marsh Day Centre, that some delay in a response may occur due to the current situation of COVID-19.

STRANGE CARGO:

The arts charity is to create a new people's guidebook of Romney Marsh. All residents in postcodes TN28 and TN29 will receive notification via post and be invited to share any information/memories to be included in the book.

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RESIDENT EMAILS:

- a) resident raised concern that developers at both Carbo and Sands Motel site are encroaching on two public rights of way and questioned when the coastal park would be installed. Clerk passed concerns to KCC Public Rights of Way and Planning Services for investigation.
- b) resident addressed the eyesore of the old Sands Motel site stating the promised coastal path, landscaping and local amenities have not materialized. Clerk suggested the email be sent to the head of planning as it is the same concerns already raised by the parish council.
- c) resident requested parish council minutes and planning applications be posted on notice-boards. Clerk responded that since the introduction of web-sites, the manual posting of information has been reduced and outlined the Planning Authority's responsibilities.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Chairman suggested a letter be sent to Dr. Priest listing the concerns it has raised with officers that remain outstanding. Proposed by Graham Comber, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that a letter be sent and to also address Section 106 and CIL. Voting unanimous.

Chairman agreed to raise the matter at Kent Association of Parish Councils next meeting. Clerk has written to Llywelyn Lloyd for information regarding Section 106 and CIL but has yet to receive a reply.

Cllr. Tillson attended a virtual planning seminar and informed CIL is to be administered by Central Government.

20/1195/FH Erection of a garage
1a Dymchurch Rd. Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, Seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

19/0374/FH Dropped curb for vehicle access to Electricity sub-station.
By 1a Dym. Rd Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. T. Wilson, that
No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

20/1286/FH Erection of two signs
Marlie Farm Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. G. Comber, that
No Objection be raised providing a clear line of sight to the A259 is
Maintained. Voting: Unanimous.

20/1328/FH Variation of condition and determination as to whether prior approval
Goose Farm is required for change of use and conversion.
Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, that
Prior Approval from the Local Planning Authority should be required
for all planning applications. Voting: Unanimous.

20/0862/FH Re-submission for two storey side extension
6 Laurel Ave. Proposed by Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

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

Playing field: A retractable post has again been vandalized, it was agreed a fixed post be installed. The Lydd Grasshoppers FC has commenced training and playing at the recreation ground. The Levin is overseeing their activity. The team's insurance cover together with a letter from the Ashford League has provided assurance that it is safe for teams to play.

7 Acre field: Clerk has requested Agent to pursue Infiltration Testing at the site and to move forward towards another planning application at an appropriate time.

Glebe Land: Clerk read Minutes of the Project Group meeting held on 28th September.

MATTERS RELATING TO SLIPWAY, SEAWALL AND FORESHORE:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

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

Total expenditure for month £ 1,777.94

Current Account balance: 37,218.24

Business Account balance: 14,810.59

PLAY PARKS:

Clerk has requested officers to respond to Council's enquiries, but a response is still awaited. Chairman informed he visited Meads Way play park and it appears tidy. Cllr. Cooper informed the cleansing of equipment is an issue.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Remembrance Service:

11th November, at 11am. Andrew Sinden has kindly agreed to step-in should Raymond be unable to join the event.

SEATING OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL:

A resident has suggested seating be installed on the grass area of the village hall.

Council's view is that it is a matter for the Village Hall Management Committee to consider.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE:

Chairman obtained information from Jenny Bradbury, Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), which was forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting together with information from the Government web-site. Details from ACRE inform that the Village Hall Management Committee does not have to make special arrangements for any hirer other than that required by Covid19 instructions from Government. The hall can host more than 6 people in total if people are in household groups of no more than 6 and socially distanced. Cllr. Cooper produced the Village Hall Risk Assessment and forwarded copies to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Tillson commended Cllr. Cooper on the production of the documentation this was endorsed by the Chairman and all Councillors.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Nothing to report.

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Exclusion of the public at 7.40 pm.

COMPLAINT:

Councillors received a copy of the complaint and chairman's response prior to the meeting.
Both were noted.

Meeting closed 7.45pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF ST. MARY IN THE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 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 1ST October, 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.