

	<p>Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh (CARM)</p> <p>Helen outlined the purpose of this Charity and the range of activities it offers to help support people living on the Marsh, particularly older people living alone. Around 120 volunteers and 8 part time staff deliver support to around 250 regular “clients” plus random support to others as needed. The aim is to improve well-being and reduce loneliness, and in a recent survey many felt their health had improved as a result.</p> <p>The main areas of support are:</p> <p>Meeting Points: a number of coffee mornings are run, the nearest to us currently believed to be Lydd, Brookland, Woodchurch. Speakers are brought in covering subjects such as LifeLine, Social Services, and hobby subjects like History, and Hearing-Aid Surgeries are held. Some seated exercise could also be provided.</p> <p>Reminiscence Services: these are held in residential and day-car settings, and are particularly valuable for dementia sufferers. Musical (karaoke-style) reminiscence sessions can be delivered at various locations.</p> <p>Befriending: volunteers can visit or telephone isolated and house-bound people depending on need, and volunteers are matched with consideration to the client’s interests and background – new volunteers would be welcomed as there is always demand and a waiting list of around 20 currently exists.</p> <p>Some contact cards were left with the meeting and once a referral is made to CARM a co-ordinator would visit to match a suitable volunteer.</p>	
5	Actions from Previous Meeting	
	<p>Ward Budget KALC membership – this has been renewed.</p>	COMPLETE
	<p>Verge Planting – <i>action to be taken in Autumn</i></p>	RB, Mike ongoing
	<p>Wish List – Play surface – see Village Hall & Green section</p>	Ongoing
	<p>Village Hall Sign - ready to put up, but see Murals item below</p>	RB ongoing
	<p>Grit Bin - Rick will chase</p>	RB ongoing
	<p>Storage bags for spare asbestos roof tiles - Chris has some, and will liaise with Andy</p>	CJ/AD Ongoing
	<p>Mural Rick repeated invitation for ideas – please email. An Oasthouse was suggested as historically appropriate to the locality, and another suggestion was that the Village Hall Sign might be reviewed/redesigned with this on it.</p>	Ongoing
	<p>Marsh Forum / Flood Warden updates - the meeting was reminded of the current position: John is our Flood Warden and attends Marsh Forum meetings</p>	ongoing
	<p>Radiant Heaters / Roof Solar Panels – energy options John has spoken to Stan who will be available soon to speak to Rick and John</p>	Ongoing JG/RB

	about this.	
	Website & Emergency Plan - while no formal emergency plan exists the meeting was reminded that the Church is our highest point in the event of flooding.	Ongoing
	Highways / Speeding Councillor Waters may have some funding available to help obtain an illuminated speed sign, she would like to know where and how effective this is expected to be, as public money needs spending carefully. Various concerns were aired including Ivychurch becoming a rat-run when accidents occur on main roads, and proposed new housing in New Romney which will increase our through traffic. Carole also suggested KCC could set up a cable-based speed check, cost is around £750/day.	ongoing
	Bus Shelter Timetable Jan is expecting a timetable shortly.	Ongoing Jan
	Fly Tipping and rubbish The burnt-out car is still there.	CJ ongoing
6	Treasurer's Report	
	Bank Account Details have finally been sorted out and audit now urgently needed. Statements are in the post and Judy will complete the Annual Return.	JS
	Online Banking It was unanimously agreed by the Council to approve that the Treasurer should have access to the bank account online.	Jan
7	Village Hall and Green	
	Outside decoration Agreed this looks good.	Ongoing CJ
	Electricity Supply – fridge, dehumidifier John is in contact with Stan who will be available soon.	JG, CJ Ongoing
	Youth Club – Dean has spoken to tonight's meeting. See Special Items.	COMPLETE
8	Planning	
	Y15/0827/SH-WS Application for natural swimming pool at Moat House The council supports this assuming archeological survey is completed in view of the historical nature of this property. Jools will pass this comment on to Shepway.	Jools
9	Correspondence	
	5th Continent Landscape Scheme – Councillor Waters has been invited to this presentation and offered to take a guest. She will contact Ewa Prokop.	CW
10	Any Other Business	
	Childrens Playground A number of suppliers were discussed but it was felt the original company was still the best fit for our requirements. Equipment costs before fitting was estimated at around £3,500. A bench for parents could be obtained for an additional £286. Julia will arrange a meeting with a surveyor and explore grant options. The play surface also needs cleaning and fixing where lifted up. Councillor Waters mentioned Youth Officer, Tamsin Jarrett, who may advise.	Ongoing Julia
11	Next Meetings	
	Next meeting Thursday 29 th October at 19.30 in Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed at 8.50pm.	