



WARD MEMBER DECISION  
NUMBER

**WB/20-21/126**

**Decision taken by:** **Ward Member for Romney Marsh –  
Councillor Ian Meyers**

**Subject:** St Mary in the Marsh Project Fund

**Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive**

**Date decision taken:** 19 February 2021

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

Helen Carr  
1 Wade Close  
St Mary in the Marsh  
Romney Marsh Kent  
TN29 0BW

**Name and description of project:**

St Mary in the Marsh Project Fund - Part funding of the concrete base for the new village hall in St Mary in the Marsh

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £1500 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision**

We have been trying to replace the old much used but delapidated church hall with a new community building for 20 years, we have taken a number of surveys from the local people which prove the need for a meeting venue where people can meet regardless of religious, cultural, social backgrounds. We live in a deprived rural part of the Romney Marsh with poor transport, high unemployment and an ageing population that need a venue to offer social, economic and educational improvement to their lives. We have raised a substantial amount to provide a pavilion type building and now plan to raise the funds for the

groundworks and base to site the building. The village has become quite isolated from it's nearest neighbours who have these facilities with no bus service operating to St Mary's Bay or Dymchurch, our nearest village halls and very limited bus service to either New Romney and Newchurch. The mobile library no longer serves the village but in a hall we can start our own book lending service, lunch club and mobile post office. We have a number of clubs and societies who have expressed an interest in using the venue one up and running including a dance school, keep fit, computer club, bereavement group and art group. It is hoped we can start a community gardening group to look after the grounds with the older members of the community passing on skills to the youngsters.

**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

None

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**The decision set out above was made by me.**

**Signed:**

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**19 February 2021**

**Councillor Ian Meyers  
Ward – Romney Marsh**