

Shalfleet Village Hall Sub Committee Minutes

Date Wednesday 15th October 2025

Members present: Michael Beavis, Hilary Waitt and Debbie Lutas

Apologies Sue Sleight.

Debbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Craft Fayre – Saturday 8th November

Hilary has made several batches of soup which are in the hall freezer for lunches that day, she will take them out in plenty of time to defrost. Hilary has also offered to make the cheese scones and bring them in fresh on the day. Debbie has offered to make several tray bakes. Michael has organised two ‘A’ frame boards to be displayed roadside to advertise the event, these will go out next week on Thursday 23rd October. There is also a large banner to display at the bus stop by the Church. MB will ask Zoe to place an advert in the Village News for November. MB to design a poster to display locally. We are one table of sellers down from last year, giving more space to those at the hall if required.

Lunch club

Hilary has advertised for new volunteer helpers and had a positive response, they will start in November. There will be two lunches in December, the hall will fund table crackers and wine for the Christmas lunch. MB to source any crackers left from last year and table decorations.

Dishwasher

This was not working correctly and showed a fault for the last lunch club and quiz evening, DL has run the dishwasher through on 2 programs and found no fault occurred. HW to use the machine on Saturday at an event, if found to be a problem to contact DL and a service engineer will be called. The craft club members had complained that the mugs were stained and not fit to use, they have now been ‘bleached’ and cleaned. The cutlery has been cleaned by the cleaning team.

The hall will be decorated for Christmas by MB, DL and DL on Thursday 4th December @ 9:30.

The fire extinguishers were serviced on Monday 13th October, nothing of note, MB has yet to receive an invoice.

The music quiz held in October was a success financially and as a fun evening. Once expenses had been paid it raised £106.50. Tom Hesketh, who hosted the event has offered to host another music quiz in the spring time.

Michael has created a visual calendar for the entrance to the hall, a lady new to the area came with a friend to a yoga class and saw that we hold a craft club on a Monday and joined in with that too. MB to create a monthly calendar for November.

The Church has now installed new heaters under the pews and will therefore not need the hall to hold services during the cold months.

Our idea to commemorate past churchwardens with a bench underneath the middle window of the hall now needs a reminder to Ollie the carpenter – action DL.

MB has spoken to Rhod about the bench for Catherine, he has a vision of what he would like and is still pursuing the best way forward. Rhod and the PCC have agreed to trim the tree but this must be done officially through the correct channels at the council.

Christmas Quiz evening Saturday 6th December

In line with other local quizzes we have decided to keep the cost @ £3pp including a light supper, this will possibly be a Cumberland sausage in a roll with mince pies. HW has offered to cook the sausages and mince pies. MB has designed a poster to advertise the event.

Christmas party Saturday 13th December

After some discussion it was decided not to hold this event this year as each member of the committee is already over committed. We discussed the possibility of making the Tuesday afternoon teas in December or January a bigger event with sandwiches etc and providing a car service to invite members of the village who struggle to attend to be able to go. HW to discuss with Sue and Claire for their thoughts.

Finances

Fixed term deposit - £15,210.99 Instant access - £8,713.26 Current Acc - £1,237.64

WCTI have paid their invoices to the end of the year. We have received an income to date of £12,749.82 with expenditure £9,982.23. There is not expected to be much difference by the end of the year. We have no parties booked now until the end of December but many weekends taken up by WCTI.

DBS

This has been discussed at PCC meetings and MB was asked questions by Christine Robbins the church representative for safeguarding. MB was able to answer the questions but has not had a follow up yet to know if we are required to do more.

Date of next meeting Thursday 13th November @ 2:30 Please note different time than usual

The meeting closed at 11:45.

Minutes approved by Michael Beavis, Hilary Waitt and Debbie Lutas on 16th October 2025