

Shalfleet Village Hall Sub Committee Minutes

Date Wednesday 18th March 2026

Present : Michael Beavis, Hilary Waitt & Debbie Lutas

Debbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes from our meeting on February 25th were agreed.

The hall has been booked for the day on April 25th for a memorial service for Catherine with a church service followed by a gathering in the hall, food provided by Hilary.

On Sunday 22nd March is the Mottistone village hall event, HW & MB to host our stall. Car park opens at 10:00. Table to be decorated with white tablecloth, HW has received some information from our regular hirers to display. Easel to be taken as well in case required.

It is the time of year to fill the planters around the hall, MB offered to purchase and plant the flowers. HW offered to plant bulbs in September ready for a spring display. MB was contacted by a villager asking to plant daffodils in the field to make a display, we voted against this as it makes mowing the field very difficult, pots and planters to be used instead.

Update from Peter Carter ~ no quote as yet for the outside windows, the hall floor has been quoted at £3,000 this will include sanding down and several layers of finish to the grade of a sports hall. This was agreed by all, MB to give the go ahead and decide when the hall can be closed for a week.

MB has spoken to engineers regarding the air source heat pump. The solution for our setting is likely to be in two parts. 1) Air source heat pump situated outside near the outside tap therefore not generally visible as a stand alone system for the heating only. 2) Hot water to be supplied by a 50 litre storage tank to be on a timer for when the hall is in use. This would then allow hot water to be available in the outside toilet once pipework has been fed through the wall. As of yet we do not have a quote for these options. The Diocese has an obligation to reduce their carbon footprint so there is a possibility that we may be eligible for a grant. MB to pursue this idea.

MB is also looking into the possibility of solar panels to be erected on the hall roof, for this we would need planning permission from the local Council but not the Diocese. If this is feasible it would mean that we could sell electricity back to the grid at a prime time for use to maximise the income. This potentially requires a battery to store the electric, MB to further look in to costing.

For the air source heat pump to be effective at the hall we would require it to be controlled remotely rather than manually. This will require Wifi to be available. We know that the O2 network works at the hall, this would currently cost £8 per month for 2GB or £11 for 5GB.

The Churchwardens bench is now in situ and the first plaque for Shirley Still has been placed on it. Liz Mead has been contacted and would like to be involved in placing Brian's plaque, Daniel Smith has been contacted and asked to inform his family that Barbara's name will also be on the bench.

Clementine Seely has organised a Wellness event on 19th September at the hall and a foraging walk on April 26th . As these events will be open to villagers we have chosen to make the hall free to hire.

Ali Macaranas from St Mary's Church in Brighstone has asked to use the hall for developing alternative forms of worship, mainly outdoor events. She offers quiet mornings of meditative sessions twice a year and would like to host at Shalfleet on Thursday 15^h October for the day. We decided not to charge but to ask for a voluntary contribution to cover heating costs.

A thank you gift and card were given to Sue Sleight from the committee to express our thanks for all she has contributed.

A music quiz hosted by Tom and Liz Hesketh raised £150 for the hospice.

The August Bank Holiday weekend had been blocked out in the calendar in case it was required for a village Fun Day, there has been no request to hold an event so that date is now available.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 22nd April @ 10:00.

The meeting closed at 11:00.

Minutes agreed by all 19th March 2026.