

Shalfleet Village Hall Sub Committee Minutes

Date Wednesday 25th February 2026

Present : Michael Beavis, Hilary Waitt & Debbie Lutas

Debbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On March 22nd there is a Village Hall event organised at Mottistone Gardens from 11-3, Hilary has volunteered to man a stall to promote our hall. Hilary to ask our hirers to create posters to advertise their group eg WI, craft club, Tuesday Teas, Sea Shanty group, yoga classes etc. MB to request more details of timings for the day.

Michael has been in touch with Peter over several items required for the hall including;

- The disabled access door which was very difficult to open, the bottom of the door remains very bowed and impossible to close with the bolt. MB has requested Peter to find a new framework to fit the old panels into so that the door looks the same but will close properly.
- The front door was very difficult to lock and Peter has fitted washers to lift the door on the hinge, it is now working perfectly.
- Peter has been asked to quote to sand and seal the hall floor which is showing signs of neglect.
- Peter has been asked to quote to paint the outside windows, south facing side in particular, the putty is cracking which will allow water in.

The WI have contacted MB to request the use of small tables as they find the large tables too heavy to lift, one small table is now permanently left in the hall.

MB to request Andy, cleaning company, to clean the fridge and freezer with bicarbonate of soda, no chemicals to be used. Also the oven shelves need cleaning.

The dishwasher requires regular salt, at the moment it is only Hilary doing this. HW to ask Louise to take on the job after showing her what to do. There is dishwasher cleaner fluid in the store cupboard.

Sue Sleight has resigned from the committee owing to family commitments, DL to buy a card and thank you gift for all Sue has contributed to the committee. Budget £25:00.

We discussed the need to recruit new committee members, the PCC suggested a lady called Pauline but when approached decided she was too busy. MB has approached a couple of villagers to see if they would be interested, they are thinking about whether it is the right thing for them. In the meantime MB to produce a leaflet to advertise the post to be placed on the village noticeboard.

Johnathan Hill approached MB regarding the elm trees in the grounds of the hall, the parish council have appointed a new tree warden. MB suggested contacting the PCC.

MB has contacted Wight Fibre regarding WiFi for the hall, this is not likely to happen this year, they have suggested contacting them at the end of the year regarding their connected community programme. MB to look into the possibility of getting a mobile router, maybe O2 network, to get us through until Wight Fibre are present in Church Lane.

MB to investigate a replacement for the Calor gas boiler - a heat source pump, solar panels. This needs careful consideration as an air source heat pump cannot manage to do the heating at the same time as providing hot water. We need to consider the legal requirements for providing running hot water in a kitchen environment.

We have been approached by the Observer to place an advert in their magazine for wakes to be held in the hall. We decided against this.

Steve Love, an Islander, has offered to hold free singing sessions at the hall which we could use as a fundraiser.

MB contacted Chelsea Breslin to ask if she was interested in holding a Fun Day this year, similar to last year, to date she has not replied. She has asked what the cost would be to hire the hall on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the school holidays. We all agreed that we would not ask our regular hirers to cancel their sessions to accommodate this. MB to speak to Chelsea to find out more information.

Angel has texted MB to say that that she will need to cancel Stay & Play for March, she is hoping to start again in April.

HW to look at lunchtime club dates so that they do not happen the day after Tuesday Teas.

Finances – we have £705:00 in the current account and £24,929:00 in the savings account.

Churchwardens bench - to be placed in situ as soon as the weather improves. MB to purchase plaques to remember past Church wardens.

We were contacted by a potential hirer to deliver tai chi classes however he did not turn up for the first session and has not contacted the booking secretary since.

Shalfleet Parish Council have a new clerk, Gareth Hughes. He contacted DL & MB to ask for new dates for meetings but not yet replied to book them.

New Christmas decorations for the hall have been purchased.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th March @10:00

The meeting closed at 11:45.

Approved by MB, HW & DL 18th March 2026