

Shalfleet Village Hall Sub Committee Minutes

Date Thursday 9th July 2026

Present : Michael Beavis, Derek Manners & Debbie Lutas

Apologies : Hilary Waitt

Debbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Hilary asked us to discuss visiting a member of the village community who is in need of visitors at the moment. We extended this to other villagers who are known to be lonely and discussed if it was appropriate to use the WhatsApp group to reach out for volunteers. It was decided that the WhatsApp group should be reactive and not initiate in this way. Derek suggested that he and Jenny would talk to Charlotte and ask for support from the Church.

We had an enquiry from 5 Rivers Childcare about advertising for private fostering, none of us were aware of this company and Derek offered to investigate further. They are registered with Companies House not a charity, Derek phoned them and had to leave a message for them to ring back, he tried this twice but has still not had a reply. We have therefore decided not to take any further action.

It has been suggested that we have a formal fire safety risk assessment done, Derek has researched several companies and recommended SC Limited who charge £486 plus VAT. Michael and Derek to host a joint meeting at a convenient time. Wight Fire have suggested that the back up power pack is 4 years old and needs replacing at an estimated cost of £112.82. A decision was taken to ask the fire assessor if we can replace the battery ourselves and if 4 years is the right amount of time to replace the battery.

On Tuesday 21st July @2pm the independent assessor will be visiting the hall to give us an unbiased opinion about the requirements to change from a Calor gas boiler to an ASHP.

Questions to ask;

Can we have the report before 5th August as our next meeting is 6th August ?

As a new installation, should we be charged VAT?– not all our quotes mention VAT

What is the expected life span of an ASHP?

What do we need to look for from an installer other than MSC certified?

Will we be eligible for the BUS scheme? Can we apply for it ourselves if the installer wont?

Date of next meeting Thursday 6th August @ 10:00am

Meeting closed at 11:20

Minutes approved by those present on 13th July 2026