**SHALFORD VILLAGE HALL : CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Shalford Village Hall and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee

This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from abuse whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect

All people associated with the Village Hall and its use have a responsibility for the safeguarding and vulnerable adults

The Village Hall Management Committee will endeavour to keep the premises safe for use. No member of the Trustees, outside contractors, hirers or volunteers will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless in position of appropriate clearance such as DBS

The Management Committee will ensure that all hirers and users of the Hall are aware that any safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the hirers

Hirers need to be aware that facilities such as the toilets might be shared with other groups and that appropriate supervision and/or arrangements should be made

The Committee will ensure that hirers are made aware of their obligations under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol are not sold or supplied to those under the age of 18 and that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film or show. No gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises

Acceptance of the Village Hall’s safeguarding policy is part of the hiring agreement for the Hall

A copy of this policy will be displayed for the attention of all on the Hall notice board. This policy will be reviewed periodically

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