

**Community Pavillion**  
**George Denyer Close, Haslemere**  
**Recommendation for use – Councillor Claire Matthes**

- As part of the investigation for alternative sites for the Community Store we looked at the disused community pavilion in George Denyer Close. Due to its location making large food deliveries difficult, it is not actually suitable for this particular use. However it is a great space which should be used for community, particularly as the community adapts to the challenges and changes the Covid-19 situation has presented us with.
- Waverley Borough Council own it and are planning to develop into housing in the long term. They are happy for us to use for the short term, especially if for Covid-19 support activities.
- Experience with Community Store shows that more people are finding themselves in an insecure position. Many of our users are furloughed with a growing expectation that this will result in redundancy, leading to financial, health and well-being challenges.
- The Community Pavilion could therefore be used as a Covid Response/Resilience hub from which outreach services could be provided to enable people to get back on their feet. These services would be provided by community partners – some informal conversations have already been started.
- CLT have shown an interest, other community groups may wish to have occasional use also.
- The building lends itself to a space where unemployed / those without access to internet etc can meet and have facilities provided / network.
- Would hope to provide other support such as CV writing, interview skills, job clubs etc
- Could also then be used to host a community fridge, providing free food to people struggling to afford life's essentials whilst reducing food waste/supermarket surplus.
- WBC would do a deep clean, let us have rent-free and potentially subsidise utility bills for up to 6 months initially.
- Need to staffed by volunteers.
- We would need to fund equipment and manage – there are rafts of grants at the moment to fund these types of activities, relating to Covid-19 response.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That Council approves a project to provide a community project at the community pavilion in George Denyer Close, with a budget of £2000 from Haslemere Community Fund. Where possible costs to be sourced from grants.

Some photos of the space:

