

Milborne Port Full Council - 27th April 2021

Agenda Item: 6

Provision of Defibrillators in Village

Background:

The Village of Milborne Port currently has no public defibrillators. Lyn Harrison, President of the Milborne Port W.I. has made it her mission over the last three months to address this and has been seeking funding in order to install some defibrillators around the Village.

Funding for the first two have been secured, its possible that enough funding could be reached for a third.

Where will they be installed:

- Number One:

This will be around the **Co-op / Doctor's Surgery** area, talks are ongoing to agree the exact location.

- Number Two:

This will be around the **Springfield Recreation** area. Talks are ongoing with the Village Hall Committee or there are other buildings it can be attached to.

- Number Three:

This will be around the **Town Hall** area.

How can the Parish Council help:

The Parish Council can assist this initiative in three ways:

- 1. Give Permission for the use of the Town Hall Wall**

The Parish Council can resolve that the W.I can install a defibrillator on to the Town Hall. The hall has been surveyed and the location of next to the outer Parish Office door has been identified as being the ideal location. It is out of direct sunlight and is on the side of the building most people would expect to find it on if they had been sent to fetch it in an emergency. The Clerk is not worried about the loss of the small noticeboard.

It has been established that Listed Building consent will be required, this could take a few months to achieve and so the Office has already started the progress. This can quite simply be stopped if the Council resolve not to allow the use of the wall.

The defibrillator box will need to be hooked up to the electricity, it is quite possible that this will be linked into the W.I. circuit but if not the annual cost to the Council would be £10 per year which the WI would cover if necessary.

2. Buy A (the third) Defibrillator:

The Parish Council can offer to buy the third defibrillator (the one that is to be installed around the Town Hall area). In discussions with the W.I. the proposal has been drawn up that the Parish Council would purchase the (third) defibrillator at a cost of £2,500 (including installation). £1,000 of this money would come from the Parish Council Community Grants pot, £1,000 would come from South Somerset Community Grants pot and £500 would come from a Grant from the W.I.

In preparation for this possibility the Clark has already applied to SSDC and has successfully been offered a £1,000 grant. The £500 from the W.I. is also confirmed.

The ownership of the defibrillator would remain with the Parish Council, who would insure it and have a service agreement with the W.I to service it

The W.I. will have a reserve of money ringfenced to pay for the servicing of all the Village defibrillators. The pads and batteries have to be replaced, so there is an ongoing cost.

If the Parish Council were to buy the third defibrillator, it opens up the possibility of the W.I. being able to fund a fourth (!) defibrillator (possibly located at the Cemetery).

3. Accept Ownership of Springfield Defibrillator:

While the Village Hall Committee are open to the idea of having a defibrillator located on the Village Hall, one of their main concerns is ownership and liability. If the Parish Council was to adopt the second defibrillator, then it would be covered under the Parish Councils insurance, both for theft and Public Liability.

The Parish Council would simply extend its service contract for the Town Hall defibrillator to include this one as well. By adopting the second defibrillator this will enable a speedy resolution to the concerns that have been raised. The alternative at Springfield is to install the defibrillator onto the Cricket Club, this is not an ideal location and would probably result in the Parish Council needing to adopt the defibrillator in any case.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the Parish Council resolve to allow a defibrillator to be installed onto the Town Hall (subject to Listed Building consent being granted).**
- 2. That the Parish Council resolve to buy the defibrillator to be installed around the Town Hall area at a cost of £2,500 (actual cost to the Council £1,000).**
- 3. That the Parish Council offer to adopt the defibrillator being purchased by the W.I and installed in the Springfield Recreation area (preferably onto the Village Hall).**