

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY JULY 9TH 2024

Item 9 – To receive and approve a report relating to the adoption of the defibrillator at the Empress of Blandings

Background

A resident's group was formed by Peter Burrows to try and finance the purchase of a defibrillator and external cabinet to be located at the Empress of Blandings public house on Romsey Road, Copythorne.

Initial discussions with Peter Burrows involving myself and Cllr. Sherri Johnstone took place regarding the possibility of the Parish Council subsequently taking over the maintenance of the defibrillator in the same way as it had previously done with those located at Bartley Post Office (currently held at the Haywain pub) and at the Parish Hall.

Having successfully raised over £1,000 the group was then offered a free defib and cabinet by Wessex Heartbeat.

Current Position

The defibrillator has recently been installed at the Empress of Blandings and an initial training session on its use has been undertaken with another one scheduled. An invoice of £73.03 for the installation is due for payment.

Having covered some initial costs, the funding group is now in a position to hand over the sum of £765 to the Council to cover the maintenance costs (new battery, pads, etc.) for what is expected to be at least five years.

A letter providing a more detailed background and current position prepared by Peter Burrows is attached.

Recommendations

1. That the Parish Council takes over ownership of the defibrillator (Wessex Heartbeat have confirmed agreement to this) subject to the completion of an agreement between the owners of The Empress of Blandings and the Parish Council regarding the ownership and "hosting" of the defibrillator and its cabinet (this requirement has already been agreed).
2. That the Parish Council accepts the proposed donation of £765 (as an earmarked/designated fund) to cover the ongoing maintenance (including payment of the invoice for installation) as laid out in the letter from Peter Burrows

David Rigby

Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

July 1st 2024

The Parish Clerk
Copythorne Parish Council
C/o 9 The Cleeves
Totton
Southampton
SO40 8WL

Myrtle Cottage
Barrow Hill Road
Copythorne.
SO40 2PJ

1st July 2024.

Dear Copythorne Parish Council (CPC),

RE: Donation to CPC

Recently I undertook a fundraising to provide a Defibrillator with Exterior Cabinet and to have it installed at The Empress of Blandings pub on Romsey Road. Additionally, the fundraising was to provide training courses for local people to attend so they could be confident in using a Defibrillator should the need arise.

The fundraising took place on Just Giving and a total of £975 was donated on the platform. Fees of £33.50 were deducted by Just Giving leaving a balance of £941.50. Since the online appeal closed, I have received £60 of cash donations giving a total raised of £1,001.50.

A defibrillator and cabinet were donated to my appeal free of charge by the charity Wessex Heartbeat. The attached letter confirms this.

I have set aside £200 of the funds raised for the purpose of providing first aid lessons / making donations to organisations that provide first aid lessons.

I incurred expenses amounting to £36.50 for paper and printing inks for posters and flyers that were home printed to advertise the fundraising and first aid courses.

The brewery that owns the Empress of Blandings have given permission to install the unit on their property and the landlord of the Empress of Blandings pub has agreed to pay the energy costs for the light and heating supply to the Defibrillator cabinet.

The Defibrillator and Cabinet have been installed at the Empress of Blandings by an Electrician recommended by CPC. He has submitted a bill to CPC for this work amounting to £73.03. My personal thanks go to him as I understand that he did this work at a reduced rate.

As minuted at a previous meeting, CPC have kindly agreed to take over the running and maintenance of the Defibrillator once installed.

I am using this letter to formally donate the Defibrillator and Cabinet to CPC. Additionally, I am donating the sum of £765 to CPC to be ringfenced for the ongoing maintenance costs of the unit and to settle the bill submitted by the electrician for the installation work. The costs associated with maintaining the unit are approximately £240 for a new battery after around 5 years and £47 to replace the pads if the unit is used. If there are unused funds available at the end of the useful life of the installed defibrillator, then the balance may be put towards the cost of providing a replacement unit. If the unit needs to be relocated, due to a change of ownership or sentiment of the brewery or landlord of the Empress of Blandings Pub, CPC may use available funds to facilitate the unit's relocation as close as possible to its current location.

Finally, I wish to make clear that although the Defibrillator is installed at the Empress of Blandings Pub it is not the property of the Pub. It is to become the property of CPC once this letter is accepted by the council meeting to be held on July 9th 2024.

Yours sincerely

Peter Burrows

Summary of Accounts

	Incomings	Outgoings
Donations to Just Giving	£975.00	
Cash donations	£60.00	
Fees from Just Giving		£33.50
Expenses incurred		£36.50
Retained for First Aid Courses		£200.00
Donation to CPC		£765.00
	£1,035.00	£1,035.00



Improving Cardiac Care

TO:

Mr Peter Burrows

Heartbeat House
152-154 Tremona Road
Southampton
SO16 6HW

023 8070 6095
www.heartbeat.co.uk

19th June 2024

Dear Mr Burrows,

This will confirm that the below Defibrillator and Cabinet was handed to Mr Peter Burrows on the 5th April 2024 for installation at The Empress of Blandings Pub, 8 Romsey Road, Copythorne, Southampton, SO40 2PF:

- **1 off new advanced dual functioning Mindray C1A semi-automatic Defibrillator with the following features:**

The unit carries out daily self-diagnostic tests, meaning maintenance is extremely limited. The model can be applied to both an adult and as child at the flick of a switch rather than having to waste time changing the pads.

Included with the Mindray C1A Defibrillator:

1. AED Battery
2. Adult/Child AED Pads
3. Carry Sleeve
4. AED Rescue Kit
5. AED Wall Sign

Defibrillator Warranty: 8 years

- **1 off Heated Outside Defibrillator Locked Cabinet:**

1. P66 Certified for outdoor use in the most extreme environments.
2. Polycarbonate construction
3. Digital Temperature Display (assures you that the cabinet is heating adequately)
4. Remote Control Alarm
5. LED Lighting illuminating your AED inside the cabinet.



6. Clear Perspex Door (allows you to check the status of your Defibrillator without opening the cabinet)
7. Instructions of what to do in the event of a sudden collapse "Dial 999, Start CPR, Use AED. Continue until Ambulance Arrives"
8. Integrated Alarm with remote control (sounds when the cabinet is opened or can be left unalarmed)
9. 3 Pin UK Power Cord

The cabinet has a 10 year warranty.

Additional Information:

The defibrillator does not require a power source (battery operated)
The external heated cabinet does require power – this being a standard 3 pin plug socket.

There is no annual service charge and maintenance simply requires **that the Defibrillator battery needs to be changed after 5 years at a cost of approximately £240.00**

The pads have a life span of 5 years from date of manufacture (3 years guarantee). NOTE: IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECORD THE DATE OF EXPIRY
NOTE: THE PADS HAVE TO BE CHANGED AFTER EACH USE (COST APPROXIMATELY £47.00)

Regarding the keypad code. This is selected by the purchaser and they advise "The Circuit" company (website: thecircuit.co.uk) who register all their details including the pass code. Those using the cabinet will dial 999 and they will be advised of the numbers to get into the cabinet.

The St Johns Ambulance and British Heart Foundation are running The Circuit at the moment <https://www.thecircuit.uk/> All the necessary information is shown on the website.

Should you require anything further, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Kenny
Fundraising Coordinator
Heartbeat