

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR - BPC(10)21

1. At the meeting on 11th September Councillor Tatner raised a question as to whether the redundant phone box opposite Pitts Lane could be converted to house a second village public access defibrillator. It was agreed that the matter would be investigated for discussion at the next meeting.
2. The Parish Council had raised no objection to the removal of the kiosk when it had been consulted in 2019. Nothing much had happened since. However, when BT were contacted following the September meeting it appeared that removal of the kiosk was imminent. After investigation BT confirmed that it would still be possible for the Council to take over ownership of the kiosk under the national scheme they operate with the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) for the conversion of kiosks to hold defibrillators. However, immediate action was required if this was to take place. I therefore sought the agreement of Councillors (15 September) to go ahead with this project.
3. Following general agreement, a signed contract for the purchase of the kiosk, for the nominal sum of £1, was sent to BT on 17 September. The kiosk became the property of Bishopstone Parish Council early in October. Under the arrangements with the CHT, BT will continue to meet the cost of supplying electricity to the kiosk, initially for seven years but in practice in perpetuity. I have included the kiosk on the list of the Council's assets and arranged insurance cover.
4. An order has been placed with the CHT for the supply of a Cardiac Science G5 defibrillator (same as Village Hall), with carry case; ShockBox Rotaid cabinet with information backboard; kiosk signage and decals, insurance and training for up to 50 people. The cost is £2,060 including delivery and installation. It had been hoped that installation would be arranged for late November, but completion of the arrangements has been delayed due to staff absences at the CHT and it may be a little later.
5. A notice about this project has been included in November's edition of STaB. This includes an invitation to those interested in training in the use of the defibrillator. It has been made clear that anyone who attended the original training provided with the first defibrillator can attend this further course as a refresher if they wish.
6. **I should be grateful for retrospective approval for the actions to purchase the telephone kiosk and the defibrillator, as set out above.**

Mike Ash
Clerk

October 2021