

ETTINGTON PC CLERK/CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Date: 17th January 2024

Item 9 Clerks Report and correspondence

1. **Defibrillator grant-** we have received a part funding grant for a defibrillator as outlined below. Currently we are using the spare Ettington Responders defibrillator at the school. Consideration should be given to accepting the grant and funding the remaining £750 plus installation (approximately £200). It will require a new venue as siting at schools is not permitted:-

Re: Application for a defibrillator Ref. No. 00847

After the funding has been applied the cost to yourselves for a Fully Automatic Defibrillator and External Heated Cabinet with Keypad lock (for installation on an external wall and cabinet requires a power supply) is only £750 per unit! The only requirements in obtaining this equipment are:

1. *You are based in England*
2. *Location is not a school/academy (previously eligible under DofE Scheme)*
3. *Installation on an external wall within 4 weeks of receipt of equipment and a photograph showing installed equipment to be provided by email to the DHSC*
4. *Once installed the Defibrillator must be registered with the ambulance service via The Circuit online registration.*
5. *Responsible for ongoing maintenance*

There is currently no limit to the number of Defibrillators you wish to obtain.

As per your application please find herewith a quote in respect of the match funding element due from yourselves.

In order to proceed simply click on the 'accept quote' link below and you will thereafter receive a further email with the relevant payment request.

Funding is provided on a first come first served basis and is only secured once your payment has been received by our suppliers, London Hearts.

DHSC Community AED Grant Team

*Your Donation Request amount is: **1x** - DHSC - Mindray C1A Fully Automatic Defibrillator & External Heated Cabinet with keypad lock - Partially Funded - £750.00 - **total £750.00***

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3. Communications plan:

As the Parish council engages in more activity and more projects, the need to communicate with residents on a regular basis is becoming more evident. Currently we rely on:-

- Social media
- Ettington Newsletter
- Ettington.org website

Each has their benefits but also their limitations.

Ettington Parish Council Council website- I have spent some time researching the current website and speaking to the providers. I am not sure how much research was done into the provider but it is clear the website sits on a bespoke platform rather than a standardised platform such as Wordpress. I had asked for a new template before starting work on the rebuilding the site but this is the only one currently available.

Even their recommended sites as seen here <https://lavantparishcouncil.co.uk/> are in my view poorly laid out.

I had enquired about plugging in data collection and digital communication in relation to our own data collection (see below) but understand this requires bespoke development at a cost. I am also struggling with the plug in of the booking forms for the MUGA which it appears cannot be hosted within the site but users sent to an outside landing page.

Another area I believe we need to explore is the production of our own newsletter. This will require a data collection exercise which I have run successfully for other councils, together with the production of a regular bulletin. By pushing information out rather than relying on residents looking at the website, I believe we will create more engagement with residents and be able to get information out to people more frequently and to our own timetable. The recent communication on the Banbury Road land has underlined how important this will be in the future.

I am therefore seeking the council's support to conduct a communications review with a view to replacing the website and creating our own digital newsletter. I will add this item to the next agenda for discussion and approval.

4. Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team Update: Ben Cole SNT | Warwickshire Police

As of late I can divulge the following information for your use..

- We have recently seen a rise in break-in's to Sheds & Outbuildings in the southern part of the beat area (Ilmington, Stretton, Long Compton and Brailes) whereby offenders have been breaking into outbuildings and stealing tools.
- The recent weather has seen a spike in road related incidents, mainly tree's and power lines blocking carriageways and roads being flooded.
- The team are currently headed up by PC Mark Lucas who we are lucky to have whilst PC Hammond recovers from an intense knee operation.
- We continue to disseminate information to residents via Warwickshire connected. You can sign up here - <https://www.warwickshireconnected.com/>

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- Loxley View point on blue lane remains a priority whereby we are taking a multi-agency approach to tackle low level ASB, a drop in reports has taken place which is good news.
- Burglaries have dropped and car crime is practically nil as of recent crime figures, but we urge residents to practice good crime prevention tips at all times. Crime Prevention tips can be found here - <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>
- Our Current Main Priority Beat-wide continues to be Speeding in our villages. We take speeding very seriously and plan to visit sites across the patch with our Road Safety Camera Van in the coming weeks, watch this space for updates.

5. Views Sought - Warwickshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Work is beginning on a review of Warwickshire County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). Warwickshire County Council is seeking the views of your council prior to drafting the new ROWIP so that the document reflects local priorities.

Warwickshire County Council is responsible for around 1700 miles of public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic across the whole of Warwickshire County.

Warwickshire County Council's ROWIP is an important strategic policy document, which the council is required by law to have in place. It sets out how Warwickshire County Council can make sure the public rights of way network meets the needs of the public, now and in the future. The process of reviewing the ROWIP, and the engagement being carried out before the new ROWIP is drafted, will help the council to better understand the needs of Warwickshire County residents.

Warwickshire County Council would like the views of Ettington Parish Council. An online questionnaire has been set up for parish and town councils:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/49f3c1bc/>

The questionnaire closes on 10 March 2024.

I am happy to complete this on the Council's behalf