



## **Council Meeting – 30 July 2015**

### **Agenda Item CC1507/15**

#### **The Parish Councils support of CPADs (public access defibrillators)**

##### **Introduction**

The case for CPADs (public access defibrillators) has been an item for discussion by several groups in Croxley Green over the past months. These include the Parish Council, the Croxley Green Residents Association, Steven Jacobs (PCSO), various District Councillors and residents of Croxley. The purpose of this proposal is to bring those ideas together under one roof and move forward to the point where we can install our first units in the Village.

##### **Discussion**

Currently the Croxley Green Residents Association has a grant for £2900. This was obtained by Barry Grant from Cllr Steve Drury. The Parish Council has £400 in its current budget allocated to defibrillators. These two amounts together are enough to provide 2 units along with their installation costs.

Barry Grant has made contact with the East of England Ambulance service who are our local provider of 999 services. It will be them that allow people to access the units to use them in case of emergency. They will also offer an information/training session for the public to attend. It is proposed that this take place during one of the local forums.

Two sites have been identified to act as the host for the units and they are The Red Cross centre and the Baldwins Lane Baptist church.\* We are awaiting final confirmation from the hosts.

Each unit requires a power supply and to that end a local electrician Martin Trewitt has been contacted to do the work.

In order to progress this project we believe it is necessary for the Parish Council to agree to become the guardian of the project and look after its long term needs. In order to do this I would like to propose the following:

##### **Recommendation(s)**

1. That the CGRA purchase 2 CPADs along with their protective cases. The ownership would then be transferred to the Parish Council so that they become assets of the Parish Council
2. That the Parish Council would pay for the installation of the units along with the appropriate power supply.
3. That once the units go live the Parish Rangers and PCSOs would carry out weekly housekeeping checks.
4. That the Parish Council would add the units to their "all risks" insurance policy.

5. That the Parish Council would pay the host venue a supply fee on an annual basis. This would cover the cost of electricity to run the units. It is thought that this would be in the region of £20 per venue. Obviously if any of the hosts were willing to waive the fee, it would be of great benefit
6. That budget provision is made annually for other ongoing costs which include new pads every 3 years and new batteries after 5. If the unit requires refurbishment if used. I would suggest an amount an amount of £500 per annum to cover all of these costs
7. There are still a couple of items to be sorted out like signage but in essence if we can agree on the above there is nothing stopping proceeding with this potentially lifesaving project.

\*BUT: that's not the end to it. Abbots Langley, who are a similar size to us have 6 with 2 more pending. They started in a very similar fashion to ourselves but as time went by residents and local companies saw the benefits and started donating funds the Parish Council to enable them to install further units. I believe that the East of England Ambulance service provided 2 and also help out with maintenance costs of all the units.

I hope you will support this proposal. If we save one life by installing these units then it will all be worthwhile, for what I believe is a very small outlay.

**Jeremy Hollands**

Vice Chairman

Croxley Green Parish Council

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