



East Dean & Friston

Parish Council

Date: 1st April 2021

Title: Report Item 8 - Village Defibrillators

By: Cllr Paul Seeley

Purpose: To provide an update on the village defibrillators and to seek approval for expenditure in 2021/22

Recommendations: To approve expenditure for maintenance of the village Defibrillators: 4 batteries and two sets of pads at a total cost of £1,122 (excl. VAT)

1. Councillors will recollect that the Parish Council took over the management and maintenance of the village defibrillators when the East Dean Responders ceased back in 2019. East Dean Responders also provided a financial provision of £7,000 to the PC for maintenance.
2. The PC has seven units, of which three are currently in operation and are sited at The Village Stores, The Village Hall and The Cricket Pavilion. The three units are checked once a month and the consumables – batteries (1 / unit) and pads (2 sets / unit) have a shelf life of four years and two years respectively. All pads were replaced last financial year and the units have not been used in the interim due to the pandemic.
3. The batteries of all 3 units are dated October 2017 and are guaranteed for 3.5 to 4 years meaning they should be replaced in April 2021. It is proposed that the PC purchase 3 new units at a cost of £260 +vat / unit and they are installed and the old batteries disposed of in an environmentally agreed manner.
4. The PC also committed to donating a defibrillator to the Beachy Head Chaplaincy and this donation has not proceeded because of Covid restrictions. It should be possible to make the donation in June 2021 subject to the continued reduction in Covid restrictions. It is proposed to purchase a battery and two sets of pads such that the donation may be made. The costs associated are 1 battery at £260+vat and a set of 2 pads at £82+vat.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the report be noted and the PC approves expenditure for 4 batteries and two sets of pads at a total cost of £1,040 + £82 = £1,122 +vat.

Note by the clerk: a sum of £5,426 is held in a separate account for expenditure on maintaining the defibrillators inherited from the East Dean Responders.