

## Defibrillator

The Estates Committee is responsible for checking and maintaining the two defibrillators (located at MSC, Cemetery Road, and Fire Station).

A recent check identified an issue with condensation in the cabinet at the MSC, and the defibrillator has been out of commission in October whilst we have been trying to resolve this issue.

New seals have been fitted to the cabinet, and silicone sealant installed around fixings.

In the event that this does not resolve the issue, a new cabinet may need to be fitted to house the defibrillator – a replacement cabinet of the same specification will cost £395.83 plus VAT (Other specifications will cost a maximum £750).

On 19<sup>th</sup> October the clerk received correspondence from Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) about the Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Fund, which will support provision of 2000 AEDs and External Heated Cabinets across England, the funding for the scheme being on a first come, first served basis. 100 applications will be selected by DHSC to receive a fully funded AED and External Heated Cabinet, the remaining 1900 receiving match funding of the £750 that they would need to contribute. The clerk has submitted an expression of interest on this basis.

There are therefore three options for replacement of the Externally Heated Cabinet should it be necessary:

1. Direct purchase of a direct replacement at a cost of £395.83 plus VAT
2. Contribution of £750 match funding through DHSC Community AED Fund
3. Fully funded AED and External Heated Cabinet through DHSC Community AED Fund

The parish council could fund options 1 or 2 by means of:

- Underspend (£3419.09) on Elections budget line
- Earmarked reserves (£575) under Safety and Security

Either option would require the parish council to approve either moving funds between revenue lines or draw down from Earmarked Reserves.

The parish council has the power to provide life-saving appliances under Public Health Act 1936 s.234.

### **Recommendation:**

**The Estates Committee authorise the cost of a replacement Externally Heated Cabinet (and defibrillator) at not more than £750.**