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Subject: Public Access Defibrillator maintenance

To Tracy, Clerk to the Council

Further to email to you of 28th November 2019, this issue was discussed at length yesterday at the Braunton Caen Rotary Club Council Meeting. We noted that these public access defibrillators (PADs) are proliferating in the village and surrounding areas. There indeed may be some of which we are unaware. For that reason we would not be happy to provide checking all those in the parish or replacing pads and batteries for them all, as others may assume they are all our responsibility even when we have had nothing to do with them.

We would be happy to check and maintain five of the PADs in the Parish:

- The one in the Cross Tree Centre
- The one at John Wensley's Newsagents
- The one at the Pixie Dell Stores
- The new one at the Old School Rooms in Church Street
- The one outside the Williams Arms*

ONLY if it is agreed that we can invoice the Parish Council for pads and batteries as required, rather than bidding annually for a grant to pay for them.

*NB The Braunton Rotary Club has agreed to pay for pads and batteries for the Williams Arms PAD so they would be invoiced for those consumables but the Braunton Caen RC would check and maintain it.

We believe that the community in Knowle has in place cover for their PAD and feel that the Saunton Sands Surf Life Saving Club is better able to maintain the one at the beach car park (which in any case is sited on private land), so the Braunton Caen Rotary Club will NOT take responsibility for these two.

We await your response to this suggestion.

Yours sincerely

President, Braunton Caen RC.

27 December 2019

The Williams Arms
Braunton Caen Rotary Club
Braunton Rotary Club
Heanton Parish Council
Braunton Parish Council
Braunton Tug of War Committee

Dear representative of the six recipients above,

DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE WILLIAMS ARMS

The cost of replacing the pads in the public access defibrillator (P.A.D.) at the Williams Arms, Wrafton has not been resolved and I am proposing a discussion to resolve what has the potential to be a problem before it becomes urgent. This P.A.D was purchased jointly by the Braunton Ladies Handbell Ringers and the British Heart Foundation.

This problem was highlighted recently when a set of pads was used, and subsequently replaced by me without authority, using the pads which has been purchased by Braunton Caen Rotary Club as a spare for the defibrillators at Pixie Dell convenience shop or at John Wensley newsagents. To the best of my knowledge this set of pads was purchased from a bursary supplied by Braunton Parish Council to Braunton Caen Rotary Club specifically to cover replacement pads and batteries of some of the P.A.D.s in the Parish of Braunton and which needs to be applied for by the Club annually.

I am unsure which organisation has the responsibility of purchasing a replacement for the used pads at the Williams Arms and unless a philanthropic person or organization comes forward there will not be a replacement set of pads if the P.A.D. is deployed again. Indeed the pads used were not intended for this particular defibrillator so are currently "borrowed". Contrary to a wide-held belief the provision of first aid and first

aid provision is not free in Britain except under certain conditions by the NHS and also by some charitable organisations. The NHS does not supply replacement pads or defibrillators.

In addition, the Braunton Annual Tug of War together with Perrigo Company Charitable Foundation has purchased a P.A.D. which is located in the Caen Field Shopping Precinct. There are funds available for one event but nothing certain for the future. It has purchased a further P.A.D. and had it installed in a borrowed cabinet on the Old School Rooms in Church Street. It is raising funds for the purchase and installation of a proper cabinet.

Of interest, perhaps, Saunton Sands Surf Life Saving Club has purchased a P.A.D. which it financially maintains in the parish at Saunton Beach.

My suggestion is that this potential problem is made an agenda item for a Heanton Punchardon Parish Council meeting and / or a Braunton Parish Council meeting, to which representation is invited of interested parties, such as those addressed in this letter. Personally I only have a direct link to the Braunton Tug of War but have adopted a certain degree of responsibility over several years to be involved with provision and maintenance of most P.A.D.s in the area and would be pleased to also attend and comment if invited to do so.

I have included in this letter the Braunton Rotary Club, being a philanthropic organisation which has regular meetings at the Williams Arms, but am unaware of other similar organisations. This letter is sent as an attachment to an e-mail addressed to six interested parties. I have neither included the Braunton Ladies Handbell Ringers nor the British Heart Foundation.

It is requested that replies are to "ALL" and to be by e-mail.

Regards,

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