

Bramshaw Parish Annual Assembly 2014

Held on Wednesday 21st May 2014 in the Community Room of Bramshaw Village Hall.

Attendees: 6 Parish Councillors- Denis Shaughnessy, Sue Bennison, Nigel Challis, Ian Davies, David Johnston, Jenny Watts, New Forest District Councillor Diane Andrews, Hampshire County Councillor Edward Heron, National Trust Countryside Manager Dylan Everett, 8 members of the public and Jane Mullan, clerk to the Parish Council.

Nicky from **Southern Ambulance Service** opened her short presentation on the benefits of having a defibrillator in the parish by telling the meeting that cardiac arrest is the greatest cause of death in the world. The purpose of using a defibrillator is to put the heart into a better rhythm. Many companies and work places now have them (eg Asda, Morrisons) as well as sports grounds (the FA have insisted there is an AED in every football stadium) and it is hoped within the next 5 years that every school will also have one. She stressed the importance of rural communities having access to them as they do save lives.

There are two main types on the market at present –

The i-Pad AED by Wel Medical – this has the ability of being used either on a child or an adult with no need for additional pads with a safety cover over the switch to prevent accidents. The patient pads remain attached and it is always ready for use – it has built in voice prompts to encourage better CPR and it automatically checks itself for faults –

The battery has a 5 year life span and is supplied with a 7 year warranty.

Cost - £850 plus VAT.

Wall bracket - £79 plus VAT.

The BHF AED funding supported model.

Physio Control Lifepack CR Plus - 70% of ambulance services use a Lifepack Defibrillator, so more adaptable. Time to shock is quicker (93 seconds compared with 210 seconds) Patient pads are colour coded and give a clear picture advice to where placement should be. Easy to pull handle to open pads.

Cost - £800 plus VAT.

Wall bracket - £35.00 plus VAT.

Aivia 210 Public Access Defibrillator Storage Cabinet

Strong and lightweight.

Clear polycarbonate cover and green polymer base to protect unit.

Interior light sensor provides LED illumination at night.

Secured access via an electronic pass code lock.

Audible alarm on removal of the AED from the cabinet.

Temperature control.

Running costs - £13 pa.

Cost £450 plus VAT.

Training costs – up to 12 people – £100 plus VAT.

Chairman's report:

For the last year the Parish Council's focus has been on the look of Bramshaw and have worked hard to make it look smarter and to this end we have achieved the following:

- New litter bins – kindly sponsored by Diane Andrews (NFDC).
- Purchase of the four telephone boxes in the parish – refurbishment completed on one in near shop, nearing completion on one in Fritham with the kind assistance of Daniel Stickland.
- Parking near shop tidied up.

The Rosary Garage has also been tidied up – but not by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has also been trying to improve transport links and has successfully got the Fritham Taxi share extended so that it drops off in Nomansland/Landford allowing an onward connection to Salisbury. This service is free to those who hold a bus pass – you just need to make a phone call to book the taxi, the day before it runs. Denis Shaughnessey thanked Ian Davies for all his hardwork in this respect.

In the last year the precept worked out at approximately £15.94 per band D property and the Parish Council has spent £250 on the phone box refurbishment, £190 snow ploughing in the winter of 2012/13, £170 for hire of a fixed speed indicator device, and awarded grants of £50 to Citizens Advice Bureau and Disabled Information Services. The Parish Council likes to only award grants which have a high likelihood of benefiting parishioners.

In the coming year, the Parish Council aims are:

- Continue with the programme of refurbishing the phone boxes.
- Removal of disused bus stop posts,
- New village signs – committed to buy first one.
- Join lengthsman scheme funded in part by HCC – this will provide us with the shared use of a lengthsman for maintenance jobs in partnership with other parishes -
- Plant the Jubilee tree – fencing now with Dave Sherman –

Open Forum

David Coates brought to the meeting's attention that it is 100 years since the commencement of the First World War and that Bramshaw does have it's own war memorial – it is in the porch of the church – the Church was considering tracking down descendants of the men named on the memorial and asking them to consider attending a ceremony at the church – Cllr Edward Heron offered a small grant to aid the tracing of the descendants.

Edwina Bright also reminded the meeting that Fritham Free Church also has a memorial with names of local residents who lost their lives fighting in the First World War.

David Coates also advised that Parochial Church Council had awarded the church a grant of £8000 towards the cost of restoring the bells – The treble bell is one of the oldest in the country believe to have been cast on site in the 13th Century –this is a very long and tapered bell, and has a square lip. Whilst the second bell bears no marks, but is probably of late 18th-century date.

Also the Veterinary Historical Society have agreed to sponsor a plaque for Aileen Cust – she was the first the first female veterinary surgeon to practice in the British Isles and did for a time live at Dazel .

Ann Hampton expressed her concern about the state of the Milenium Footpath between the bungalows at Brook Corner and the village shop- it has grassed over and needs clearing – the meeting left that this would be a job for the lengthsman once appointed.

Several residents expressed concern over the general state of the roads in the parish and Cllr Edward Heron explain how in a normal year Hampshire County Council spends about £60m looking after its 5500 miles of road, however after this last winter (wettest on record) the repair bill has gone up by £40-50M – the government has given them £10m extra to deal with the issues, but it is now a logistical problem in organising the work to be done.

Repairing the edge of the roads and not widening by stealth is a real issue in the forest as most roads were originally just a gravel track which was then tarmacedover with no proper sub base. There is however a programme in place to fill the edges with local hoggin and bring the verge back to that.

Ditching and flooding – Bramshaw parish had not been as badly hit as a lot of areas in the Hampshire but Cllr Heron also explained how in the future, the County Council if they had to dig out ditches in front of private property to prevent flooding, they will be seeking costs from the householder to undertake this work as householders have a legal obligation to maintain these. He also provided us with a leaflet – copy to be posted on the website.

Dylan Everett, the Countryside Manager for the National Trust reiterated points raised at April 2014's parish council meeting he did however say that the National Trust, Natural England and the Verderers had joint meeting to discuss what action they could take as a unit if appropriate for non-conformance to the verderer's grazing scheme.

Items that need attention brought to the meeting's attention.

Tree close to village hall (opp Edwina Bright's).

Light opp Bell Inn

Bushes at junction of Roger Penny Way –

Meeting closed 9.30 pm.

