Clerk’s Report and Recommendation to Aldbury Parish Council (APC).

Council Meeting 4th August 2025

**AGENDA ITEM** **25/114 First Aid and Defibrillator Community Training**

Council to consider holding First Aid and Defibrillator community training.

**Background:**

As part of community engagement, the Council under Local Government Act 1972, section 111 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/111> has the power to provide special community events and activities such as training. This could be a valuable opportunity for the Parish Council to demonstrate the various ways it can engage with residents and actively contribute to community wellbeing. By organising such events, the Council can raise awareness of its role, foster stronger connections with the public, and support local participation.

This is also a great opportunity to learn potentially life-saving skills while supporting our local emergency responders.

**Summary of findings:**

Wigginton PC held First Aid training in June which proved to be both popular and informative. The training was run by Peter Bryant, who lives in Wigginton and is a qualified Community First Responder. He also does regular shifts for the East of England Ambulance Service as part of a group of local CFRs, helping to cover Tring, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, and the surrounding villages.

Peter said he would be more than happy to run a course for Aldbury Parish in October.

The session would take place on a Saturday morning from 10am to 12 noon at the Memorial Hall. The proposed cost is a £150 donation to the East of England Ambulance Service, which could be funded from the Community Projects EMR (filming money). The training will be free for residents to attend, but booking through the Clerk will be essential to manage numbers.

Details will be shared in the September Outlook, FB and Noticeboards.

Topics to be covered:

* "domestic incidents" such as scalds, burns, cuts, faints, seizures
* what to say when calling for an ambulance
* how to be really helpful before and when the ambulance crew arrives
* training dummies and training defib which we can incorporate into the session

**Recommendation:**

Council to agree to hold First Aid and Defibrillator training for the community.