

# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 11/11/2021

## Phone Box Colour

**Agenda item 21/092 7. To RESOLVE the colour in which the phone box is to be painted and APPROVE any associated budget.**

### BACKGROUND

From the Full Council Advisory meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, the following was noted:

*Indicative steer from FC was to paint the phone box in NHS blue - 7 votes for and 5 against.*

Akzo Nobel sponsors paint for Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT), the suppliers of the phone box defibrillator, and have agreed to supply the paint in NHS Blue for free. However, for several reasons, it has not yet been forthcoming.

In response to SMPC's recent newsletter, a resident raised issues regarding the decision to paint the telephone box in NHS blue. Amongst the points raised was, as many phone boxes are now being used as defibrillator stations, the famous red colour and iconic design will make it instantly recognisable as a phone box/defibrillator, potentially helping to save lives. It was, therefore, agreed to review the colour in which the phone box is to be painted.

To paint the phone box the fence behind it will need removing and replacing again. Verbal permission has been given and written permission is being sought.