

TELEPHONE KIOSK, HELPSTON ROAD

On 17th June the resident of the property next to the telephone kiosk wrote to councillor Holdich.

Dear Mr Holdich,

I am contacting with regard to phone box at the top of Helpston Road, which in my view needs removing, and asking if there is anything the council could assist with. I have in the past spoken to BT but due to 'red tape' would not assist. For a year or more the handset has been missing so I know for sure it cannot be used. Just a few minutes ago a group of Arthur mellows students have smashed a bottom glass panel of the glass. I did not confront them as do not want my windows smashed. The item is used as a play thing and kids smoke their substances in there as well. If it gets repaired I have to then hear it getting vandalised again as it did on the last occasion, in the early hours of the morning, which is quite frightening so close to my house.

Appreciate any assistance with this.

Kind regards

Julia Whyte.

The clerk relayed this concern to BT who have since visited the site and repaired the kiosk.

At the time of repair the contact at BT was prepared to consider removal subject to that being approved by the Parish council. It is uncertain if this is still the case following repair.

A significant number of parishes have adopted redundant telephone boxes and converted them to house defibrillators. The practice is so common that BT have a specific application form for the purpose.

Parish council therefore have a range of options available.

- a) Retain as a telephone kiosk now it is in working order. (Is it the only public telephone box in Glinton?)
- b) Ask BT to remove the box as requested by the resident
- c) Consider adoption by the parish council to house a defibrillator

John Haste

Clerk

13th July 2016