

Woodmansey Parish Council

Village Hall Broadband proposal - revised

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Introduction

It is proposed that the Council pays for the installation and ongoing charges for a broadband connection for use in the Woodmansey Village Hall. The primary initial use for the broadband connection would be to support downloading of documents (particularly Planning documents) during Parish Council meetings. The broadband connection would also sometimes be used with the newly-purchased council laptop.

The costs are part-funded by a Transparency Fund grant already awarded for this purpose. £200 has been received to cover initial setup; £175 has been received to cover 7 monthly payments of £25.

There is currently no perceived requirement for phone calls to be made from the Village Hall; the line would be used for broadband only. However, a bundle including phone calls works out cheaper than broadband only.

It is not currently clear exactly what initial setup charges are required. It is assumed that there is a physical telephone line already to the Village Hall but an additional socket will be required in the small meeting room. If a new line needs to be installed, the charge for this is likely to be £144 plus the costs of a new socket.

The proposed broadband supply from KCOM is their bundled tariff called "Office Unlimited Local". This provides up to 24 Mb/s downstream and 1 Mb/s upstream, with unlimited download/upload of data. (Local phone calls are also included. Calls can be restricted to the 01482 area, which would be free). The cost is £56 per month (+ VAT) and there is a 24 month minimum period. (Note that this takes the obligation for costs beyond the Transparency Fund grant amount).

Having an unlimited download protects the Council from potentially larger bills for usage over a cap. This means that usage for non-Council meeting activities would not cost more in monthly charges. A capped tariff of 150 GB download per month would be £51 per month; a capped of 50 Gb would be £46 per month (this is approximately the amount of data downloaded for Planning documents per month).

On balance, it is proposed that an unlimited data download plan is more attractive than one capped at 150 GB, even though the monthly costs are similar.

It is assumed all figures are **excluding** VAT

Budget

Item	Grant
Initial connection of line	£50
Router cost	£29
Monthly charge (24 months minimum) - "Office Unlimited Local" at £56 / month	£672/yr
TOTAL (first year)	£751

Proposal

It is proposed to allocate a maximum of £200 for initial setup, which should cover a new line and/or sockets, if these prove to be required. It is also proposed to take the KCOM "Silver Plus" service for a minimum of 12 months. Should costs be more than this, a revised proposal will be put to Council.

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