

Members are requested to:

- NOTE this report and action taken regarding Broadband
- NOTE and CONSIDER the recommendation regarding a mobile telephone.

Background

At Minute Reference 181.21 (Oct 2021) – Members Resolved to move to a 12 month PAYG basic broadband package for Jubilee Club House, at an approximate cost of £22.00 per month and move the Clerk's phone to a 12-month SIM only contract with a higher data allowance, approx cost of £8 per month.

Broadband

The Parish Council currently pays £29.44 (ex Vat) a month for broadband.

The Council has been paying an out of contract rate since September 2020.

In accordance with the minute reference above the Parish Council is now on a 12-month contract for a basic broadband package at £19.95 per month, a saving of £9.49 per month.

Mobile Telephone

The Clerks current mobile telephone is an iphone 6s, the telephone is not reliable, the battery takes less than 4 hours to discharge from 100% when not in use. It often freezes, turns itself off, requiring a reboot. It is too old for the latest ios updates, which contributes to the screen freezing (apparently), and the version is considered obsolete. As I conduct all of the Council business on this device it is important that the mobile is reliable.

Current Package

1gb data, unlimited UK Calls, unlimited UK texts for an Iphone 6s (this could have been updated before) at £30.79 (ex vat) per month

Proposed New Package

A 24-month contract for an iPhone SE 2022- 64GB, with 6gb data, unlimited UK Calls, unlimited UK texts at £27.00 (ex Vat) per month

This is a saving of £3.79 per month, but not the recommendation made at 181.21 to move to a sim only contract. It has been six months since the resolution was made, therefore it can be changed, based on the updated information.

Recommendations

Members to:

- NOTE the report
- NOTE the new broadband provision
- CONSIDER the request for a new mobile telephone and contract

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