

**MINUTES OF THE** Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on:

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2015@ Pitman Room, Bicknacre Village Hall  
Priory Primary School, Bicknacre  
Commenced at 7pm – Finished 7.30pm

A presentation was given by Lloyd Felton of County Broadband about the possibilities of Superfast Broadband locally.

The presentation included the following information:

- Company ([www.countybroadband.co.uk](http://www.countybroadband.co.uk)) has been established for 13 years and is providing services to nearly 120 villages – half of these being complete Parish builds
- The possibility of a free service to Church / Village hall
- Company part owned by Diocese of Chelmsford (10%)
- Projects are normally funded in one of three ways:
  1. Aligned to existing project builds/cash flow commitments of the company
  2. Part funded by the Parish Council
  3. Part funded by private investment from within the community

County Broadband has investment agreements for scenarios 2 & 3, with profitable returns for investors.

- A business case would be developed based on level of interest from surveys and village meeting. Much easier if local funding available.
- The company offer a Parish Council the opportunity to support the project, in which case it then becomes a Parish Partnership Project (independently of any funding arrangement that may or may not be entered into). The company share revenue received by the project with the Parish Council on a perpetual basis under the agreement.
  - Would require support from the Parish Council in facilitating meetings
  - Reports would be submitted to the Parish Council on how the

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service was working

- Resident cost £99 per household (installation) with a variety of monthly options available from £10 - £35
- Download/Uploads speeds currently at 30Mbps but now launching 100Mbps services
- Typical project can take 6-12 months to implement

Councillors were invited to ask questions. Council to decide at a future meeting whether to proceed to the next step of an Open Day/Evening Event.

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