

Broadband update published in King's World, March 2016

Broadband in Kingsley remains a priority for the Parish Council.

As previously mentioned in February's edition of King's World, Kingsley is not included in Wave 2 of Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme, scheduled to be completed mid 2019.

You may have read, the Government will shortly consult on proposals for a broadband Universal Service Obligation that will give everybody the legal right to request a broadband connection capable of delivering a minimum speed of 10Mbps by 2020. However, the outcome of this may not be known for several months and up to 5 years is too long to wait for better broadband speed, particularly for the many in Kingsley who are currently getting <2Mbps.

The PC has therefore continued to explore a number of different options to bring forward provision of faster broadband to all in Kingsley. These include installing a new fibre cabinet, a route that will require significant self-funding, potentially from residents, local businesses and the Parish Council and the option of Fixed Wireless (cellular) Broadband. The latter is a less expensive option, but will require a minimum number of subscribers.

At the time of writing, the PC are preparing to carry out a survey to establish how many parishioners and local businesses are interested in pursuing these options to ascertain whether they are viable. We will also be holding more detailed discussions with BT and fixed wireless providers on the technical aspects.

We will update the website with any developments as they occur. if you would like to discuss any particular issues or proposals, please make contact with Cllr Richard Coury (email address on the Parish Council website).

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