

Kingsley Broadband - Update September 2016

BROADBAND MEETING – 7.30pm September 22nd 2016, Kingsley Centre

At the next meeting of the Parish Council, on September 22nd, we will be welcoming Will Dear from Pine Media to discuss proposed plans to offer Kingsley residents the opportunity of **Fixed Wireless Broadband** (FWB) in the village. This is a self-funding option that will provide significantly improved broadband speeds.

This solution requires us to raise approximately £15k, but has been well received by residents since it needs significantly less investment than funding a new cabinet in the village - something that BT Openreach will ultimately have to provide in the future anyway.

NB: The decision to follow the route has been further benefitted by the inclusion of FWB in Hampshire County Council's funding options which were previously limited to satellite only. As a result, any household which currently has broadband download speeds of **less than 2mb/s**, will be able to apply for a grant through HCC to the value of **£300**. This money can be directly used to towards the setting up of FWB in the village.

Pine Media have recently carried out a survey of the parish and they have confirmed that they can provide their service to all residents. Here are a few more details:

1. An antenna needs to be set up at a high point in the village, at a minimum of 10 metres
2. Ideally the antenna needs reasonable line of sight with all houses connecting to it, however additional infrastructure can be installed to help this work. It should be effective for up to three miles
3. Each house needs a small disc on, or near, the roof and a router which is supplied and installed by Pine Media
4. Requires a minimum of 30 subscribers, committed on a 2 year contract
5. Guaranteed speeds, based on the level of package each household orders. All prices and speeds can be found on their website (www.pinemedia.net)
6. The service can potentially negate the need for a BT landline and your existing number can be transferred
7. From securing funds to installation should be no more than 2 months
8. Could also seek funding from surrounding areas, due to effectiveness over distance and potentially the addition of extra masts

NB: Kingsley residents who have speeds above the 2mp/s threshold and therefore do not qualify for the £300 grant, can still benefit from the FWB infrastructure. More details will be explained at the meeting next week.

Pine Media has set up a home page for Kingsley where you can register your interest (www.pinemedia.net/kingsley/). If you're interested in getting faster broadband speeds from FWB, we would be very grateful if you could do this ASAP. You can then meet Will Dear on September 22nd and he will be able to answer any questions you have.

If you require further information before next Thursday, please contact Richard Coury at **richardcoury@me.com**