

Broadband in Rural Area Areas

Following my last mini-presentation from the floor of the work being carried out by Selling Parish Council, I am pleased to advise that resulting from the 1st. of May meeting (chaired by Hugh Robertson MP) at which 85 villagers were in attendance (and 17 + presented written apologies for absence), KCC has awarded a £50,000 grant to Selling (Iwade and Womensworld have also applied for and received a grant it is understood).

KCC Technology Solutions Research (Brian Tayler and Lyndon Gurr) will be carrying out all the research of various suppliers, such as wireless, satellite, community broadband (a fibre optic system) and others thought suitable to be included.

Once this research is completed in the next few months, then a table of likely solutions, costs and the like, will be presented to Selling PC. It is envisaged further public meetings may need to be held as we progress to an hopeful, efficient solution for the benefit of all residents. Whilst this is of course intended for Selling, nonetheless some residents of neighbouring parishes may be able to receive the service signals of whatever system is finally decided upon.

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Cllr. of Selling Parish.