

1. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – HISTORIC PLANNING DECISION

In order to maintain a record of where the Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan (BNP) has been used, or not used, effectively in historical planning application decisions, a log has been created to record decisions against policies used, to test the effectiveness of the existing plan and to help feed into the evolution of future versions. There are some 100 plus decisions, since the BNP was “made”, that are being reviewed as part of this piece of work.

2. CARBON LITERACY TRAINING

This training will take place on Tuesday 1st April, from 9am - 1pm at Broadclyst Sports Pavilions. An online second session will take place on Tuesday 29th April. Those who would like to take part are to advise the Assistant Clerk of interest ASAP.

3. THE BROADSHEET

The Spring 2025 edition of The Broadsheet is *at the printers* (Brightsea), with copies beginning to be delivered later this week (w/c March 3rd 2025). In total, there were 28 pages for this edition, detailing a variety of groups and businesses within all areas of the parish. A Councillor contact for the Westclyst area of the parish is needed for future editions, as additional content is necessary for fair coverage of the whole parish.

4. BROADCLYST SPORTS PAVILION INTERNET

Officers are aware that there have been instances of slow internet speeds reported by users of the facility, which has resulted in this being raised with the internet provider. Openreach have attended the building and have reported that the levels that are being received from the network, through copper lines, are within expected tolerances and there are therefore no remedial actions possible. As upgrades to the network are no longer taking place on the *old* analogue system, as it is due to be decommissioned in 2027, the existing service is no longer fit for purpose. Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) is now available to the property (at speeds of up to 160mb down and 30mb up) so a quotation has been sought from the existing internet provider, which maintains the original end date of the contract (48 months remaining) and is as follows:

	<u>FTTP Service</u>	<u>Existing Service</u>
Installation:	£99.00	
Router, plus delivery:	£127.50	
Monthly Cost:	£57.99	£40.93
Ongoing difference: £17.06 monthly / £204.72 Annually / £818.88 Contractually		

Recommendation: Upgrade the contract to FTTP for the remainder of the existing contract term, as detailed above. It is anticipated that this will be accounted for under budget item 4075 - Landlines/Broadband bundle.

This concludes my report.

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