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From: admin
Sent: 11 August 2020 12:27
To: Victoria
Subject: FW: Government Funding for Rural Broadband

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Sent: 11 August 2020 12:00
To: admin <admin@fremingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Government Funding for Rural Broadband

Victoria,

Thanks for your quick response to my email.

I also checked our post code and I agree it is not completely clear as the response is "some postcodes..." I think it would be a good idea to raise this at the Parish Council as it would be a pity to miss out on a Government scheme. Many people may think their 50-70MB/s max internet connection is fine at the moment. However, Gigabit data rates will become essential with the increasing use of on-line services for business, domestic and entertainment applications.

I recognised the requirement for group/business, rather than individual projects and feel that the Parish, or possibly Wards might be a good level at which to action this.

From: admin <admin@fremingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 August 2020 10:50
To:
Subject: RE: Government Funding for Rural Broadband

Good Morning

Thank you for your email. I have had a look at the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, which is the funding I assume you are referring to but please let me know if it's not. I note from the postcode checker on the home page that some postcodes within the North Devon area might be eligible for the scheme, however, upon looking at the map it is unclear whether Fremington Parish would qualify under the definition of "rural".

According to the website it is group projects, which it defines as two or more residents and/or SMEs (small to medium sized enterprise) get together to combine their vouchers towards the shared cost of installation, which are eligible. It's not something that the Parish Council has looked at leading on but I can take to the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th September 2020 if you would like the Parish Council to consider taking forward.

Kind Regards

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Thank you for your patience and understanding.

From

Sent: 10 August 2020 13:34

To: admin <admin@fremingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Government Funding for Rural Broadband

Good Afternoon,

I was reading recently about the Government funded voucher scheme to facilitate the provision of Gigabit Broadband to rural communities. From what I can understand our area is eligible for this funding. I also believe that there has to be a community rather an individual project. I was wondering if the Parish or a group within it is exploring this offering.

Regards