

Reports for Brightling Parish Council meeting 11 January 2023

This report covers 4 topics:

- Welcome packs
- Environment Strategy
- Web site
- Broadband

Welcome packs

In the December edition of the Messenger I appealed for photographs for the welcome packs (one person contributed) and in the January edition I asked if anyone with a local business wanted to be mentioned (no response). I think the welcome pack is now ready to use, and I will circulate copies at the meeting.

Environment strategy

The appeal in December's Messenger magazine had a reasonable response: 9 people. I am hoping to arrange the first meeting later in January.

Web site

The site continues to be hosted by Rother District Council. The main contributors are me, Jane Beard, and the Parish Clerk. If other contributors want to come forward I would be very happy to get them a logon and give any necessary training.

Broadband

The situation is essentially unchanged since my last report.

The broadband project for Netherfield Village / Brightling / Woods Corner project got the go-ahead from BT Openreach on 8th July 2022. The timescale is broadly 6 months planning, 6 months physical delivery, which would give a delivery deadline of July 2023. However delays are entirely possible and we won't be able to do much about them if they do occur.

Unlike many broadband projects, there is no legal contract with BT Openreach and no cash deposit has been required. In particular there is no commitment from the Parish Council. The only commitment is from individuals who have pledged that when the new service becomes available, they will sign up to take the new service for a minimum of 12 months.

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