

## Website rebuild

The current website is tired and requires upgrading.

I obtained two quotes:

1. Indigo Ross – I use this company for other work that I am involved in
2. Suffolk Cloud – a specialist provider of Parish Council websites

The price difference is material - £300 vs £2500.

The primary reason for this is that Suffolk Cloud have developed a generic platform to suit the needs of any parish.

Suffolk Cloud strongly recommended upgrading the web domain to gov.uk for both site and councillor email addresses. It is their view that whilst not mandatory at the moment it will become mandatory in the near future.

A gov.uk address would offer increased security and would enable the Council to better manage the email content of its councillors in so far as all email addresses would be managed centrally.

The overall costs could be met from a combination of remaining budget of £65 from the 2024/5 budget and reserves.

A key difference in moving to a new platform is that it would out increased reliance on the clerk to manage the content of the site - there is currently a dependency on Tony Schmitt for support.

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