

AGENDA ITEM 8 (8)

Update on current website opportunities

www.wyeweb.org

As requested by the Public Liaison and Communications committee, the Clerk has registered the Parish Council on wyeweb. The intention is to put up details about the Council, (parish councillors, committees, and meetings) contact details and minutes of meetings.

Cllr Paul Morris and the Clerk will be meeting soon to discuss in more detail how the site might be useful to the Parish Council.

www.wyewithhinxhillpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

As reported previously, the KCC Kent Parishes website is being upgraded and the new version should be available at the end of October 2007. The whole website is being brought in-house by EIS which is a business unit within the Corporate Services directorate of Kent County Council and provides ICT support to all Kent schools and various community projects. This should make it more efficient.

The new website will be neater and tidier. It will have more 'layers' so that information can be better organised, as well as a messaging system and improved spam filter. There will also be a site search facility and each parish will be able to personalise its site.

Training will be by means of a CD and workshops.

Once the new site is finished (end of October) new contracts will be sent out to parishes. Wye with Hinxhill is on the list to be sent one. Only when the Parish Council has approved and signed the contract can it join the scheme at a cost of two unused first class stamps.

It is hoped that the contract can be tabled at the November meeting of the Parish Council.

Action: The Parish Council should note the above information.