

Current plans should ensure 97.4% coverage of Superfast Broadband. There is a scheme to offer satellite technology or fixed wireless solutions for premises with sub-2Mbps speed. This was of particular interest to one member who lives in Melchet Park where the speeds are well below 2Mbps.

Report by Cllr Bailey (TVBC)

The TVBC Local Plan has been approved by the Inspectorate and by TVBC and has now been issued: the challenged by a developer with an interest in a site at Nursling & Rownhams was rejected by the High Court and TVBC were awarded costs. The Plan strengthens TVBC's opposition to inappropriate development.

Wellow is progressing with its Neighbourhood Plan.

The New Forest National Park Authority is reviewing its Local Plan and although the old garden centre site could perhaps have some development this seems unlikely given its access onto the A36

TVBC has again had to increase the Council Tax, partly because its investment income is very low. It is now beginning a programme of property investment which should enable a higher level of income to be generated.

There is money available in the Councillor Grant Scheme for projects within the Blackwater ward: last year a grant was made to Plaitford Village Hall towards the cost of the replacement storage shed.

The Boundary Commission has yet to approve the proposed boundary changes within Test Valley.

There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 8.00 p.m.