

Donation of Monies from Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

The Parish Council, along with two neighbouring parish councils supported the B4SW project to instal superfast broadband to homes and businesses within the parish during the two previous financial years. This took the form of donations towards tool purchase and room hire for public meetings and most significantly in sharing the cost of hire for a micro digger. It was assured at the time that once complete, profits from the project would be shared with the community in these three parishes.

The project is now complete and the vast majority of homes and business in the parish, along with the memorial hall are all connected to superfast broadband. The company set up to manage the process, SWB Community, has now donated all profits to the village halls in the three parishes with the recommendation that the majority of this is passed on to the parish councils in order to best provide for community needs across.

The Memorial Hall has received a sum of £6270.36 and wishes to donate a sum of £5750 to the Parish Council. This is in line with the other two parishes that contributed to the project.

SWB Community and the Memorial Hall are satisfied that this transaction is in accordance with their financial regulations and ask the Parish Council to consider receiving this sum for the benefit of the community.

As financial officer I can advise that there is nothing in the financial regulations which would prevent the Council from accepting a donation to public funds.

A. Cade

Clerk and Financial Officer to Preston Patrick Parish Council

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