Broadband Update 14th November 2015

This is the sixth news update on the subject of broadband and proposed improvements to the service available to the village. See the Village web site Broadband page for previous issues.

BT intermittent problems

I have upgraded to the BT Infinity full speed option since out fibre optic network was installed. This has involved installing a BT HomeHub 5 router. I have found that the router loses its connection to broadband quite frequently and has to be reset or restarted; sometimes even this doesn't fix the problem immediately.

Finally, I contacted BT today. It seemed as though this problem was familiar to the call handler and I was stepped through a process to fix the problem:

- Type 192.168.1.254 into your browser's address bar.
- On the page this brings up choose Advanced Settings
- You will need to enter your Admin Password. See the card on the back of your router it's the one in capital letters.
- On the next page, at the top, you will see the options: 2.4GHz Wireless, 5GHz Wireless, WPS.
 Choose 5GHz Wireless.
- In the options below select **No** against **Sync with 2.4GHz**.
- In the Wireless SSID field add the 4 characters 5GHz to the end of the name displayed.
- Confirm your changes by clicking Apply.
- When asked "Are you sure?" choose Yes. Wait for the options to be applied.

I haven't had this fix for long enough to know whether the intermittent problems have been fixed but we live in hope.

Also, I have speed tested today my broadband with the following results: 46.3Mbps download, 18.1Mbps upload. This is from 41 Main St. which is a fair distance from the cabinet.

Gigaclear Installation

You will have noticed that Gigaclear is active in the Village laying cables. This disruption is expected to last for the duration of November. I still await a firm date for deployment of the network to customers.

Whilst this work is ongoing I have a means to contact the Gigaclear Project Manager directly, so if you have any issues or problems please contact me: davidtuff@btinternet.com, 565911.

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