

## **.Gov domain, email**

### **Running costs comparison for website and email**

Annual costs of old package Total **£1,156.00**

New annual costs £180 hosting (already agreed; this **does not include** email or the domain) Plus £666 if you stay on Gmail for councillor emails. **Total £846**

New annual cost if you add a .gov domain (£120 initial and £44 per annum thereafter), and cllr emails (£4 per month) to hosting (£180) with the new provider **Total £272**

Read the linked report below regarding the benefits and reasons for parish councils to use a .gov domain:

A copy of this article is also in the meeting pack.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/benefits-of-getting-a-govuk-domain?fbclid=IwAR0TOa74LtQ4rjbNrvltmgDpybGbr8qdnAKR1tdDBohrnJqhS7qfSkzx1Lo>

The best time to move to a .gov domain is to do it as part of your new website launch to save future disruption. It will be quicker and easier to move to the .gov domain than it will be to retain the existing domain.

Your current domain expires on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2022. We can time the 'go-live' of the new website to coincide with the expiration of the old domain so that there won't be any issues of two websites running concurrently.

The .gov domain prices are charged at cost.