

2019 260 WEBSITE – Updated report

I have received another quote to go along with the 4 obtained previously – new quote as follows:

Company – Function 28 – specialise in producing parish and council websites.

Cost £450.00 + VAT to set up

Monthly hosting cost of £10 + VAT

They can look to take on up to 10 email addresses at a cost of £20 per month (more expensive than currently pay)

2 Best quotes from previous report below again for your information

Quote 3 It'seeze websites – Colchester based company (www.itseeze-colchester.co.uk)

Set up cost £400 + VAT

Monthly hosting cost £40 + VAT (12-month contract then rolling monthly thereafter)

Included in this cost – they will come out and take professional photos for the website (including drone Ariel shots)- set the website up and take over the email accounts - we currently pay Dodd associates £144 per year for email accounts (£12 per month) this will reduce the monthly additional outcome down to £28 per month we also have support when required and as local business they will come in and help instead of over the phone.

Quote 4 – Martin Smith (contact of Malcolm Bailey – designed school website)

He will charge a standard £300 to design and set up

Hosting fee of £150 per annum – not including emails so would keep Dodd associates running as normal (monthly cost to council for this website is £12.50)

- Quote 3 is not the cheapest however they are offering unlimited uploads and take on email address within the monthly cost and local so more personal touch while in the set up process. Within this website offering they have also said can set up a page for 'whats on at our halls' which can link direct to our regular hirers website – there is an option here to ask our regular hirers if they would like to advertise on our website for a nominal fee of £20 per year (example amount – we currently have 27 regular hirers – if all wanted to do this for £30 a year this would bring in £810 per annum – possible angle to go down in the future)
- Quote 4 was a recommendation from Malcolm and has designed a local website – he said he has also spoken with Neighbourhood plan team in past Council to decide what option they would like to go with.
- New quote – cheapest monthly for us but higher set up cost

New quote from Function 28 and quote 4 from Martin Smith all include the cost to transfer the data we currently hold on our website to a new website

With regard to never owning the website – we will never own the website no matter who we go with as we will always need to be hosted by someone – you can transfer the hosting of your website by giving notice if you are not happy with the hosting company however no matter who we go with we will never own it

I have spoken Messing parish council and West Mersea parish council – they are all in the same situation and investigating quote – all with Essex info – At the SLCC conference last week this came up regarding websites and as very much the same opinion that councils are being left to sort out their own website

Which would council like to proceed with?

Gemma Humphries Clerk and RFO