COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 13TH 2021

Item 12 - Review of Mapping Software Systems used by the Parish Council

Background
At the March 9th 2021 Council meeting the follow recommendations were approved in respect of Parish Online and Parish Map software systems.

1. **That Council takes out an annual subscription (£163.20) to commence before March 31st 2021 to take advantage of the HALC discount.**
2. **This subscription would run in parallel with our existing GIS Parish Map subscription which runs to September 30 2021.**
3. **Council then makes a final decision at our July 2021 meeting about using one; or other; or both systems going forward.**

The details for the Council's subscription to each service are as follows:-

GIS Parish Map	£104.17 ex VAT	Renewal date September 1st 2021
Parish Online	£136.00 ex VAT	Renewal date March 10th 2022

Current Position
The Council has four registered users of both systems (Cllrs. Chillcott, Goodwin & Herra plus the Clerk). More users can be added to both at no additional cost.

Both systems provide user options that the other doesn't. The Clerk has been using the Parish Online system to create "layers" of information for parish assets and tasks to be undertaken by the Lengthsman. Longer term the Parish Online system would be useful when work gets underway on projects like the Parish Design Statement.

GIS Parish Map provides access to mapping layers that aren't available to the providers of Parish Online and the Clerk has made use of these on a number of occasions.

Recommendation
That the Council continues to subscribe to both GIS Parish Map (supplied by NFDC) and Parish Online (supplied by Geoxphere Ltd) and conducts a further review in January 2022 on the continuation of both systems prior to the renewal of the annual subscription for Parish Online in March 2022.

David Rigby, Clerk
June 23rd 2021