

Dear Jim, following the recent trials of the commercial (licenced) radios for the Community Resilience Groups, I have received quotes from Premier Communication Electronics Ltd (PCE) for the two best radios used on the trials. PCE provided the radios for us to test and assisted in the test process. The two quotes are for Kenwood and Entel radios. Overall the Kenwoods performed best of the 6 radios tested. The Entel has slightly higher weather proofing qualities but, in my opinion, not sufficient to outweigh the better performance of the Kenwoods (see report on radio trials).

The quotes include the cost of 6 radios plus chargers, the cost of setting the radios up by PCE to the right frequencies supplied by Ofcom, the cost of obtaining a 5 year licence for the Parish from Ofcom and the cost of delivery and hand-over to the Parish. The only ongoing cost to the Parish would be for a new licence every 5 years of £110 and any repair and maintenance which is likely to be minimal.

I have also partially filled out the application form for grant funding (see attached). I have not included the number of radios at this stage as this will depend on a) the views of the Parish Council, b) the cost at the time when we submit the proposal (prices are very volatile at the moment), and c) if we have to include VAT in the grant sum. I have also included the Grant Guidance note.

I hope this is sufficient information for the Parish Council to make a decision, if you need anything more, please let me know.

Best regards,

Jock Campbell

Graeme, the number six was chosen to get some idea of costs, not as a recommendation. As I mentioned in my note to Jim, it would be up to the Parish Council to decide that following consultation.

However, my rationale for picking 6 as a working number was as follows: If we go for more than 6 we would have to go for a cheaper option (unless additional funding is sought) and that would limit performance . If we go for less than 4 the versatility of a group communication method becomes questionable.

One distribution scenario might be, for example, :

- 2 sets for the road wardens held by Nick and to cover Sweetham cottages
- 1 set with you as flood warden coordinator
- 1 set with Sarah to cover Smallbrook
- 1 set with Lee to cover West Town Rd
- 1 set with me or Chris Southcott to cover Station Rd

This is just a suggestion, I have no fixed views. I have concentrated on finding sets that work and in budget as requested by the PC. If you feel we need more or less sets please advise the PC accordingly.

Is a radio needed for Pump Street?