



REPORT TO LANDULPH PARISH COUNCIL - WORKING GROUP UPDATE Please complete and submit this form for Working Group updates to be considered by Landulph Parish Council.	
TITLE	Dot Gov Domain
DATE OF UPDATE	9 December 2024
ACTIVITIES TO REPORT	<p>We considered the following options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. do nothing 2. keep our existing systems but switch to .gov.uk domain 3. use the opportunity to change systems <p>We concluded that we should go for option 2 or 3 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhanced trust in site • enhanced security • over half Parish Councils in Cornwall have a .gov.uk domain • acting now might save us £100 • but with a .gov.uk domain we should restrict to Parish Council material on the domain; we could use the .org.uk domain as a Parish website • should probably use landulph-pc.gov.uk to clearly distinguish the two sites <p>Regarding option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay with the same web hosting company (Western Web) and Google Drive • Switchover would be simple and familiar but probably instantaneous <p>Regarding option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Parish Online for both web, email and online workspace • Advantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheaper (at current prices £651 per annum instead of £1057) Integrated tools Better external support Designed for Parish Councils Encourage effective use of online workspace Website follows gov.uk standards Greater flexibility in adding pages Integrated mapping • Disadvantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New systems to learn Training needed for clerk and Councillors All systems with one supplier Effort required for conversion – Parish Online say they will help with this Some cost with two systems as our Google contract runs to 14 June 2025
COUNCILLORS INVOLVED	Martin Ansell, Clare Tagg, Martin Worth
RECOMMENDATIONS (including any communications)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sign up with Parish Online to switch to using email, web and workspace now (to get £100 from Government) with landulph-pc.gov.uk domain 2. Manage the switchover over by 14 June 2025 3. Allow community to takeover landulph.org.uk website once switchover complete 4. Limit edit workspace licenses during changeover to cut costs
COSTS (ie contractor costs, purchase costs, ongoing costs)	Initial cost: £315 + £42 per edit workspace license but saving occurs when google drive contract is terminated (£960 per year).

<p>Detail any funding required from the Parish Council (Landulph Parish Council to consider affordability / budget / precept; and also whether it has the power to spend on this).</p>	<p>Cost of running landulph.org.uk as a community site is £110 per year but likely to require some changes.</p>
<p>Date of full Landulph Parish Council</p>	<p>16 December 2024</p>