

# LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

6 NOVEMBER 2023

## PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. As a result of new development in the parish the Council has received Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding from East Suffolk Council (ESC) as follows:

October 2022: £1854.75  
April 2023: £4323.00  
October 2023: £1400.16

**Total Neighbourhood CIL held: £7,577.91.** CIL funding must be spent within five years of receipt or returned to ESC. Approved development means there is currently the potential for the parish to receive around a further £23,000 of funding. In addition the amount payable will increase from 15% of the amount collected to 25%, once the Neighbourhood Plan is in place.

- 1.2. CIL must be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. ESC provides guidance on qualifying items.
- 1.3. At its meeting on 15 May 2023 the Council resolved:
- to consider preparing a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) to help determine how its Neighbourhood CIL should be spent. Preparing a PIIP involves consultation with parishioners so that the Council can identify and prioritise infrastructure spending accordingly.
- 1.4. At its meeting on 3 July the Council resolved:
- that the Council allocate £5,000 of its Neighbourhood CIL funding to the Bealings Village Hall Trust "New Roof & Doors Project"
  - that a survey be distributed to all residents of the parish asking them to identify infrastructure items for future CIL allocation and including a list of examples for funding.
- 1.5. The allocation to the Trust leaves the Council with £2,577.91 of Neighbourhood CIL currently unallocated. There are likely to be further receipts of CIL money, but dependent upon the collection of funds by ESC.

### 2. PIIP SURVEY

- 2.1. The PIIP survey of all residents was carried out by the Council during September 2023. ESC was consulted on the survey content to ensure that all of the items listed did qualify for CIL funding. The Council was also aware of advice from SALC that S8 (1) (i) and (k) of the Local Government Act 1972 exclude from its powers executing

works and making contributions in respect of “property relating to affairs of the church”.

- 2.2. Two copies of the introduction and survey form attached at Appendix A were distributed to every household in the parish with the September edition of the Fynn Lark News. Seventy-seven completed surveys were returned, with all bar two confirming that they were residents of Little Bealings.
- 2.3. The responses receiving the most ‘votes’ showed residents requesting CIL be spent on the following, in order of preference:

**1 Public Rights of Way – Repair and Improvement of Footpaths:** The condition of the footpath within the churchyard and running to the back of the School was specifically mentioned for repair/improvement of the surface.

**2 Bealings Village Hall:** As well as the roof, better lighting was suggested. If combined with the separate votes for the Car Park and the John Belstead Playing Field, the Village Hall facilities received the most votes overall.

**3= Traffic Calming:** Comments on traffic calming included slowing traffic down.

**3= The Angela Cobbold Hall:** Support for general funding and investment in upgrades.

**5 Community Transport to Local Service Areas:** A bus to Woodbridge was most popular; Tesco and Ipswich Hospital were also mentioned.

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- 3.1. The responses to the survey have been reviewed and ESC has been asked to confirm that CIL may be spent on the above 5 items, subject to the Council obtaining any other necessary consents. The consent of Suffolk County Council will be necessary in respect of footpath improvements.
- 3.2. A draft PIIP is attached at Appendix B. This takes into consideration that:
  - 3.2.1. The Council has already allocated £5,000 of its current CIL funding to Bealings Village Hall
  - 3.2.2. The Council has purchased a Speed Indicator Device (SID) which it uses on alternate months in the village. Funding for a further SID may be available from other sources and other traffic calming measures and funding can be explored via the Council’s membership of Safer Village Driving (SAVID)
  - 3.2.3. The limited amount of unallocated CIL funds currently available.

### 4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1. The Council is asked to resolve:
  - to adopt the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan as drafted or to agree such amendments as it considers appropriate before adoption.