



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Update on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funded projects – January 2020

Background and summary

This report updates Members of Full Council on the current situation regarding CIL funded projects following a detailed discussion at the meeting of FERM Committee in December 2019. The report follows the format and with content as agreed by FERM Committee. Recreation Committee in January 2020 has also considered an abstract in relation to projects relating to its area of responsibilities, and its comments are reflected where appropriate in the body of the report.

Report

The report summarises and updates:

1. CIL resources available
2. Resources that the Council might wish to retain in support of existing projects / revenue support
3. Projects already started / committed
4. Upcoming refurbishment requirements for existing assets in Council ownership
5. Projects which the council may wish to consult on
6. Other possible projects.

1. Resources available

As at 31 December 2019 the Council has a CIL reserves balance of £321,398 with another £170,076 due to be received in 2020/21 – a total of £491,474.

2. Resources that the Council might wish to retain in support of existing policies / revenue support

Project	Estimated Budget	Comment / Justification
Establish sinking fund to support management / maintenance / improvements to the new land assets to be acquired from 1 April 2021	£30k	Ensures improvements can be made quickly thus raising community confidence in the Council. If not required after 2/3 years due to increased precept income funds can be reapplied elsewhere.
General contingency	£70k	
Retain percentage of CIL receipts for unforeseen qualifying expenditure	£20k	This is a recommendation to ensure (1) prudent use of assets and (2) adequate general reserves. If not required once the general reserve is no longer in deficit then the funds can be reapplied.

3. Projects already started / committed

Project	Budget	Predicted cost	Sources of funding	Consultation	Start date	Current position
Playing field security measures	£10k	£15k	CIL	Discussed informally at meetings and in published Business Plan	In progress	Power supply connection to gate installed. Recreation Committee on 08/01/20 have requested the seeking of prices for a sliding metal gate
Flood prevention – Old Church Rd	£2k	N/A	CIL	With adjoining landowner	In progress	Investigations have taken place. Remedial work planned but requires further intervention by SCC
Speed Indicator device	£2k	£1k	£1k CIL £1k grant (received)	Discussed informally at meetings and in published Business Plan	In progress	Awaiting SCC contractor to erect posts & new model SID will then be ordered

Landscaping / creation of car park in front of Winifred Fison ouse	£50k	£50k + dependin g on design and landscap ing	CIL	Residents of WFH / Suffolk Highways / East Suffolk Council	To start after divestment	
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4. Upcoming refurbishment requirements

New Play Area fencing	£10k	£10k	CIL / Playpot	Play area users / parents / carers		
Tennis Court refurbishment	£20k	£20k +	CIL / grants			
Car park improvements	£10k	£10k	CIL			

5. Projects identified so far which the Council may wish to consult on

Project	Budget	Predicted cost	Sources of funding	Additional consultation where required	Notes / explanation
Provision of bus shelter at Melton Station	£5k	£8.2k	CIL	Request from residents	Reconsider demand because of bus service reduction
Road safety improvements (1)	£50k	£100k + depending on extent	CIL		Pedestrian crossing facilities for Melton Rd: feasibility study to be undertaken
Road safety improvements (2)	£50k	£100k + depending on extent	CIL		Cycle path / footway for Wilford Bridge Rd / Melton Rd: feasibility study to be undertaken
Adult / youth exercise equipemnt	£20k	£20k +	Playpot	Consultation with target group required	Consultation with youth consumers to be undertaken via Farlingaye PE Dept
Improvements to Hall Farm Road open space	£?	£?	Playpot / CIL / Sinking Fund	Consultation with target group required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full sized goal • Allotments • Improved play equipment
Improved MUGA	£65-80k	£65-£80k	CIL		Lower figure without fencing; higher figure with fencing
New Pavilion on site of existing which	£200k MAX	Depending on scale and	CIL	Consultation to be phased	Options to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not replace

would be demolished – to include public access toilets		facilities. Which could be matched to budget		1) On facilities / functions to be provided 2) On design as produced by architect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shed with water and wc Toilets Cafe
Running track on playing field		N/A	CIL / grants		This is an idea that has not yet been developed

6. Other possible projects

Project	Budget	Predicted cost	Sources of Funding	Additional consultation where required	Notes / explanation
Grants to assist purchase of former bowls green and cricket sites at Melton Park			CIL		These anticipate requests likely to be made and Councillors might wish to consider their response. The cricket site may be suitable for multi-use and has a pavilion and the current asking price is £200k.

7. Recommendations

Full Council is requested to:

- i. Note the CIL funds available
- ii. Agree the recommendations from FERM Committee regarding the retention of CIL reserves
- iii. Note the current position regarding projects already started and consider the way forward in relation to Playing Field security measures
- iv. Note the future refurbishment requirements for assets already within MPC ownership
- v. Review the projects which will need to be consulted on and make decisions on taking these forward.