



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Background and summary

This report updates Members of Full Council on the current situation regarding CIL funded projects. The report follows the format previously agreed. It incorporates the results of the consultation undertaken as part of the refresh of the Melton Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) and views expressed by Recreation Committee at its meeting on 11 March.

Report

The report summarises and updates:

1. CIL resources currently available
2. Resources that the Council has previously agreed 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 consulted on as part of the Neighbourhood Plan refresh in February 2020 with results
6. Other projects which have only been discussed informally and on which no consultation has been undertaken.

1. Resources available

As at 29 February 2020 the Council has a CIL reserves balance of £319,967 with another £170,076 due to be received in 2020/21 – a total of £490,043.

2. Resources that the Council has previously agreed to retain in support of existing projects / 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	£20k + ongoing maintenance costs of up to £1k annually	CIL	Discussed informally at meetings and in published Business Plan. MNP consultation showed 33% in support	In progress	Power supply connection to gate installed. Recreation Committee have considered prices for automatic gates but have concluded that given the level of ASB the cost is not justified at the moment
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. Works have been ordered to clear blocked drain but not carried out
Speed Indicator device	£2k	£1k	£1k CIL £1k grant (received)	Discussed informally at meetings and in	In progress	Awaiting SCC contractor to erect posts & new model SID

				published Business Plan		will then be ordered
Landscaping / creation of car park in front of Winifred Fison house	£50k	£50k + depending on design and landscaping	CIL	Residents of WFH / Suffolk Highways / East Suffolk Council	To start after divestment	

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 consulted on as part of the MNP refresh in February 2020

As part of the MNP refresh, the Council consulted on a range of projects to be funded via CIL. The list and support given is set out in the table below.













In respect of the pavilion project, of those supporting it, 83% wanted public toilets, and 39% wanted (equally) a café and some sort of meeting area. 37% wanted other things, including a number negative about a meeting area, but others wanting some sort of shelter for spectators at football matches.

Recreation Committee at its meeting on 11 March recommended consideration of those projects with more than 30% support.

11. Which of these projects do you think should be considered in the medium-long term? (select all that apply)

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	New Pavilion – replacement of current building		32.76%	19
2	New Pavilion – with public toilets, meeting facilities, café etc		44.83%	26
3	Road safety measures on Melton Road – refuges, pedestrian		72.41%	42

11. Which of these projects do you think should be considered in the medium-long term? (select all that apply)

			Response Percent	Response Total
	crossing, cycling and pedestrian improvements etc			
4	Security barrier at entrance to Melton Playing Fields to close car park at night		32.76%	19
5	Adult exercise equipment		24.14%	14
6	Improved play equipment at Melton Playing Fields		31.03%	18
7	Skatepark/scooter area		22.41%	13
8	Running track at Melton Playing Fields		32.76%	19
9	Full sized goal at Melton Playing Fields or Hall Farm Road		22.41%	13
10	Improved Multi Use Games area in Melton Playing Fields for netball, basketball and football		34.48%	20
11	Improvements to play area at Hall Farm Road		24.14%	14
12	Community Garden at Hall Farm Road		25.86%	15
13	Allotments		37.93%	22
14	Parkour equipment		10.34%	6
15	Other (please specify):		39.66%	23
			answered	58

6. Other possible projects

Project	Budget	Predicted cost	Sources of Funding	Additional consultation where required	Notes / explanation
Grants to assist purchase of			CIL		These anticipate requests

former bowls green and cricket sites at Melton Park					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.
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7. Recommendations

Full Council is requested to:

- i. Note the CIL funds available, resources to be retained and future refurbishment requirements for the Council's own assets
- ii. Note the current position regarding projects already started and in particular, take a decision on the way forward in relation to Playing Field security measures
- iii. In the light of the results of the MNP consultation exercise, decide which projects to take forward.

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