



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Report on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funded projects – September 2021

Background and summary

This report updates Full Council on the situation regarding CIL resources and projects as at **31 August 2021**.

Report

The report covers:

1. CIL resources currently available and sums so far earmarked for specific projects
2. CIL received and spent to date
3. Resources that the Council has previously agreed to retain in support of existing projects / revenue support
4. Current position
5. Projects already committed / started / completed September 2021
6. Upcoming refurbishment requirements
7. Other potential requirements
8. Conclusions and recommendations.

1. Resources available

As at 31 August 2021 the Council has an overall CIL reserves balance of £515,495 (rounded). Of this sum the following amounts are already earmarked for specific projects:

- Melton Road crossings project £40,000 *[of which a balance of £35,755 remains.]*
- Winifred Fison House landscaping and parking improvements (provisional) £50,000
- Pavilion £220,000 *[of which a balance of £217,652 remains.]*

- Divested land sinking fund £30,000 *[of which a balance of £25,590 remains]*.

2. CIL received and spent to date

Receipts to date (payments are usually made in April and October in each year):

2016 £4,720
 2017 £75,172
 2018 £3,652
 2019 £245,651
 2020 £183,667
 2021 £77,646
TOTAL = £590,508

Expenditure to date:

2018/19 £2,324
 2019/20 £8,554
 2020/21 £11,243
 2021/22 (to 31/08/21) £52,892
TOTAL = £75,013

Thus as at 31 August 2021, the balance of CIL monies held as restricted reserves is £515,495. This agrees with the management accounts produced at that date. In terms of spend deadlines, the earliest unspent tranches are now a balance of £4,879 dating from October 2017, which needs to be spent by October 2022 and £3,652 dating from October 2018, which needs to be spent by October 2023. These balances are likely to be used up in the current financial year.

3. Resources that the Council has previously agreed to retain as revenue support *(as updated by resolution of Full Council on 13 January 2021 (Minute 21.08.04))*

Project	Estimated Budget	Comment / Justification
Sinking fund to support management / maintenance / improvements to the new land assets to be acquired from 1 April 2020/21 <i>Now established</i>	£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. <i>Balance remaining at 31 August 2021 £25,590</i>
General contingency reserve	£70k	

These CIL reserves are available to be set up as a specific earmarked reserves from which itemised expenditure can be made and will ensure effective budgetary management / monitoring.

4. Current position

Currently the Council has £515k worth of CIL unspent. There is no current intelligence on the amount / source of future payments (the next payment date is October 2021). Receipt of any subsequent substantial payments will depend on consent being given for further significant developments and any changes in legislation consequent on the Government's proposed planning reforms now widely anticipated to be delayed / watered down.

Summary of commitment costs: At the moment the allocations *to be funded from CIL* are as follows, with budget balances outstanding where appropriate:

- Melton Rd crossings £40k *balance outstanding £35.7k*
- Winifred Fison parking / landscape improvements (provisional) £50k
- Pavilion £220k *balance outstanding £217.6k*
- Sinking Fund to support maintenance / improvements to new land assets £30k *balance outstanding £25.6k*
- General Contingency Fund £70k
- Play area fencing (provisional) £10k*
- Pond £4k

*might also be eligible for grant assistance up to 100% from East Suffolk Council

This list on the basis of budget balances totals approximately £412.9k.

5. Projects already committed / started / completed September 2021

Project	Budget	Actual cost	Sources of funding	Consultation	Current position and notes
Playing field security measures <i>(originally to have been a physical barrier and then altered to CCTV)</i>	£10k	£3,890 + £690pa maintenance / servicing	CIL	MNP consultation showed 33% in support	PROJECT COMPLETED Subsequently upgraded with the purchase of an additional CCTV camera at a cost of £245
Speed Indicator device (SID)	£2k	£2,050 + further cost of £85 for additional battery = £1,135	£1k grant from ESC £1,135 from CIL	Discussed informally at meetings and in published Business Plan	PROJECT COMPLETED 2 nd SID subsequently purchased at a cost of £3,205
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	Brief issued to Highways. However, planning consent may be required for change of use and also formal release from the restrictive covenant which limits the land use to public open space

Melton Road safety measures	£40k	Latest estimate £17k but likely to be exceeded	CIL	MNP consultation showed 72% in support	Final round of consultation with affected residents in relation to design proposals has been undertaken and sites for crossings and yellow linings agreed. Traffic Regulation Order being sought accordingly
Pavilion project	£220k	Estimate = £225k inc fees	CIL	MNP consultation showed 44% in support	Planning consent granted. Prices now received for demolition and contract can be let
Tennis Court refurbishment (replacement of fencing)	£25k Revised to £20k	£19,640 - this is fully funded from the ESC Playpot.	Playpot	N/A	PROJECT COMPLETED
Car park improvements (including new knee high fencing)	£15k Revised to £40k in view of enlargement	Car park enlargement / resurfacing £38,187 Fencing £5,450	CIL	N/A	PROJECT COMPLETED
Speed Indicator device (SID) infrastructure in Bredfield Road	£380	£380 anticipated for infrastructure but could be more if solar power required for mobile SID		Discussed at meetings and with residents	With Highways for installation of infrastructure (posts)

6. Upcoming refurbishment requirements

Project	Budget	Anticipated cost	Sources of Funding	Consultation
New Play Area fencing	£10k	£10k	CIL / Playpot	Play area users / parents / carers

7. Other potential projects

Project	Budget	Predicted cost	Sources of Funding	Additional consultation where required	Notes / explanation
Improvement of the pond in Burkes Wood	£4k	£4k	CIL	N/A Council asset to be maintained	Proposal by Recreation

				and health and safety issues	Committee 11 November 2020 Pond survey carried out by SWT spring 2021. Plans for mitigations of weed growth under way
Bredfield Road pedestrian crossing	tba	tba	Possibly District CIL + MPC CIL for preparatory work	Consultation with residents	Discussions at an early stage in relation to a pedestrian refuge
Hall Farm Road Sports Ground	tba	tba	Playpot / ESC Councillor locality budget / CIL	Consultation with residents	Working Group set up and consultation with residents under way

8. Conclusions and recommendations

Full Council is requested to note and comment on the current CIL resources available, receipts and expenditure to date and the position with the projects and commitment of funds.

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