

Community Infrastructure Levy

Spending Ideas

The Parish Council will receive approximately £60,000 through the Community Infrastructure Levy. This is a financial contribution collected from developers to support infrastructure within the parish. Parishioners have been invited to submit ideas for spending this windfall funding. Ideas include a Tesco store in the village, buses and developing green spaces. Some are within the remit of the Parish Council and can be considered further, others are the responsibility of others.

Several ideas, both collected at the Annual Parish Meeting and by email, centered on the playing field and facilities:

- Extending the playing field
- Installing a multi surface games area (MUGA)
- Installing outdoor gym equipment
- Providing an alternative space for teenagers (other than the bus shelter)
- Repairing the roadway
- Replacing the Sports and Social Club with a fit for purpose pavilion
- Creating a village park or green space
- Installing a bandstand
- Creating a wooded/garden space
- Creating a community orchard

These are all suggestions that the Parish Council and Playing Field Management Committee can discuss further.

Other ideas included:

- Installing benches in the churchyard
- Repairing tombs in the churchyard
- Refurbishing The Old Stables to create a village hub

- Refurbishing Sancroft Hall
- Installing a fountain and fish in the Fox and Goose Pond

These are owned by the Church and as such as the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council can pass on the suggestions but are not able to use CIL money to support these ideas.

Other ideas centered on things which are not owned by the Parish:

- Creating a Tesco store
- Repositioning the village shop
- Providing support to the surgery including staffing
- Tidying up hedgerows in the parish (landowner responsibility)
- Turning the old petrol station/coal yard into a landscaped area with seating, planting and car parking

Unfortunately other individuals, businesses and organisations own or are responsible for these. CIL spending in these areas is not possible.

Suggestions were made about improving the appearance of the parish:

- Installing planters at village entrances
- Planting (spring bulbs, shrubs) on Jubilee Corner and on verges
- Renewing or restoring the village sign
- Installing more notice boards and dog waste bins
- Tidying the paintwork on the bollards in Gull Street/ Chapel View
- Tidying Chapel Close car park

Some of these ideas could be achieved by collaborations between Parish Council and village organisations (e.g. The Shed, Garden Club, Community Gardeners).

Some ideas need discussions with Suffolk Highways:

- Installing a mock pavement on New Street

- Installing traffic calming on Harleston Road and all roads
- Installing a safe crossing point including a road safety mirror (The Gull over Laxfield Road)

The Parish Council can follow up these suggestions with Highways. It is likely that they may not be possible as specific Highways criteria needs to be met.

Final suggestions related to transport:

- Bus service between the village and Harleston to connect to Norwich
- Buy a community bus and the scouts could help run a service

The Parish Council is exploring the feasibility of a limited bus service. Key to this will be understanding the demand within the Parish. Consultation on this will take place as part of the review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the CIL money please contact clerk@fressingfield-pc.gov.uk