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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Fairlight Parish Council has received the CIL money levied on the Market Garden Site development. This amounts to just over £43,000.

This money can be spent on developing the local area. It is a large amount of money and this is a great opportunity to look at projects that would not normally be affordable within the remit of the Parish Council precept. The money should be spent for the benefit of residents and the local area. It does not have to be spent in the vicinity of the development.

In order to decide how the majority of residents might wish this money to be spent the Parish Council wants to launch a public consultation process over the next few months.

The CIL Regulations state that a Town/Parish Council must use CIL receipts passed to it in accordance with Regulation 59A or 59B to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding

- 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.

This gives Parish and Town Councils considerable freedom to spend their proportion of CIL on the things that address the impacts of development on their area.

The amount although large is finite and the Parish Council will not be able to add to the fund, although match funding grants may be available.

Notwithstanding this freedom there are a number of factors that should be considered when developing a CIL spending plan.

Money cannot be used as a replacement for every day Parish council expenditure. or on retrospective projects. Projects should not have ongoing running costs.

At this stage the Parish Council is asking residents to consider what projects might be possible using the CIL money. These projects would need to be looked at, costed and put out to public consultation to decide which would be the most appropriate.

If you have a plan or project idea that you would like to be considered for implementation through CIL funding, please at this stage contact the Parish Council Proper Officer in writing or by email with your ideas. Once collated, the Parish Council plan to hold a public meeting to consult and discuss the submissions. The final decision will be made only after widespread consultation.

This is your chance to help to make a difference to Fairlight for the future.

Chair of Fairlight Parish Council