



E-Mail to Maria Bradshaw, Clerk to Hurst Parish Council ; clerk.hurst@gmail.com

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Dear Chairman, and Parish Councillors,

Re; Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

You will recall that during the Public Forum at the Parish Council Meeting on 6th September 2021 there was a discussion as to whether it would be good practice (accepting that there is no legal requirement to do so) for the Parish Council to prepare, publish and maintain a list of priorities on which any monies it receives from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) would be spent. This would complement the financial monitoring reports of CIL receipts and expenditure the Parish Council produces as it is legally required to do. In addition this would be very informative to local residents especially as the CIL contribution is now a visible part of every appropriate planning application.

The Minutes for the meeting reflect the discussion that took place, and the Chairman stated that “the Parish Council would prefer to support projects directly within the Parish and that parishioners ideas as to how they believed CIL could best be spent would be welcome” and Councillor Lyon, whilst highlighting a number of smaller projects which had been assisted in the past, agreed “that the Parish Council would like to consider various ideas”.

Hurst Village Society (HVS) welcomes such a positive and proactive response, and notwithstanding any proposals from other groups or individuals, and having regard to the criteria identified in the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations, would propose the following items for consideration for inclusion in any future list of priorities prepared by the Parish Council;

Community Safety facilities (particularly linked to traffic calming and road safety)

Flood and Water Management

Improvements to Public Transport

Safe Routes to School

Ecological Improvements

This list is of course not exhaustive, and is not in any priority order, and HVS does recognise that in many respects the Parish Council is not the responsible body, but we would suggest that any monies that could properly be used from the CIL budget could help kick start and act as a catalyst to encourage larger expenditure from those organisations who are.

HVS hopes these comments are helpful and hopes the Parish Council is able to attract suggestions from other groups and individuals and looks forward to the publication by the Parish Council of a list of priority CIL funded projects in the future.

Yours faithfully,

John Osborne, on behalf of Hurst Village Society