COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL PAYMENTS (Regulation 62A)

Buriton Parish Council: Monitoring Statement as at December 2023

A CIL payment of £20,094.16 was received in April 2020 for development which had taken place in the parish in preceding years. As reported in the CIL Monitoring Statements of December 2020, July 2021, April 2022 and December 2022, all of this payment was put towards the costs of a major project to replace windows, doors etc at the Village Hall. The total cost of this successful project (which included some extra costs identified during the works) was £37,752 (inc VAT). In spite of various challenges brought about by the Covid pandemic, the project was successfully completed in 2022 with all the £20,094.16 CIL payment being spent on the project during that year.

That project was the first phase of a larger initiative to improve energy efficiency at the village hall and to consider roof insulation, infrared heating, a potential 12kw solar PV array, fast-charge EV charging points, enhanced lighting controls, point-of-use hot water heaters and water efficiency measures.

The Parish Council has subsequently received a CIL payment of £22,806.32 in April 2023 relating to the development of ten new homes on Greenway Lane.

Knowing that this CIL payment was likely to be forthcoming (and understanding the criteria and limitations of what it could and could not be spent upon) the Parish Council had already begun to identify potential suitable projects for this funding, including the next phases of the village hall initiative.

With elections to the Parish Council being due in May 2023 it was, however, felt appropriate to delay agreement of any details of any specific project(s) until the new Parish Council was in place.

At the July meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed to approach contractors to provide options and quotes for solar panels, electric charging points, improving the roof insulation and infra-red heating. It is anticipated that it should be possible to develop a project and raise any extra funding required so that works can take place during 2024 or 2025. It may still be decided to spend some or all of this £22,806.32 CIL funding on other suitable projects.

On 25th October 2023 the Parish Council was informed that it would be receiving a CIL payment of £11,625.78 from the SDNPA's CIL fund. After investigation it is understood that this payment relates to a development for which planning permission was initially granted in March 2019. Further planning applications were made in 2020 and 2022 but it was unclear during the protracted timescale whether or not the Parish Council would receive any CIL funding. Parish Councillors noted the situation in November 2023 and it is likely that this additional funding will contribute towards the projects reported above with consideration also to be given to some protective rubber matting to help with occasional car parking requirements on a small part of the Recreation Ground.