

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL PAYMENTS

(Regulation 62A)

Buriton Parish Council: Monitoring Statement as at July 2025 (to meet the CIL Reporting Requirements for 2024-25)

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 solar PV array, EV charging points, enhanced lighting controls, point-of-use hot water heaters and water efficiency measures.

The Parish Council 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 2023 meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed to identify potential contractors who could be approached to provide options and quotes for solar panels, infra-red heating, EV charging points and improving the roof insulation at the village hall. It was anticipated that it should be possible to develop a project and also raise any extra funding required so that works could take place during 2024 or 2025.

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 was learnt that this payment related 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.

Following a period of research, four potential contractors for the second phase of the village hall initiative were identified towards the end of 2023 and invited to submit formal expressions of interest in the project in response to a scoping document which encompassed energy efficiency improvements, enhanced lighting controls, infrared heating, a solar PV array and EV charging points. Interviews with each of the prospective contractors were held in March/April 2024, a preferred contractor was subsequently approved and contracts finalised in October. Work commenced in January 2025 and final payments were made in March.

The project has included the installation of over ninety 450W solar panels, additional roof insulation, battery storage, an infra-red heating system, two EV charging points and improved lighting controls. Allied to the achievements of the first phase of the works in 2022 (which included new double-

glazed windows and doors as well as checking the adequacy of wall insulation) it is felt that the project has met the aims of the initial Energy Audit Report and should now yield reduced energy, running costs and carbon footprint. An external photograph of the hall is provided below.

The total cost of this second successful project (which included some extra costs identified during the works) was £106,191.34 (inc VAT). Both the CIL payments of £22,806.32 and £11,625.78 were spent on the project during 2024/25 as well as the £50,000 CIL grant awarded by SDNPA. The remainder of the funding came from the Parish Council's Reserve Funds which had been prudently saved for this project.

For information purposes, Buriton Parish Council is a small organisation, currently with only six Councillors, which meets six times per year and employs a part time Clerk for six hours each week. Making robust plans for largescale projects such as these (amongst all other responsibilities) therefore inevitably sees the passage of a proportionate period of time, with virtually all the work being undertaken by unpaid volunteers. The Council always endeavours to act wisely, identifying and agreeing the most suitable project(s) and deciding to raise more money from other sources to enable the most cost-effective project to be undertaken. Raising extra money will often take time and a proper tendering process is required to ensure the best use of public money.

*Buriton Parish Council
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