

TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 5 February 2020

REPORT OF: TOWN CLERK

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

PART I

RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is asked to consider the request of the Holcombe Residents Association.

1. BACKGROUND

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge on new development that is used to pay for improving and providing new infrastructure, including roads, education, recreation and public transport facilities.

Teignbridge District Council adopted their charging schedule on 13 October 2014.

2. WHAT CAN LOCAL COUNCILS SPEND ANY SHARE THEY RECEIVE ON?

Town, parish and community councils can spend their share of CIL monies on a much wider range of things than charging authorities (Teignbridge). This covers, as the guidance¹ states:

- (a) "The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- (b) Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area".

¹ The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2013 s.59(c)

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It should be noted that 'infrastructure' includes physical, social and green infrastructure, e.g. Highways; cycleways, education facilities, sports and community halls, parks and play areas.

Examples of the type of projects that a town, parish or community council could support, in principle, through CIL include:

- Improvements to a village hall;
- New or improved play areas; or
- Provision of affordable housing.

It can also be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development.

3. CURRENT MONIES

Dawlish Town Council currently holds CIL receipts totalling £64,731 in ear marked reserves within its approved 2020/21 budget for infrastructure projects within the Parish.

4. THE REQUEST

Holcombe Residents Association has listed several capital projects that may qualify for support, including:

- New floor for the village hall
- Provision of allotments
- Sports facilities e.g. boule pitch
- Contributing to the provision of a Community Fibre Partnership to enable superfast broadband to be accessed by the main part of Holcombe

Currently no specific cost details are available.

5. CONCLUSION

Members are asked to consider the request and determine what, if any support should be given to the various projects. In principle decisions could be made subject to further details being submitted by the Residents Association.

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Town Clerk