

Report to meeting of Whissendine Parish Council 2 October 2023

CIL and CIL Compensation Scheme spending

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Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to provide the necessary information to allow Parish Councillors to review the monies available from the Community Infrastructure Levy and Rutland County Council's CIL Compensation Scheme, the applicable spending deadlines and to consider appropriate spending on infrastructure; including a request from the Village Hall Committee or a grant to allow a change of heating system for the Village Hall.

Introduction

The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) require RCC to pay 15% of the CIL receipts they collect as a result of development within the parish of Whissendine. These payments are capped so the Parish could never receive more than £51,800 in 2023-24 unless the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted; the amounts paid to date are much lower. In 2020-21 RCC discovered that they had underpaid CIL to some parishes, including Whissendine. As a remedy they created a CIL Compensatory Scheme. Under this scheme monies owed were paid to Whissendine, on the same terms as CIL including a specified spending deadline.

The value of CIL

Whissendine Parish Council currently has capital funds to the value of £16,970.08; with an initial spending deadline of 20 April 2026.

How CIL may be spent

Regulation 59c of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires that the CIL receipt must fund "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 definition provides a flexible approach to a point; however, the Parish Council is still constrained by their statutory powers on spending.

The Parish Council's statutory powers to spend include: Power to provide allotments; power to acquire burial grounds; power to provide and maintain bus shelters; power to provide/manage commons (village green), power to provide/equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or recreational objectives (village hall/sports club); power to provide entertainment and support the arts; power to repair public footpaths and bridleways (undertaken by RCC in Rutland); power to provide litter-bins (undertaken by RCC); power to plant trees and maintain verges; power to provide certain traffic signs/notices and contribute to traffic calming; power to acquire land by agreement and maintain land for open spaces/public recreation, etc.

Earmarked funds:

CIL funds can be spent collaboratively to maximise the benefit to the community but to achieve maximum benefit spending decisions need to be 'considered decisions' based on need. There was a consultation exercise undertaken in November 2021 as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process. Each household received a hard-copy questionnaire and the exercise was widely publicised with internet submissions facilitated.

The need that seems to emerge from the 2021 survey seems to concern improvements required to the sports-club building and a need for informal meeting spaces and a larger

community space to complement the existing village hall. Neither the village hall nor the sports club are owned/managed by the parish council but by separate Trusts.

A Parish Council task and finish group recommended that the current CIL/CIL compensation funds should be allocated to upgrading the Village Hall and Sports Club's building. Accordingly at the end of year 2022/23 £9966.70 of CIL and £7003.38 of CIL Compensation earmarked for Village Hall/Sports Club repairs, etc. These funds have slightly different deadlines for expenditure. Funding Summary

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Consultation date</u>	<u>Spending deadline</u>
CIL Compensation	£7003.38	2022 (NP)	Apr 2026
CIL	£ 984.30	2022 (NP)	Apr 2026
CIL	£8982.40	2022 (NP)	Apr 2027

Spending to date in 2023-24

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 22 May 2023 it was AGREED that £3000 grant be awarded to contribute towards architect's drawings for a replacement building at the Sports Club and this shall come from CIL/CIL compensation earmarked funds. This reduces the CVIL Compensation funds to £4003.38.

The leaves £13.970.08 available to spend.

Spending proposal for Village Hall

The recent inflation in energy prices and the medium-term move away from gas-heating has necessitated a review of village hall heating. The Trustees have looked at IR heating which is electrically powered. This is not space-heating but an induction-heating so should reduce wastage. The VH trustees are hoping to fit the new system during October 2023. The costs involved will be:

ARC panel supply and installation	£7617.02	inc.VAT
Alternative electrical installation	£1668.00	inc. VAT
Upgrade of distribution board	£ 900.00	inc. VAT
Reworking of gas-heating system	<u>£ 379.15</u>	inc. VAT
TOTAL	£10,564.17	

Recommendation

It is recommended the Village Hall grant should be awarded in line with the CILT&F Group's advice. It is also recommended this should be allocated as £4003.38 from the CIL Compensation funds and £6560.79 from CIL funds.

Conclusion

The purpose of CIL is to ensure that the facilities and services in the village keep up with growth. The areas that can attract Parish Council spending are limited by law; however, the money can be pooled or passed back to RCC for spending on bigger projects if appropriate. Recent work by the Neighbourhood Planning steering group has provided an insight into some of the local views about service/facility needs in the village. Spending on the Sports Club and Village Hall is in line with the views expressed public consultation and will ensure that spending is timely.

If the recommended spending is implemented this will leave £3405,91 current CIL funds to be spent by April 2027. New developments may attract more funds in future.