

# West End Parish Council

## Community Infrastructure Levy

### How will it be spent?

In September 2017 the parish council surveyed every household in West End to establish the needs of the community and how residents would like to see CIL money spent.

*As a reminder, CIL is paid by the developer to the Borough Council and the parish council receives 15% of this. This must be spent within 5 years of receipt or it is returned to the Borough Council where it can be used anywhere in the Borough.*

*The parish element (approx. £600,000) must be used 'to support the development of the local area by funding'*

- i. the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or*
- ii. anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area*

*So far, the parish council has received £250,000 of the CIL due on the new developments.*

The survey results indicated that residents wanted (in order of priority)

- A new scout and guide facility
- A youth Club
- A café
- Outside toilets at the recreation ground
- More communal events
- A skate park/ramp
- A MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)
- A cycle track
- An all-weather pitch
- Running track

#### What has been achieved so far?

- **Running track** marked on the recreation ground during the summer months and proved very popular. This will be marked out annually.
- **A new path** on the recreation ground from Streets Heath to the tennis courts/edge of play area.

## Work in progress

### ➤ Skate Park

Through a tender process a company has been chosen to move forward with the installation of Skate Park at Rosewood Way green space. Further engagement is required with users to agree a design, prior to submitting a planning application. A decision should be known early 2019. If successful it is hoped the Skate Park will be up and running by next summer.

### ➤ MUGA (Multi-Use-Games-Area)

Through a tender process a company has been chosen to move forward with a MUGA facility on the recreation ground Benner Lane. The MUGA would be accessible for general use during the day and available to hire during the evening for sports teams to play either football, basketball or netball. A planning application will be submitted early 2019 and again if successful it is hoped the MUGA will be completed by next summer.

### ➤ A new Scout & Guide facility

The current Scout and Guide building has a limited life span and needs a large amount of repair to keep it safe for the Scouting and Guiding participants. Initially the Scout & Guide management committee was considering building a new purpose-built facility, next to the play area at Benner Lane, however timescales and funding have been huge barriers. Allowing the Scout & Guides to move into The Sports Pavilion, (subject to planning/leases), solves the accommodation issues for the scout and guide community giving the parish council the ability to build a new community building to benefit a broader spectrum of residents. The new building would provide facilities that are more compatible with the welfare and decency standards required for different age ranges of community users. CIL will not cover the whole cost of a new building, but the parish council does have the ability to apply for additional funding through the Public Works Loan Board and other grant facilities.

### What could a new Community Building offer?

- Two hire rooms which could be combined for larger hire groups
- Fully equipped catering kitchen, to meet the requirements of groups such as the Day Centre
- Increased storage space for
  - Equipment for the Day Centre including additional chairs, wheel chairs, trolleys, games
  - Table tennis tables
  - Exercise equipment for fitness classes
  - Chairs - which are currently moved from room to room when not needed
  - Tables
  - Display boards
  - Childminders/Toddlers play equipment
  - Cleaning equipment
- Bike racks
- Buggy store
- Accessible toilet to comply with current regulations
- Toilets to include baby changing facilities
- External accessible toilet
- External kiosk/café selling refreshments

- Small council meeting room to allow uninterrupted weekly hire of the larger rooms
- Parish office
- Outside store for parish council equipment
- Up to date facilities for Sports Club
  - Changing rooms to include individual shower cubicles to meet current FA regulations
  - Referees changing room
  - Communal socialising area post matches and separate from hall hire
  - Showers available to hire for clubs using the MUGA

### **Neighbouring Community Facilities & Integration**

It should be noted that a new community building is not intended to be in competition with Tringham Hall, which offers a larger facility for up to 150 people and a badminton court. Drawings for a new community building should be available at the beginning of the year, following which a planning application will be submitted. The building works will go out to tender should planning be successful.

The Scout & Guide management committee has welcomed the proposal to use The Sports Pavilion, should a new community building proceed, as raising funds for their own building will take many years, during which time there is no guarantee of continued use of the existing Scout & Guide hut.

### **Ongoing Consultation**

Next year the parish council will be holding an open afternoon/eve to display the proposed plans. As always updates will be published from time to time on the parish website and the parish magazine.

Residents are reminded that minutes of parish council meetings are made available online and are an accurate source of information. Where appropriate, messages deemed to be important in informing residents on activity may also be relayed on social media platforms. Residents are also welcome to attend parish council meetings to ask question about these and other village matters (please advise the clerk to agenda an item for discussion).

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