

## **What is Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)?**

CIL is a tariff-based levy on development, which takes the form of a charge to the developer per square metre of net additional floorspace.

Dorset Council takes 85% of the CIL income for developments in Wool Parish and allocates 15% to Wool Parish Council. Upon successful adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan (planned for 2023), Wool Parish Council's share will rise to 25%.

## **What can CIL be spent on?**

Town and parish councils must use the CIL receipts they receive to support the development of their area, or part of the area. They can fund the following:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure needed to support development.
- Anything else that helps to address the demands that new development is placing on their area.

This is a broad definition and allows some flexibility on the way in which the parish council proportion can be spent. This allows the local community to decide what they need to help mitigate the impacts of development, for example the money can be used for open space provision, playgrounds, cycle paths, landscape, planting, improvement of existing facilities etc.

Parish and town councils can also use their CIL income to provide seed or match funding with other grants or funding sources and may be spent collaboratively with other parish councils, community groups or other providers to maximise the benefit to the community and address the effects of development.

Town or parish councils should carefully consider whether the expenditure addresses the extra demand on infrastructure and services that are caused by development within their area and be clear on the links between infrastructure and growth.

It's also worth bearing in mind that residents of the parish may question what CIL income has been spent on and it is important that any expenditure can be justified.

## **How has Wool Parish Council spent CIL money?**

In 2021-22 Wool Parish Council received £467.25 CIL income which was used to contribute to the cost of replacing the rocking horse in Meadow Lane play park. Please contact the clerk if you require information on previous years.

The allocation of CIL money is decided at full council meetings and will be reported separately in the end of year accounts.