

## CIL Report and DVH Report for Full Council

21 October 2021

### CIL receipt

The clerk has reported that WPC (Warbleton Parish Council) is receiving £19,191.51 of CIL funds in October 2021. This will allow us to progress even further with CIL strategy as a result of the community survey. It will also place us in a stronger financial position to apply for match funds where eligible. The CIL receipt and expiry log will be updated accordingly.

### Community liaison/feedback

I met with Nigel Mckeeman from the Village leaf to discuss an article on WPC's recent activities in relation to CIL spend. We have agreed a format and I'll be liaising with Nigel in the coming weeks to write the piece for the Village leaf website.

### Armed forces Covenant Fund Trust and Heritage Fund Session

At the clerks request, I attended the above funding session on 06.10.21 which Parish Councils were invited to join. Notes below.

First presentation by Richard Moore - responsible for Community Engagement at Armed forces Covenant Fund.

<https://covenantfund.org.uk>

They support armed forces community to promote real change. Support after military life as citizens and engagement in local community etc. They have a force for change and community programme. They aim to reduce isolation and promote integration and well-being.

Applicants must have experience of working with armed forces communities. Average grant is £20K. Example projects include e.g. horticultural learning and therapy sessions – reduce anxiety and isolation, playground for those new to the school, family music groups etc. All applications should have evidence – clear aims and objectives, meet criteria and utilise stakeholders in area to support it.

Second presentation from Judith Carruthers at the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

[www.heritagefund.org.uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk)

Highly competitive funding stream. National Lottery money - public benefit vital. Keen on partnerships, community and local heritage. Their priorities are: young people, diverse communities, disabled, LGBT and communities in lower socio-economic backgrounds. Also Landscapes and nature is a priority– in response to their climate change consultation from 2019. The fund understands heritage to be anything from the past that people value and want to pass on to future generations e.g. built environment, buildings. Natural heritage –

nature reserve. Community heritage – oral history projects, memories, digital outputs (ghurkas), museums , archives, collections etc. Case studies on their website.

Priority Outcomes: skills, well-being, resilient, local economy boosted, local area better to live, work or visit, (latter two less important for smaller projects)

Other Outcomes: heritage in better condition (e.g. war memorial), better identified and explained, people learned about heritage and leading to change in ideas and actions. They did emphasise that the fund was less likely just to fix/ conserve things or get people just to watch and see things: it is about getting people actively engaged in heritage. Again partnership working vital. All applicants must consider environmental sustainability inclusivity, digital skills etc.

Organisations (CICs, charities) usually apply with teams and resources to manage and deliver these projects. Both funds would require a well-defined community based programme/project, partnered with stakeholders that meets their respective priorities.

### **DVH committee**

I was not able to attend the most recent DVH meeting 12.10.21 due to work commitments. I emailed the Chair of DVH on 21.09. 21 and also 15.10.21 to see if there are matters arising they would like to talk through and await a reply.

### **Finger Post Repair Maintenance of notice boards, fingerposts and benches.**

Top choice in the community survey on CIL spend.

The clerk has made substantial progress with the repair of fingerposts, the costs being covered by CIL with match funding from ESCC. The finger posts being repaired are at Kingsley Hill/Chapmans Town Road, North Road/Causeway (White Horse), Sandhill Lane/Bodle Street Road, Padgham Lane/Churches Green Lane. The CIL funds will be paying £2489.08 + VAT (VAT we will claim back). WPC will invoice ESCC £1744.59 which is agreed match funding. Work should be complete by the end of November 2021.

A local family will be donating a new bench and paying for the installation costs which will be sited on Rushlake Green Village Green. The CIL committee has approved the design at the last CIL meeting and the location. The Clerk will be corresponding with the family so they can purchase the bench.

David Bysouth donated the bench to WPC before he died. It will be located on the cross roads of Black Down Lane and Forest Lane in Punnetts Town. The total cost of the bench installation and the licence costs is £1045.50 of which Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council are contributing £529.88.

### **Walking Map**

Top second choice in the community survey on CIL spend. The planning for this is underway. It will include information on local walks, flora and fauna and promote local independent stores and public houses. Sussex Wildlife Trust have also been contacted. We are looking at the viability of it being available both in print and as a digital version. The plan is to have this ready for Spring 2022.

### **Electric Car Chargers**

Top third choice in the community survey on CIL spend. We are awaiting an update on the tender process at Wealden District Council to see which contractor will be appointed to install EV chargers in the Wealden area and if there is any current allocation for these within WPC. It also requires a grid upgrade by UK Power Networks (UKPN). Strategically we should await this outcome as it should inform any installation, management and maintenance for EV chargers in WPC area. We are also requesting information on any grants that might be available for us to apply for and match funds with from CIL.

### **Traffic Survey**

Top fourth choice in the recent community survey on CIL spend. The recent CIL committee resolved to commission a traffic survey for Rushlake Green and also recommended the same was done for Bodle Street Green. The costs of a temporary 7-day speed and volume survey would be £410+VAT for each village location. Resolutions for each are on the Full council agenda for 21.10.21.

**Cllr. Celia Davies 21.10.21**

**Chair, CIL committee and DVH representative**

