

ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Council Document	AGENDA item 10
To allocate the CiL funds received in April	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting
	14th June 2021

Background

Aldenham Parish Council (APC) currently receives Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) receipts from developments within the parish. As from May 2021 when the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan was adopted, this will be 25% of developments within Radlett and 15% in the rest of the parish. These monies are received in April and October each year, and should be spent within five years of receipt.

APC have decided that they will allocate these funds to two areas. These are Phillimore Rec Improvements which has now been agreed towards the building of the cafe and Community Capital Grants.

Current position

Phillimore Rec Improvements - Allocated CiL funds as at January 2021, £322,645.25. Expenditure to date is £6,920 on architects' fees and surveys.

Community Capital Grants - Allocated CiL funds as at January 202, £58,856.27. Grants allocated so far total £22,812.85 to Aldenham Memorial Hall, Radlett Bowls Club & 1st Radlett Scouts.

I attach the 2020/21 income and expenditure report.

CiL receipts

In April, APC were advised that it had been allocated £73,697.68 of CiL receipts. However, £2,458.46 of this had been refunded to a developer who had appealed the CiL fee on their property, so the net figure will be £71,239.22.

The CM has reported expenditure so far to HertsmereBC, which will form part of their report, this included the areas where funds have been allocated. HertsmereBC seem to be satisfied with these projects as well as those proposed above. To date APC have received over £500,000 in CiL funding.

As stated before these funds should be spent within five years of receipt. APC have nearly £6,000 to be expended by October 2021, which it should meet either from invoices for the Phillimore Rec Improvements project or grants to Aldenham Memorial Hall. A further £11,000 is required to be spent by April 2022 which is focussing the working party on the Phillimore Rec Improvement Project. HertsmereBC have indicated that if the deadline cannot be met then they should be advised early and will take circumstances into account especially if there is a reasonable project and realistic timescale for completion.

Recommendations

- a) That the £71,239.22 CiL receipts received in April 2021 be allocated to the Phillimore Rec Improvements project.
- b) That this CiL project is renamed Phillimore Rec Café build project to reflect what the funds are for.

Reasons for recommendation

The allocation of these funds to this project meets the budget expectations following receipt of the cost consultants report.

Renaming the CiL project will separate this from the earmarked reserves which have been allocated to other parts of the Phillimore Rec Improvement Plan.

Alternative options

The committee could decide not to allocate any monies to the APC priority list, and decide to consider this again at a later date. There is no pressure to spend the CiL, as the earliest that any of these monies has to be spent is October 2021, this being five years after it was originally received. This would not be good budgeting practice, and, according to HertsmereBC CiL policy, Town & Parish Councils are supposed to give an annual report of where the monies have been spent.

APC could allocate the funds to the CiL Community grants pot.

Financial Implications

APC needs to consider that, of the monies held by APC, CiL funds cannot be used for running costs.

Risk Management Implications

That APC does not spend the monies and it is returned to HertsmereBC (CiL).

That it just builds up reserves without allocating them to certain projects, or it does and the projects do not materialise. This will risk the wrath of the external auditor, and possibly residents who question why APC needs to raise a precept if it has sufficient reserves.

Members are asked to consider this report.

Peter Evans
Council Manager

ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL -- CIL Spreadsheet 2020/21

	Income	Balance	Expenditure	Activity	Recipient
Unspent balance from previous year		£ 296,571.18			
April 20	£ 81,347.06	£ 377,918.24			
June20		£ 367,329.24	£ 10,589.00	Repaint High Street furniture	HertsCC Highways
Oct 20	£ 16,631.16	£ 383,960.40			
Nov20		£ 382,397.55	£ 1,562.85	Grant to enable improvements to Bowls Club pavilion	Radlett Bowls Club
Dec20		£ 380,272.55	£ 2,125.00	Grant to Install sensory garden and other improvements	Aldenham War Memorial Hall Trust
Feb21		£ 379,022.55	£ 1,250.00	Topographical Survey for building of café in Phillimore Rec (APC Project)	APC
Feb21		£ 378,770.72	£ 251.83	Grant towards planning appl fees for improvements to steps at Scout Hut	1st Radlett Scouts
Feb21		£ 376,645.72	£ 2,125.00	2nd Grant to Install sensory garden and other improvements	Aldenham War Memorial Hall Trust
Mar21		£ 373,810.72	£ 2,835.00	Architect fees for building café in Phillimore Rec (APC Project)	APC
Balance Carried forward to 2021/22		£ 373,810.72			
Totals	£ 97,978.22		£ 20,738.68		