

Grimsargh Parish Council – Annual CiL report for the period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016.

What is CiL?

CiL is the abbreviation for Community Infrastructure Levy which is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. It came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010.

When development takes place in our village we may, but not always receive part of the Community Infrastructure Levy received by Preston City Council. This depends on the size of the development and if it qualifies for CiL. The rules are quite complicated but those Parish Councils with a Neighbourhood Plan receive 25% of the CiL for a development and those without a Neighbourhood Plan, which is currently our situation at the moment, receive 15% and this is capped at £100 per council tax dwelling per year.

Under Regulation 62A of the CiL Regulations 2010 (as amended), each Parish Council has to produce a report each financial year in which it details: a) the total CiL receipts for the reported year b) the total CiL expenditure for the reported year c) summary details of CiL expenditure during the reported year including i) the items of infrastructure to which CiL (including land payments) has been applied ii) the amount of CiL expenditure on each item iii) the amount of CiL applied to repay money borrowed, including any interest, with details of the infrastructure items which that money was used to provide (wholly or in part) iv) the amount of CiL applied to administrative expenses pursuant to regulation 61, and that amount expressed as a percentage of CiL collected in that year in accordance with that regulation.

The CiL Regulations state that a Town/Parish Council must use CiL receipts passed to it in accordance with Regulation 59A or 59B to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding: (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. This gives Parish and Town Councils considerable freedom to spend their proportion of CiL on the things that address the impacts of development on their area.

CiL cannot be used as a replacement for everyday Town or Parish Council expenditure and misspent CiL can be claimed back by Preston City Council.

How much CiL did Grimsargh Parish Council receive?

This is the first year since the Regulations were introduced that we have received any CiL monies. For the period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016 Grimsargh Parish Council received £4,395.30 in CiL from Preston City Council. The total amount was in relation to Planning Application 06/2013/0455 – Whitefriars, Whittingham Lane Grimsargh.

How did Grimsargh Parish Council spend their CiL monies?

Grimsargh Parish Council authorised the use of CiL for the construction of the footpath extending Old Railway Walk to Grimsargh St Michael's CE School to enable the school children to walk to school safely. The total amount of CiL used was £2,090 which was 50% of the project, with Rotary funding the remaining 50%.

We can also deduct 5% to cover the administration of the CiL, this means at 31 March 2016 we had £2,085.53 of CiL monies remaining.

£4,175.53 (-5% administration) - £2,090 = £2,085.53.

Signed RFO & Clerk to the Council

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