

Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Consultation and Parish Council responses

#	Consultation Suggestion/Comment	Parish Council Response
1	<p>1. Outdoor gym at Play Park and more fun things for children like proper swings and spinning wheels,</p> <p>2. Disabled access into the butchers and pubs and public areas,</p> <p>3. Another school or expand the current school to cater for the new houses being built</p> <p>4. Shop in the village.</p>	<p>1. The funding for the Play Area re-development is almost in place and the development will commence as soon as contractors can be engaged to develop the site following consultation that has been carried out with community.</p> <p>2. The relevant landowner or proprietor would be responsible and it would not count as 'infrastructure development' for the purposes of direct CIL funding. Would not be allowed under CIL. The Parish Council assumes that all such premises are already complying with disability access legislation.</p> <p>3. Education and schools are a County Council PC has no remit in the area.</p> <p>4. The Parish Council cannot operate as a commercial entity and would have difficulty in getting any funding for a commercial entity past the auditor whether from CIL budget or any other budget.</p>
2	<p>Develop former Moriarty's cafe for rent as a community/eco shop, with bagless shopping by weight, eco refills etc. and possibly as an cafe or at least with internet access and printer provision.</p>	<p>This is beyond the remit and capability of the Parish Council. The Memorial Hall committee has aspirations to develop the pop-up shop into a community shop, subject to the food bank use falling away. This would probably be along 'eco' lines of using food collected from participating commercial shops and incorporating recycling.</p>

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3	<p>1. Rent former Moriarty's Cafe as a community/eco shop. With bagless shopping by weight, eco refills etc. Rolfes is a great specialist shop but many of us can't afford to shop there. It would be even better if it had internet access, help and the ability for printing to happen for those in our village who are not computer savvy.</p> <p>2. Also, maybe a sports centre with swimming pool and gym and a cafe.</p>	<p>1. The Parish Council has considered this under response to suggestion 2.</p> <p>2. Costs for this sort of major project is more than Parish Council resources could support even with CIL funding.</p>
4	<p>1. A community help hub and lending library for tools, providing emergency help for people who are ill or in need. With an already registered kitchen wholesome meals could be made and frozen to be easily available etc etc.</p>	<p>See the response from Parish Council under suggestion 2.</p>
5	<p>1. A Four Ashes Hamlet sign just like a traditional Suffolk village name sign - locate on the grass triangular island. Visitors to the village have difficulty identifying Four Ashes Hanley even when they get there!</p> <p>2. Some convex mirrors placed at suitable points to assist visibility at Four Ashes corner when turning into Palmer St from Badwell Road.</p>	<p>See responses under suggestion 6</p>

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6	<p>1. A Four Ashes sign in the usual Suffolk village sign form to be placed at the island at Four Ashes corner. People often have difficulty in finding the Hamlet. Palmer St does not appear in property addresses at Four Ashes corner. Only Four Ashes appears so people have no sign to confirm they are at Four Ashes. The unsightly drain cover that is much higher than the Four Ashes Triangle island could be lowered.</p> <p>2. The 3-way junction at Four Ashes between The Causeway, Badwell Ash Road and Palmer St could be made much safer with the addition of convex mirrors, at least when approaching from Badwell Ash. This will provide visibility of oncoming traffic. Normal vehicles have no visibility when turning right into Palmer St. Higher vehicles may be able to see over the hedge but others have zero visibility of oncoming traffic. There have been many near misses witnessed with vehicles being driven straight across the junction without stopping or being able to see oncoming traffic. Better signing and road markings to warn of the blind turn would also improve road safety.</p> <p>3. New signage for the rights of way around the fields at Four Ash Farm. Most are broken, missing or illegible. Also signage to show horses are not permitted as we have recently seen horses on these paths and plenty of evidence with hoof prints.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification.</p>	<p>1. Finger signs cannot be erected without the agreement of Highways. This is being pursued by the Gardens Weekend Committee as part of Community Self Help project to revitalise the work as part of larger village work Four Ashes Triangle. The recent planting of this area will cover the unsightly drain cover in no time.</p> <p>2. The Parish Council is considering possibly of funding village gates to all approach roads and the signage and safety points are acknowledged. It is thought that at this dangerous junction the road layout could be improved by changing priority at the T Junction. This will be Investigated with Highways.</p> <p>Highways will not agree to requests for mirrors to be placed on roads they maintain as it is considered that they can increase risk and reduce safety because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect light and interfere with a driver's vision • reduce the ability to judge an oncoming vehicle's speed • create an unreasonable dependence on the mirror • distort or restrict the driver's view if dirty • are an easy target for vandals • could cause damage to users of the road if the glass is broken <p>To place such a mirror on private land, the landowner must agree and planning permission may be necessary. The district or borough council should be contacted for further advice.</p> <p>3. Public footpaths are public rights of way but only for pedestrians. Permissive paths are now managed and agreed for public use by the landowner. They are not public rights of way, permission is granted to use them but no rights. Any signage erected was placed as part of original agreement between DEFRA and each landowner and these included the stipulation excluding horses. These agreements have now expired, and the guidance was changed leaving it to landowners to decide. The Parish Council will contact the landowner asking if he thinks we should get new signage and ask if he would be happy for the Parish Council to finance this. It is not expected in this case that the landowner would agree to the exclusion of horses.</p>

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7	<p>1. A line across the road and priority signage.</p> <p>2. Move the 30 mile speed limit further up Wattisfield Road.</p> <p>3. No parking restrictions for the distance from the Avenue to the Bowling Green would make The Street safer. The village car park should be freely open to anyone visiting or living in Walsham. This would also help keep The Street free of parked vehicles. As more houses are built, then the roads must be made safer.</p> <p>4. Making Finningham Road (from Townhouse Rd. to Greenside) safer for walkers. The road is narrow and there is nowhere to walk.</p> <p>5. It would be nice if the Permissive Path, Hatchmere Lane were made passable to walkers, to join other Permissive Paths passing Burnt House and Finch's Bottom. Trees, nettles and scrub have completely blocked the path for walkers ----- and there'll be more walkers soon!</p>	<p>1. The road is already narrow; this was the reasoning behind the many objections raised about the development. This was considered and it was thought that it is physically impossible to do anything that would not make it impassable. All things considered slight narrowing of the road to incorporate the new pavement as part of the development is probably the only solution barring making the road wider which is not possible.</p> <p>2. The Parish Council has already considered this and is hoping to have this incorporated into the planning application that will be put forward for the Broad Meadow site.</p> <p>3. This is impractical for many of the people who live in The Street and Finningham Road. This has been debated repeatedly by Parish Councillors as part of planning applications and complaints to the Parish Council about both flow of traffic and speeding concerns. Currently it is thought that solving one problem (restricted traffic flow) by introducing no parking restrictions might just worsen another, that of speeding problems and paradoxically, may worsen safety for pedestrians.</p> <p>4/5. Sumner Road, Finningham Road, Hatchmere Lane, all have similar problems. The Parish Council is keen that as part of the Neighbourhood Plan the current footpath network and pedestrian access around the village is reviewed to see what can be incorporated into the plan.</p>

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8	<p>1. Extending the pavement along Summer Road from Six Bells as far as the Sports Club to increase the safety of people walking up to the Sports Club.</p> <p>2. Walsham Allotments Association are seeking funding towards repairs to 21 sheds which have deteriorated after 16 years of wear and tear.</p>	<p>1. This is an issue that has been raised through liaison with the Neighbourhood Plan group where it has also been discussed. The Parish Council would be in support of this and it would be best addressed by incorporation into the Neighbourhood Plan to have the best chance of obtaining the necessary permissions. Hopefully the Neighbourhood Plan will incorporate a review of footpaths and pavements all around the village. The Parish Council is supporting the Neighbourhood Plan group by accessing government funding and has two Parish Councillors on the steering group.</p> <p>2. This would be considered maintenance for the purposes of CIL criteria and as such the Parish Council would be required to return any CIL funding that was spent on this sort of projects.</p>
9	Development of the old Cricket Pavilion (old changing rooms opposite the football stand) as there is so much that it could be used for. Perhaps somewhere for children to use as an indoor play area?	This is not owned by Parish Council as it is part of the Sports Club. It is suggested that this is taken up with representatives of the Club.
10	Making the journey from the sports club to the village feel a bit safer whether that be streetlights at night or some kind of pavement if that might be possible.	See response under suggestion 8.1
11	Another idea for using some of the CIL would be to get a tree surgeon to maintain the willows along the stream bank including the 'new' white willow by the bridge.	The Parish Council has plans to institute regular stream maintenance.
12	3 new streetlamps along the street between Memorial Hall and Elmside to fill the dark spots for pedestrians	The Parish Council is just reaching the end of a programme of streetlighting upgrades (to remotely controlled and monitored LCD - total cost £30,000) to reduce maintenance and electricity costs. The final phase covering the last 15 lamps is due to commence very soon. The Parish Council will assess this issue following completion of the upgrades.

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13	Purchase of land on which Wild Wood has been created to pass responsibility to Parish Council; purchase of additional land to extend the wildwood.	<p>The Parish Council is not currently a landowner and does not wish to be so. The Parish Council did not investigate the purchase of the land from the OTT on which the Play Area is located as that too did not seem appropriate. It may be appropriate for the Parish Council to enter into a lease with the OTT for the land as with the Play Area, whilst leaving the maintenance responsibilities with the Wild Wood group. At this time the Parish Councils considers that purchasing land in this way merely shifts ownership amongst village organisation and is not the most appropriate way to proceed.</p> <p>It was thought that with regard to extending such an area was a good idea and that the Old Town Trust may have more land that could be given over to such a use mindful, that the Parish Council is keen to work with other village organisations to help secure/protect such spaces. The Parish Council is open to a conversation about this and possibly subsidising the rent, and/or another piece of land for Parish Council to lease. This proposal fits very well with current national and local environmental initiatives that also overlaps with ideas being discussed by the Neighbourhood Plan group with regard to extending the footpath tot eh Sports Club.</p>
14	New stage for memorial hall - to fill the wall; needs to be lightweight and mountable stage that will dismantle and fit on a trolley. Estimated costs approx. £4k. Uses would be for drama productions, primary school and memorial hall events, both private and public,	The Parish Council are keen to support this idea and invite a detailed proposal with proper costings and details of other possible sources of finance
15	Drop-in hub for office facilities, business centre (Priory Room?)	The Parish Council requests that this idea is fleshed out and presented as a detailed proposal. Needs a more concrete plan supported by evidence of demand which could probably be assessed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. There is also the question of whether any such provision should this extend to uses such as storage, parking for vans for manual workers, a seedbed centre that could possibly develop into a sort of business centre?