



Moulton Parish Council

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Community Infrastructure Levy Shortlist

Introduction

In November, Moulton Parish Council received approximately £6,000 in Community Infrastructure Levy, due to a new planning application from Bovis Homes. There are strict rules about how the parish council are permitted to spend these monies and we sought project suggestions from the community as to how to invest this cash into our parish.

There are eight ideas that have been brought forward for consideration. On the following pages, the parish council details what the suggestions were proposed, how to vote, and how the parish council will attempt to make the chosen scheme a reality.

Moulton Parish Council make no comment as to the viability of these schemes; some suggestions require extensive cooperation and coordination with either the unitary authority or other landowners and as such, Moulton Parish Council cannot guarantee that these stakeholders will definitely permit the realisation of a scheme – as described here. Where this caveat applies, this is noted.

They are presented in the order the council received the suggestions.

Proposed Options

- A) Install an all-weather footpath between School Lane with Honeyvale Gardens
- B) Fund £1,000 of trees to be installed adjacent to the MUGA
- C) Install secure bicycle stands
- D) Install dog waste bins around the village
- E) Install additional and updated CCTV on Moulton Park
- F) Purchase and install an armistice bench for VE Day
- G) Widen Jack Lane footpath near Purcell Place
- H) Add lighting to footpath from Holst Gardens to Niddries Lane

Voting Process

Moulton Parish Council will deliver voting slips to every occupied house in the village over the following week. Voters will be able to vote online, by using the code and instructions provided to them, or will be able to vote at our surgeries that will take place at the following times and locations.

- Thursday 27th February at Coffee & Chat, St Stephens Church Hall, from 10:15 to 10:45
- Friday 6th March at The Travellers Rest, from 19:00 to 19:30

The closing date is 23:00 on Saturday 7th March 2020 at 23:00. The results will be available immediately after the vote closes.

After the vote has closed, Moulton Parish Council will rank the chosen options by the number of votes received, and will work – as stated in this document – to make the first choice a reality.

It is possible that the parish council are able to realise more than one scheme with the money received, or are unable to secure cooperation from the unitary authority or landowners. In these cases, the council will keep working down the list until the budget is exhausted.

Suggestion A: All-weather footpath between School Lane with Honeyvale Gardens



Number of times proposed	8
Approximate cost	£2000 (Hebden Permeable Paving), £4000 (Whindust), £5000 (Toptrec) or £6000 (Tarmac) <i>Information garnered from Paths For All</i>
Details of scheme	<p>This has been proposed by multiple residents.</p> <p>The request is to have a proper path permanently installed between School Lane and the Honeyvale Gardens estate, suitable for walkers, prams and cyclists. The current path has suffered from the additional use it now receives and is unpassable for many months of the year.</p> <p>Requesters have commented that the current state of the path limits the ability of the residents to interact with their community, and increases the use of vehicles when accessing the amenities in the village.</p>
Parish Council Comment	If chosen, Moulton Parish Council will work with Cheshire West and Chester Public Rights of Way Officer, and will fund a 1.5-2m wide path from School Lane to the boundary between Moulton Playing Fields Trust and Honeyvale Gardens. This will be constructed of the most suitable material for the wet conditions and proximity to the sewers that exist, which is within the CIL budget.

Suggestion B: Fund £1,000 of trees to be planted adjacent to MUGA



Number of times proposed	1
Approximate cost	Upto £1250 (Trees plus labour)
Details of scheme	<p>The request is plant £1,000 of trees beside the dead hedge and in the waterlogged corner of Moulton Playing Field alongside the boundary with Honeyvale Gardens.</p> <p>The Council will purchase as many trees as appropriate for that corner of the park.</p>
Parish Council Comment	<p>If chosen, Moulton Parish Council will take expert advice as to where to plant the trees, and how many are appropriate.</p> <p>It should be noted that there are two drains that traverse the field, and any damage done to them will be the responsibility of Moulton Playing Fields Trust to repair. Therefore, the council will have to be mindful when planning this project.</p> <p>In November 2019, Moulton Parish Council councillors planted dozens of young Goat Willow plants beside the hedge because of their abilities to thrive in water-dominant soil, in accordance with the advice we were given. It may be that the advice given is to not to increase the number of trees in that corner of the field.</p>

Suggestion C: Install secure bicycle stands



Number of times proposed	1
Approximate cost	Upto £1800
Details of scheme	<p>The village has little secure bike parking for those that wish to lock a bike, specifically outside McColl's, the Church hall and the playground area where each have space to place a stand.. As the village is serviced by NCN Route 5 improving cycling infrastructure should be a priority.</p> <p>The money would secure a themed Sheffield type stand at one or more of these locations.</p>
Parish Council Comment	<p>As part of the investment in Moulton Playing Field, a set of Sheffield hoops has already been installed on the playground area.</p> <p>Therefore, if chosen, the Council will engage with key locations in the village – such as St Stephens Church, The Lion Hotel, Royal British Legion and McColls to purchase and install a set of Sheffield bike hoops – at two locations, with a cost of up to £400 (hoops and installation) per site.</p> <p>If able, the parish council will also offer up to £1000 to one of those locations, to surround the bike stand in an all-weather shelter.</p> <p>Moulton Parish Council cannot promise that this option is deliverable, as this is dependent on other landowners, but if selected by the parish, Moulton Parish Council will make every effort to reflect the wishes of the community and will work to make this scheme a reality.</p>

Suggestion D: Install dog waste bins around the village



Number of times proposed	1
Approximate cost	£1,000 to £1,500
Details of scheme	It would be beneficial to site more dog waste bins on junctions around the village, as this would encourage the correct disposal of dog waste. A number of other parishes have dog waste bins around their communities, and the council could use this money to provide better facilities for the dog walkers in the village.
Parish Council Comment	<p>If selected, the parish council will liaise with Cheshire West and Chester Council to get permission for six to eight lampposts, or equivalent locations, within the parish to house dog waste bins.</p> <p>Each bin would cost around £150. The parish council will need to agree with Cheshire West and Chester Council, or another party, as to an emptying schedule, and this may need a separate contract with Moulton Parish Council.</p> <p>Moulton Parish Council cannot promise that this option is deliverable, as this is dependent on Cheshire West and Chester Council, but if selected by the parish, Moulton Parish Council will make every effort to reflect the wishes of the community and will work to make this scheme a reality.</p>

Suggestion E: Install additional and updated CCTV on Moulton Park



Number of times proposed	1
Approximate cost	£6,000
Details of scheme	<p>The proposer of the scheme has suggested that the parish council spend the CIL money on updating and upgrading the cameras on the park. Recent events in the last couple of years have highlighted the need for better security on the playing field, and the recent investment in the park should be protected.</p> <p>The current security system is a few years old, and a new, updated service would provide better security and protection for the users of the playing field.</p>
Parish Council comment	Moulton Parish Council had already planned to upgrade the CCTV system over the coming eighteen months, but if this is chosen, this money will give the council an expanded budget to work with.

Suggestion F: Purchase and install an armistice bench for VE Day



Number of times proposed	1
Approximate cost	£1,500
Details of scheme	<p>To place a memorial bench for VE Day at the War Memorial.</p> <p>Ogilvie Engineering produce a range of military-themed benches and a neighbouring parish bought and installed one recently. To recognise VE Day, the proposer requests that Moulton purchases one such bench from their catalogue.</p>
Parish Council Comment	<p>If chosen, Moulton Parish Council will work with the Royal British Legion, and select a suitable armistice-themed bench from David Ogilvie Engineering's catalogue, and arrange for it to be installed at the War Memorial as quickly as possible, with the aim to have this item installed for VE Day.</p>

Suggestion G: Widen and clear Jack Lane footpath near Purcell Place



Number of times proposed	2
Approximate cost	£6,000
Details of scheme	The footpath on Jack Lane, between Purcell Place and Niddries Lane is very narrow and muddy. The request is to clear this footpath and invest into making it wider, where possible.
Parish Council comment	<p>If chosen, Moulton Parish Council will work with Cheshire West and Chester Council to clear and widen this footpath.</p> <p>Moulton Parish Council cannot promise that this option is deliverable, as this is dependent on Cheshire West and Chester Council, but if selected by the parish, Moulton Parish Council will make every effort to reflect the wishes of the community and will work to make this scheme a reality.</p>

Suggestion H: Add lighting to footpath from Holst Gardens to Niddries Lane



Number of times proposed	1
Approximate cost	£6,000
Details of scheme	<p>The footpath from Holst Gardens onto Niddries Lane is not lit.</p> <p>The proposal is to add street lighting to this path</p>
Parish Council comment	<p>If chosen, the parish council will work with Cheshire West and Chester to discuss the feasibility of installing street lighting into the path between Holst Gardens and Niddries Lane.</p> <p>The council believes that each street light costs around £2,000, but would discuss this with the unitary authority. Moulton Parish Council cannot guarantee that this option is deliverable, as this is dependent on Cheshire West and Chester Council, but if selected by the parish, Moulton Parish Council will make every effort to reflect the wishes of the community and will work to make this scheme a reality.</p>

Rejected Suggestions

Because of the rules surrounding CIL, Moulton Parish Council had to reject a number of suggestions. In the interests of transparency they are listed below:

- Spray Eaton View path with weedkiller
Moulton Parish Council does not believe that this suggestion falls within the remit of the CIL rules. The Parish Council will write to Cheshire West and Chester Council and request that they review the maintenance on this road, in light of the comments made.
- Updating and repairing road signs within the village
Moulton Parish Council does not believe that this suggestion falls within the remit of the CIL rules. The Parish Council will write to Cheshire West and Chester Council and request that they update the road signs highlighted.
- Village-wide CCTV.
The cost of adding CCTV across the village would vastly exceed the amount of money available to the parish council.
- Speed camera on Jack Lane.
A typical speed camera costs £20,000, plus the cost of installing a power supply. This vastly exceeds the amount of money available via CIL.
- Parish council to pay for the upkeep of the Bitten Crescent Play area
Moulton Parish Council does not believe that this suggestion falls within the remit of the CIL rules, which is to primarily pay for capital improvement and investment, rather than ongoing maintenance by a private company. It should be noted that the Parish Council has never been asked to adopt the play area by Miller Homes, and therefore this play space coming under the same management regime as the other parks in the parish has never been an option.