

# Milborne Port Parish: Community Projects, October 2023

## 1. Improvements and Accretions to Community Assets and Infrastructure

These are items which are viewed as outside the scope of s.106 and CIL financing but which would provide significant positive weight in assessing the planning balance of any proposed development.

Note that the most recent material successful application (19/02244/REM) included in addition to s.106 and CIL, includes the provision of:

- A Community Hub Building at the new development at Gascoigne Park

Each planning application is different and the ability to deliver facilities is somewhat contingent upon site, the owner and similar.

The Parish has specific need for the following:

- Land for establishment of additional allotment areas
- Land for expansion of/supplementation of the playing fields
- Land for larger scale planting of trees
- Land for a village/parish dog walking area
- Land for self-build projects

Dependent upon the specifics of provision of the above, there may be a need to make the site fit for purpose in terms of fencing, parking, access, and similar. These supplementary projects might or might not form part of wider s.106 monies connected with a particular development.

## 2. Potential s.106 Projects

Note that for the majority of potential projects, there will be a need for both capital and maintenance funding.

Sports Fields

- new Sports Pavilion to include improved changing facilities with rooms for referees and women
- removal of existing storage containers and replacement with a new purpose-built facilities and storage building
- levelling, drainage improvement, and resurfacing of existing junior sports pitch to enable use as a walking football pitch to provide recreational sports access to all ages and abilities
- mobile floodlights for sports pitches
- resurfacing and re-fencing of the tennis and basketball courts.

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(note: there is already significant s.106 funding in place for improvements at the Recreation Ground, but not sufficient yet to fund the Pavilion)

### **Village Hall**

- upgrading of infrastructure (lighting, stage, sound, etc)
- installation of a lift in the entrance foyer for disabled access
- re-roofing, potentially with solar panels
- extension of building to provide greater storage space.

### **Footpaths etc**

- Stage (i) Survey of existing footpath network and identification and prioritization of:
  - (a) specific improvement programme covering drainage; footing; disabled access; signage; and
  - (b) expansion of network with particular focus upon establishment of circular walks.
- Stage ii) Implementation of prioritised items
- assistance with capital infrastructure related to a designated multi-use trail between Milborne Port and Sherborne.

### **Communication**

- upgrading the village and the wider parish's IT infrastructure, in particular around high-speed fibreoptic into each residence
- Community Communication Screens at Town Hall, Co-op, Village Hall, Doctor's surgery, possibly linked to a Neighbourhood Watch screen.

### **CCTV**

- across the Parish to assist the relevant Authorities to address issues of anti-social behaviour and damage in public spaces.

### **Storage Facility**

- acquisition of a site in central Milborne Port and establishment of a Community Facilities & Storage Building for Parish Council and Spirit of Milborne Port equipment.

### **Cemetery**

- conversion of cemetery extension from agricultural use to lawn pending future use. Possible use as a junior playing field in the interim.

### **East Street Car Park**

- resurfacing of the car park and remarking of lines.

### **Swimming Pool**

- new changing rooms for village/primary school swimming pool.

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### Community Hub

- fit-out of Community Hub with adaptability for Library, Meeting, and Exhibition purposes.

### Village Play Group (Beeches)

- extension and improvement of building and facilities accommodating Beeches Play Group (note that following residential growth this is operating at full capacity, with an extensive waiting list). It is an essential parish amenity, but essentially outside the scope of s.106 Educational funding.

### Note regarding Play Areas

- for the purposes of clarity there is no real need at the current time for further play areas in the north or west of Milborne Port village or for funding for existing areas.