Ryhall Parish Council
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Policy
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1. Purpose of this Policy
This policy sets out how Ryhall Parish Council will manage, spend, and report Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds passed to it by Rutland County Council (RCC). It provides clarity for councillors, partners, and residents on the Council's responsibilities, decision-making processes, and spending priorities.

2. What CIL Is:
The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a financial charge applied to new development to ensure that local facilities, services, and infrastructure can meet the demands created by growth. Rutland County Council has been a CIL-charging authority since 1 March 2016. Information on how this is calculated visit https://www.rutland.gov.uk

3. Parish Council Responsibilities Under CIL Regulations

Legal Framework
Under **Regulation 59C of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended)**, Ryhall Parish Council must use CIL receipts to support the development of its area by funding:

- **The provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure**, or
- **Anything else concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.**

This gives parish councils wider spending powers than principal authorities, enabling local decision-making on how best to mitigate development impacts.

Statutory Powers
The Council must ensure that all CIL expenditure is within its statutory powers.

- Where the Council holds the **General Power of Competence (GPC)**, it may fund a broader range of infrastructure and community projects.
- Where the Council does **not** hold GPC, spending must fall within traditional parish council powers.
- If a project is outside the Council's powers, funds may be passed back to RCC to deliver the infrastructure on the Council's behalf.

4. Eligible Uses of CIL Funding Ryhall Parish Council may use CIL funds for:

Local Infrastructure Projects
Examples include:

- Highways, footpaths, cycleways, traffic-calming measures
- Play areas, parks, open spaces, sports facilities
- Community buildings and village halls
- Flood defences, drainage, broadband, transport links
- Environmental improvements and public realm enhancements

Wider Strategic Infrastructure (where GPC applies)
Examples include:

- New or extended schools, libraries, medical facilities
- Affordable housing initiatives

- Village shops, cafés, gyms, or community services
- Funding or part-funding a PCSO or Community Warden
- Any infrastructure that supports development impacts and benefits the parish

Collaborative Projects

CIL may be spent jointly with:

- Neighbouring parish councils
- Community groups
- RCC
- Community Partnerships

Collaborative spending may be used to maximise community benefit or contribute to strategic projects such as education expansion or transport improvements.

5. Decision-Making and Governance

Principles

All decisions on CIL expenditure must:

- Address the impacts of development
- Deliver clear community benefit
- Be lawful and compliant with CIL Regulations
- Represent value for money
- Be transparent and publicly accountable

Approval Process

- All CIL spending proposals will be considered at a full council meeting.
- Decisions will be made by resolution and recorded in the minutes.
- Where collaboration with RCC or other bodies is required, formal agreements will be established.

6. Financial Management and Reporting

Holding and Managing CIL Funds

CIL receipts will be:

- Held in a dedicated ring fenced in the parish council accounts

Spending Deadline

CIL funds must be spent within **five years** of receipt. Unspent funds may be reclaimed by RCC.

Annual Reporting

Ryhall Parish Council will publish a **CIL Annual Report** by **31 December** each year, detailing:

- Total CIL received
- Total CIL spent
- Projects funded
- Remaining balances

This report will be published on the Council's website and submitted to RCC.

7. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed every **two years**, or sooner if required, in accordance with the Document review schedule