

East Hagbourne Parish Council

Potential CIL projects - Options for discussion at 2023 APM

This document list has been prepared to facilitate prioritisation and selection of capital projects by EHPC, including the use of CIL money where appropriate. It is based on discussions with Councillors and extracts from the Community Project Strategy.

At an informal meeting on 17 January 2024, Councillors selected the following items as the most attractive options to consider as projects which would benefit the village.

This is a preliminary list for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Making Walking a Pleasure

£25-30k

Parish Council has surveyed the footpath network and identified a number of areas where surface improvements are needed, including:

- FP8 surface at Bowls Club to Bakers Lane..
- FP4, Wilcher Close to Millennium Wood.
- FP6 near the bend where it crosses the stream. The path edge next to the stream has fallen away and holes are appearing in the path.
- FP13 along Parsonage Lane to fill potholes and some edges in the causeway.

Some of these can be handled by the Parish Council, others will require the assistance of OCC.

It will not be possible to action all the items shown here, so some prioritisation will be needed

Make our Village Sparkle

(a) Village map/interpretation, bus shelter

£20k

A proposal was made at an APM some years ago for a village map/information boards as a guide for visitors.

An additional proposal is for interpretation boards e.g. at Shovel Spring (in WH parish) and the field end of Parsonage Lane to highlight landscape and wildlife features, to encourage both pride in our village and enhance environmental awareness).

The bus shelter at Lower Cross would benefit from renovation and would make an ideal location for a village map.

(b) Recreation Ground

£10k

The existing Recreation Ground gate is rather functional: consider something more attractive.

Recreation Facilities

£50k

The children's playground is well used and appreciated, but caters for mainly younger children. The possibility of adding equipment for older children has been discussed in the past, but space at the Recreation Ground is limited. In addition, some communities have installed equipment to encourage adults to exercise.

Equipment can be expensive, but options could include some of the following:

1. A trim trail - exercise items placed around the village to encourage activities.
2. Outdoor table tennis table

- 3. Consider upgrades to existing play equipment. The slide is a good candidate for replacement and the remaining mound would provide opportunities for creative ideas.
- 4. More facilities for teens e.g. 'pods' - hard to damage seating/shelter area

Making Walking Safe and a Pleasure

Village footways (pavements)

£ 10-50+k

(a) The condition of footways(pavements) throughout the village needs improvement. In spite of the very poor condition of some stretches, OCC say they do not meet their criteria for action. It is possible that we could use EHPC resources, but it would have to come from CIL funds.

The section of Main Road from Upper to Lower Cross generates the most comments/complaints, based on poor surface condition and vegetation obstructing access.

Critical areas are:

- by Lawson's Orchard
- by Greenshutters
- from Buckels, along the raised section to Lower Cross.

The first part of Blewbury Road from Lower Cross also has poor surface

Cemetery access

£38k

(b) A new footway from Manor Farm Lane to the railway bridge has been proposed, but the cost could be very high (estimated at £118731.63 in May 2023, pedestrians only, no cycles), so is on hold until experience has been gained with the new access from St Andrews Crescent.

An alternative proposal is for new footway on the opposite side of the road from St Andrews Crescent which has been costed at £38k.

Road Safety

£10-15k

The Vehicle Activated Speed sign on New Road has been in place for a number of years. Consider similar signs at the Blewbury Road village entrance, and on Main Road at the start of the 20mph limit. Locations would need to be carefully chosen.

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