

## **A MORE-‘CIL’ OF EXTRA MONEY FOR MICKY**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (commonly called ‘CIL’) is a charge paid to Leeds City Council by developers who are creating new buildings in the Leeds district. As Micklefield is a parished area in Leeds, the Parish Council receives up to 15% of any CIL paid to the City Council from developments in Micklefield. If and when Micklefield has a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council’s proportion of the CIL will be 25%.

CIL is charged on any relevant developments in Leeds where planning permission was granted after 6th April 2015, and for residential developments in Micklefield, developers are charged £45 per m<sup>2</sup> of net additional floorspace. There are four housing developments currently being built in Micklefield: the Barratt Homes and Persimmon Homes site around Manor Farm and Garden Village; the Strata Homes site around Grange Farm Court; the Avant Homes site off Church Lane; and the Taylor Wimpey site between Pit Lane and The Crescent.

Micklefield Parish Council has received a considerable amount of CIL from just the first two of those developments - about £245,000 - plus a small payment from the CC Homes site at Church Close. To date, the Parish Council has received £246,471, and there will be even more CIL to come from the Avant Homes and Taylor Wimpey sites and, later on, from the Duchy Homes site at the North End of Old Micklefield.

The Parish Council’s CIL “must be used to support the development of the local area by funding (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.” This includes physical, social, green and blue infrastructure and a broad range of projects such as transport initiatives, highways, play areas, parks and green spaces, footpaths, cycleways, sports facilities and community halls, flood risk alleviation, ultra-fast broadband or the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

What the CIL monies cannot be used for is to pay for the Parish Council’s everyday expenditure and running costs. In other words, please don’t go down the route of thinking that the CIL can be used as a means of reducing the Parish Council Precept – that’s not what it’s for.

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