**Elford Parish Council**

**Policy for Applications for CIL funding**

Elford Parish Council will decide on the spending of CIL monies received from Lichfield District Council as a result of developer contributions.

Certain organisations within the parish may wish to apply for some of the funding and should read these guidelines before applying on the attached application form.

When applying for funding from the CIL payments held by Elford Parish Council organisations should provide brief details of why the grant is required and how much is requested on the attached application form, with details of its accounts and any other grants applied for.

Following receipt and subsequent spending the organisation should provide a written report of how the funding has been used in the interest of transparency and to ensure accountability to local residents.

These guidelines and application form will be sent to any organisations who have requested financial support from the Parish Council’s CIL funds, with a request that they return these to the Clerk in time for consideration and resolution at a meeting of the Council (a week’s notice is required, meetings take place on the second Monday of each month except for August).

The Parish Council will take into account the following criteria:

* Meets Lichfield District Council rules; comprises infrastructure and is evidenced by local need
* Supported by residents as evidenced by the Parish Council’s survey results
* Affordability within the CIL budget, which aims to support a variety of projects
* Matching funds are available from own funds or grant bodies
* Parish Council believes it is good value for money
* Benefits a majority of villagers
* The spending is visible