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**"Protecting and improving the quality of life for all Bayston Hill residents"**

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### Introduction

From the Chairman of The Memorial Hall

I thought I would perhaps expand on the project a little bit and offer some thoughts. Firstly if The Bayston Hill Parish Council felt they were able to assist us as we discussed then as far as I am concerned it should be made known to all concerned the project is done "In Partnership with Bayston Hill Parish Council" and that without your support and assistance the project would be very difficult to achieve.

**BACKGROUND:-** Due to increased demand for use of the Memorial Hall, through conduction our own survey and the feedback our Booking Secretary had received from user groups it became apparent that an additional Meeting Room would be a valuable asset to the Memorial Hall itself in being able to offer further facilities to the Village in general. Full plans have been drawn up and full Planning Permission has been obtained. (This is due to expire in June next year unless there has at least been some start on the project).

I have had a number of meetings with Fiona Edwards who is the Grants and Financial Advisor for Village Halls employed by Community Resource. As a result of her advice in splitting up any grant applications into more than one section between us we have split it into two.

- 1) Veolia Environmental Trust who give up to £75.000 which we can match fund but need a third party (Hopefully The Parish Council) to pay them 10 per cent of that amount. (£7.500)
- 2) Bernard Sunley Foundation who give Grants up to £20000.

I have contacted both and they both confirm that we are within their area and eligible to apply. All I have to do is convince them that we are worthy of such a Grant. My strategy would be to try and secure the first one before I apply for the second . As in every case there are many good causes looking for Grants but all we can do is try and make as good a case as possible.

### CIL money

Total is £85, 191.

What the neighbourhood portion of CIL can be spent on?

The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) state that CIL must be spent on:

- the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

This gives parish councils considerable freedom to spend the neighbourhood portion of CIL on projects that address the impact of development in their local area.

Infrastructure is broadly defined in the Planning Act 2008. There are typically three broad categories of infrastructure:

- physical - cycle ways, village halls, benches, fencing
- social - education and health facilities, art and culture, sports halls, community assets
- green - parks, woodlands, play areas, public open space