| **Bold Parish Council** | C/O 8 Gunning Avenue  Eccleston St. Helens  WA10 5DL  Boldparishcouncil@yahoo.com  12/09/2021 |
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Dear Councilor

At our last parish meeting concern was expressed regarding the lack of communication concerning the use of Council Improvement funds.

Since the elections in 2019 we are not aware of any funding received within the parish.

Since the parish forms the larger part of Bold ward it would be expected that by now at least some funding for improvements requested would have been approved.

The CIF process is indicative of a frustrating lack of communication from ward level which we have tried in vain to resolve, we are rarely given a reason for refusal of requests and on rare occasions when reasons are forthcoming, they often appear to be spurious.

As a council we are concerned that consideration of the requests is more often judged on the source rather than the merits. For instance, refusal to support the provision of defibrillators on the grounds of fear of vandalism when four of these machines have already been installed in the parish without problems does appear to be a rather flimsy justification for turning this down.

There is I feel a justifiable level of frustration at parish council. Councilors were elected to represent the best interests of the people of Bold parish and we intend to be open with local people wherever we feel their best interests are compromised.

As a council we would be grateful if you could provide a full report of all CIF applications made since May 2019 including those that were unsuccessful and those that are still pending a decision, it would be helpful if this report could include the name of the proposer, full reason for the CIF application being granted or declined and what budget is remaining of this year’s allocation.

Yours Sincerely

Bold Parish Council