

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2021  
title: LONGRIDGE LOOP  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING  
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### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority from Members to release Section 106 contributions to Longridge Town Council to facilitate part of the Longridge Loop scheme.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When planning permission was secured to erect up to 363 dwellings on the land East of Chipping Lane, Longridge (ref: 3/2014/0764) the associated Section 106 Agreement secured a commuted sum of £15,000 towards the Longridge Loop recreational route. The contribution was due prior to the occupation of the 30<sup>th</sup> dwelling and has been receipted by the Council.
- 2.2 In February 2021 Members of this Committee agreed to pay Longridge Town Council £9,115 for the Chapel Brow from Chapel Hill through to Pinfold Lane. The Town Council sent an invoice for the works in May and the payment was subsequently made. This leaves £5,885 of the commuted sum unspent.

### 3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Longridge Town Council are keen to see the development of the Longridge Loop which will provide a safe route around the town for cyclists, walkers and the disabled. The route will be approximately 5 miles in length.
- 3.2 The Town Council have confirmed that the next planned part of this project is repairs to the footpath at Moss Farm. This will include:
- Refurbishing a 75m section of path
  - The existing woods will be removed, and the new path will be laid at 1.2m wide.
  - At the bottom of the path there is a gate out onto the farmers track, the style needs re-attaching to the gate post
  - Installation of an extra 20m of path along the side of the track where people walk as the ground is soft and usually damp.
- 3.3 The cost of the above works is 5462.00 plus VAT (an quote from Dinsdale Moorland Specialists has been provided).
- 3.4 The Town Council would like to utilise part of the remaining commuted sum (£423) for "Mile Markers" on the Longridge Loop and associated signage. A quotation from Fox Timber for 6 markers has been provided. The quote is for £57.75 plus VAT each (£346.50).

### 4. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – The £15,000 commuted sum was received by the Council on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and as such there are existing sufficient funds for the project.

- Technical, Environmental and Legal - The project would accord with the stipulations of the legal agreement.
- Political - N/A
- Reputation - The provision of recreational routes within Longridge is considered to be a benefit to the Town and accords with the purpose of securing such contributions as part of new residential developments.
- Equality and Diversity - N/A

5. **RECOMMENDED THAT Committee**

- 5.1 Authorise the payment of invoice(s) from Longridge Town Council following the completion of Longridge Loop improvements set out within paragraph 3.2 within 28 working days of receipt, up to the amount of £5,808.50

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