

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021  
title: LONGRIDGE CRICKET CLUB  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING  
principal author: NICOLA HOPKINS – DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority from Members to release Section 106 contributions to Longridge Cricket Club.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When planning permission was secured to erect up to 195 dwellings on the land to North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge (ref: 3/2015/0065) the associated Section 106 Agreement secured a commuted sum of £682 towards off site open space as follows:

- Grass pitch improvements at Mardale, Longridge;
- Cricket wicket provision at Longridge Cricket Club;
- Sports hall improvements at Longridge Sports Club;
- Play facility improvements in Longridge.

- 2.2 To date £87,774 has been receipted in respect of this contribution. The payment of the commuted sum is split into three based on the trigger points set out within the Agreement.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Longridge Cricket Club have recently done improvement works at the Club in respect of the cricket pitches including reseeding and treating the pitch. The club are seeking to utilise part of the Section 106 contributions to fund this work.

- 3.2 Numerous invoices have been received detailing the work which has been undertaken as the works have been undertaken by various contractors and suppliers. It is considered that works to the pitch meet the requirements of the S106 Agreement. The costs of the works undertaken to improve the pitch totals £12,753.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – two thirds of the commuted sum for off-site open space have been receipted 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 improved sports provision 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 the already received invoice(s) from Longridge Cricket Club within 28 working days of Committee, up to the amount of £12,753

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