

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

meeting date: THURSDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER 2021
title: LONGRIDGE LOOP
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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 275 dwellings on the land west of Preston Road, Longridge (ref: 3/2016/0974) the associated Section 106 Agreement secured a commuted sum of £30,000 towards the Longridge Loop recreational route. The contribution was due on the occupation of the 30th dwelling and has been receipted by the Council.

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 As Longridge Town Council are leading on delivering this scheme and have been previously asked to identify how any Section 106 contributions could be utilised.
- 3.3 The Town Council have confirmed that the next planned part of this project is the Written Stone Lane section of the Longridge Loop. This part of the project will involve:
- 3.3.1 Creation of drainage catch pits
 - 3.3.2 Installation of a stone pitched water bar
 - 3.3.3 New gate and post
 - 3.3.4 Path mulching
 - 3.3.5 Stoning up 130m section of the path between the last two gates
- 3.4 Dinsdale Moorland Specialists which have provided a quote for works which equates to= £13,208.00 plus VAT.
- 3.5 In accordance with Ribble Valley Council's Contract Procedure Rules, for a scheme of this value, at least two written quotes for the work have been sought. The Town Council have chosen the direct award route for this scheme utilising a company who has undertaken previous work on the loop.

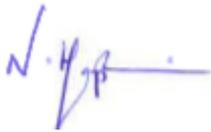
4. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – The £30,000 commuted sum was received by the Council on 18th March 2021 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 3.3 within 28 working days of receipt, up to the amount of £13,208.

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