

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022  
title: HURST GREEN VILLAGE GREEN  
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### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority from Members to release Section 106 contributions to Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council to facilitate improvement works at the village green in Hurst Green.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When full planning permission was granted to erect 30 new dwellings on land to the north of Whalley Road, Hurst Green (ref: 3/2012/0964) there was an associated Section 106 Agreement. This agreement secured £25,000 in respect of the improvement and maintenance of the existing village green area in the village of Hurst Green.
- 2.2 The contribution was triggered prior to the sale of the 5<sup>th</sup> Market dwelling and was received by the Council in April 2020.

### 3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 It is understood that intended communal area for this investment was the Bayley Field, which includes the playground and the bowling club, and which is owned by the Parish Council.
- 3.2 The Parish Council have explored several options including a gym-trail around the Bayley Field and a Multi-Use Games Area. The PC decided against a fitness trail, and the MUGA would be too costly.
- 3.3 The majority of Parish Councillors favoured extending or improving the playground, with a climbing frame for older (8-12) children and new equipment for the younger children, as currently it is only mainly the swings and the slide that are used extensively. Extensions to the playground proved not to be possible and the Parish Council has considered options for improving the existing space.
- 3.4 The Parish Council approached four companies for detailed quotes with various configurations considered and quoted for.
- 3.5 In accordance with Ribble Valley Council's Contract Procedure Rules, for a scheme of this value, at least four written quotes for the work have been sought. The Parish Council sought to obtain quotes and received 7 quotes and one estimate. The Parish Council's preferred choice is a KOMPAN scheme for two towers, bridge and slide (steel and rope), small slide, replacing plastic trail and children's area.

### 4. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – The £25,000 commuted sum was received by the Council in April 2020 and as such there are existing sufficient funds for part of 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 play facilities in Hurst Green is a benefit to the Village 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 payment of £25,000 to Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council, for the completion of the play area improvements set out within paragraph 3.5, on completion of the play space improvements.



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