

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 29th JUNE 2023
 title: BARROW PLANNING OBLIGATION
 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 Barrow Parish Council to facilitate improvement works at Barrow Playing Fields

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When full planning permission was granted to erect 21 dwellings on phase 5 of the housing site the southwest of Barrow and west of Whalley Road, Barrow (ref: 3/2019/1085) the associated Section 106 Agreement including the following:

Off Site Recreation Contribution

“Off Site Recreation Contribution” means the sum of £13,469.49 payable for Off Site Recreation facilities in Barrow/Whalley calculated by reference to the number of bedrooms of a dwelling and to be made available to Barrow Parish Council for improvements to recreational facilities including but not limited to:

- Replacement noticeboard at Trafford Gardens
- Revamp of the planting areas at Trafford Gardens
- Purchase of new and replacement benches around the village of Barrow
 - Repairs to footpaths around the village of Barrow
 - Work to improve the small seating area on Whalley Road outside the Application Site
 - Work to improve the play surfaces at Barrow Playing Field
 - Purchase of replacement benches and picnic tables at Barrow Playing Field
 - Installation and maintenance of public access defibrillators in the village of Barrow

- 2.2 The contribution was received last year, and Barrow Parish Council were contacted to establish how they intend to utilise the contribution. The Parish Council have confirmed that they intend to purchase picnic tables and benches to replace those currently installed on Barrow playing fields, which are owned by the Parish Council.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Parish Council have confirmed that in April 2015 they installed 3 picnic tables and three benches (one was subsequently removed). These wooden benches and picnic tables have been jet washed and treated over the years but are now in a state of

disrepair. Once removed, they will (if possible) be repaired, cleaned, treated, and reused in a less busy area in the parish.

3.2 Whilst Ribble Valley Council's Contract Procedure Rules, for a scheme of this value, do not require written quotations at least two written quotes for the work were requested as the value at that stage was unknown. The Parish Council have obtained and provided two quotes to replace the existing wooden furniture with furniture made of a composite material (recycled plastic).

3.3 The first quote is for 'Supply only' whilst the second quote includes assembly and fixing. Although the second quote is slightly higher than the first it is from a local supplier and includes assembly and fixing which the Parish Council considers represents better value for money. The quote is for £2,960.00 excluding VAT.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

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

- Resources – The £13,469.49 commuted sum was received by the Council on 25th November 2022 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 facilities in Barrow 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 £2,960 to Barrow Parish Council, for the replacement of the picnic tables and benches set out within paragraph 3.2, on completion of the works.



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