

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

meeting date: 22 AUGUST 2023
title: MARDALE PLAYING PITCHES
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To ask Committee to consider naming the above site in honour of Councillor Brian Holden who recently passed away.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives – To help make people's lives healthier and safer.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The playing pitches, car park and pavilion at Mardale have all been improved over the past few months. The pitches have had an extensive drainage scheme installed and the car park has been extended, resurfaced, and re-lined. The changing rooms have been fully refurbished to meet safeguarding requirements with showers and toilets in each room. In addition, separate official rooms and toilets for spectators have been built.

2.2 The total cost of this work has been approximately £300k which has been funded through section 106 monies and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

2.3 Earlier this year Cllr Brian Holden sadly passed away. Brian was a driving force behind the Mardale scheme and getting the facilities improved.

3 PROPOSAL

3.1 Discussions have taken place at Policy and Finance Committee and with Mr Holdens' widow about the idea of naming the playing pitches/pavilion in honour of her late husband and she thought it would be fitting tribute to his memory.

3.2 Therefore is it proposed that a plaque is placed at the site, an example is attached in appendix 1, to rename the site as; "The Brian Holden Memorial Playing Field".

4. ISSUES

4.1 The Council does not ordinarily rename existing land or facilities after people, living or dead. However, it is considered that Cllr Holden's involvement was substantial and on this occasion it would be appropriate to name the site in his honour.

4.2 The Plaque will also need to recognise the contribution of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

5 RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications.

- Resources – The cost of a plaque can be met from existing resources.

- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The plaque would be a metal engraved design.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – No implications identified.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

6 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 Approve the renaming of the Mardale Playing Pitches as “The Brian Holden Memorial Playing Field”.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

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