

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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 363 dwellings on the land East of Chipping Lane, Longridge (ref: 3/2014/0764) the associated Section 106 Agreement secured a commuted sum of £15,000 towards the Longridge Loop recreational route. The contribution was due prior to the occupation of the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 on receipt of the commuted sum the Town Council were approached and asked to identify how this contribution could be utilised.
- 3.3 The Town Council have confirmed that the next planned part of this project is Chapel Brow from Chapel Hill through to Pinfold Lane. This bridleway way is a well-used path with walkers, runners and cyclists but is impassable in places due to the numerous potholes.
- 3.4 Longridge Town Council will be working in conjunction with Longridge and North Preston Rotary Club, who have to the volunteers who are able undertake this type of work. Whilst this work is being undertaken it has been agreed that a style be replaced and potholes filled in on one of the adjacent paths also.
- 3.5 Dinsdale Moorland Specialists which have provided a quote for works which equates to= £7256.00 plus VAT. This only relates to half the work required and whilst a quote for all the works proposed to this section of the bridleway has been requested the current lockdown may mean such a quote cannot be provided. As such at this stage all that is being requested is part of the contribution to enable the works to be undertaken as soon as possible.
- 3.6 The section of the route is a bridleway and the works will be undertaken under Section 43 of the Highways Act with the specification for the materials required for these works to be approved by LCC Rights of Way team, who will be consulted throughout the duration of the works. The Town Council have approached LCC and David Goode, Public Rights of Way Officer, has stated that *"Longridge Town Council does not need any permission to carry out maintenance on the public rights of way network as it has the power itself under S43 of the Highways Act 1980."*

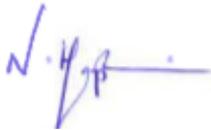
#### 4. RISK ASSESSMENT

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

- Resources – The £15,000 commuted sum was received by the Council on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 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 paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 within 28 working days of receipt, up to the amount of £7256.



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