

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 7

meeting date: THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2020
 title: SABDEN CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
 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 for improvements to the equipped play area in Sabden.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When planning permission was secured to redevelop the former Victoria Mill in Sabden (ref: 3/2018/0361) the associated Section 106 Agreement secured a commuted sum of £17,785 for public open space.

- 2.2 The clauses of the Section 106 Agreement require the Council:

To apply the Public Open Space Contributions towards the improvement and future maintenance of existing play facilities and youth activities in Sabden provided that if the Public Open Space Contribution has not been utilised or committed for such purposes within five years of it being received by the Council to repay the person who made the payment or his nominee any part of the Public Open Space Contribution not so used within 28 days of the end of the five year period;

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Sabden Parish Council are responsible for the existing equipped play area located on Sabden Park within a central location in the Village and have approached the Local Planning Authority to request part of the public open space contribution for the following improvements to the play area:

- Installation of a 6050-062 High Pedestal Slide, safety surfacing and associated ground works.
- Supply and lay Notts Sport Childs play 60 under existing swings onto existing safety surface. This is due to the fact that the existing surface is cracking, separating and shrinking.

- 3.2 The total costs of the works are:

- Slide = £10,045.66
- Safety Surface = £3,055
- **TOTAL = £13,100.66**

- 3.3 Within Sabden, Ribble Valley Borough Council own the land on which the bowling green is situated and the football pitch within the Village, however currently there are no plans in place associated with these facilities. The proposals by the Parish Council accord with the requirements of the legal agreement and will improve the equipped play space in a relatively short time period (subject to Member approval the Parish Council will order the new equipment ASAP) for the benefit of the children in the Village. Additionally £4,685 of the commuted sum will be retained for future improvement works to play facilities in Sabden.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

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

- Resources – The £17,785 commuted sum was received by the Council on 1 September 2020 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 whilst retaining some of the contribution for future improvements in the Village.
- Political - N/A
- Reputation - The provision of improved play space facilities within the Village is seen as a benefit and accords with the purpose of securing off site open space 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 Sabden Parish Council following the completion of play area improvements set out within paragraph 3.1 within 28 working days of receipt, up to the amount of £13,100.66.

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