

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Contracts (Leisure, Waste and Environment)

Recommendation

That the sum of £9,600 of Section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision of Outdoor Sports Facilities in Wymeswold be paid to Wymeswold Cricket Club to provide a non-turf cricket pitch (NTP) at Burton Lane Playing Field, Wymeswold.

Reason

To enable Section 106 monies that have been received for the provision of outdoor sports facilities in Wymeswold to be spent.

Authority for Decision

Authority to pay over Section 106 monies in respect of non-housing items received by the Borough Council as the responsible authority, but which will not result in expenditure by the Council and where the Head of Service has been determined to be the relevant Head of Service by the Head of Finance and Property Services (item 8 of the delegations to Heads of Service in section 8.3 of the Constitution).

(For the Head of Service to approve the release of funds they must be satisfied that the works to be carried out fulfil the requirements set out in the S106 agreement and have written confirmation from the relevant body that the monies will be used for their intended purpose).

Decision and Date

Approved 04/03/24



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Background

Under the provisions of the Corporate Plan to 2020 - 24, there is a commitment to ensure that a growth in homes and infrastructure benefits residents through improved services and facilities.

Planning agreements negotiated with developers and landowners under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

provide a vehicle for the delivery of contributions towards infrastructure, facilities and amenities which should be:

- Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms
- Directly related to the development
- Fairly and reasonable related in scale and kind to the development

Detail

Within Wymeswold there are a number of Section 106 agreements that have been negotiated, with contributions for outdoor sport, young people's facilities and allotment provision.

Wymeswold Cricket Club was formed in the early 1900s and currently lease their ground at Burton Lane Playing Fields, Wymeswold from Wymeswold Parish Council (secured until 2045). The Club has approximately 50 adult members and 70-80 junior / youth members.

Wymeswold Cricket Club provide sporting activities for all. They offer a variety of sporting and recreational opportunities from age 5 to 80 through organised training sessions, league activities, friendly fixtures and social activities. The Club is affiliated to both the local cricket board and the ECB.

Since redeveloping their sports pavilion in 2015 the Club's junior section has grown significantly. The development of the junior section has seen an almost four-fold increase in the number of games being played, and high demand for practice sessions.

The Club proposes to provide a non-turf pitch on the edge of their cricket square to accommodate the increasing number of junior games. The Club's current square cannot cope with current demand for games and practice sessions. The non-turf pitch will provide more capacity and ease pressure on the existing grass pitch.

Charnwood's Playing Pitch Strategy (2018) recommends the installation of non-turf pitches (NTPs) when junior demand becomes too great to be met by grass wickets alone.

Both Wymeswold Parish Council and the local Borough ward councillor have been consulted and both have given their approval/support for the project.

The pitch will be installed by an ECB-accredited supplier at a total cost of £10,338.

The Club is seeking £9,600 of Section 106 monies. The project balance will be met by match funding from a £200 grant from the Wymeswold Open Gardens Committee and £538 of the Club's own reserves.

Wymeswold Cricket Club has provided information in relation to this project including Section 106 Proforma, lease, funding and management arrangements for facilities.

Section 106 Monies

The following section 106 monies will be utilised towards the scheme:

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/20/2427/2	Land to the South of East Road, Wymeswold.	£9,600 – Outdoor Sports contribution
		Total - £9,600

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Wymeswold Cricket Club.

Payment will be made on receipt of invoices and confirmation that works have been completed.

The payment will be coded to L460 D0555 and the budget increased.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
All funding not in place	Low	Medium	All s106 monies received. Confirmation of match funding.
Scheme is over budget	Low	Medium	Fixed price contract.

Key Decision: No
Background Papers Section 106 proforma