

TO: THE MONITORING OFFICER (TOM CLARK, SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL)

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject: Release of S106 Local Community Infrastructure contributions to Sand Silt the football pitches on Tim Farmer Recreation Ground.

Cabinet Member: Cllr Gary Marsh

Has the Cabinet Member received a report prior to taking the decision?

Yes

In the case of a key decision and where the Cabinet Member has received a report.

This is not a key decision.

Alternative options considered and rejected.

None – the pitches are to be sand slitted with a new style of machine that isn't readily available within the industry for obtaining alternative quotes.

Record of decision taken.

Authorise release of £17,000.00 from the Local Community Infrastructure fund.

Statement of reasons for making the decision.

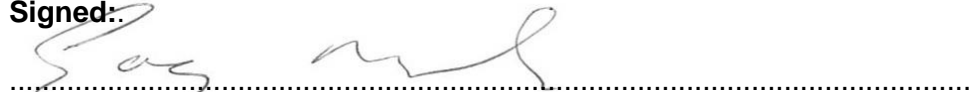
Officers consider this an appropriate expenditure of Local Community Infrastructure contributions to improve the playability of the pitches.

Date of decision:- 20th March 2018

Is the decision to be protected from call-in? (i.e.if any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest) - see Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 (M)

No

Signed:..



Cabinet Member

This record must be forwarded immediately to the Monitoring Officer (TC) and copied to the relevant Cabinet Member.

For Monitoring Officer

Date of publication of Member Information Services

Date of decision can be implemented (on the Thursday after publication of the Member Information Service unless already protected from call-in)

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

RELEASE OF S.106 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TIM FARMER RECREATION GROUND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE .

REPORT OF Contact Officer	Divisional Leader for Commercial Services & Contracts David Terry, Landscape Contracts Manager, Landscapes Email: david.terry@midsussex.gov.uk Tel: 01444 477439
Wards affected	
Key decision	No

Purpose of Report

1. Approval is sought to release S106 Formal Sport contributions to provide sand band drainage on the four football pitches at the Tim Farmer recreation ground.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that £17,000 be released from formal sport contributions arising from the developments at land at the former St Francis Hospital (P35/317), land at the former Horace Hilton premises (P35/489c) and Phase 5B Bolnore Village (PL12-001604).
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Background

3. The Tim Farmer recreation ground was laid with a sub-surface perforated pipe drainage system when it was constructed.
4. When the land was transferred there was no pavilion for sport hirers to change and as such the site spent a number of years as an informal recreation ground. The maintenance schedule did not require the full sport specification.
5. Since the development of Woodside Pavilion there are now four football pitches in regular use on the recreation ground. The pitches are generally in good condition, but poor drainage could compromise this position with flooding damaging the soil profile.
6. The performance of the piped drainage is being slightly compromised by a surface compaction that is limiting the percolation of water to the pipes. It is believed that the compaction may have been caused by the developer trafficking across the land, but the additional surface stress for formal sport is showing a weakness in the surface.
7. Sand banding is an industry recognised method for improving the drainage capability of a piped system. The system is to back-fill a slit in the surface with sand that is approximately 150 – 200mm deep. This allows better water filtration down to the piped system.
8. The equipment being used for this operation is relatively new and enables installation during the playing season without loss of play.

Financial Implications

9. This project is considered to represent an appropriate expenditure for formal sport contributions from the agreements overleaf.

S106 Agreement		
P35/317	£1.71	Land at former St Francis Hospital
P35/489c	£2,054.99	Land at former Horace Hilton Premises
PL12-001604	£14,943.30	Phase 5B Bolnore Village
Total	£17,000.00	

Legal Implications

10. The planning permission for dwellings at the development on land at the former Horace Hilton Premises secured financial contributions towards formal sport provision within the area served by the District Council's Central Area Planning Committee.
11. The planning permission for dwellings in Phase 5B of the Bolnore Village development secured financial contributions towards pitch drainage at the Tim Farmer Recreation Ground.
12. The planning permission for dwellings on land at the former St Francis Hospital secured financial contributions towards off site formal sport provision.
13. The project therefore conforms to the requirements of the S106 agreement and is considered appropriate expenditure.
14. The project is considered to be beneficial to improve the playability of the pitches on this facility for the community football team that regularly hire the grounds for matches and training.
15. It is proposed the decision be signed off by the Cabinet Member for Commercial Services & Contracts.
16. Decisions on the distribution of Section 106 monies up to £25,000 are delegated to individual Cabinet Members in the Council's Constitution.