

1. REPORT SUMMARY

This report explains the procedure and the detail of the transfer of three parcels of land at Longhedge, including play areas, to the Council, and authorises the sealing of transfer documents.

2. BACKGROUND

Section 23 of Standing Orders states that any two Councillors may sign on behalf of the Council, any deed required by law, and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures. This includes transfer deeds of land and property.

3. SUMMARY

The Parish Councillors have already resolved to accept transfer of public open space and play areas at Longhedge. Documents have been signed and transfers progressed as areas have been completed. Three further areas are now ready for transfer. The land and play areas to be transferred:-

3.1 Area C including Play Area 1 (Trigg Green) includes indexed maintenance funding of £102,596.14 received in October 2023.

3.2 Area I including Play Areas 7 and 8 (McCudden Grove and Liddell Gardens) includes indexed maintenance funding of £144,243.65 received in October 2023.

3.3 Area L including Play Area 11 (McLeod Green) includes indexed maintenance funding of £13,113.19 received in October 2023.

This will leave outstanding for transfer:-

Area A – Community Open Space including Campbell Vale Play Area.

The Parish Council are already managing and maintaining the play area for which maintenance funds have been received but the site is not yet ready for transfer.

Area F – Football Pitch and Changing Rooms including Hawker Green Play Area.

The Parish Council are already managing and maintaining the play area for which maintenance funds have been received. However, the whole site will not be ready for transfer for at least another year.

Area H – Eastern Boundary including Ward Grove Play Area.

The Parish Council are already managing and maintaining the play area for which maintenance funds have been received. However, site will not be ready for transfer until issues with the drainage features have been resolved.

4. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolves to approve the signing of the Transfer Deeds and any attached Plans for the land at Longhedge, designated as Areas C, I and L, by any two Parish Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 23.