

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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**Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:**

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of the Town Council in accordance with Schedule 12 para.10(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to be held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 12 December 2022 at 7.00pm.

*Note: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or the public.*

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Benbow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

C. Benbow, Town Clerk

## **AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive and approve apologies from members.

### **2. Public Participation: Have Your Say**

Have Your Say: Members of the public are invited to speak.

### **3. Reports**

To receive the following reports:

- a. District Council Report
- b. County Council Report
- c. Shadow Unitary Council Report
- d. Mayor's Report

#### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14 November 2022 as a true record.

#### **5. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**

Members to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensations.

#### **6. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

To consider if any items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

#### **7. Planning**

To consider Planning Applications as circulated and to note submissions to planning applications considered under delegated authority.

#### **8. Monthly Payments - Councillor Verification and Payment Approval**

- a. To note that prior to the meeting two councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting and can verify their authenticity.
- b. To note that two councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation has taken place.
- c. To approve and authorise the payment of accounts and wages as recorded in the payments list.
- d. To identify and approve two councillors to verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.
- e. To identify and approve two councillors to complete the online authorisation of the payments for the next payment period.

#### **9. Finance and Governance**

##### **a. Internal Audit**

To note the interim half-year Internal Audit report to 30 Sept 2022 following the Internal Audit on 24 November 2022. There were no recommendations. The Internal Auditor confirmed that the Council finances are operated in compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations (*circulated*).

##### **b. Grange Town Council Aims and Objectives 2022/23**

To consider draft Aims and Objectives amended following review at previous meeting (*circulated*).

c. **Draft Budget and Precept 2023/24**

To consider the draft Budget and Precept and Budget Report 2023/24 (*circulated*).

d. **Civility and Respect – Early Day Motion**

Dr Julian Lewis, MP for New Forest East, has tabled a NEW early day motion (EDM) calling on the Government to re-visit its response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life report on local government ethical standards, including the introduction of tougher sanctions to deal with poor behaviour in local councils.

To view the EDM: <https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/60320>

To consider contacting Tim Farron MP to encourage him to back this motion and have it discussed in parliament (*template letter circulated*).

e. **Casual Vacancy**

To note that there is a casual vacancy on the Town Council; anyone interested is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or visit:

[www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk)

f. **Elections**

To note that elections are scheduled for the Town Council on Thursday 5 May 2023. The nomination process usually starts in mid to late March. More information on standing for election is available from the Electoral Commission: [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

## 10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in appropriate consultations: None received.

## 11. Updates from Members

To receive Councillor updates on works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

- a. Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership

## 12. Promenade and Lido Refurbishment – Update from South Lakeland District Council

To note any update on the District Council's refurbishment of the Promenade and Lido.

## 13. Victoria Hall

### **Cost-of-Living Working Party**

This was appointed in October 2022 to investigate energy-saving measures for the Victoria Hall. To note that Cllrs. Greenway and Ann Walmsley undertook an energy audit of the building on 24 November and to receive an update.

Next meeting – Wednesday 19 January 2023, 7pm.

#### **14. Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority**

To note that Westmorland and Furness Council Leader, Sam Plum, and Chief Executive, Jonathan Brook, gave Parish and Town Councils in Westmorland and Furness a virtual update on Local Government Reform on 16 November 2022 at 7pm.

Cllrs. Thomas, Handley, Greenway and the Town Clerk took part.

#### **15. Bailey Lane Level Crossing**

At the previous meeting, it was resolved to write to the County Council Countryside Access Officer to request an update regarding the re-opening of the crossing further to the finding of the Inquiry (C22/96).

To note response received by email 17 November 2022:  
(DC&R is Development Control and Regulation Committee):

*On the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Network Rail informed me that they were in the process of compiling a 1980 HAs118A application to extinguish the railway crossing, which will address the points raised by the Inspector in her order decision and explain why she was incorrect in her suggestions and demonstrating that collective mitigations to reduce residual risk will not make the crossing safe for public use.*

*We have now received an application and I am seeking legal advice on how the County Council should proceed. Options are that Officers decline to process the application or a report is submitted to CCC's DC&R Committee with a recommendation to either make an order or to reject the application.*

*Therefore I am at present unable to give a time frame for when the crossing will be reinstated.*

#### **16. Civic Matters – Remembrance Parade**

The Remembrance Parade took place on Sunday 13 November. This is insured by the Town Council. To note that the Police will no longer provide road closures for Remembrance Parades. From now on, the Town Council needs to organise and pay for these.

#### **17. Public Path Diversion**

##### **Cumbria County Council Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2022**

To note public path diversion at Spring Bank which came into effect on 10 November 2022 (*circulated*).

## **18. Staffing**

To note draft minutes from Staffing Committee meeting held Thursday 1 December 2022 and consider recommendations.

## **19. Next Meeting**

To note that the next Full Council Meeting will be held:

**Monday 9 January 2023 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm**