

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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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 13 January 2020 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 C. Benbow Town Clerk

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Reports

To receive reports from the following:

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

3. Public Participation: Have Your Say

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

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 December 2019 as a true record.

5. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Members to disclose interests in matters to be discussed and to decide dispensation requests.

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. Neighbourhood Plan

To note any update from Cllr. Greenway on implementation of the Plan.

9. 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 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.

10. Finance and Governance

a. Council Tax Base

To note:

This is the number of dwellings liable for Council Tax, expressed as an equivalent number of band D dwellings for the town.

The number is calculated by the District Council (SLDC).

Previous draft 20/21 budgets considered by the Town Council (GTC) were calculated on the assumption that the Council Tax Base would remain at 2,137.41.

SLDC has now confirmed the Council Tax Base for 2020/21 is 2,138.24. This is a 0.83 increase in properties.

The draft Budget and Summary have been amended to show this.

b. Street Lighting Charge

To note:

Following the December Town Council meeting, SLDC were asked for an explanation of the 11% increase in the street lighting charge, which has risen from £10,713.11 to £11,915.11.

On 18 December, the following response was received:

'The district lighting charge is made up of charges for maintenance and electricity only. The main reason for this increase is due to increased maintenance in 2018/19 compared to 2017/18, which include the cost of replacement parts. Maintenance is performed as outages are reported by members of the public and found during site visits. So does vary year on year. The 11% increase also includes a 4.91% increase in electric charges as charged by the utility company'.

c. Council Tax Grant

To note:

The Council Tax Grant is given by SLDC to supplement the Precept. SLDC have confirmed the Council Tax Grant for 2020/21 will be £9,429.25 (£9,544.91 in 2019/20).

The difference between the Street Lighting Charge and the Council Tax Grant is the amount that is charged to Grange residents but retained by SLDC. It is listed on the Council Tax bills as a charge from GTC.

In 20/21 this amount will be £2,485.86.

d. Parish Election Charge

To note:

This is the charge from SLDC to administer the May 2019 Town Council election. Provision was made for this in last years' budget.

SLDC has now provided the information that the charge of £1,548.28 will be taken from residents, by them, as part of the Grange Town Council section of the Council Tax bill.

The Precept demand from Grange Town Council has been reduced accordingly to compensate.

e. How the SLDC Charges affect Council Tax for Grange Residents

To note:

A certain amount of the money that Grange Town Council raises from the Council Tax actually goes to the District Council.

This year, the amount will be £4,034.14.

This is the Parish Election Charge of £1,548.28 plus £2,485.86 (the difference between the Street Lighting Charge and the Council Tax Grant).

The charge to each (Band D) household per month will be 16 pence and will be represented as a 2% increase from Grange Town Council.

f. Budget 2020-21

To consider:

To consider the revised draft Budget 2020/21, the Budget Discussion Report and the Summary and Key Features (*3 documents circulated*).

g. Precept 2020-21

To agree and resolve:

To agree and resolve the Precept for 2020-21.

h. Parish Remuneration Panel

To consider the Parish Remuneration Report 2020/21 and letter to Councils and consider adopting the expenses recommended (*circulated*).

11. Updates from Members

To receive any updates from Councillors on works in progress and meetings and events attended.

12. Bailey Lane – Update from Cumbria County Council

To note: Correspondence from Cumbria County Council regarding Proposed Diversion of Unrecorded Public Footpath Bailey Lane.

The CCC Development Control and Regulation Committee will meet at Kendal County Hall on the 22nd January 2020 for them to decide how to progress this case (*correspondence circulated*).

Further information: <http://councilportal.cumbria.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=124>

13. Recreation Ground

- a. To note that another section of railway-side fence was vandalised and that Horton Landscapes Ltd. were authorised to repair and reinforce the fence costing £195.00 plus VAT.
- b. To consider quote from Playdales to repair the I-Play costing £364.47 plus VAT (*circulated*).

14. Victoria Hall Maintenance

To consider quotes for roof repairs following tender process (*circulated*).

15. Next Meeting

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

Monday 10 February 2020 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm