

## 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 remotely, on Monday 11 January 2021 at 7 pm.

On 4 April 2020, the government brought The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 into force to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely without it being necessary for any of the participants or audience to be present together in the same room.

This new legislation allows councils to carry out their business lawfully whilst ensuring that the health and safety of officers, councillors and members of the public is protected in accordance with government advice.

This meeting of Grange-over-Sands Town Council will be held remotely, using the Zoom video conferencing system. This system is simple for all participants and members of the public to access.

Access links will be sent to all Councillors.

If you wish to take part in the next meeting as a member of the public, please contact the Town Clerk on [townclerk@grangeoversands.net](mailto:townclerk@grangeoversands.net) and register if you will be attending and if you would like to speak in the public participation section.

You will then be emailed meeting access details. You can also request to be added to the Agenda Distribution Group which receives the meeting papers each month.

*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 11 JANUARY 2021

### **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.

***Please ensure that you have registered your wish to speak prior to the meeting.***

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

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely on Monday 14 December 2020 as a true record.

***Physical signing will take place in due course.***

### **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 (*circulated*).
- 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. 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 South Lakeland District Council (SLDC).

Previous draft 2021/22 budgets considered by the Town Council (GTC) were calculated on the assumption that the Council Tax Base would remain at 2,138.24.

SLDC has now confirmed the Council Tax Base for 2021/22 is 2,140.13. This is a 1.89 increase in properties.

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

### **b. Street Lighting Charge**

#### **To note:**

SLDC have confirmed that the District Street Lighting Charge for 2021/22 will be £13,646.72. This a 15% increase from £11,915.11 in 2020/21. Last year, the charge increased by 11%.

This is the money that shows on residents' bills as part of the GTC Precept demand. However, it does not come to the Town Council. It is retained by the District Council.

**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 2021/22 will be £8,511.41.

This is a 10% decrease (£917.84) from £9,429.25 in 2020/21.

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 2020/21 this amount was £2,485.86.

For the new financial year 2021/22 it will be £5,135.31.

**d. How the SLDC Lighting Charge affects Council Tax bills for Grange Residents**

**To note:**

The fact that SLDC retains money that appears on Council Tax bills as raised by the Town Council has an effect on residents' bills.

This year, the amount raised, but not retained, by the Town will be £5,135.31.

The charge to each (Band D) household will be £2.40.

**This will show as a 3% increase from Grange Town Council even though it doesn't come to the Town Council.**

This number is calculated by dividing the amount that goes to the District Council (5,135.31) by 2,140.13 which is the number of households paying (Council Tax Base).

**e. Budget 2021-22**

**To consider:**

To consider the revised draft Budget 2021/22 and Summary and Key Features (*circulated*).

**f. Precept 2021-22**

**To agree and resolve:**

To agree and resolve the Precept for 2021-22.

### **g. Covid Local Restrictions Support Grants**

To note that the Town Council received a further three £1,334 support grants from SLDC in December 2020 due to November Covid-19 lockdown.

### **h. IT Support Annual Renewal**

To approve renewal with KTD for IT Support contract quoted at £2,019 noting that the annual fee this year is £93.25 lower than last year (*correspondence and quote circulated*).

## **10. Updates from Members**

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

## **11. SLDC Prom/Lido Refurbishment**

On 9 December 2020, SLDC invited Town Councillors to receive an update on progress towards the Lido and Prom works.

The meeting took place remotely; Cllrs Endors, Handley, Thomas, Howson, Bailey and Walmsley, District Cllr. Ashcroft and the Town Clerk attended.

The presentation from SLDC is circulated with this agenda.

The District Council has identified the following requirements and Grange Town Council is asked to consider a response to points (2) and (4).

### **SLDC Requirements**

- (1) To source additional funding so that an additional £850k contribution can be committed for the delivery of the Lido scheme.
- (2) Secure support from Grange Town Council for the revised scheme in order to move forward with next steps.
- (3) Continue to work with SGL, to see if any works can be scaled back and see where savings can be made and where work could be picked up in their scheme in the future if they are successful in meeting the 4 points set out by SLDC.
- (4) To explore the future of the Berners close site to see if Grange Town Council would support in disposal of this site if SGL were not successful in securing grant funding to take the site through to Phase 2 to offset the additional expenditure that the Council have made in the site. This would not be used to support SGL, simply to put money back into SLDC's Capital pot for future schemes.

## **12. I-Play on Prom**

At the previous meeting, it was noted that the I-Play is not working and the matting under it is damaged. A quote for repairs from the supplier of £8,170.01 (ex VAT) was not approved (C20/117).

To consider quote of £2,342.90 (ex VAT) for removal by Playdale Playgrounds Ltd (*circulated*).

## **13. Next Meeting**

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

**Monday 8 February 2021, 7pm**