

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely on Monday 14 December 2020 commencing at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. P. Endsor – **Chair**
Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Hathorn, Cllr. Bailey,
Cllr. Thomas, Cllr. Handley, Cllr. Howson, Cllr. Logan
Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance: County Cllr. Wearing
4 members of the public

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Apologies were received and approved from Cllr. Greenway who was on medical leave.

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Police Report

PCSO Debbie Ross sent apologies and the following written report:

Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police Website:

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<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Your-Area/Your-area.aspx> Alternatively use the following link: <https://www.police.uk/>

During the period from 11th November to 14th December 2020 there were 10 incidents of note in the Grange-over-Sands area. These are as follows:

3 crimes of theft reported – all low value

1 crime of assault recorded

1 public order offence recorded

2 concerns for welfare – both safe and well

1 incident of highway disruption

1 RTC involving 1 vehicle with minor injury resulting in 1 arrest for drink driving

1 possible breach of Covid regulations reported

The Ulverston Community Policing Team have been carrying out operations targeting illegal off-roading motorcyclists in the South Lakes area. It is an issue that has been reported by several local residents. We will carry on with this throughout the autumn but unfortunately due to the current Covid restrictions, we have difficulty working with volunteers as we have previously done.

District Council Report

District Councillors David Khan and Robin Ashcroft both sent apologies.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

1. Unitary Authority

Four suggested models for this have been submitted to central government. The County Council Scrutiny Committee Report on Local Government Reform looked at other councils and shows how power has devolved to parishes and local groups. Cllr. Wearing will send the report to Town Council for circulation.

2. Traffic

The Speed Indicator Device is now operating on Allithwaite Road and will be moved to three other locations. There have been delays in completing the scheduled road markings, but these should be resolved soon. The Windermere Road works were completed successfully and the resurfacing on Lindale Road is scheduled, then Allithwaite Road will be done. There will be temporary closures, but access kept for residents. No work is scheduled at weekends.

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3. Covid-19

Although London is in Tier 3, County Council Public Health indicates Cumbria will stay in Tier 2. DWP funding from central government has been received for vulnerable residents. Everyone is asked to be aware of others in the community and contact Karen Johnson at CCC if they know anyone who needs help.

Mayor's Report

There were no civic events due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

C20/106

Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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Resident 1

Made representation to members regarding:

1. Overgrown footpath behind the recycling bins at Berners. Who owns this and can the Town Council help?
2. Allithwaite Road Planning Application – endorsing residents' objections, emphasising that parking provision is inadequate.

The Chairman responded that SLDC owns the land, that the Town Council would report this, and also would ask the Lengthsman to look at it.

Resident 2

Made representation to members regarding Item 7 (d) Planning Application SL/2020/0802, speaking to object to the development on grounds of overlooking and loss of privacy; that screening vegetation cited in the application was removed by the applicant and that the proposed development would overlook children's bedrooms.

Resident 3

Made representation to members regarding Item 7 (j) Planning Applications SL/2018/0897 & SL/2018/0898, speaking on behalf of over fifty residents, to object to the applications.

Objections raised included: in Phase 1 there is no sustainable travel plan; better mobile and broadband is needed; nine fields are going to be lost, leaving just 250m as a green gap between Kents Bank and Grange; the resulting urban coalescence will detract from the tourist appeal of the area. In Phase 2, the land identified for care homes is inappropriate; a small, carefully designed, business park would be more appropriate and boost the local economy. This would be in line with the District's Core Strategy and the Neighbourhood Plan.

The drainage and sewerage provision for the site are inadequate.

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Residents want the town and surrounding area to remain attractive and continue to attract tourists.

C20/107 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 16 November 2020 were accepted as a true record and would be signed physically in due course.

C20/108 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 5

NOTED Cllr. Walmsley declared an interest in Item 7 (1 b), SL/2020/0762 Blawith Farm, Lindale as her husband is the main contractor.

Cllr. Bailey declared an interest in Item 7 (1 d), Planning, SL/2020/0802 Holm Bank, Fernleigh Road, as he is a neighbour and an interest in Item 7 e, Planning, SL/2020/0811 as he is professionally known to the applicant.

Cllr. Thomas declared an interest in SL/2019/0758 Age Concern as she is a neighbour.

C20/109 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item 6

RESOLVED That no items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

C20/110 Planning Report 7

1. Members considered the following full or outline planning permission/reserved matters/discharge of conditions/listed building/change of use/advertising consent or appeal:

- a. **SL/2020/0742** The Shieling, Eden Park Road
Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling, including raising roof level.
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this application on the following grounds:

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1. Out of Keeping with Surrounding Properties

The current property is a bungalow located between other bungalows. Currently all the buildings have the same height roof. A house would not be in keeping with the neighbouring properties.

2. Over-looking and Loss of Privacy

The higher development would cause an invasion of privacy into neighbouring properties and gardens.

3. Over-development

The proposed 4-bed house is disproportionately large for the size of the plot.

4. Unadopted Road Damage

Eden Park Road is unadopted and is maintained by the resident householders. The deliveries and heavy machinery needed to complete the proposed building works would cause damage.

b. **SL/2020/0762** Blawith Farm, Lindale Road

Conversion of barn for residential use, including septic tank
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

c. **SL/2020/0810** 1 The Crescent

First floor side extension
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

7.25pm Cllr. Bailey logged out of the meeting

d. **SL/2020/0802** Holm Bank, Fernleigh Road

Enlargement of upper ground floor windows and addition of balcony with glazed balustrade to rear elevation

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

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- e. **SL/2020/0811** Unit 7 Station Yard
Change of use from Sui Generis to Retail A1 opening a charity shop
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

7.30pm Cllr. Bailey re-joined the meeting

- f. **SL/2020/0861** Spring Bank Farm, Spring Bank Road
Retention of cement rendered wall panelling with York boarding to be applied and security doors (Resubmission SL/2020/0556)
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this application.

Councillors would be willing to attend a site visit.

The objection is on the following grounds:

1. **Building Use**
It is not clear what is the purpose of the proposed development.
2. **Inaccurate Plans**
An up-to-date floor plan needs to be provided.

- g. **CU/2020/0006** High Farm, Spring Bank Road
Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house COU of agric building
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this application on the following grounds:

This building, constructed of metal, is entirely unsuitable for conversion to a dwelling.

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Cllr. Thomas did not take part in the discussion, or vote, for the following item.

- h. **SL/2019/0758** Age Concern UK, Lindale Road
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of convenience store, petrol filling station including underground fuel storage tanks, works to the existing culvert and associated access, car parking and landscaping.

SLDC has received additional information for the above application for comment.

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

- i. **SL/2020/0862** Grange Boutique Hotel, Kents Bank Road
Application for non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission SL/2019/0672 (single storey side extension)
Non-Material Amendment

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

- j. **SL/2018/0897 & SL/2018/0898** Land south of Allithwaite Road, Kents Bank,
Erection of 92 dwellings and associated infrastructure (Phase 1) & Mixed-use development comprising extra care apartments and standalone dwellings (Use Class C3) (up to 90 units), and commercial space (Use Classes A1 (Shops) A3 (Restaurants and cafes), A5 (Hot food takeaways) and D1 (Non-residential institutions) (up to 495 sq. metres gross floorspace) – Phase 2.

The above applications to be reported to SLDC Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday 17th December 2020.

Members considered new material from SLDC in respect of viability reports for the above applications.

Members considered circulated documents: comments from Cllr. Greenway, correspondence from applicant and Statement of Community Involvement from applicant.

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council reiterates objection on the grounds made in previous responses.

Regarding the new material, the Town Council also objects on the following grounds:

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1. **Affordable Housing**

The Town Council is concerned about the lack of affordable family housing in the proposed plans.

2. **Travel**

A travel plan is needed for this application.

A site of this size should provide detail of how extra traffic would be managed.

While the roads may cope, cycling and walking will become less safe, particularly in the town centre.

- k. **SL/2020/0886** 43 Kirkhead Road
Extension and alterations to dwelling
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

2. **Decisions - Members noted that the following decisions had been made since the last Full Council meeting:**

- a. **SL/2020/0521** Former NatWest Application for a non-material Amendment – Grant
- b. **SL/2019/0917** Linksfield, Cartmel Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- c. **SL/2020/0084** Stonycroft, Rockland Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- d. **SL/2020/0622** Fish Over Chips, Highfield Nook, Kents Bank Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- e. **SL/2020/0678** Kentmere, The Crescent FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- f. **SL/2020/0681** 3 Graythwaite Court, Fernhill Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- g. **SL/2020/0683** Redundant land Opposite The Westerley The Espanade FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- h. **SL/2020/0688** Lynwood Windermere Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- i. **SL/2020/0738** Oaklands Allithwaite Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- j. **SL/2020/0530** Redesmere Kilmidyke Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- k. **SL/2020/0415** Highfield Cottage 25 Highfield Road FULL PLANNING Refuse

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3. Withdrawals - Members noted that the following withdrawals had been made since the last Full Council meeting:

- a. **SL/2020/0452** Beech Hill, 53 Carter Road FULL PLANNING Withdrawn
- b. **SL/2019/0556** High Spring Bank Farm Spring Bank Road FULL PLANNING Withdrawn
- c. **SL/2019/0677** Grange Boutique Hotel Kents Bank Road WITHDRAWN

C20/111 Finance - Monthly Payments

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a. Verification of Expenditure

NOTED

Usual wording: That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting prior to the council meeting and could verify their authenticity.

That the above did not take place due to Covid-19 National Restrictions. The Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) completed the verification.

b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

NOTED

Usual wording: That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

That the above did not take place due to Covid-19 National Restrictions. The Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) completed the verification.

c. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED

That the payments of the accounts and wages for this finance period as recorded in the payments list were approved as below.

d. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

RESOLVED

Not applicable due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

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e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs Walmsley and Logan would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period.

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Payments for Approval

December 2020

Accounts for Payment

£

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

238	Barclaycard - Transaction Fees 01/11-30/11/20		17.76
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Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1

£ 17.76

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

208	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card November 2020 - Monthly fee	3.00	
208a	Caterbox - Box for glassware	40.85	
208b	Display Sense - Kitchen chalkboard	34.98	78.83
209	SLDC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		574.00
210	SLDC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		154.00
211	SLDC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		87.00
212	SLDC - 3/6 Non Dom Rates Information Centre		102.00
217	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/10-31/10/20		102.62
218	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/10-31/10/20		13.55
219	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/10-31/10/20		25.55
220	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/10-31/10/20 (Recoverable)		7.70
226	Sage - Support 01/12-31/12/20		72.00
234	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/10-01/11/20		385.27
237	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/09-01/10/20		220.32
239	Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/01/21 Calls to 08/12/20		66.60

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

215	YPO - Stationery		18.49
216	SLDC - Water supply Prom PC - Sept 19 - Sept 20		198.00
222	Treble3 - Website management		14.40
223	Lengthsman - To 30/11/20		594.00
224	Catering Partnership - Additional kitchen shelves		727.57
225	Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman		175.00
227	Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/12-31/12/20		1,500.00
228	KTD - Photocopying 26/10-26/11/20		25.67
229	Treble3 - Website hosting 15/01/21-14/01/22		144.00
230	S Haines - Accu - Kitchen countersunk washers		11.70
231	D Birch & Sons - V Hall foyer area painting		2,580.00
232	JT Atkinson - Kitchen door weather board		10.34
233	G Porter & Son - V Hall main hall painting (labour only, materials donated)		3,420.00
235	CALC - Training course 03/12/20 - L Owen		15.00
236	SLDC - Premises Licence V Hall 2020-21		180.00
240	Grange over Sands First Responders - V Hall Defib battery		74.40

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 11,578.01

Total Accounts

£ 11,595.77

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Salaries, Redundancy, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)

Total Salaries & Redundancy	£ 14,016.66
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 8	£ 1,545.50
LG Pension Scheme Month 8 - Employer payment	£ 2,223.48

£ 17,785.64

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 29,363.65

Total all payments for approval

£ 29,381.41

Accounts paid in previous month - approved

Bank Account No. 1

Bank Account No. 2

Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

213 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/12/20 Calls to 06/11/20	66.85
214 ICO - Annual Data Protection fee to 16/11/21	35.00
221 XLN - Info Centre calls & line rental 01/12-31/12/20	46.85

Direct Bank Payments

177 Catering Partnership - Kitchen install & consumables (Approved C20/59)	5,310.00
Total Accounts paid in previous month	£ 5,458.70

Grand Total

£ 34,840.11

Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 30/11/20	175,731.58
Bank Account No. 2 As at 30/11/20	146,201.88

Transfers between bank accounts

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

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C20/112

Finance and Governance

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a. Internal Audit

Members considered the interim half-year Internal Audit report to 30 Sept 2020 following the Internal Audit on 5 November 2020. There were no recommendations. The Internal Auditor confirmed that the Council finances are operated in compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

RESOLVED

That the interim half-year Internal Audit report to 30 Sept 2020 following the Internal Audit on 5 November 2020 was approved.

b. Draft Budget and Precept

Members considered the draft Budget and Precept 2021/22.

c. Covid Local Restrictions Support Grant

Members noted that the Town Council received a £1,334 support grant from SLDC as the Victoria Hall was closed during November.

C20/113

Covid-19 Risk Management

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Members considered the following document which was reviewed following the change of restrictions on 2 December 2020 from lockdown to Tier 2 (High):

Risk Assessment – Re-opening the Victoria Hall for Public Use Post Covid-19 Closure.

RESOLVED

That the reviewed Risk Assessment – Re-opening the Victoria Hall for Public Use Post Covid-19 Closure was approved.

C20/114

Consultations

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SLDC Local Plan

SLDC have done an Audit of Services and Facilities. Grange is on page 17.

Members considered any amendments to the Audit.

Draft amendments were circulated for discussion.

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RESOLVED

That the amendments as circulated were approved for submission to SLDC, also including the following:

1. St John's Hearing Aid Centre added to 'Health Services'.
2. 'Bus Routes and Frequencies' amended to reflect current actual provision. Cllr. Thomas to confirm details.

C20/115

Updates from Members

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Updates from Councillors on works in progress and meetings and events attended:

Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership

Cllr. Thomas attended a meeting of the Partnership. The new timetable is now in place with all Manchester trains reinstated. All the new rolling stock has been delivered.

C20/116

SLDC Prom/Lido Refurbishment

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Members noted that SLDC invited Town Councillors to a meeting on 9 December 2020, to receive an update on progress towards the Lido and Prom works.

Cllrs. Endors, Walmsley, Handley, Thomas, Howson and Bailey attended.

Members received a report on the meeting from attendees as follows:

SLDC have asked GTC for a response to their revised plans. This will be on the agenda to resolve at the first meeting of the New Year.

C20/117

I-Play on Prom

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Members noted that the I-Play was not working and the matting under it was damaged and needs repair. A quote for repairs from the supplier has been sought.

Members considered quote for repair.

RESOLVED

That the quote to repair the I-Play of £8,170.01 (excluding VAT) from Playdale Playgrounds was unanimously not approved and removal and replacement would be considered in the New Year.

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C20/118

Fencing alongside Railway at Games Court in Prom

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Members noted that the fence alongside the railway is repeatedly vandalised and being repaired. A quote from the contractor who operates the site was requested, to install a stronger section of fencing.

Members considered quote for installation of stronger fence.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the quote of £1,435 (excluding VAT) from Horton Landscapes Ltd to install stronger fence was approved.
- (ii) That the Town Council publicises the vandalism problem, the cost of repairs and that young people are crossing the railway line.

C20/119

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Members noted that item C20/63 was amended at the request of a resident who made representation to members regarding objection to Planning Item 6 (a) SL/2020/0534, 6 Thornfield Road.

The amended submission (Resident 1) was on pages 050/051 of the minutes.

Members considered approving amendments to the approved September 2020 Extraordinary Meeting Minutes.

RESOLVED

That the amendments to the approved September 2020 Extraordinary Meeting Minutes were approved.

C20/120

Correspondence – Traffic Calming

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Members considered resident correspondence and that this matter was raised with the County Council.

On 2 December, County confirmed that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) smiley face unit was installed:

'It is a moveable SID, and we will arrange for it to move round the Town between Allithwaite Road, The Esplanade and near to Berridale Terrace. At the moment it has been installed on Allithwaite Road as a starting point.

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In terms of outstanding road markings, we have a couple of tickets with our contractor who has been hampered by self-isolation amongst his workforce. However, we are actively pursuing him for a works date so that we can give that to you.'

Councillors noted the response from the County Council and the further update that County Cllr. Bill Wearing gave in his report to the meeting (Item 2).

Cllr. Wearing confirmed that the SID would be in position until after Christmas and that it would be several weeks before it was moved. Town Councillors discussed that having the SID was a positive measure and that it will have to be in use in the town for some time before any changes in traffic speed become evident.

C20/121

Training

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Members noted that the Finance Administrator took part in the CALC remote training course 'Finance and End of Year' on Thursday 3rd December 2-3.30pm.

C20/122

Review of Services and Staffing due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

19

Members noted that, following the redundancy consultation process resolved at the 9 November meeting of the Town Council (C20/94), one post was made redundant.

C20/123

Next Meeting

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held remotely:

Monday 11 January 2021, 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.09pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council