

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**Chairman/Mayor:**

Cllr. Tricia Thomas

**Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:**

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

**Town Clerk:**

Mrs. C. Benbow



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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall,  
on Monday 10 January 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm.**

**Present:**

Cllr. T. Thomas – **Chair**

Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. Logan, Cllr. Handley, Cllr. Mason.

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

**In attendance:**

3 members of the public, District Councillor Fiona Hanlon, County Councillor Bill Wearing.

**Minute  
Ref:**

**Agenda No:**

**C21/145 Apologies for Absence**

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Apologies were received from Cllr. E. Walmsley and Cllr. Greenway for medical reasons and from Cllr. Bailey due to a family commitment.

**RESOLVED**

That apologies from Cllr. E. Walmsley and Cllr. Greenway for medical reasons, and from Cllr. Bailey due to a family commitment, were approved.

**District Council Report**

District Councillor Peter Endsor sent apologies.

District Councillor Fiona Hanlon reported:

1. **Storm Arwen** – the County Council debrief on Wednesday 12 January 2021 at 10am will now be held online.
2. **Street Naming Consultation** – this is still open, online on the District Council website.
3. **'Future Fixers'** is an SLDC initiative offering support to new businesses. More details are on the SLDC website.
4. **SLDC Staff** – there have been staff shortages. This has affected some public services such as recycling.
5. **Local Heritage App** – this is now live on the District Council website.
6. **Ornamental Gardens** – Cllr. Hanlon met SLDC officers about pigeon nuisance in the Gardens. SLDC have reduced the bird food for the ducks and will be consulting the Community about possible solutions to the pigeon nuisance.
7. **Paths** – Cllr. Hanlon is in discussion with SLDC officers about upgrading various path surfaces in the town.
8. **Storm damage** – Cllr. Hanlon organised getting the main path cleared in the Ornamental Gardens. However, it will be some time before all the tree debris can be removed as this will require a road closure.
9. **Local Government Reorganisation** – establishment of Unitary Authority is underway.
10. **Crime** – there was a spate of burglaries and vehicle damage in Grange at New Year. Cllr. Hanlon is exploring the possibility of installing CCTV and/or vehicle recognition cameras.
11. **Lido** – there has been some delay in work starting because of supply problems and staff shortages due to Covid.

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## County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

1. **Police** – Cllr. Wearing will see if he can get a Police Officer to attend the Town Council Meeting further to all the recent crime in Grange.
2. **Parking** – Cllr. Wearing has been addressing resident complaints about County Council parking wardens.
3. **Covid** – cautiously optimistic that the pandemic is coming to an end. Cllr. Wearing noted that while cases are high, hospitalisations are only a third of the same time last year.
4. **Highways - M6 Junction 36** – there will be overnight closures to the entrance and exit.
5. **Highways – Grit Bins** – if a grit bin needs filling, contact County Council Highways to tell them and keep Cllr. Wearing updated of any problems getting bins filled.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Tricia Thomas reported there had been no civic events.

## C21/147 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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### Resident 1

Made representation to members regarding:

1. **Crime** - clarifying that the burglaries at New Year occurred all over town.
2. **CCTV** – suggesting that residents get together to organise this, though it raises many issues, including data protection.

### Resident 2

Made representation to members regarding:

1. **Storm Damage** - Congratulating the County and District Councils for clearing the footpaths of trees which fell during Storm Arwen and querying how safe the remaining trees are.
2. **Library Car Park** – the County Council are proposing to install a barrier. The Town Council was asked to enquire what the reason is for the barrier and how it is proposed to work?



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- c. **SL/2021/1191** Age Concern UK Lindale Road  
Discharge of condition 22 (Demolition) attached to planning permission  
SL/2019/0758  
DISCHARGE CONDITIONS

**RESOLVED**  
**NO OBJECTION**

- d. **SL/2021/1194** 5 Oversands, The Esplanade  
Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness to establish that a material start of work  
has been carried out in respect of planning permission SL/2018/0862 (Single storey  
extension, two storey gable extension with juliette balcony and creation of a self-  
contained linked annex with balcony)

Lawful Dev Cert – Existing

**RESOLVED**  
**NO OBJECTION**

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

- a. SL/2021/0880 Westfield Kents Bank Road FULL PLANNING - Grant with Conditions.  
b. SL/2021/1006 Sycamore Down Kentsford Road Non-Material Amendment - Grant.

#### C21/152 Finance - Monthly Payments

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##### a. Verification of Expenditure

**NOTED** 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.

##### b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

**NOTED** That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

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### 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** That Cllrs Handley and Mason would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

### e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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## GRANGE-OVER-SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

### Payments for Approval

January 2022

#### Accounts for Payment

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#### Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

258 Public Works Loan Board - Prom PC's half year repayment 3,067.68

#### Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

#### **Total Bank Account No. 1**

**£ 3,067.68**

#### Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

259 Lloyds Bank Plc - Card December 2021 - Monthly fee 3.00

260 SLDC - 10/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall 574.00

261 SLDC - 10/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office 155.00

262 SLDC - 10/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4 87.00

263 Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/11-01/12/21 573.97

264 Sage - Support 01/01-31/01/22 86.40

#### Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

268 Lancasters - Wire & lightbulbs 14.00

269 Westmorland Fire & Security - Replace panel battery 118.14

270 KTD - 2 x laptops MS 365 annual fee 17/01/22-16/01/23 379.20

271 KTD - Photocopying 27/10-21/12/21 41.73 420.93

272 SLDC - Water supply Prom PC - April 2021 - Nov 2021 289.17

273 SLDC - Electricity recharge Ornamental Gdns PC 28/09-19/12/21 62.91

274 CM Signs - Change external signage 177.60

275 Lengthsman - To 31/12/21 286.00

276 Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/01-31/01/22 1,500.00

#### **Total Bank Account No. 2**

**£ 4,348.12**

#### **Total Accounts**

**£ 7,415.80**

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

<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>£ 5,522.00</b>
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 9	£ 1,762.79
LG Pension Scheme Month 9 - Employer payment	£ 2,061.72
	<b>£ 9,346.51</b>
<b>Total Bank Account No. 2</b>	<b>£ 13,694.63</b>
<b>Total all payments for approval</b>	<b>£ 16,762.31</b>

## 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

265	Waterplus - V Hall 22/08-11/12/21	323.84
266	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 23/08-12/12/21	166.05
267	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 26/08-15/12/21	241.32

## Direct Bank Payments

<b>Total Accounts paid in previous month</b>	<b>£ 731.21</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 17,493.52</b>
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## Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/12/21	186,155.91
Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/12/21	171,389.87

## Transfers between bank accounts

<u>Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float</u>	17.97
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Signed (Chairman) .....

Dated.....



**a. Council Tax Base**

Members noted that:

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 2022/23 budgets considered by the Town Council (GTC) were calculated on the assumption that the Council Tax Base would remain at 2,140.13.

SLDC has confirmed the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 is 2,170.88. This is a 30.75 increase in properties.

The draft Budget was amended to show this.

**b. Street Lighting Charge**

Members noted that:

SLDC have confirmed that the District Street Lighting Charge for 2022/23 will be £11,606.47.

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.

The calculations to show how the SLDC Lighting Charge affects Council Tax bills for Grange Residents can't be done until the Precept demand is agreed and formally resolved.

**c. Council Tax Grant**

Members noted that:

The Council Tax Grant is given by SLDC to supplement the Precept. SLDC have confirmed the Council Tax Grant for 2022/23 will be £8,238.80.

**d. Budget 2022-23**

Members considered the revised draft Budget 2022/23 and Summary and Key Features.

**RESOLVED**

That Budget B as presented in the draft Budget 2022/23 and the Budget Summary and Key Features was approved.

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### e. Precept 2022-23

Members considered the Precept for 2022/23.

#### RESOLVED

That the Precept for 2022/23 was approved as below, with no increase to household Council Tax bills, and that Cllrs. Thomas, Walmsley and the Town Clerk sign the South Lakeland District Council Precept Form.

Consequently, Council Tax bills this year should show 0.4% decrease for Grange Town Council. Without the SLDC Lighting Charges, it would be 2% decrease.

This means that a Band D household will pay 3 pence less per month.

A	Parish Purposes (General Spending) Before grant (Box E)	£191,518.20
B	Parish Elections	£ 0.00
C	Parish Council Footway Lighting costs paid by District Council	£ 0.00
D	<b>Total = A + B + C</b>	<b>£191,518.20</b>
E	Grant paid by SLDC	£ 8,238.80
F	<b>Total Amount for Parish Purposes (D+E)</b>	<b>£199,757</b>

### C21/154 Consultations

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Members considered participation by Councillors in appropriate consultations:  
*none received.*

### C21/155 Updates from Members

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Members received the following updates from Councillors on works in progress and meetings and events attended:  
*none received.*

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**C21/156 Storm Arwen – County Council Debrief Meeting 12**

Members noted that the County Council was holding the Storm Arwen Debrief on Wednesday 12 January 2022 10 -12. Cllr. Julie Mason was scheduled to attend to represent the Town Council.

**C21/157 South Lakes Housing – Yewbarrow Lodge 13**

Members noted that South Lakes Housing invited Grange Town Councillors to a meeting about the future of Yewbarrow Lodge, with District Councillors Endsor, Hanlon and Ashcroft.

This took place remotely on Wednesday 15 December 2021. Cllrs. Thomas, Walmsley, Bailey, Handley, Greenway and the Town Clerk attended.

South Lakes Housing plan to consult the community about the re-development during February/March 2022. Councillors suggested that they put information in 'Grange Now'.

**C21/158 Staffing 15**

- a. Members noted that recruitment for Hall and Services Manager was successful, and the new post holder will take up the role on 24 January 2022.
- b. Members noted draft minutes from Staffing Committee meeting held 30 December 2021 and considered recommendation that the Town Clerk be awarded one incremental point beyond current pay-scale from 1 February 2022.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Staffing Committee recommendation that the Town Clerk be awarded one incremental point beyond current pay-scale from 1 February 2022 was approved.

**C21/159 Part 2 6**

### **RESOLVED**

That the meeting move to Part 2 and the public and press asked to leave.

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**C21/160**

**Victoria Hall Maintenance**

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At the previous meeting, Members considered quote for building works to resolve damp wall in Chair Store, as on approved Maintenance Schedule, by reducing height of rear chimney.

It was resolved to request a quote to remove the whole chimney stack.

Members noted that Listed Building Consent would be required and considered revised quote to remove the whole chimney stack.

### **RESOLVED**

That the quote of an additional £250 was added to the original quote of £3,900.00 plus vat to remove the whole chimney stack was approved, pending successful Listed Building Consent application.

**C21/161**

**Next Meeting**

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

Monday 7 February 2022, 7pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

**Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council**