

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Peter Endorsor

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 9 March 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr. P. Endorsor – **Chair**

Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Hathorn, Cllr. Bailey,

Cllr. Thomas, Cllr. Handley, Cllr. Howson

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance:

6 members of the Public; 1 member of the Press

**Minute
Ref:****Agenda No:**

C19/168

Apologies for Absence

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Apologies were received and approved from Cllr. Greenway who was absent due to medical leave and Cllr. Logan who was absent due to illness.

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Reports

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Police Report

Sudden death 2

Thefts 1

Concerns for welfare 4

RTCs 2

Highway disruption 1

Alarm sounding 1

Anti-Social Behaviour 1

Suspicious incidents 3

Criminal damage 2

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Fraud and Forgery 1

Burglary Business Centre 1

Sexual offences 1

Pets/Domesticated animals 1

District Council Report

District Councillor Eric Morrell reported:

SLDC is committed to the 'light touch' refurbishment of the Lido as planning permission has been granted to make it an accessible public space with no pool at this stage. This and the refurbishment of the Prom will now go ahead; works are going out to tender and will most likely be synchronised.

The Community Interest Group has dissolved because they found it was impossible to create a business plan when the reinstatement of the pool was still a possibility. Businesses could not enter into discussion where there was no guaranteed lease tenure.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

1. **Unitary Authority** – this is being discussed; possibly there would be a Mayor and one or two authorities for Cumbria.
2. **Windermere Ferry** – has been refurbished and should be operational for the season.
3. **Coronavirus** – County Council will continue to share information by email.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Peter Endors reported a quiet month in terms of civic engagements.

C19/170 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say 3

Resident Made representation to members, as the landowner, regarding planning application SL/2019/0916, land north of Lyndene, speaking in favour of the application.

C19/171 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 February 2020 were accepted as a true record.

C19/172 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 5

NOTED Cllr. Bailey declared an interest in Item 8, Planning Correspondence, as he is professionally known to the landowner for SL/2019/0916.
Cllr. Handley declared an interest in Item 15 e, Victoria Hall Kitchen Project, as he is Chairman of the Victoria Hall Support Group.

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C19/173 **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.

C19/174 **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/2020/0094

12 Granby Road, GRANGE OVER SANDS LA11 7AU

Two storey extension

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

b. SL/2020/0113

High Sands, The Heads, GRANGE OVER SANDS LA11 7EE

Lawful Dev Cert - Proposed

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

c. SL/2020/0103

Grange Promenade GRANGE OVER SANDS LA11 7DH

Essential concrete repairs to the entire length of the sea defence wall. The proposal repairs include resurfacing the promenade with in situ sprayed concrete repairs to the upper edge "bull nose" and sea facing elevation of the sea wall. The addition of a lighting scheme will include the installation of 60 no. lighting columns, each a 5m in height. The lanterns will be operated by motion detector, reverting a dimmed (25% illumination state) when no pedestrians are present.

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

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d. SL/2020/0168

17 The Old Nurseries

Proposed single and two storey side extensions and internal alterations

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

e. SL/2018/0897

Land South of Allithwaite Road, Kents Bank

Erection of 92 dwellings and associated infrastructure

FULL PLANNING

Grange Town Council responded to this application in December 2018.

The Planning Department has informed that they now have the drawings for the application that GTC may wish to comment on.

Members noted:

Response resolved December 2018:

SL/2018/0897 Land south of Allithwaite Road, Kents Bank

Erection of 92 dwellings and associated infrastructure (Phase 1)

Holbeck Homes

Full Planning

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application as the following issues raised by statutory consultees need to be addressed:

1. Flooding

The lead Flood Authority has made recommendations. Grange Town Council feels strongly that this application should not be considered for approval by the District until these recommendations have been addressed and the questions raised have been resolved.

2. Archaeology

An archaeological survey is required so that any historic remains are taken care of and the experience at the Jack Hill development is not repeated.

3. Arboriculture

It has been suggested that the existing hedges and their soil are moved so ecological impact is reduced. A commitment is needed from the developer to do this.

Grange Town Council also queries the validity of the findings of the Traffic Assessment in that the figures used appear unrealistic. The numbers of vehicles appear to be very low in relation to the number of dwellings.

Grange Town Council requests that the following conditions are put in place:

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1. *Parking for construction traffic must be on the building site not along Allithwaite Road.*
2. *Cycle Paths appear on the plans to be too close to private houses – national guidelines need to be adhered to.*
3. *Speed restriction signs on Allithwaite Road should be illuminated.*

Members noted that:

- a. Their original objections still stood and would be taken into account as a decision had not yet been made;
- b. Both the Environment Agency and the County Council were now satisfied that development could go ahead from a drainage point of view;
- c. The main changes being presented were in terms of the new housing accessibility regulations DM11. The effect of these is that fewer houses are proposed – 87 instead of 92.

RESOLVED

That, having previously responded to object to the application in December 2018, no further response was made.

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

- a. SL/2020/1007 Lynwood Windermere Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- b. SL/2019/0999 The Cottage 50 Cart Lane LISTED BUILDING Listed Building – Grant with Conditions
- c. SL/2019/0992 17 The Old Nurseries FULL PLANNING Refuse
- d. SL/2019/0988 Private track off Lindale Road B5277 RETROSPECTIVE FULL – Grant
- e. PN/2020/0014 1 A Priory Crescent PN for Telecommunications PN TEL PA not required
- f. SL/2020/0037 Autumn Cottage, The Crescent FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- g. SL/2019/0803 Grange-over-Sands Lido FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- h. SL/2019/0804 Grange-over-Sands Lido LISTED BUILDING Grant with Conditions

C19/175 Planning Correspondence

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Members considered correspondence regarding planning applications SL/2018/0897 and SL/2019/0916 and the Green Gap between Kents Bank, Grange-over-Sands and Allithwaite.

RESOLVED

That, though the Town Council is not a designated consultee for this planning application, an objection to planning application SL/2019/0916 is raised on the grounds that:

- a. The proposed development infringes on the Green Gap between Allithwaite and Grange as detailed in the SLDC Local Plan.
- b. This is not a designated development site.

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C19/176 **Neighbourhood Plan** **9**

There was no progress report as Cllr. Greenway sent her apologies.

C19/177 **Finance - Monthly Payments** **10**

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.

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 Howson and Endsor would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

March 2020

Accounts for Payment

£

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1

£ -

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

359	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card March 2020 - Monthly fee	3.00	
359A	Currys PC World - Tall Fridge (VHSG donation)	209.99	212.99
361	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 27/11-26/02/20		206.04
372	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 02/01-01/02/20		754.16
374	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/08-31/10/19		38.82
375	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/11-31/01/20		25.63
376	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/11-31/01/20		141.07
377	Npower - Elec V Hall PC 01/11-31/01/20		771.46
381	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 22/11-20/02/20		173.68
382	Sage - Support 01/03-31/03/20		72.00

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

360	Lengthsman - To 29/02/20		484.00
362	KTD - Photocopying 23/12-10/02/20	151.27	
363	KTD - Photocopying 10/02-27/02/20	1.26	152.53
364	Westmorland Fire & Security - Replace processor card	662.46	
365	Westmorland Fire & Security - Fire Alarm maintenance	156.91	
366	Westmorland Fire & Security - Replace 20 detector batteries	560.64	1,380.01
367	PPL PRS Ltd - PRS Usage 06/10-05/01/20		166.69
368	Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for Lengthsman		132.00
369	Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/03-31/03/20		1,333.34
370	Audioworks Ltd - Epson projector		565.20
378	Shorrocks Trichem - Sterihand soap		7.22
379	Waterplus - Wastewater Room 6 & 7 01/08/18-03/02/19		73.22
380	Waterplus - Wastewater Room 6 & 7 04/02/19-31/03/19		21.93
383	Treble3 - Website updates		45.60
40TC	VHSG - Cinema Night - Mrs Lowry & Son ticket reimbursement		499.50
41TC	VHSG - Let's Party 60's Disco ticket reimbursement		225.00

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 7,482.09

Total Accounts

£ 7,482.09

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

Total Salaries	£ 6,546.60
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 11	£ 1,532.53
LG Pension Scheme Month 11 - Employer payment	£ 1,980.63
	£ 10,059.76

Total Bank Account No. 2 **£ 17,541.85**

Total all payments for approval **£ 17,541.85**

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

371 XLN - Info Centre calls & line rental 01/03-31/03/20 46.85

Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month **£ 46.85**

Grand Total **£ 17,588.70**

Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 170,376.81

Bank Account No. 2 86,274.01

Transfers between bank accounts

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish £70 float

45T 17/02/20 Transfer from Info Centre Cash to Petty Cash 16.99

Signed (Chairman)

Dated.....

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Finance and Governance

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Annual Authorisation of Payments

Members considered the annual review of payments made by variable direct debit and standing order and the use of BACS payments in compliance with Grange Town Council Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED

That the annual review of payments made by variable direct debit and standing order and the use of BACS payments in compliance with Grange Town Council Financial Regulations were approved.

C19/179

Updates from Members

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Members received the following updates from Councillors on works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

a. Cllr. Howson – GAP Well-being Group

The Group is instigating several projects, including the creation of a Directory of Local Groups and encouraging younger people to get involved in volunteering.

b. Cllr. Howson – Civic Society

The Annual AGM will be on 7 April at 7pm at the United Reform Church; the visiting speaker's topic will be recycling and re-using.

c. Cllr. Howson - Music in the Park Band Concerts

Preparation for the season is well underway, with only three sponsorships to fill now. If anyone knows any business or individual who may like to sponsor a band concert, please contact Cllr. Howson.

d. Cllr. Handley - South Lakeland Local Plan Review Stakeholder Launch - 6 March

80-90 people attended the event, where SLDC elicited information from the community about how the district has changed and what the Local Plan needs to reflect. The draft plan should be published in Autumn 2021.

e. Cllr. Hathorn – Goalposts at Yewtree Road Playing Field

The goalposts have been ordered by SLDC and will be funded from Cllr. Eric Morrell's Locality Budget.

f. Cllrs. Thomas and Handley – Victoria Hall Support Group

Cllr. Thomas announced that she was stepping down from being GTC Representative to the Group but would continue to be active in running events. Cllr. Handley thanked Cllr. Thomas for all her hard work and contribution and gave the following update:

The Group has been fundraising for the kitchen. After an appeal on the screen after Film Night, the Group received donations of £1,000 and £100.

On Sunday 20 September there will be a Heritage Open Day.

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C19/180 Training 13

Members noted that Cllr. Bailey attended Module 1 of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils course 'The Effective Councillor' in Kendal on 26 February 2020.

C19/181 Victoria Hall Maintenance 14

a. Roof

Members noted that Brackens Roofing will be commencing repairs as commissioned as soon as possible. Room 9 leaked in the recent storms; Brackens came and carried out emergency work.

b. Stage door

Members noted that this also leaked during the storms and is being repaired and modified.

C19/182 Victoria Hall Kitchen Project 15

Members noted that:

- a. The Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) is grant fundraising for the upgrade and refurbishment of the kitchen as resolved October 2019 (C19/95). Applications have been sent to: the Frieda Scott Trust, Cumbria Community Foundation and the Sir John Fisher Foundation.
- b. The Town Council has applied to the Lottery 'Awards for All' Communities Fund.
- c. The VHSG has received donations of £1,000 and £100 towards the project and these have been paid to the Town Council and ring-fenced.
- d. District Cllrs. Eric Morrell and David Khan have each granted £500 from their SLDC Locality Members Budget; Cllr. Robin Ashcroft has given £300.
- e. Members considered quotes for upgrading and refurbishing the kitchen. Three quotes were considered.

Cllr. Handley took part in the discussion in order to provide information but did not vote.

RESOLVED

That the quote of £19,160.40 from Catering Partnerships for the refurbishment of the kitchen was approved.

C19/184 Next Meeting 16

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

Monday 6 April 2020, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council