

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:
Cllr. Peter Endorsor

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:
Cllr. Ann Walmsley

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Mrs. C. Benbow



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 8 July 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

In attendance: 7 members of the public, 1 member of the press

| Minute Ref: | | Agenda No: |
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| C19/44 | Apologies for Absence | 1 |

There were no apologies received.

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| C19/45 | Reports | 2 |
| | Police Report | |

PCSO Howard Firth sent his apologies and the following written report:

CONCERN FOR WELFARE 7
THEFTS 2
MISSING PERSONS 1
BURGLARY NON DWELLING 1
ASSAULT 2
ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS 3
ROAD RELATED OFFENCES 3
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR 2
ALARMS SOUNDING 1
BURGLARY DWELLING 1

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District Council Report

District Councillor Eric Morrell reported:

Water Supply for the Promenade Gardens

A water supply is needed on the Prom for the gardens. SLDC need to include water provision in their plans for the refurbishment of the Promenade and find a sustainable and reasonable way to supply water for the gardens.

Cllr. Tricia Thomas asked Cllr. Morrell to follow up her query about cocks crowing near Windermere Road as residents have raised this with her.

District Councillor Robin Ashcroft sent his apologies.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

- i) **Item 11 – Traffic Regulation Consultations** - residents have requested these and made representation. A wider consultation will follow this stage.
- ii) **Public Health Annual Report** - now available on the County Council website.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Peter Endor reported that it had been a quiet month for civic duties and there was a busy month ahead.

C19/46 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say 3

Resident Made a representation to members with regard to:

1. Allotments – opining that some allotment holders are not keeping their allotments in good condition.
2. Recreation Ground - requesting clarification about what the Town Council considers constitutes a minor repair.

Resident Made a representation to members with regard to:

Item 11 Traffic Consultation – requesting that further waiting restrictions on Kents Bank Road are considered and observing that traffic restrictions need not just to be implemented but enforced.

Resident Made a representation to members with regard to:

Item 11 Traffic Consultation – requesting that no further restrictions are placed on Cragg Drive as these are not necessary; that the parking space outside the Victoria Hall is designated just for users of the Hall; that there appears to be no reason to extend the restrictions on Windermere Road.

C19/47 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 June 2019 were accepted as a true record.

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C19/48 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 5

NOTED

There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.

Cllr. Logan declared an interest in Planning Items 7a and 7b as she is an employee of the applicant.

Cllr. Greenway declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Item 7c as the site is on the road where she lives and, though she is not an immediate neighbour, she does know the landowner.

C19/49 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.

C19/50 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/2019/0432** Chancery House, Kents Bank Road LA11 7HD
Remodelling of the front apron to include a reinforced concrete retaining wall, new planting, and installation of new railings and siting of illuminated sign to be fixed to the new railings.
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council requests that:

1. Landscaping is included along the wall to screen the parked cars from view.
2. The drainage plans are amended so that surface water is properly disposed of and doesn't flood out onto the road. The current plans indicate that surface water would flow into the main sewer. This is not permitted.

- b. **SL/2019/0433** Chancery House, Kents Bank Road LA11 7HD
Siting of illuminated sign fixed to the new railings.
ADVERTISEMENT

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application as the sign is illuminated. This is inappropriate and out-of-keeping in a residential and Conservation Area. There is no objection to a non-illuminated sign in principle.

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- c. **SL/2019/0513** Land adjacent to High Beeches, Beech Road
Erection of dwelling

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

- i) Amenity for residents - the proposed development would provide very poor amenity for future residents in terms of light as there are only windows on one side of the house and it is bordered by two high stone walls. The garden would be completely over-looked.
- ii) Access – this is already constricted and is very poor to the proposed site. **Please note that the previous application on this site was refused on access.**
- iii) Drainage – the planning application is inadequate as it doesn't show how surface water drainage would be managed.

- d. **SL/2019/0517** 15 Graythwaite Court, Fernhill Road
Installation of replacement window frames
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

- e. **SL/2019/0509** Land opposite Westerley, The Esplanade
Erection of single storey dwelling with community allotments
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

- f. **SL/2019/0519** Pine Trees, Kilmidyke Drive
Alterations to vehicular access and balcony extension

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following requests:

- i) That root protection is put in place for trees where the drive is extended.
- ii) That the beech hedge on the boundary with number 33 is retained for privacy.

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- g. **SL/2019/0536** Springfield, Methven Road
Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new 2-bedroom residential units, each compliant with M4 (2) accessibility requirements
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following requests:

- i) That the guidelines regarding privacy are checked as it appears that the development would infringe on neighbours.
- ii) That down-scaling the development to reduce the number of houses to provide outdoor space for residents is considered.

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

- a. **SL/2019/0297** 74 Kentsford Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- b. **SL/2018/0454** High Farm Spring Bank Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- c. **SL/2019/0375** Heligan, Allithwaite Road Lawful Dev Cert – Proposed Grant
- d. **SL/2019/0334** Green Bay, 18 Graythwaite Court FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- e. **SL/2019/0340** Glenburn and Aberfoyle, Hampsfell Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions

3. Notice of Appeal – Members to note that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate) in relation to the following item:

- a. **PN/2019/0008** Spring Bank Farm, Spring Bank Road APPEAL DISMISSED

C19/51 Neighbourhood Plan

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Members noted a progress report on implementation of the Plan from Cllr. Greenway, who said it appeared the Plan was having some effect as residents had approached her regarding it and some planning applications have referenced it.

No progress to date on SLDC providing training.

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C19/52 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.

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 Thomas and Hathorn would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

July 2019

1 Accounts for Payment

£

NatWest - Direct Debit

| | |
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| 92 Public Works Loan Board - Prom Lido PC's half year repayment | 3,067.68 |
| 109 Barclaycard - Transaction Fees 01/06-30/06/19 | 37.76 |

NatWest - Cheque

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| 98 W Brayshaw - V Hall heating system appraisal | 480.00 |
| Total NatWest account | <u>£ 3,585.44</u> |

Unity Trust - Direct Debits

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| Lloyds Bank Plc - Card June 2019 - Monthly fee | 3.00 | |
| 50 B & Q - Replacement sack trolley for Bandstand | 41.00 | |
| 99 Metals4U - Hanging bar for new screen V Hall | 73.60 | |
| 102 Metroplan Ltd - Leaflet dispensers | 141.56 | |
| 103 My Charity Boxes - 2 x Donation Boxes | 61.17 | |
| 104 Choice Shops Ltd - 20 x Disabled toilet keys | <u>29.99</u> | 350.32 |
| 78 WaterPlus - Prom Lido PC 21/02-09/06/19 | | 109.80 |
| 83 Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 02/05-01/06/19 | | 329.78 |
| 84 SLDC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall | | 565.00 |
| 85 SLDC -4/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office | | 152.00 |
| 86 SLDC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates Information Centre | | 40.00 |
| 87 SLDC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4 | | 86.00 |
| 88 Npower - Elec Xmas Tree Lights 01/04-31/05/19 (Recoverable) | | 14.90 |
| 100 Sage - Support 01/07-31/07/19 | | 72.00 |
| 105 WaterPlus - Room 4 V Hall waste water 01/10/18-30/09/19 | | 145.00 |

Unity Trust - Direct Bank Payments

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| 73 YPO - Stationery | | 1.74 |
| 80 WPS Insurance Brokers - Insurance to 30/06/20 | | 3,280.89 |
| 81 PR Books Ltd - Information Centre stock | | 71.92 |
| 82 Lancasters - Various maintenance items | | 66.35 |
| 89 Duddon Hire - Toilet hire for bandstand 23/05-19/06/19 | | 192.00 |
| 90 Lamont Pridmore - Professional services 01/04-14/06/19 | | 1,128.00 |
| 91 Audioworks Ltd - New screen for V Hall (VHSG donation) | | 2,280.00 |
| 93 Lengthsman - To 30/06/19 | | 528.00 |
| 94 KTD - Domain services 01/08/19-31/07/20 | | 334.80 |
| 95 YPO - Cleaning materials | | 8.10 |
| 96 YPO - Stationery | | 44.57 |
| 97 KTD - Photocopying 24/05-28/06/19 | | 49.18 |
| 101 Treble3 Design Ltd - Stickers for toilet coin boxes | | 29.99 |
| 106/7 Offstone - Information Centre stock | | 17.55 |
| 108 J T Atkinson - Fixings for hanging bar for new screen V Hall | | 3.01 |
| 13TC VHSG - Cinema event - The Favourite ticket reimbursement | | 175.50 |
| 14TC Grange Drama - Hay Fever ticket reimbursement | | 1,292.40 |

Total Unity Trust account

£ 11,368.80

Total accounts

£ 14,954.24

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2 Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Unity Trust)

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| Total Salaries | £ 5,981.43 |
| HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 3 | £ 1,737.17 |
| LG Pension Scheme Month 3 - Employer payment | £ 2,013.99 |
| | £ 9,732.59 |
| Total Unity Trust account | £ 21,101.39 |
| Total all payments for approval | £ 24,686.83 |

3 Accounts paid in previous month - approved Unity Trust

Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved

Nat West

Direct Debits

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| 69 Barclaycard - Transaction fees 01/05-31/05/19 | 37.76 |
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Cheques

Unity Trust

Direct Debits

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| 70 WaterPlus - Orn Gdns PC 24/02-06/06/19 | 193.89 |
| 71 WaterPlus - V Hall 20/02-06/06/19 | 454.16 |
| 72 WaterPlus - Church Hill PC 21/02-06/06/19 | 185.89 |
| 75 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/07/19 Calls to 06/06/19 | 66.60 |
| 79 XLN - Info Centre calls & line rental 01/07-31/07/19 | 45.65 |

Direct Bank Payments

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| Total Accounts paid in previous month | £ 983.95 |
| Grand Total | £ 25,670.78 |

4 Bank Balances

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| NatWest Current Account | 139,496.77 |
| Unity Trust Bank | 130,224.96 |

5 Transfers between bank accounts

6 Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish £70 float

- Transfer from Info Centre Cash to Petty Cash

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| C19/53 | Correspondence: Proposed Allotment Land | 10 |
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Members noted correspondence from resident regarding proposed allotment land and considered response. The resident requested that the Council indicate if it is interested and invited Councillors to meet to discuss the idea.

RESOLVED

That Councillors would accept the invitation to meet the resident to discuss the proposed allotment land on Monday 15 July 2019 at 7pm at the Victoria Hall.

a. Cumbria County Council – Proposed Traffic Restrictions Main Street

Comments were invited (from the Council as Neighbour) regarding the proposal to replace the existing police parking bay with a parking bay for holders of disabled badges.

RESOLVED

That Grange Town Council supports this change of use and requests that use of the space is restricted to blue badge holders who are parking to use the Victoria Hall.

b. Cumbria County Council – Proposed Traffic Restrictions Grange-over-Sands

Comments were invited (from the Council as Statutory Consultee) regarding the proposal to implement various traffic restrictions in Grange-over-Sands:

- i) Cragg Drive – Proposed no waiting restrictions.
- ii) Kents Bank Road – Proposed no stopping restrictions.
- iii) Main Street – as Item 11 a.
- iv) Windermere Road – Proposed no waiting restrictions.

Members noted correspondence from Cragg Drive residents in support of the proposal to put double yellow lines all the way.

RESOLVED

That the following responses be made:

- i) Cragg Drive – Proposed no waiting restrictions:**
Residents are split on this issue and divergent representation has been made to the Town Council.
GTC therefore requests that the County Council undertakes a more thorough on-site consultation with residents to resolve this.
- ii) Kents Bank Road – Proposed no stopping restrictions:**
The Town Council supports this proposal and requests that all traffic restrictions are enforced.
- iii) Main Street – as Item 11 a:** Grange Town Council supports this change of use and requests that use of the space is restricted to blue badge holders who are parking to use the Victoria Hall.
- iv) Windermere Road – Proposed no waiting restrictions:**
It's not clear to the Town Council why these have been proposed.
GTC requests that the County Council provides clarification in the next round of consultation and explain why these restrictions are proposed.

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C19/55 SLDC Climate Change Conversation 12

Members noted a press release from SLDC and that the District has committed to address climate change issues and believes that local people have a crucial role to play. SLDC invites residents to have their say on how the District Council can continue to tackle climate change. There will be public meetings to explore ways of tackling climate change and biodiversity loss. The Grange meeting will be held in the Town Council Chamber on Tuesday 16 July at 7pm. All are welcome.

C19/56 South Lakeland District Council Tree Planting Scheme 13

Members noted correspondence from the SLDC Arboriculturist and considered a response.

RESOLVED

- i) That the letter is circulated to Grange Now and Community Groups:
Prom Gardeners, Rockland Road Community Group, Civic Society, Bloom Group, Soroptimists and 3Ps.
- ii) That Cllr. Walmsley would share the letter with St Charles Church.
- iii) That the following sites would be discussed with the Arboriculturist as possibly suitable for the scheme: the Merlewood field, the I-Play field, the area beside Church Hill Public Lavatories and Coxes Corner.

C19/57 Updates from Members 14

- a. **Cllr. Greenway – Southern Boundary Partnership** ‘Community Conversation’ was held 1 July 2019, there was good attendance and various responses. A copy of the responses and maps will be available to view at the Town Council Office. Cllr. Bailey queried the wording on the website of Friends of the Lake District which states that the proposals have the backing of Parish Councils. It was agreed that he would look into this and propose a change in the wording.
- b. **Cllr. Thomas – Victoria Hall Support Group**
The group has donated £4,000 to GTC for maintenance of the Victoria Hall and has successfully fundraised, being awarded a £1,000 grant from the Duchy of Lancaster towards the hall floor surface renewal. This will take a week and is scheduled for August this year.
The VHSG AGM is 7pm on Thursday 11 July at the Victoria Hall.
- c. **Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership**
The group continues to pressure Northern to run a better service. New timetables and rolling stock notwithstanding, delays and cancellations continue.
- d. **Cllr. Endsor - Lido Loo**
The service door is damaged beyond repair - quotes to replace this are being sought. A water meter is being fitted so we can transfer the water supply back to SLDC.

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e. **Cllr. Endsor - Ornamental Gardens Loo**

Following the recent thefts and vandalism, we have changed our cash collection practice and are now emptying every day – notices saying this have been put up. We are getting quotes for contactless.

f. **Cllr. Endsor - Grange Fell Allotment**

The fence is damaged – repair quotes are being sought.

g. **Cllr. Endsor - Bandstand**

The sack trolley was stolen - we have bought a new one.

h. **Cllr. Endsor - Victoria Hall leaflets**

Leaflet dispensers have been installed in the foyer and donation boxes are on their way.

C19/58

Victoria Hall

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Maintenance Programme

Members noted that the report exploring possibilities for the heating system has now been received, to be discussed at the next meeting of the Victoria Hall Working Party.

C19/59

Next Meeting

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NOTED

That the next Full Council Meeting would be held:

Monday 12 August 2019, 7.00pm, Council Chamber, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair of Grange-over-Sands Town Council