

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Tricia Thomas

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 10 October 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm.**

Present:

Cllr. T. Thomas – **Chair**

Cllr. J. Greenway, Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. S. Bailey,

Cllr. R. Handley, Cllr. E. Walmsley, Cllr. J. Mason.

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance:

5 members of the public, District Councillors Fiona Hanlon and Robin Ashcroft, County Councillor Bill Wearing.

Northwest Ambulance Service - Relocation of Ambulance Station

Sector Manager Mr Rick Shaw gave an update on the relocation of the ambulance service which is vacating the current site on Kents Bank Road. A new location has been identified, and residents are assured that the service will remain in Grange. Mr Shaw offered to attend meetings and keep the community updated.

**Minute
Ref:**

Agenda No:

C22/81

Apologies for Absence

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RESOLVED

That apologies from Cllr. Logan due to other commitments were approved.

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C22/82

Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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- Resident 1** Made representation to members regarding Item 13, Recreation Ground, asking the Town Council to consider deferring the decision to contract-out the operation of the service.
- Council Response** The Chairman responded that the Council made the decision in 2016 to contract-out the operation of the service, and this was reiterated in August this year.
- Resident 2** Made representation to members regarding Item 7, Planning, speaking in support of application SL/2022/0839, as the proposal includes off-street parking which will improve access in the area for emergency services.
- Resident 3** Made representation to members regarding Item 16, Bailey Lane Level Crossing Inquiry, which he attended. The Inspector concluded that the crossing should be re-opened. The Town Council were asked to put pressure on Network Rail to ensure this happens.

C22/83

Reports

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District Council Report

District Councillor Peter Endsor sent his apologies.

District Councillor Robin Ashcroft reported:

1. **Lido Refurbishment** – the District Council are meeting on 1 November 2022 to consider options. More information will be made available after that meeting.
2. **Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council** – work to establish the new Authority continues.

District Council Report

District Councillor Fiona Hanlon reported:

1. **Planning** – the Planning Department is creating a new map; the Town Council will receive a copy.
2. **Community Resilience** - Cllr. Hanlon has information about grants.
3. **Cost-of Living Warm Spaces** - a website will show where the warm spaces will be.

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4. **Kents Bank Station** – Cllr. Hanlon congratulated the Friends of Kents Bank Station and Foreshore for their Community Rail Award. Network Rail have apologised to the Group about the new fence and are arranging to meet them.
5. **Planning Application SL/2022/0820 Humphrey Head Centre** – the Town Council were encouraged to object to this application.
6. **Yewbarrow House and Gardens** – there appears to be no progress on the future of the disused property. Cllr. Hanlon is seeking an update.
7. **Sewage** – Cllr. Hanlon attended a meeting at Low Holker about sewage discharge into rivers and along the coastline, reporting that Kirk Head treatment works discharges sewage into the Bay when under pressure.
8. **Furness General Hospital** – following up a request from a resident, Cllr. Hanlon has asked that a bus shelter is installed at the X6 stop outside the hospital.
9. **Ambulance Service** – Cllr. Hanlon thanked Sector Manager Mr Rick Shaw for all his work towards the relocation of the service.
10. **Colonial Porritt's Grave** – this will be reinstated and maintained.
11. **Buses** – the Blueworks Bus Company have asked for suggestions from local councils and residents for routes into Grange and Cartmel that they could add, to extend their current services and help residents use public transport. Cllr. Hanlon asked the Councillors if they have, or could, provide suggestions.
12. **Investment Zones** - SLDC Leader Jonathan Brook appeared on Sky News discussing concerns about the environmental impact of Investment Zones.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

1. **Ambulance Service** – Cllr. Wearing thanked Cllr. Hanlon for her involvement and work towards re-locating the ambulance service.
2. **Cost-of-Living Crisis** – the Scrutiny Committee is looking at how to provide extra food for children.
3. **Health** - Lancashire and South Cumbria Healthcare are conducting a survey. Cllr. Wearing will forward details to the Town Council. Eligible residents were encouraged to get their Covid vaccinations.
4. **Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority** – the Shadow Cabinet is looking at budgets. Information Technology and Library Services will be kept together, not split, and these will be led by Cumberland Unitary Authority.

Shadow Unitary Council Report

Shadow Unitary Councillor Sue Sanderson sent apologies.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Tricia Thomas reported:

You may all be aware that I was in Australia when the Queen died. I would like to thank our Hall and Services Manager and Finance Administrator for looking after everything here and ensuring that all the protocols were followed. The Town Clerk was also away. There were two books of condolence, one at the Victoria Hall and one taken to the care homes by Cllr. Ann Walmsley.

The books of condolence have been archived, and I will be contacting the Palace, following the protocol, to inform the King.

I would also like to thank Cllr. Ann Walmsley for stepping in to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council, and Cllr. Claire Logan for attending the 'Churches Together' service on behalf of the Town Council on 18 September 2022.

C22/84	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	4
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RESOLVED	That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8 August 2022 were accepted as a true record.
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C22/85	Declarations of Interests and Dispensations	5
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NOTED	Cllrs. A. and E. Walmsley declared interests in Item 7 (f) Planning Application SLDC/2022/0855 as their family business is involved.
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C22/86	Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item	6
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RESOLVED	That item 20, Staff Matters, should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2 as it involves individual staff.
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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/2022/0781 Age Concern UK, Lindale Road
Discharge of condition 11 (Surface water drainage) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0758
DISCHARGE CONDITIONS

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following request:

Water from scheme flows into the pond in the Ornamental Gardens.

The Town Council is concerned about the effects of this on the environment in terms of volume and quality of water. The Council requests that these are monitored for the first year after the scheme has been completed.

- b. SL/2022/0464 3 Kilmidyke Drive
Replacement of existing front conservatory with single story extension
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council has no objection but makes the following comment:

It appears that the inside of the building is being adapted but it is still not accessible from the outside. Are the applicants considering providing access from outside?

- c. SL/2022/0824 Garden east of Westwinds, Allithwaite Road
Construction of new dwelling with creation of a new vehicular access
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

1. **Over-development** - the proposed development appears to be too big for the site and too close to the boundaries.
 2. **Biodiversity** - mature trees have already been removed from the site. Proportionate mitigation is needed to replace these. There is no evidence of this in the application.
- d. SL/2022/0839 New Cottage, Charney Well Lane
Single storey side extension, access deck to first floor & off-road parking bay
FULL PLANNING

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RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- e. SL/2022/0844 8 Abbotsford House, 4 Kentsford Road
Replace existing single glazed wooden sash windows with UPVC double glazed sash windows & installation of an additional Velux window
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- f. SL/2022/0855 Harwood, Kilmidyke Road
External works to raise ground levels to match existing parking level and new wall (Retrospective)
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- g. SL/2022/0831 Footpath Off Berners Close Carpark Near to Railway Crossing
Notice board - 1 Metre by 0.7 Metres
South Lakeland District Council
ADVERTISEMENT

RESOLVED
No comment was made as no information was available on the SLDC website.

- h. SL/2022/0871 53A Brocks Brae Carter Road
Discharge of condition 3 (external materials), 4 (external materials) attached to planning application SL/2018/0781
DISCHARGE CONDITIONS

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- i. SL/2022/0862 The Shieling, Eden Park Road
Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness to establish that a material start of work has been carried out in respect of planning permission 5891891 (Dwelling with garage)
LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

RESOLVED
OBJECTION

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

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1. **Viability of Application** – the Town Council questions the viability of the application after such a long delay since the plans were originally approved, and also queries viability considering the overlapping plans currently in place for The Sheiling.
2. **Incomplete Application** – there is a lack of clarity in the application as the site is also quoted as Charney Road.

- j. SL/2022/0896 Guides Farm Cart Lane
Refurbishment of house to include:- - reconfiguration of plan - re-roofing and installation of rooflights – re-plumbing - replacement of floors and wall finishes – re-wiring - excavation of external ground level - alterations, repair and replacement to windows and doors – re-rendering.
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

No comment was made as no information was available on the SLDC website.

- k. SL/2022/0897 Guides Farm Cart Lane
Refurbishment of house to include:- - reconfiguration of plan - re-roofing and installation of rooflights – re-plumbing - replacement of floors and wall finishes – re-wiring - excavation of external ground level - alterations, repair and replacement to windows and doors – re-rendering.
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

RESOLVED

No comment was made as no information was available on the SLDC website.

- l. To consider responding to the following application, which is in Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish. Grange Town Council is not a formal consultee for this application but can respond as a neighbouring parish.

SL/2022/0820 Humphrey Head Centre for Outdoor Education, Holy Well Lane, Flookburgh

Change of Use of former Outdoor Education Centre to caravan site for 18 twin unit lodges of timber appearance with associated operational development following relinquishment of occupational tenure.

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application as it contravenes Planning Policy CS7.6 on the following grounds:

1. **Environmental Impact**
Change of use for the site to a holiday park could have a detrimental effect on the adjacent Nature Reserve. There are no leisure facilities or recreational space

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in the plans. This means there is the risk that the Nature Reserve could be damaged if it is treated as recreational area.

2. **Infrastructure – water**

The proposed holiday park would have a higher demand for water than the existing outdoor education centre.

This would put more pressure on a water supply system that already has to be regularly augmented by United Utilities tankers during dry spells.

3. **Infrastructure – wastewater and sewage**

Increased wastewater will put pressure on a system that is already compromised. The current situation is that the nearby sewage works are already operating beyond capacity, discharging sewage into Morecambe Bay following heavy rainfall.

4. **Infrastructure – Roads and Traffic**

The site has poor road access, with an unmanned level crossing, and is therefore inadequate to the increased amount of traffic that would be generated by this development. There is local concern about increased traffic.

5. **Sustainability and Biodiversity**

There appear to be no sustainable features in the proposed plans, such as solar panels. There is no assessment of impact on biodiversity or mitigation plans to replace lost habitat.

6. **Impact on Wider Area**

This landscape was assessed, in 2019, as suitable to be included in the Lake District National Park. The proposed development would be out of keeping with the landscape.

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

- a. SL/2022/0505 Linksfield Cartmel Road Full Planning Grant with Conditions
- b. SL/2022/0576 5 Abbotsford House, 4 Kentsford Road Full Planning Grant with Conditions
- c. SL/2022/0537 The Shieling Eden Park Road Discharge Conditions Partial disc of Cond
- d. SL/2022/0526 Harwood Kilmidyke Road Full Planning Grant with Conditions
- e. SL/2022/0047 Abbington 22 Fell Drive Full Planning Withdrawn
- f. SL/2022/0642 2 Abbotsford House 4 Kentsford Road Full Planning Grant with Conditions
- g. SL/2022/0643 3 Abbotsford House 4 Kentsford Road Full Planning Grant with Conditions
- h. SL/2022/0701 Monton 10 Cart Lane Discharge Conditions Partial disc of Conditions
- i. SL/2022/0658 49 Priory Lane Full Planning Grant with Conditions

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3. Planning Correspondence

Friends of Kents Bank Station and Foreshore

Members considered correspondence from the Group Co-ordinator of Friends of Kents Bank Station and Foreshore regarding work that Network Rail is doing at Kents Bank station that the Group feel is inappropriate for the Grange-over-Sands Conservation area.

Members noted that Network Rail have now responded to the Friends of Kents Bank Station and Foreshore and are arranging to meet the Group to discuss the matter.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council write to Network Rail, to reiterate the concerns of the Friends of Kents Bank Station and Foreshore regarding the new fence at the station, and to request that the meeting between the two bodies is arranged as a priority.

b. Planning - Local Plan Review

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Members noted correspondence from SLDC about the Local Plan Review Newsletter and that residents now have the opportunity to comment on the Local Plan.

C22/88 Finance - Monthly Payments

8

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.

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d. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs. Bailey and Thomas would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

September 2022

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

132	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card August 2022 - Monthly fee	3.00
133	SLDC - 6/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall	574.00
134	SLDC - 6/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office	155.00
135	SLDC - 6/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4	87.00
136	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/07-31/07/22	308.11
137	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/07-31/07/22	40.73
138	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/07-31/07/22	38.85
139	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/06-30/06/22 (Recoverable)	9.32
140	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/07-31/07/22 (Recoverable)	9.63
141	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/07-01/08/22	138.74
142	Sage - Support 01/09-30/09/22	86.40
143	Waterplus - V Hall 17/06-28/08/22	328.67

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

148	Lancasters - Jugs, key fobs, keys & padlock	25.85
149	Duddon Hire - Portalo hire Park Gdns 04/07-31/07/22	216.00
150	A Thould - V Hall external window cleaning	45.00
151	YPO - Stationery	33.98
152	YPO - Cleaning materials	35.50
153	SLDC - Water supply Prom PC - Dec 2021 - Jan 22	81.31
154	Treble 3 - Safety stickers for street workout equipment	53.00
155	Grange Now - Advert for Tender	122.36
156	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/09-30/09/22	1,500.00
157	PKF Littlejohn LLP - External audit fee Y/end 31/03/22	720.00
158	KTD - Photocopying 29/07-30/08/22	70.13
159	Lengthsman - To 31/08/22	671.00
160	SLDC - Annual rent Yewbarrow allotments	217.00
161	SLDC - Electricity recharge Ornamental Gdns PC 02/06/22-05/09/22	60.85
162	Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman	200.00
163	Morecambe Band - Bandstand concert 07/08/22	100.00
164	South Cumbria Brass Band - Bandstand concert 14/08/22	100.00
165	Dalton Town Band - Bandstand concert 21/08/22	100.00
166	Flookburgh Band - Bandstand concert 28/08/22	100.00
167	Burnside Band - Bandstand concert 04/09/22	100.00
168	Promart CIC - Bye Bye Baby Jersey Boys (TS10) - Ticket reimbursement	996.10
169	Action for Wellbeing - Crazy Little Thing (TS11) - Ticket reimbursement	2,783.58
170	The Flower Shop - Wreath	50.00
171	A Hunter - Civic expenses - Safety pins, black ribbon & roses	39.86

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 10,200.97

Total Accounts

£ 10,200.97

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

Total Salaries	£ 5,794.70
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 5	1,844.60
LG Pension Scheme Month 5 - Employer payment	2,076.14
	£ 9,715.44
Total Bank Account No. 2	£ 19,916.41
Total all payments for approval	£ 19,916.41

Accounts paid in previous month

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

144	Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/09/22 Calls to 08/08/22	39.60
145	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/07-07/08/22	49.28
146	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/07-07/08/22	63.69

Direct Bank Payments (Not yet approved)

147	Bracken's - Remove chair store chimney stack (approved C21/160)	4,680.00
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Total Accounts paid in previous month **£ 4,832.57**

Grand Total **£ 24,748.98**

Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/08/22	187,960.16
Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/08/22	107,541.21

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

Signed (Chairman)

Dated.....

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Payments for Approval

October 2022

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

175	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Sept 2022 - Monthly fee	3.00
176	SLDC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall	574.00
177	SLDC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office	155.00
178	SLDC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4	87.00
179	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/08-31/08/22	411.50
180	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/08-31/08/22	43.81
181	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/08-31/08/22	41.80
182	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/08-31/08/22 (Recoverable)	9.72
183	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/08-01/09/22	137.58
184	Sage - Support 01/10-31/10/22	86.40
185	Waterplus - V Hall 28/08-28/09/22	109.59

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

186	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/10-31/10/22	1,500.00
187	Duddon Hire - Portaloo hire Park Gdns 01/08-28/08/22	216.00
188	Lancasters - Paint, batteries, washers, felt pads	31.00
189	Westmorland Fire & Security - Fire alarm call out & new battery	200.76
190	Westmorland Fire & Security - Intruder alarm service	152.14
191	KTD - Photocopier - Kyocera Taskalfa 3554Cl (approved C22/36d)	4,762.80
192	KTD - Anti-virus software & support 01/11/22-31/10/23	475.20
193	KTD - Photocopying 30/08-30/09/22	8.44
194	The Flower Shop - Flowers	50.00
195	J Davenport - Int. office, ground floor ext. windows & bus shelter cleaned	34.00
196	Lengthsman - To 30/09/22	363.00
197	CM Signs - Supply & install sign for street workout equipment	619.20
198	WB Electrical - Remove bandstand speakers and return to V Hall	50.00
199	WB Electrical - Supply & fit solar panel sensor light & 2 sockets in bar area	208.95
200	WB Electrical - Supply & fit LED light bars to bar area and mixing deck area	379.50
201	Brayshaw Heating - Service gas boilers	216.00

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 10,926.39

Total Accounts

£ 10,926.39

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

Total Salaries	£ 6,235.64
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 6	1,750.85
LG Pension Scheme Month 6 - Employer payment	2,035.60
	£ 10,022.09
Total Bank Account No. 2	£ 20,948.48
Total all payments for approval	£ 20,948.48

Accounts paid in previous month

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

172 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/10/22 Calls to 08/09/22	39.77
173 Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/08-07/09/22	49.28
174 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/08-07/09/22	63.69

Direct Bank Payments (Not yet approved)

Total Accounts paid in previous month	£ 152.74
Grand Total	£ 21,101.22

Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 30/09/22	188,808.75
Bank Account No. 2 As at 30/09/22	189,328.08

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

Signed (Chairman)

Dated.....

a. **Audit year ended 31 March 2022 – Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**

Members considered that the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2022 had been completed and the external auditor had no matters arising.

RESOLVED

That the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2022 was accepted and approved.

b. **Risk Assessments – Operational**

Members noted the Risk Assessment Record and considered the following Risk Assessments which were reviewed as part of the annual review schedule:

- 1) Victoria Hall – Fire
- 2) Victoria Hall – Operations
- 3) Council Offices
- 4) Recreation Ground
- 5) Band Concerts
- 6) Allotments
- 7) Public Conveniences
- 8) Cycle Racks

Members noted that since the Fire Risk Assessment was reviewed on 4 August 2022, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Authority were consulted about the evacuation procedure for the Hall. A Fire Protection Advisor visited on 23 August 2022 and recommended that an independent advisor was appointed to update the current risk assessment. This is in progress.

c. **Risk Assessments**

Members considered the report for Finance and Governance Risk Assessments and the Risk Assessments for:

- 1) Finance
- 2) Governance
- 3) Website and IT
- 4) Business Continuity

RESOLVED

That the report for Finance and Governance Risk Assessments and the Risk Assessments for Finance, Governance, Website and IT and Business Continuity were approved.

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d. **Internal Audit Plan**

Members considered the Internal Audit Plan for financial year 2022-23.

RESOLVED

That the Internal Audit Plan for financial year 2022-23 was approved.

e. **Internal Auditor**

Members considered report into appointing Internal Auditor for financial year 2022-23.

RESOLVED

That the appointment of Mrs Jean Airey as Internal Auditor for financial year 2022-23 was approved.

f. **Civility and Respect Pledge**

Members noted that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), and One Voice Wales (OVW), have initiated this scheme to encourage good behaviour and a culture change for the local council sector. For more information: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project>
Grange Town Council considered committing to this initiative and signing the Civility and Respect Pledge.

RESOLVED

That Grange Town Council would commit to this initiative and sign the Civility and Respect Pledge.

g. **Bank Signatories**

Members considered approving Cllrs. Roger Handley, Julie Mason, and Emma Walmsley as authorised signatories for the Council's bank account.

RESOLVED

That Cllrs. Roger Handley, Julie Mason, and Emma Walmsley were approved as authorised signatories for the Council's bank account.

h. **Casual Vacancy**

Members noted that there is still a casual vacancy on the Town Council due to the resignation of Tracy Hathorn in August 2021. This continues to be advertised; anyone interested is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk

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

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C22/91

Updates from Members

11

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

a. **Cllr. A. Walmsley – Ornamental Ducks**

An anonymous donor has put several new ornamental ducks on the pond. The District Council no longer feed the ducks. Cllr. A. Walmsley feeds them daily, buying the food with donated funds.

C22/92

Victoria Hall

12

a. **Cost-of-Living Working Party**

Members considered appointing a Working Party to investigate energy-saving measures for the Victoria Hall, as referenced item 9 on this agenda, Finance Risk Assessment (page 4).

RESOLVED

That Cllrs. Thomas, Handley, Bailey, and Greenway were appointed to a Working Party to investigate energy-saving measures for the Victoria Hall and make recommendations to Full Council.

b. **Staff Recruitment**

Members noted that interviews took place on 24 August 2022 and three casual Front-of-House staff were appointed.

C22/93

Recreation Ground Tender

13

Members noted that the tender for the Exchange of Services Contract to operate and maintain the Recreation Ground was advertised.

A Working Party, as resolved at the previous meeting, met to open tenders on Wednesday 28 September, 7pm. Cllrs. A. Walmsley, E. Walmsley and Handley and the Town Clerk attended. One tender was received.

Members considered the Working Party recommendation that the tender from Horton Leisure Management to operate and maintain the Recreation Ground, for a 2-year contract term, is accepted.

RESOLVED

That the tender from Horton Leisure Management to operate and maintain the Recreation Ground, for a 2-year contract term, from 1 November 2022, is accepted.

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C22/94 SLDC Updates – Promenade and Lido Refurbishment and Prom Playground 14

Members noted that SLDC officers will attend the next Town Council meeting, on 14 November 2022, to give an update. This will take place at the start of the meeting at 7pm.

C22/95 Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority 15

Members noted that Westmorland and Furness Council Leader, Sam Plum, and Chief Executive, Jonathan Brook, have agreed to give Parish and Town Councils in Westmorland and Furness a virtual update on Local Government Reform on 16 November 2022 at 7pm.

C22/96 Bailey Lane Level Crossing Closure Appeal 16

Members noted the Inspector's report following the appeal hearing in November 2021, and that the Inspector refused to confirm the closure order.

Members further noted that a six-month extension of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order has been granted.

C22/97 Tim Farron MP – Levelling-Up Bill 17

Members noted correspondence received from Tim Farron MP, on 23 September 2022, about the Levelling Up Bill.

C22/98 Allotments – Golf Balls 18

Members noted an update from Cllr. Mason, about golf balls coming over the road from the Golf Club, following the Golf Club Committee meeting on 15 August 2022.

Cllr. Mason reported that the fence at the Golf Club has been repaired and this should stop balls coming over. There were still no notices on holes 1 and 9. She will follow this up.

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C22/99 **Cumbria Tourism Membership** **19**

Members considered annual renewal of the Town Council's membership of Cumbria Tourism cost £327.60 (including VAT).

RESOLVED

That the Town Council's membership of Cumbria Tourism cost £327.60 (including VAT) was not renewed.

C22/100 **Part 2** **6**

RESOLVED

To move to Part 2 and exclude the public and press.

C22/101 **Staff Matters** **20**

Members considered recommendations from Staffing Committee with regard to staff salaries.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations put forward by the Staffing Committee with regard to salaries were approved and 1 (one) Spinal Column Point on the National Scale was awarded to the following posts: Finance Administrator, Hall and Services Manager and Hall Cleaner.

C22/102 **Next Meeting** **21**

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

Monday 14 November 2022, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council