# GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

# Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held in the Victoria Hall, on

# Monday 11 April 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllr. R. Shapland, Chairman.

 Cllr. Thomas, Vice-Chairman.

 Cllrs. Greenway, J Shapland, Walmsley

 Hathorn, Ingle.

 County Cllr. B. Wearing, District Cllr. M. Wilson.

 C. Benbow - Town Clerk.

 8 members of the public attended.

**Doors opened at 6.30pm to give the residents the opportunity to meet Town Councillors**

The Chair, Councillor Ron Shapland, opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone.

**16/01 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Tom Harvey, Cllr. Peter Endsor and District Cllr. Eric Morrell.

**16/02 Minutes of Previous Annual Town Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 20 April 2015 were accepted as a true record and that the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes.

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**16/03 Address from the Chairman**

Cllr R. Shapland addressed the meeting, and drew attention to written reports which were available to the public from District Councillor Mary Wilson and County Councillor Bill Wearing.

**16/04 Representation from community members who wished to take the opportunity to address the town.**

 No representation was made.

**16/05 Close**

The electorate received a vote of thanks from Vice Chairman Cllr. Tricia Thomas as follows:

**Town Meeting 2016**

Firstly I would like to thank you all for coming today.

This is the time of year when I look around the town and marvel at all the volunteer hours put to good use in such a wide variety of ways.

The Information Centre would be severely lacking without you; the gardens, parks and prom would be a sad picture, we would continue to be a Neighbourhood Plan free zone, the streets and open areas would be sitting under a layer of litter and the whole town would be a very different place – probably not the place most of us would want to live in. Certainly not a place to be proud of. But, because of all you volunteers, whatever you do, we have a lovely place to call home. A very special place. Thank you all.

The Council has seen a number of changes over the past year and I would like to particularly thank all the staff – they have worked their socks off in a variety of ways to ensure the smooth running of things. It has not always been easy but they are true stars and have come through it with flying colours.

Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for the many hours they put in, reading papers, staring at planning applications, attending functions and meetings and generally giving their time, energy and expertise for the benefit of the town. You may not realise it, but we do not get allowances like Councillors further up the echelons of local governance – we do it to try and ensure that Grange over Sands is a good place to live, work and visit. I hope we succeed at least part of the time.

 Tricia Thomas, Vice Chair/Deputy Mayor

The meeting closed at 7.13pm

*Written reports for the public from District Councillor Mary Wilson and County Councillor Bill Wearing were available to view.*

*Signed:..........................................*

*Dated:...........................................*