

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**Chairman/Mayor:**

Cllr. Roger Handley

**Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:**

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

**Town Clerk:**

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of the Town Council in accordance with Schedule 12 para.10(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to be held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 12 January 2026 at 7.00pm.

*Note: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media, or the public.*

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Benbow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

C. Benbow, Town Clerk

## **AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2026**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive and approve apologies from members.

### **2. Public Participation: Have Your Say**

Have Your Say: Members of the public are invited to speak.

### **3. Reports**

To receive the following reports:

- a. Westmorland and Furness Council Report
- b. Mayor's Report

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 15 December 2025 as a true record.

## 5. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Members to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensations.

## 6. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To consider if any items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

## 7. Planning

To consider planning applications as circulated and to note submissions to planning applications considered under delegated authority. All applications received before the meeting will be considered (*circulated*).

## 8. Monthly Payments Councillor Verification and Payment Approval

- a. To note that prior to the meeting two councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting and can verify their authenticity.
- b. To note that two councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation has taken place.
- c. To approve and authorise the payment of accounts and wages as recorded in the payments list.
- d. To identify and approve two councillors to complete the online authorisation of the payments for the next payment period.
- e. To identify and approve two councillors to verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

## 9. Finance and Governance

- a. **Casual Vacancies**  
There are two casual vacancies on the Town Council. These are advertised by notice, on social media and regularly in 'Grange Now.' Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see [www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk)
- b. **Draft Budget 2026/27**  
To consider the draft budget and report 2026/27.
- c. **Precept 2026/27**  
To resolve the precept for 2026/27.

## 10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in appropriate consultations: none received.

## 11. Updates from Members

To receive councillor updates on works in progress and meetings and events attended.

## 12. Victoria Hall

To consider the reviewed Fire Risk Assessment and Fire Policy (*circulated*).

## 13. Westmorland and Furness Council (WAF)

### a. Climate Adaptation Workshop

To note that WAF scheduled an online session about climate adaptation for 7 January 2026 at 7.00pm and to note any update from attendees.

### b. Call for Sites 2024 Assessment Outcomes Report

To note that WAF have published their Call for Sites 2024 Constraint Assessment Outcomes Report and this is available to view on their website:

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/call-sites/2024-call-sites>

Westmorland and Furness Council are not seeking comments on this report at this stage. There will be opportunities to comment as the Local Plan progresses.

## 14. Recreation Ground

- a. To note the tender for the ground's maintenance contract at the Recreation Ground is being advertised in 'Grange Now,' on noticeboards and via social media. The deadline for quotes is 30 January 2026.
- b. To note that the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), tennis court, and skate ramps ground surface need a deep clean and consider seeking quotes for this work.

## 15. Christmas Lights

To note an update from the Town Clerk on the Christmas lights provided under contract by LITE Ltd.

## **16. Public Conveniences**

To note that the Prom loos are closed. This is because the water supply to the Prom stopped suddenly on 19 December 2025. The Prom Café is also without water. Westmorland and Furness Council (who own the Prom and manage the water supply) are aware of the problem.

## **17. Staffing**

### **Finance Administrator Recruitment**

To note that recruitment is underway, and the application deadline is 19 January 2026. All details are on the Town Council website.

## **18. Next Meeting**

To note that the next Full Council Meeting will be held:

**Monday 9 February 2026 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm**