

# 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 9 June 2025 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  C. Benbow, Town Clerk

## **AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 9 JUNE 2025**

### **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 12 May 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 – Internal Audit**

The Internal Audit took place on 21 May 2025. To note the Internal Audit Report, and that the Town Council is fully compliant with the Account and Audit Regulations (*report circulated*).

## **10. Finance and Governance– External Audit Annual Governance and Accountability Return**

- a. To approve the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2025, having noted the 2023-24 final report (*circulated*).
- b. To approve the Accounting Statements in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2025 (*circulated*).

- c. To authorise the Chairman and Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) to sign the statements.
- d. To authorise the submission of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2025 for external audit to commence following the prescribed period for public examination from Wednesday 11 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025 (*circulated*).

## 11. 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. Reserves

To review the Reserves Policy and consider the reserves allocation at the opening of the new financial year (*policy and breakdown circulated*).

## 12. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in:

### Westmorland and Furness Council Speed Limit Consultation

Residents are invited to respond to the proposals for speed limits in Allithwaite and Cartmel, and in the wider district, by completing Westmorland Council's consultation before Friday 18 July:

- Online at [www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph)
- At Grange library.

(*circulated*)

## 13. Updates from Members

To receive councillor updates on works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

- a. Cllrs. J. Walmsley, Handley, Tych, Thomas and A. Walmsley – informal meeting on 9 May with residents about community emergency planning.
- b. Cllr. Thomas - Cumbria Better Connected meeting on 6 June.
- c. Cllr. Thomas – Lido Panels – update following site meeting on 29 May with Westmorland and Furness Council Community Rail Officer.
- d. Cllr. Handley - Local Plan 'Call for Sites' briefing held by Westmorland and Furness Planning Policy Team on Wednesday 14 May.

#### **14. Victoria Hall**

##### **Annual LOLER (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations) Testing**

To approve the quote for the annual safety checks of the stage hoists costing £1,500 ex VAT (*circulated*).

#### **15. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates**

To note any updates.

#### **16. Band Concerts in Park Road Gardens**

To note that the Town Council has been granted permission from Westmorland and Furness Council to hold the 'Music in the Park' Sunday Band Concerts in Park Road Gardens. The application fee was £35 and the licence fee £73. The season started on Sunday 1 June 2025. To note any further update.

#### **17. Training**

To note that the Hall Manager and five members of the casual Hall Team undertook First Aid Training.

#### **18. Next Meeting**

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

**Monday 14 July 2025 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm**