

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:
Cllr. Roger Handley

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:
Cllr. Ann Walmsley

Town Clerk:
Mrs. C. Benbow



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall on Monday 14 July 2025 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. R. Handley – Chair
Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. T. Thomas, Cllr. E. Walmsley, Cllr. J. Walmsley
Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance: Six members of the public.

Presentation: Kendal Lions Club

Prior to the meeting, there was a presentation from Roy Axten of Kendal Lions Club, about their services for those with dementia and their families and carers.

The Lions have produced two information packs, one for those who are new to a dementia diagnosis, and one for more advanced care. The Lions welcome contact and questions; anybody who would like to is invited to get in touch for more information and materials.

**Minute
Ref:**

Agenda No:

C25/48 Apologies for Absence

1

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mason and Tych who were both absent due to illness.

RESOLVED

That apologies from Cllrs. Mason and Tych due to illness were approved.

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C25/49

Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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- Resident 1** Made representation to members regarding planning application 2025/1208/HOU, speaking as the applicant and requesting that the Town Council support the application.
- Resident 2** Made representation to members, speaking as the artist who runs the Children's Art Club at the Community Food Share, requesting support for their application to the Bay Villa Trust.
- Resident 3** Made representation to members, speaking as the leader of Grange Community Food Share, reporting that the organisation has changed its name to Fed Up! to reflect that the group helps address mental health problems as well as being a food share.

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Reports

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Westmorland and Furness Council Report

Unitary Councillor Andy Hull sent apologies, and the Clerk informed the meeting that Unitary Councillor Tim Bloomer would be delayed as he was attending Staveley-in-Cartmel Parish Council which started at 6.30pm.

The item was deferred.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Roger Handley reported that he attended a reception at St. Mary's Hospice in Ulverston which included a presentation about how they care for dementia sufferers who attend the Hospice.

The Band Concert Season is continuing - Milnthorpe Steel Band unfortunately was cancelled on 22 June due to rain but the Lancaster City Brass concert on Sunday 13 July was excellent.

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Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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- RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 June 2025 were accepted as a true record.

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C25/52 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

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NOTED

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

C25/53 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item

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RESOLVED

That item 13 (b), Victoria Hall Lighting Refit, should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2, as the item contains commercially sensitive information.

C25/54 Planning Report

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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. 2025/0568/FPA

Full Planning Application

Barn opposite High Farm Spring Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6HA

Change of use and conversion of barn to three self-build dwellings with associated works including wastewater treatment system.

Extension to comment deadline requested.

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

This application has been made a number of times, using different applicant names.

The Town Council objects, as with the previous applications, because this is an inappropriate site for residential development.

The Town Council also notes that there are inconsistencies in the application, concerned that some documents propose two dwellings, whereas others propose three.

(7.35pm Unitary Councillor Tim Bloomer arrived).

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b. 2025/1081/LBC

Listed Building Consent

Monks Rest 12 Cart Lane GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7AB

Listed Building Consent for the removal of the existing asbestos boarding throughout the property and general internal renovation of the property interior. Erection of a summerhouse to the rear. Replacement of the existing rear porch structure.

Replacement of existing rooflight. Replacement of roof and cladding to outbuilding.

Extension to comment deadline requested.

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

c. 2025/1208/HOU

Householder

2 Abbots Close GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7BZ

Amendments to existing conservatory to the front/side elevation (Retrospective)

RESOLVED

SUPPORT

The Town Council supports this application as the work represents a vast improvement in the appearance, and thermal properties, of the property as compared to the previous dilapidated structure.

d. 2025/1227/FPA

Full Application

Harrisons Lodge Kents Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY

Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to holiday let (Use Class Sui generis)

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

1. This is an inappropriate site to have a holiday let on this scale and the proposed development would be unneighbourly to the surrounding properties.
2. There is insufficient parking space provided for the accommodation proposed.
3. The Town Council is concerned at more proposed loss of residential accommodation in the town.

e. 2025/1283/FPA

Full Application

Fish Over Chips Highfield Nook Kents Bank Road Grange-over-sands LA11 7EY

Removal of two redundant chimney stacks and associated pots. Roof to be made good using matching slate and ridge tiles.

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

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- f. 2025/0991/FPA
Full Application
Fairways Highfield Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7JA
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission
2024/1885/FPA (Alterations including raising of existing roof, installation of dormer windows and roof lights, installation of solar panels, replacement of windows throughout, installation of additional windows and construction of a single storey side extension)

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

The Town Council commented that they appreciated that the information was presented in a way that made it clear to see what the variations were.

- g. 2025/1280/HOU
Householder
7, The Avenue Grange-over-sands LA11 6AP
Two storey side extension to provide a ground floor bedroom and en-suite and space for a wheelchair lift for a disabled user. New bay window and larger bedroom window to front. Insulated render to existing house.

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

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

- a. 2025/0174/DISC YEWBARROW MAIN STREET GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6EB
South Lakes Housing Details Reserved By Condition (Discharge)Discharge Of Conditions.
- b. 2024/0296/FPA HAVEN NETHERLEIGH DRIVE GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7JQ Householder
Approved With Conditions
- c. 2025/0751/FPA COOPERATIVE SUPERMARKET KENTS BANK ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY
Full Application Approved With Conditions
- d. 2025/0705/FPA METHODIST CHURCH KENTS BANK ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY Full
Application Approved With Conditions
- e. 2025/0632/PALHE THE DOWNHOUSE KILMIDYKE DRIVE GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7AJ Prior
Approval - Larger Home Extensions Prior Approval Not Required
- f. 2025/0636/HOU STAINGARTH CARDRONA ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EW Approved With
Conditions

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Westmorland and Furness Council Report

Unitary Cllr. Tim Bloomer reported that:

1. **Devolution Update**

The Unitary Council has written, with Cumberland Unitary Council, to the Secretary of State to request that the Mayoral elections are delayed until 2027.

2. **Consultation on Waste**

Westmorland and Furness Council is working to unify the waste systems across the Unitary Council area to ensure that provision is fair to all residents.

3. **Prom and Lido Refurbishment**

Cllr. Bloomer has requested an update.

Cllr. Thomas requested that Berners Car Park could be resurfaced and painted, as promised early on in the refurbishment project.

C25/56

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.

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d. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

e. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

RESOLVED

- i) That Cllrs. Thomas and A. Walmsley would verify the invoices and payments for August.
- ii) That Cllrs. A. Walmsley and E. Walmsley would verify the invoices and payments for September.

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Payments for Approval

July 2025

Accounts for Payment

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Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1

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Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

86	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card June 2025 - Monthly fee	3.00	
86a	Amazon - Yale push button door lock for office door	44.79	
86b	Amazon - Heavy duty poster stand	32.74	
86c	Amazon - Heavy duty poster stand	32.75	
86d	Amazon - Adjustable floor acrow props	85.99	
86e	Amazon - Ladder safety posters	26.47	
86f	Amazon - 10 pcs scaffold status holder/tags & ladder safety stickers	41.17	
86g	Shenzhen - LED ceiling light motion sensor	18.25	
86h	Amazon - 10 pcs scaffold status holder/tags & automatic door closer	32.46	317.62
87	WFC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		798.00
88	WFC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		167.00
89	WFC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		94.00
90	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/05-31/05/25		223.89
91	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/05-31/05/25		52.85
92	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/05-31/05/25		46.17
93	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/05-31/05/25 (recoverable)		24.24
94	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/05-01/06/25		219.45
95	Sage - Support 01/07-31/07/25		109.20
96	BT - Tel & Broadband 01/07-31/07/25		55.13

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

97	Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman (May)	384.00	
98	Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman (June)	384.00	768.00
99	Grange Plant Centre - 4 x Hanging baskets		165.20
100	1Five Events & Film - Sound tech labour		75.00
101	UK Office Direct - Letter tray and mouse mat	12.17	
102	UK Office Direct - 3 drawer storage unit	111.59	
103	UK Office Direct - Kensington laptop lock cable 1.8m	61.19	184.95
104	Breakthrough Communications - 12 months access Local Council DP		594.00
105	Structures Housing - Vic Hall masonry inspection & repairs		1,260.00
106	WFC - Contribution to bollard at Park Rd Gardens		764.00
107	Lamont Pridmore - Professional services to 31/03/25		1,596.00
108	Walker Fire - Fire alarm service	499.61	
108a	Walker Fire - Credit re fire alarm service	- 177.60	322.01
109	KTD - Hannsprey 24 LCD monitor	142.80	
110	KTD - Domain cover 01/08/25-31/07/26	214.80	
111	KTD - 6 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/08-31/08/25	67.20	
112	KTD - Photocopying 23/05-26/06/25	48.85	473.65
113	WB Electrical - Prom WCs Electrical Installation report & repairs	360.00	
114	WB Electrical - Vic Hall Electrical Installation report	870.00	
115	WB Electrical - Bandstand and store Electrical Installation report	180.00	
116	WB Electrical - Fit and test bandstand speakers and pa system	60.00	1,470.00
117	Duddon Hire - Portaloo hire Park Road Gdns 30/05-26/06/25		210.00
118	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/07-31/07/25		1,645.49
119	Debbie's Cleaning - V Hall cleaning 01/06-30/06/25		648.00
120	Lengthsman - 01/06-30/06/25		831.04
121	The Lawn Man - Recreation Ground maintenance - 01/06-30/06/25		409.00

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122	Lancasters - Keys, tester pots, batteries, spanner set, door mat etc.	93.05
123	Front of House expenses - 2 x 2.6m feather banners for band concert	173.86
124	Turnstone HR - HR support 01/07-31/07/25	60.00
125	Milnthorpe Steel Band - Bandstand concert (cancelled) 22/06/25	100.00

Total Bank Account No. 2	13,950.80
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Total Accounts	13,950.80
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Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)

Total Salaries	10,094.70
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HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 3	3,526.64
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LG Pension Scheme Month 3 - Employer payment	3,324.38
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Total Bank Account No. 2	30,896.52
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Total all payments for approval	30,896.52
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Accounts paid in previous month:

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

82 Waterplus - V Hall 06/03-05/06/25	139.50
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83 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/05-06/06/25	63.49
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84 Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/05-06/06/25	76.99
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Direct Bank Payments

85 Zurich Municipal - Commercial Insurance 01/07/25-30/06/26	6,684.32
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Total Accounts paid in previous month	6,964.30
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Grand Total	37,860.82
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Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 30/06/25	354,139.29
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Bank Account No. 2 As at 30/06/25	211,117.43
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Signed (Chairman)

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Finance and Governance

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a. **Casual Vacancies**

Members noted that 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

b. **Statement of Tenders and Contracts – Transparency Code**

Members noted the Statement of Tenders and Contracts, dated 18 June 2025, as required as good practice for publication on the Town Council website by the 2015 Transparency Code.

c. **Insurance**

Members noted that the insurance was renewed for the final year of the contract costing £6,684.32 and that sums insured are index linked so increase by 5% per annum which creates a 3.9% increase in premium.

C25/58

Consultations

10

Members considered the following:

ACRE/NALC Flooding Survey

This NALC and Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) survey is designed to help parish and town councils enhance flood resilience. The deadline for response is 29 August 2025.

Survey link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ACRE-NALC-survey-planning-for-flood-resilience/>

RESOLVED

No response was made.

C25/59

Updates from Members

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

a. **Cllr. Handley - Councillor Surgery on Saturday 5 July, Victoria Hall**

Cllr. Handley reported the surgery took place, with Town Councillors Thomas and Tych and Unitary Councillor Andy Hull; several residents attended.

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b. **Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership Meeting 26 June**

Cllr. Thomas reported that paper timetables are now available, the station porch should be repaired by the end of July, plans for the ticket office and waiting room refurbishment are underway and some work has been done to clear the station gutters and downpipes on the prom side.

c. **Cllr. Thomas – Civic Society Meeting 23 June**

The Society has resolved to donate £150 to Grange Town Council to support the Band Concerts, and to grant £350 to the Friends of Grange Station towards a new bench. They are meeting on Monday 21 July at 10am to clean the underpass where the Lido Gallery has been installed.

d. **Cllr. Thomas – Underpass Gallery.**

The final Lido Gallery panels have now been installed at the Main St car park underpass and wall cleaning is underway.

C25/60

Victoria Hall

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a. **Stonework Repairs**

Members noted that emergency repairs to re-pin a stone on the front of the building, and check two loose pieces, was undertaken by Structures Ltd, and considered approving payment of £1,050 plus VAT.

RESOLVED

That payment of £1,050 plus VAT to Structures Ltd for emergency repairs to re-pin a stone on the front of the building, and check two loose pieces, was approved.

b. **Lighting System**

To consider a quote to revamp the theatre lighting system in the Hall, replacing it with LED lights and a new control desk, to improve the system for hirers and users and lower power use.

This item was considered in Part 2 of the meeting as resolved at Item 6.

c. **Exterior Painting Quote**

Members considered approving an additional quote of £720 plus VAT to the works resolved in April 2025 (C24/213), to also paint the side elevation windows, downspouts, door, and door casing.

RESOLVED

That the quote of £720 plus VAT to the works resolved in April 2025 (C24/213); to also paint the side elevation windows, downspouts, door, and door casing was approved.

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d. **Victoria Hall Working Party**

Members noted that a meeting of the Working Party took place on 3 July 2025 discuss the Victoria Hall brand. Cllrs. Handley, A. Walmsley, J. Walmsley, Thomas and the Hall Manager, Hall Administrator and Town Clerk took part.

C25/61 Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

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a. **Payphone Removal**

Members noted correspondence from Westmorland and Furness Council, that further to consultation, the telephone and kiosk adjacent to Kents Bank Station will be removed.

b. **Speed Limit Changes**

Members noted correspondence from Westmorland and Furness Council that the extension of the existing Grange Fell Road 30mph speed limit will be operational from 14 July.

C25/62 Recreation Ground

14

Members considered the site risk assessment following the annual inspection report from Westmorland and Furness Council noted at the May Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED

That the site risk assessment following the annual inspection report from Westmorland and Furness Council noted at the May Town Council meeting was approved.

C25/63 Public Conveniences

15

Members noted that one of the Nayax card readers at the Prom loos (not the accessible cubicle) was replaced by Healthmatic, costing £560 + VAT, and considered payment.

RESOLVED

That payment to Healthmatic of £560 + VAT to replace one of the Nayax card readers at the Prom loos (not the accessible cubicle) was approved.

C25/64 Training

16

a. **CALC Standards of Conduct for Elected Members in Town and Parish Councils**

Members noted that this took place on Thursday 3 July at 6pm. Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, Tych and J. Walmsley attended and reported that it was a useful refresher and was well presented.

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b. Digital Governance

Members noted that the Town Clerk attended a training on Friday 13 June about the amended requirements for the Annual Return for 2025-26 and considered payment of £495.00 plus VAT to Breakthrough Communications for the Local Council Data Protection Compliance Toolkit.

RESOLVED

That payment of £495.00 plus VAT to Breakthrough Communications for the Local Council Data Protection Compliance Toolkit was approved.

C25/65 Yewbarrow Lodge

17

Members noted that the South Lakes Housing Development Manager has updated the Town Council to say they have now signed the building contract with the main contractor, Highall Developments, and work on site will commence shortly.

C25/66 Part Two

6

RESOLVED That the meeting move to Part Two and the public and press asked to leave.

C25/67 Victoria Hall Lighting Refit Item 13 (b)

13

Lighting System

Members considered a quote and terms to revamp the theatre lighting system in the Hall, replacing it with LED lights and a new control desk, to improve the system for hirers and users and lower power use.

RESOLVED

That the quote and terms for an LED Lighting Refit from 1Five Events and Film for £19,195.00 was approved.

C25/68 Next Meeting

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held on Monday 11 August 2025, 7 pm, Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council