

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Tricia Thomas

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

Town Clerk:

Mrs. C. Benbow



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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 10 January 2022 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 black ink, appearing to be 'C. Benbow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

C. Benbow, Town Clerk

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Reports

To receive the following reports:

- a. District Council Report
- b. County Council Report
- c. Mayor's Report

3. Public Participation: Have Your Say

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

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13 December 2021 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.

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 verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.
- e. To identify and approve two councillors to complete the online authorisation of the payments for the next payment period.

9. Finance and Governance

a. Council Tax Base

To note:

This is the number of dwellings liable for Council Tax, expressed as an equivalent number of band D dwellings for the Town.

The number is calculated by South Lakeland District Council (SLDC).

Previous draft 2022/23 budgets considered by the Town Council (GTC) were calculated on the assumption that the Council Tax Base would remain at 2,140.13.

SLDC has now confirmed the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 is 2,170.88. This is a 30.75 increase in properties.

The draft Budget has been amended to show this (*circulated*).

b. Street Lighting Charge

To note:

SLDC have confirmed that the District Street Lighting Charge for 2022/23 will be £11,606.47.

This is the money that shows on residents' bills as part of the GTC Precept demand. However, it does not come to the Town Council. It is retained by the District Council.

The calculations to show how the SLDC Lighting Charge affects Council Tax bills for Grange Residents can't be done until the Precept demand is agreed and formally resolved.

c. Council Tax Grant

To note:

The Council Tax Grant is given by SLDC to supplement the Precept. SLDC have confirmed the Council Tax Grant for 2022/23 will be £8,238.80.

d. Budget 2022-23

To consider the revised draft Budget 2022/23 and Summary and Key Features (*to be circulated*).

e. Precept 2022-23

To agree and resolve the Precept for 2022-23.

10. Consultations

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

11. Updates from Members

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

12. Storm Arwen - County Council Debrief Meeting

To note that the County Council is holding the Storm Arwen Debrief on Wednesday 12 January 2022 10:00-12:00. Cllr. Julie Mason is scheduled to attend to represent the Town Council.

13. South Lakes Housing - Yewbarrow Lodge

South Lakes Housing invited Grange Town Councillors to a meeting about the future of Yewbarrow Lodge, with District Councillors Endsor, Hanlon and Ashcroft.

This took place remotely on Wednesday 15 December 2021. Cllrs. Thomas, Walmsley, Bailey, Handley, Greenway and the Town Clerk attended.

South Lakes Housing plan to consult the community about the re-development during February/March 2022.

To note any further update from Councillors.

14. Victoria Hall Maintenance

At the previous meeting, Members considered quote for building works to resolve damp wall in Chair Store, as on approved Maintenance Schedule, by reducing height of rear chimney. It was resolved to request a quote to remove the whole chimney stack.

To consider revised quote to remove the whole chimney stack (*circulated*).

15. Staffing

- a. To note that recruitment for Hall and Services Manager was successful and the new post holder will take up the role on 24 January 2022.
- b. To note draft minutes from Staffing Committee meeting held 30 December 2021 and to consider recommendation that the Town Clerk be awarded one incremental point beyond current pay-scale from February 1st 2022 (*circulated*).

16. Next Meeting

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

Monday 7 February 2022 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm