

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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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 January 2023 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 JANUARY 2023

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. District Council Report
- b. County Council Report
- c. Shadow Unitary Council Report
- d. 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 14 December 2022 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.

South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) calculate the number.

Previous draft 2023/24 budgets considered by the Town Council (GTC) were calculated on the assumption that the Council Tax Base would remain at 2,170.88.

At the time of agenda publication, SLDC had not confirmed the Council Tax Base for 2023/24.

The decrease or increase in properties will affect Council Tax bills.

The draft Budget will be amended and circulated when this information becomes available.

b. Street Lighting Charge

To note:

At the time of agenda publication, SLDC had not confirmed the Street Lighting Charge for 2023/24.

The District Street Lighting Charge for 2022/23 was £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. The District Council retain it.

The calculations to show how the SLDC Lighting Charge affects Council Tax bills for Grange residents cannot 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. The Council Tax Grant for 2022/23 was £8,238.80.

At the time of agenda publication, SLDC had not confirmed the Council Tax Grant for 2023/24.

d. Budget 2023-24

To consider the revised draft Budget 2023-24 and Summary and Key Features *(to be circulated when information received from SLDC)*.

e. Precept 2023-24

To agree and resolve the Precept for 2023-24.

10. Updates from Members

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

11. Promenade and Lido Refurbishment – Update from South Lakeland District Council

To note any update on the District Council's refurbishment of the Promenade and Lido.

12. Victoria Hall

a. Cost-of-Living Working Party

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 January 2023, 7pm.

b. Fire Risk Assessment

To note that this has been rescheduled by Ardent Ltd to Thursday 26 January 2023.

13. SLDC Recreation Ground Inspection

To note that SLDC inspected the Recreation Ground on the Prom (see correspondence below received 23 December 2022).

To note the report and consider any actions required (*circulated*).

We have recently had all our play areas independently inspected due to SLDC purchasing a licence to enable our inspectors to carry out inspections using an app on a portable tablet.

The reason for my contacting you at this time is because the inspector perhaps parked at Yew Tree Fields and walked past your play area at the Donkey Paddock. He has inspected the area believing it to be ours. I have enclosed a copy of his report for your records.

There are no issues to be concerned about but some minor findings may require remedial work.

You will notice that there are a couple of photos showing our site further along the promenade. He has used these for reference when compiling his report on site and was unable to remove these once the report was generated.

Our future Annual reports will be in the same pdf format as this is the same app we shall be using from January 2023.

14. Christmas Lights

To note that the cross-street display and lights on lower Main Street were switched off over Christmas. These lights are powered by Hackney and Leigh Estate Agents from their premises. During the extreme cold weather, the Christmas lights caused the supply to their office to short-circuit. Discussion is underway with Lite Ltd. to resolve this.

15. Next Meeting

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

Monday 13 February 2023 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm