

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Peter Endors

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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 remotely, on Monday 10 August 2020 at 7 pm.

On 4 April 2020, the government brought The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 into force to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely without it being necessary for any of the participants or audience to be present together in the same room.

This new legislation allows councils to carry out their business lawfully whilst ensuring that the health and safety of officers, councillors and members of the public is protected in accordance with government advice.

This meeting of Grange-over-Sands Town Council will be held remotely, using the Zoom video conferencing system. This system is simple for all participants and members of the public to access.

Access links will be sent to all Councillors.

If you wish to take part in the next meeting as a member of the public, please contact the Town Clerk on townclerk@grangeoversands.net and register if you will be attending and if you would like to speak in the public participation section.

You will then be emailed meeting access details. You can also request to be added to the Agenda Distribution Group which receives the meeting papers each month.

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 10 AUGUST 2020

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Reports

To receive reports from the following:

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

3. Public Participation: Have Your Say

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

Please ensure that you have registered your wish to speak prior to the meeting.

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 July 2020 as a true record.

Physical signing will take place in due course.

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. *Usual wording:* 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.

To note that the above has been completed by the Responsible Financial Officer (Town Clerk) under delegated powers.

- b. *Usual wording:* To note that two councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation has taken place.

To note that the above has been completed by the Responsible Financial Officer (Town Clerk) under delegated powers.

- c. To approve and authorise the payment of accounts and wages as recorded in the payments list (*circulated*).
- d. To identify and approve two councillors to verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

Not applicable due to pandemic.

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

9. Finance and Governance

First Quarter Financial Report

To consider the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2020 (*circulated*).

10. Consultations

a. SLDC – Local Plan Review

The District Council is undertaking a review of the Local Plan to ensure that planning policies continue to meet the development needs of the area. As resolved at the previous Council meeting, the response as drafted by Cllr. Greenway was approved for submission (C20/38).

To consider response as drafted by Cllr. Greenway for missing question 3: ‘*Sustainability Appraisal - Do you have any comments on the Draft SA Scoping Report?*’

b. SLDC – Local Plan Call for Sites

To note correspondence from SLDC- Local Plan Call for Sites (*circulated*).

c. SLDC – BT Public Payphone Removal

SLDC has given notification of a formal BT consultation process regarding a programme of intended public payphone removals. The payphone outside the Library has been identified and proposed for removal by BT. Deadline for response: 11 October 2020 (*correspondence circulated*).

In October 2019, Grange Town Council responded to the same consultation that:

The Town Council OBJECTS to the phone box outside the Library being removed as this is valuable to the community. The local demographic means that many people may not have mobile phones and coverage is patchy in the area. This phone box is important to the community and needed by the community.

11. Updates from Members

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

Cllr. Endor – Website and Promoting Grange

12. Covid-19 Risk Management

To consider the following documents:

- a. Grange Town Council Covid-19 Risk Assessment.
- b. Risk Assessment – Re-opening the Victoria Hall for Public Use Post Covid-19 Closure.
- c. Special Conditions of Hire during Covid-19.
- d. Covid-19 Secure Premises Guidelines.

(4 documents circulated).

13. Bailey Lane Level Crossing – Footpath Diversion

At the previous meeting, members noted that Cumbria County Council has proposed a public path diversion and that the matter is being referred to the Secretary of State.

The Clerk was asked to find out who owns the land, who is responsible for maintaining the path and what the process is for adding further comments (C20/40).

To note:

- a. The overgrown vegetation is coming from the adjacent Network Rail land; they have been asked to cut it back.
- b. Correspondence from the County Council Countryside Access Officer:

The ownership of the length of path alongside the railway between C and L on the attached order plan is unknown. (circulated)

It is very likely that the Planning Inspectorate will hold a public inquiry to help them decide whether to confirm this legal order. A representative of the Grange Town Council may make representations at those proceedings.

I note that if the order is confirmed Railtrack have agreed to the following improvements:

The works to bring the new path into a fit condition:

- 1. Removal of 4 no. plastic bollards in front of disability parking spaces, resurface holes to match existing pavement and install parking bumpers or similar.*
- 2. Resurface full width of proposed new route, to similar specification as the carpark footway, from the southern edge of the car park to Bailey Lane removing all existing steps, exposed edges or minor hazards.*
- 3. Replacement of existing chain link fencing alongside full length of proposed new route with similar type to that on underpass wing-wall.*
- 4. Remove vegetation within full length of proposed new route that narrows path and obscures 50mm bullnose kerb.*
- 5. Replace gully grating, adjacent to middle of garages, with pedestrian safe alternative.*
- 6. Install new fingerpost on path side of wall/fence pointing to underpass with wording 'Public Footpath to Promenade.'*

14. Traffic Calming

To note that the Chairman has been in further communication with Tim Farron MP about this and has received the following which was a response to the MP from the County Council Assistant Director for Highways & Transport on 28 July:

Dear Tim,

Thank you for your email of 29th June 2020 representing Peter Endors of Grange-over Sands with regard to possible traffic calming for Grange-over Sands.

Cumbria Highways Officers and Councillor Bill Wearing have met with the Town Council to discuss the matter of speeds within Grange-over Sands. Speed monitoring has been undertaken and further discussions are required to look at how the issues raised by the Town Council can be moved forward. The matter has not yet been progressed as Coronavirus has delayed many meetings and schemes, as we have had to make significant changes to working practices across the County Council. Further information will be available once a meeting can take place.

I can however confirm, Councillor Wearing has funded a warning sign on The Esplanade on the approach to the mini roundabout which you reference, which has now been in place for some months. There are some road markings to complete for Grange which will include SLOW markings, but these have unfortunately been delayed due to Covid-19. Councillor Wearing has also allocated funding for a new Speed Indication Device to rotate around Grange to several locations including The Esplanade. We are currently arranging for that to be installed and looking at a unit that will display speeds and an image depicting a smiley face, or slow down depending on vehicle speeds.

We will endeavour to get a date into the diary to continue discussions on the speed concerns in Grange with the Town Council as soon as possible and I have copied in Councillor Wearing so that he is aware of your email and this reply.

15. Victoria Hall Kitchen Project

To note update as below, that funds are in place and work can now start:

The Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) has fundraised for the upgrade and refurbishment of the kitchen as resolved October 2019 (C19/95).

In March 2020 (C19/182) the quote of £19,160.40 from Catering Partnerships for the refurbishment of the kitchen was approved by the Town Council.

Other works to complete the project are estimated/quoted at:

Plumbing £1,700 (quoted)

Electrics £960 (quoted)

Lighting £390 (quoted)

Re-tiling £400 (estimated)

This would bring the total project budget to £22,610.40.

Income for the project so far totals £18,657.62.

£15,163 was received in the last financial year by the Town Council as donations towards the Victoria Hall from the Victoria Hall Support Group, individuals and groups.

This was carried over into this financial year, ringfenced to be spent on the Victoria Hall.

£535.38 of this is allocated to other expenses for the Hall.

This means that £14,627.62 remains unallocated.

£2,000 has been granted from the Frieda Scott Trust to the project. This will be transferred to GTC when the VHSG receives it.

A further £120 has been donated directly to GTC this financial year and the Victoria Hall Support Group has a further £1,910 in donations to transfer.

The VHSG is waiting to hear from Cumbria Community Foundation (£4,989.61) and is proposing a further donation to the Town Council to cover the deficit (£3,952.78) in the event that this is needed.

To note a progress update from Cllr. Handley as Chairman of the Victoria Hall Support Group.

16. SLDC Pavement Licences

To note:

- a. Correspondence about pavement licenses following the approval of the new Business and Property Act 2020.
- b. SLDC Pavement Licensing Policy.

17. Next Meeting

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

Monday 12 October 2020, 7pm