

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Peter Endsor

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 remotely on Monday 10 August 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr. P. Endsor – **Chair**

Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. Logan, Cllr. Howson

Cllr. Thomas, Cllr. Handley, Cllr. Walmsley

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance:

2 members of the public

Minute**Ref:****Agenda No:**

C20/45

Apologies for Absence

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Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs. Hathorn and Bailey who were both on holiday.

C20/46

Reports

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Police Report

There was no police report.

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District Council Report – Cllr. Robin Ashcroft

District Councillor Robin Ashcroft reported:

- a. **Town Centres** – he had been involved with re-opening town centres after lockdown.
- b. **Pavement Licences** – SLDC have a new fast-track application process to stimulate local businesses and the economy. Town and Parish Councils will be consultees.
- c. **Lido Refurbishment** – tenders for phase one of this are in. Cllr. Ashcroft will keep the Town Council updated on progress.
- d. **Councillor Surgeries** – once the Library re-opens, he will liaise with Cllr. Thomas to get the surgeries running again.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing continues to share information from the County Council regarding the pandemic. He reported that:

- a. **Planning** – government has published a new white paper on planning that aims to streamline the planning process. It is on the central government website; feedback is invited by 20 October.
- b. **Libraries** – main libraries are opening this week, branch libraries (which include Grange) will be opening in the next phase.
- c. **Local government reorganisation** – this will be taking place with a Unitary Authority replacing the County and District Councils.
- d. **Highways** – from 7 September until Christmas, Highways England are undertaking significant road works at Junction 36 and on the A590. They will be sending leaflets to all residents as there will be major problems and disruption.

Mayor's Report

There was no report from the Mayor as civic activities were cancelled due to the pandemic.

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| C20/47 | Public Participation: Public Have Your Say | 3 |
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There was no representation made.

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| C20/48 | Minutes of the Previous Meeting | 4 |
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RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13 July 2020 were accepted as a true record and that physical signing by the Chairman would take place in due course.

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C20/49 **Declarations of Interests and Dispensations** **5**

NOTED Cllr. Howson declared an interest in Planning Item 7 (d) as he is related to the applicant.

C20/50 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item** **6**

RESOLVED That no items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

C20/51 **Planning Report** **7**

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. SL/2020/0409 Meadow Cottage, Thornfield Road

Two storey rear and side extension

Full Planning

RESOLVED

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this application on the grounds that:

The front window, and corner window on the first floor, appear out of keeping with the Conservation Area. They are out of proportion and not in the surrounding style.

Grange Town Council requests that the Conservation Officer is consulted for their comments on the proposals.

b. SL/2020/0415 Highfield Cottage, 25 Highfield Road

Demolition of existing building and erection of single unit, 1 bed bedsit

Full Planning

This item was deferred – although on the SLDC planning list, it was not valid at the time of meeting.

c. SL/2020/0452 Beech Hill, 53 Carter Road

Variation of conditions 2 & 7 attached to Planning Permission SL/2018/0781

Full Planning

RESOLVED

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Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this application on the grounds that:

It appears that a third dwelling has been introduced to the plans. This is described as an auxiliary dwelling. The plans appear illogical and would be an inappropriate development on the site.

Grange Town Council requests that any permission is granted conditional on the use of the auxiliary dwelling being limited to residents of the main dwelling.

d. SL/2019/0437 2 High Gable, Grange Fell Road

Installation of replacement dark grey upvc window frames, erection of detached double garage with 1st floor patio over with glazed balustrade

Full Planning

RESOLVED

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this application on the grounds that:

Significant digging has already taken place at the site; this appears to be undermining the cherry tree.

Grange Town Council requests that the SLDC Tree Officer is consulted.

e. SL/2019/0758 Age Concern UK, Lindale Road

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of convenience store, petrol filling station including underground fuel storage tanks, works to the existing culvert and associated access, car parking and landscaping.

This is to consider amended plans for this site.

The previous GTC response in 16 October 2019 was:

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following requests:

i) Canopy Size Reduction

The canopy appears too large and will dominate the site which is in the Conservation Area. Could the size be reduced?

ii) Electric Car Charging Sites

None are shown on the plans – could some be included for the development?

iii) Delivery Restriction Condition

The site backs onto residential housing at Riggs Close. It is requested that delivery times are restricted, so they are not at unsocial hours.

iv) Drainage

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There is a lack of clarity in the plans about drainage. This was an important part of the previous application which had conditions related to drainage included. These should be taken into account.

v) *Opening Hours Restriction Condition*

24-hour opening could constitute a noise and light nuisance. It is requested that the planning permission does not allow this.

RESOLVED

Grange Town Council has NO OBJECTION to the amended plans.

Grange Town Council requests that the concerns of the residents at 5 Riggs Close regarding flooding are thoroughly addressed.

The Council also repeats the requests made in October 2019 regarding:

- i) Canopy Size Reduction
- ii) Conditions in place to restrict delivery times
- iii) Drainage – there is still a lack of clarity here
- iv) Conditions in place to restrict 24 hours opening

f. SL/2020/0521 Former NatWest, 1 Main Street

Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission SL/2019/0774 (Change of use of ground and lower ground floors from Use Class A3 (Restaurant/café) to Sui Generis multi use commercial community space.

Replacement of the existing rear three storey extension with a new two storey extension, including roof terrace at first floor, replacement of existing staircase and lift extension with storage at basement level and commercial use at ground floor, replacement window to rear and installation of ramp. Internal reorganisation of ground floor to provide three workspace studios, formation of self-contained flat on first floor and installation of solar photovoltaic panels on south facing roofs)

Non-Material Amendment

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

g. SL/2020/0530 Redesmere, Kilmidyke Road

Renovation of property

Full Planning

This item was deferred – although on the SLDC planning list, it was not valid at the time of meeting.

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h. SL/2020/0534 6 Thornfield Road

Change of use and alterations of 6 no bedroom House in Multi Occupancy (Class C3) to form 7-bedroom HMO (Sui Generis)

Full Planning

This item was deferred – although on the SLDC planning list, it was not valid at the time of meeting.

i. PN/2020/0045 The Lots, Ashmount Road

Open fronted agricultural building for storing farming vehicles etc.

PN for Agricultural Building

This item was deferred – although on the SLDC planning list, it was not valid at the time of meeting.

j. SL/2020/0549 Lower Flat Gordon House, Grange Fell Road

Works to flat-roofed annex: Remove large double-glazed window and replace with patio doors (to front). Add small canopy over door (to front), Add small balcony beneath door (to front). Replace existing old wooden casement window with new double-glazed window (to side).

Full Planning

This item was deferred – although on the SLDC planning list, it was not valid at the time of meeting.

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

None.

C20/52 Finance - Monthly Payments

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a. Verification of Expenditure

NOTED

(Usual wording) 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.

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

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b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

NOTED *(Usual wording)* That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

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

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.

d. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

RESOLVED *(Usual wording)* That Cllrs x and y would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

This would not take place due to the pandemic.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

August 2020

Accounts for Payment

£

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1

£ -

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

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| 103 Lloyds Bank Plc - Card July 2020 - Monthly fee | 3.00 | |
| 103A Thomas Graham - 5 x Dispensers & hand sanitiser | 255.00 | 258.00 |
| 90 SLDC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall | | 574.00 |
| 91 SLDC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office | | 154.00 |
| 92 SLDC - 4/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4 | | 87.00 |
| 93 Npower - Elec V Hall 01/04-30/04/20 | | 86.36 |
| 94 Npower - Elec V Hall 01/05-01/06/20 | | 89.95 |
| 95 Npower - Elec V Hall 02/06-30/06/20 | | 81.67 |
| 96 Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/06-30/06/20 | | 7.76 |
| 97 Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/06-30/06/20 | | 16.53 |
| 98 Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/06-30/06/20 (Recoverable) | | 7.46 |
| 104 Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 02/06-01/07/20 | | 81.59 |
| 105 Sage - Support 01/08-31/08/20 | | 72.00 |

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

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|--|--------|----------|
| 99 Ian Lockyer Joinery - Replace double glazed unit rear of hall | | 580.80 |
| 100 Treble3 - Website updates | | 166.80 |
| 101 YPO - Henry vacuum cleaner | 186.36 | |
| 102 YPO - 2021 Diaries | 4.18 | 190.54 |
| 106 Lengthsman - To 31/07/20 | | 462.00 |
| 107 Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/08-31/08/20 | | 1,500.01 |

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 4,416.47

Total Accounts

£ 4,416.47

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Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)

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| Total Salaries | £ 6,075.27 |
| HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 4 | £ 1,436.17 |
| LG Pension Scheme Month 4 - Employer payment | £ 2,118.57 |
| | <u>£ 9,630.01</u> |
| | |
| Total Bank Account No. 2 | <u>£ 14,046.48</u> |
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| Total all payments for approval | <u>£ 14,046.48</u> |

Accounts paid in previous month - approved

Bank Account No. 1

Bank Account No. 2

Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

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| 88 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/08/20 Calls to 07/07/20 | 66.60 |
| 89 XLN - Info Centre calls & line rental 01/08-31/08/20 | 46.85 |

Direct Bank Payments

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Accounts paid in previous month | <u>£ 113.45</u> |
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| Grand Total | <u>£ 14,159.93</u> |

Bank Balances

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/07/20 | 173,553.08 |
| Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/07/20 | 101,294.45 |

Transfers between bank accounts

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish £70 float

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Finance and Governance

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First Quarter Financial Report

Members considered the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2020.

RESOLVED

That the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2020 as below was approved.

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| Grange-over-Sands Town Council Budget Monitoring 3 months to 30 June 2020 | | Meeting: 10 August 2020 25% | | Prepared July 2020 | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| | Sage Code | Budget for year £ | Budget to date £ | Actual to date £ | Variance £ | % Spend to date | Comments |
| INCOME | | | | | | | |
| Precept (includes Parish Elections £1548.28) | 4000 | 184,119 | 46,030 | 46,030 | 0 | 25% | |
| Sundry Receipts | 4010 | - | - | - | 0 | | |
| Interest Received | 4015 | - | - | - | 0 | | |
| Grant Receipts - Running Costs SLDC | 4100 | 8,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | (0) | 25% | Orn Gdns toilet grant |
| Grant Receipts - Other | 4105 | - | - | - | 0 | | |
| Grant Receipts - SLDC Council Tax | 4106 | 9,429 | 2,357 | 2,357 | 0 | 25% | |
| Grant Receipts - SLDC Comm Infrastructure Levy | 4107 | - | - | - | 0 | | |
| Donations Received | 4115 | 1,700 | 425 | - | (425) | 0% | |
| Donations for Assets | 4116 | - | - | - | 0 | | |
| Donations - Victoria Hall | 4117 | 2,000 | 500 | 220 | (280) | 11% | |
| Rent Receipts | 4120 | 7,000 | 1,750 | 873 | (877) | 12% | Victoria Hall and allotments |
| Room Hire Receipts | 4125 | 15,000 | 3,750 | - | (3,750) | 0% | |
| Sale of Goods | 4150 | 6,000 | 1,500 | - | (1,500) | 0% | |
| Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee | 4162 | 550 | 138 | - | (138) | 0% | |
| Commission Received | 4170 | 2,000 | 500 | - | (500) | 0% | |
| Lease Registration Fees | 4175 | - | - | - | 0 | | Cedric Walk |
| Toilet Entry Fees | 4500 | 10,000 | 2,500 | - | (2,500) | 0% | |
| Fund Raising Income | 4600 | - | - | - | 0 | | |
| | | 245,798 | 61,450 | 51,480 | (9,969) | 21% | |

| | Sage Code | Budget for year £ | Budget to date £ | Actual to date £ | Variance £ | % Spend to date |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | |
| Stock for Information Centre | 5000/1 | 3,500 | 875 | - | (875) | 0% |
| Volunteer's Expenses | 6155 | 30 | 8 | - | (8) | 0% |
| Fund Raising Expenses | 6170 | - | - | - | 0 | |
| Musicians' Fees | 6200 | 1,700 | 425 | - | (425) | 0% |
| Mobile Toilets | 6220 | 550 | 138 | - | (138) | 0% |
| Salaries | 7000 | 98,000 | 24,500 | 24,339 | (161) | 25% |
| Pensions | 7001 | 19,000 | 4,750 | 2,806 | (1,944) | 15% |
| Printing and Stationery | 7010 | 650 | 163 | 37 | (126) | 6% |
| Postage | 7012 | 80 | 20 | 4 | (16) | 5% |
| Water | 7015 | 4,800 | 1,200 | 478 | (722) | 10% |
| Business Rates | 7020 | 8,800 | 2,200 | 2,040 | (160) | 23% |
| Telephone/Broadband | 7025 | 1,180 | 295 | 284 | (11) | 24% |

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Item 9 Finance Statement for Cllrs. 3 months to 30 June 2020.x

| EXPENDITURE cont... | Sage Code | Budget for year £ | Budget to date £ | Actual to date £ | Variance £ | % Spend to date | |
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| Insurance | 7030 | 4,000 | 1,000 | 820 | (180) | 21% | |
| Subscriptions | 7040 | 860 | 215 | 560 | 345 | 65% | Full CALC & SLCC Subs |
| Information Technology | 7045 | 6,000 | 1,500 | 692 | (808) | 12% | |
| Travelling Expenses | 7050 | 300 | 75 | - | (75) | 0% | |
| Training Expenses | 7052 | 800 | 200 | 60 | (140) | 8% | SLCC Webinars |
| Civic Expenses | 7055 | 300 | 75 | - | (75) | 0% | |
| Bank Charges | 7070 | 300 | 75 | 46 | (29) | 15% | |
| Audit Fees | 7075 | 1,300 | 325 | 200 | (125) | 15% | |
| Accountancy Fees | 7080 | 6,500 | 1,625 | 1,431 | (194) | 22% | |
| Gas | 7100 | 4,500 | 1,125 | 183 | (942) | 4% | |
| Electricity | 7105 | 4,300 | 1,075 | 52 | (1,023) | 1% | |
| Christmas Lights | 7106 | 4,600 | 1,150 | - | (1,150) | 0% | |
| Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall | 7110 | 2,000 | 500 | 42 | (458) | 2% | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 7120 | 5,400 | 1,350 | 1,820 | 470 | 34% | Rec Ground/Allotments/Bandstand/Public Domain |
| Hall Regular Maintenance | 7121 | 6,000 | 1,500 | 85 | (1,415) | 1% | |
| Hall Maintenance Plan & Emergency Repairs | 7122 | 18,000 | 4,500 | 12,668 | 8,168 | 70% | Resolved roof repairs |
| Professional Fees - Non Financial | 7125 | 1,550 | 388 | - | (388) | 0% | |
| Toiletries and Cleaning Materials | 7130 | 800 | 200 | 113 | (67) | 14% | |
| Rent Payable | 7160 | 741 | 185 | 515 | 330 | 70% | Full annual Allotments & Bandstand |
| Card Handling Charges | 7190 | 480 | 120 | 45 | (75) | 9% | |
| Cleaning | 7200 | 15,000 | 3,750 | 3,333 | (417) | 22% | Public conveniences |
| Communications | 7255 | 600 | 150 | - | (150) | 0% | |
| Lengthsman | 7455 | 6,000 | 1,500 | 1,591 | 91 | 27% | |
| Parish Election Costs | 7600 | - | - | 1,548 | 1,548 | | |
| Projects | 7605 | 7,000 | 1,750 | - | (1,750) | 0% | |
| PWLB Loan Interest Paid | 8000 | 500 | 125 | 115 | (10) | 23% | |
| | | 236,121 | 59,030 | 55,907 | (3,123) | 24% | |
| Net profit | | 9,677 | 2,419 | 4,427 | | | |

a. SLDC – Local Plan Review

Members noted that 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).

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

RESOLVED

That the response as drafted by Cllr. Greenway for missing question 3: *'Sustainability Appraisal - Do you have any comments on the Draft SA Scoping Report?'* was approved with the edit agreed on page 2 replacing the word 'reduction' with 'emissions'.

b. SLDC – Local Plan Call for Sites

Members noted correspondence from SLDC- Local Plan Call for Sites.

Cllr. Greenway encouraged everyone to think of any brown field sites in the town that could be put forward as suitable for renewal.

c. SLDC – BT Public Payphone Removal

Members noted that 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.

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.

RESOLVED

That Town Council would respond that it had no objection to the payphone being removed.

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

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a. Cllr. Endsor – Website and Promoting Grange

The Town Map is now on the website, which has been intended for some time. We are also adding other shops, services and accommodation providers and keeping the boards outside the Information Centre updated. There is a list of attractions which are re-opening on the news section of the GTC website and this is being kept up to date too.

Cllr. Hathorn is arranging a meeting with the resident who spoke in ‘Have Your Say’ last month about working through the Chamber of Trade to promote the town online.

b. Cllr. Greenway – SLDC Climate Conversation

This took place at the end of August. Possible grants were discussed. The Kendal Citizen’s Jury is currently discussing climate change; their website is a recommended resource, with an interesting introduction to climate change and what residents can do about it. Cllr. Greenway encouraged everyone to read it to get up to speed with how communities can work together to mitigate against climate change.

C20/56

Covid-19 Risk Management

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Members considered 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.

RESOLVED

That the Grange Town Council Covid-19 Risk Assessment, Risk Assessment – Re-opening the Victoria Hall for Public Use Post Covid-19 Closure, Special Conditions of Hire during Covid-19 and Covid-19 Secure Premises Guidelines were approved.

C20/57

Bailey Lane Level Crossing – Footpath Diversion

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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).

Members noted:

- a. That overgrown vegetation is coming from the adjacent Network Rail land; they have been asked to cut it back.

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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.

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.'

The Clerk was asked to inform County Council that the path was narrow and ask whether, in the light of the requirement for social distancing, the County could assess this and provide signage and install a one-way system.

C20/58

Traffic Calming

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Members noted 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

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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.

C20/59

Victoria Hall Kitchen Project

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Members noted 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.

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£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.

Members noted a further progress update from Cllr. Handley as Chairman of the Victoria Hall Support Group, that:

- The total available from donated funds amounts to £19,851 with a possibility of a further £5,000 from the Holehird Trust, to be decided in September.
- Cllr. Handley and the Victoria Hall Manager met Catering Partnership on 8 August to discuss final costings and to progress the project.
- Adjustments have made to the specification and the quote has been revised to just over £14,500.
- The Support Group holds sufficient uncommitted funds to make up the shortfall if needed.
- They are now in a position to get the project started; stripping the existing kitchen will start on Tuesday 11 August. Once the room is cleared, the electrician and plumber will be called upon to do their bit, after which the tiling will be done, and the flooring repaired under the peninsular unit.
- Once the room is tiled, Catering Partnership will do the final, accurate measurement and, all going well, installation should take place in mid-September.

RESOLVED

That work to refurbish the kitchen commence.

The Chairman thanked and congratulated the Support Group for all their hard work and achievement in fundraising to cover the cost of the new kitchen.

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SLDC Pavement Licences

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Members noted:

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

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Members also noted further correspondence, received subsequent to the agenda being published from a resident, expressing concern that the County Council access requirement of 1.5m (1.2m where traffic is light) is taken into consideration. The resident requested that for any application received, pavement measurements are included and checked to ensure the clear distance requirement is met for the continued safety of pedestrians and the less mobile in Grange.

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Next Meeting

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held remotely:

Monday 12 October 2020, 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council