

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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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 August 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Thomas – **Acting Chair**
Cllr. J. Greenway, Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. J. Mason.
Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance: 4 members of the public.

Minute Ref:		Agenda No:
C23/68	Apologies for Absence	1

Apologies were received from Cllrs. R. Handley, C. Logan and E. Walmsley who were absent due to other commitments.

RESOLVED

That apologies from Cllrs. R. Handley, C. Logan and E. Walmsley due to other commitments were approved.

Cllr. Thomas to chair the meeting in Cllr. Handley's absence.

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Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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Resident 1

Made representation to members regarding traffic matters, welcoming speed restrictions on the A590, pointing out that drivers drive the wrong way up Hampsfell Road, perhaps due to inadequate signage and requesting that Westmorland and Furness Council review all parking and pedestrian access in the town.

Council Response

That a meeting is being organised with WFC Cllr. Peter Thornton to investigate access issues for pedestrians in Grange.

Resident 2

Made representation to members regarding item 7 (c) Planning Application SL/2023/0555, speaking as the applicant to clarify details of the application regarding field usage, that they are referring to the same fields as used for the last two years.

Council Response

The Chairman advised that they write to WFC Planning Department to clarify details of the application.

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Reports

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Westmorland and Furness Council Report

Councillor Jenny Boak and Councillor Peter Endsor both sent apologies.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Roger Handley sent his apologies and the following report:

On 31 July, attended the opening of the new children's playground on the prom, with Cllr. Thomas and the Town Clerk. Congratulations to Westmorland and Furness Council for seeing this through. It seems that some cash has been found in the budget to do some renovation work on the shelter, which is looking rather tired.

Thanks also to Cllr. Peter Endsor for getting a new parking sign at Hampsfell Grange; residents are very pleased.

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C23/71 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** **4**

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 July 2023 were accepted as a true record.

C23/72 **Declarations of Interests and Dispensations** **5**

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

C23/73 **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.

C23/74 **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/2023/0540 Land opposite Grange-Over-Sands Lido, The Promenade
Proposed external electrical services cabinet and screening, associated with the upgrade of Grange Lido
Full Planning

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- b. SL/2023/0539 Rostherne Charney Road
Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission SL/2022/0918 (Demolition of existing porch, construction of new front & side single storey pitched roof extension creating enlarged kitchen, relocation of existing front entrance door)
Non-Material Amendment

This was not considered as the application had been determined by the time of the meeting.

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- c. SL/2023/0555 Land West of Low Fell Gate Caravan Site, Cartmel Road
Change of use of land from agricultural to a campsite with 60 pitches for tents and campervans
Full Planning

RESOLVED OBJECTION

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

1. Lack of evidence of need

A previous planning application for Low Fellgate was to turn an existing camping field into a static caravan/lodge site, claiming there was no demand for camping space. There is no evidence that demand has changed and that occasional demand around Cartmel Races cannot be accommodated by the current 28-day licence.

2. Highways

Concern about traffic generated, and access to and from the site. The lanes are narrow, limiting access for larger vehicles such as campervans and motorhomes. High hedges block sightlines.
Concern that more big traffic such as campervans and motorhomes would cause more congestion in the town.

3. Transport Report

The Transport Report submitted is misleading.
Public transport, in particular the bus service, is mis-represented; there is no petrol station in Grange and the railway station at Grange, although currently staffed, is threatened to have this service withdrawn.

4. Footpaths

There is no footpath from the site to the main road into Grange. The suggested walking route through Low Fellgate Caravan Park and down Grange Fell Road into the town centre is a very steep and lengthy route, not conducive to shopping on foot.

5. Impact on woodland, limestone and wildlife

Concern about the effect of campers on woodland, limestone and wildlife. There is the risk of damage and disturbance from campers and from the installation of water and electrical points.

6. Unneighbourly Development

The fields opposite have been allocated for residential use. A campsite is not compatible in a residential area as the noise and traffic would disturb neighbours.

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- d. SL/2023/0551 11 Pine Close
Erection of a single detached garage with rear shed lean to & a summerhouse
Full Planning

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- e. SL/2023/0556 Rocklands Rockland Road
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for stripping out of existing kitchen and internally alter to provide utility space with WC and Porch area Rocklands (Main House), remove mezzanine bedroom and ensuite, reinstating original billiard room space and use as new Kitchen to Rocklands Low Lodge (annexe) and minor external works around rear of property to facilitate level access arrangement.
LDC Proposed

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- f. SL/2023/0578 Penholme House, Charney Road
Proposed extension at first floor level over existing flat roofed ground floor lounge
Full Planning

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- g. SL/2023/0585 Castlehead Field Centre Castlehead
Formation of Caravan and Motorhome site
Full Planning

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council supports this application as it has no negative effect on anyone else and will be a positive enhancement for the Field Centre.

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

- a. SL/2023/0252 Land South of Allithwaite Road Kents Bank Discharge Conditions Partial disc of Conditions.
- b. PN/2023/0060 Allithwaite Road Street Works Prior Notification Tele - Ref Criteria not met.

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3. Notice of Appeal – Members to note that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate) in relation to the following item:

- a. SL/2023/0080
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL UNDER S78 AGAINST REFUSAL OF A PLANNING APPLICATION
Site At: Garden East of Westwinds, Allithwaite Road, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, LA11 7EP
Proposed Development: Construction of new dwelling with creation of a new vehicular access (Resubmission of SL/2022/0824)
Appellant: Mr L Saunders
Appeal Start Date: 28 July 2023
SLDC Application Ref: SL/2023/0080
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/M0933/W/23/3321061
- b. SL/2022/0824
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4. Withdrawals/Not Progressing – Members to note that the following application(s) has been withdrawn/are not progressing.

- a. SL/2022/0549 Fox Rock Allithwaite Road
Three dwellings
Planning application
Withdrawn

C23/75 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.

That Cllr. Roger Handley verified in place of Cllr. Tricia Thomas.

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b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

NOTED That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

That Cllr. Roger Handley verified in place of Cllr. Tricia Thomas.

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.

That Cllr. Tricia Thomas would authorise the payments for this month in place of Cllr. Greenway.

d. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs. Mason and A. Walmsley would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period to include September and October.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs. Greenway and Thomas would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period to include September and October.

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Payments for Approval

August 2023

Accounts for Payment

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Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

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Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

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Total Bank Account No. 1

£ -

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

89	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card July 2023 - Monthly fee	3.00	
89a	DLM Direct - Stationery	12.90	
89b	Amazon - Stationery	4.67	
89c	ShenZhen - Cleaning materials	23.65	
89d	Ningbosh - Cleaning materials	13.64	
89e	Nisbets - Cleaning materials	152.35	
89f	Hexeal - Cleaning materials	17.99	
89g	Stagedepot - Theatre lamps x 4	135.60	
89h	Sunhigh - Cleaning materials	10.99	
89i	SPN Brand - Stationery	9.80	
89j	MDB Ltd - Fire exit sign	10.99	
89k	WFC - Disapply DPS Premises licence	23.00	418.58
90	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		603.00
91	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		162.00
92	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		92.00
93	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/04-30/04/23		425.12
94	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/05-31/05/23		338.29
95	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/06-30/06/23		340.17
96	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/04-30/04/23		67.23
97	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/05-31/05/23		57.97
98	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/06-30/06/23		55.88
99	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/04-30/04/23		46.57
100	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/05-31/05/23		49.95
101	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/06-30/06/23		46.95
102	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/06-30/06/23 (recoverable)		11.74
103	Sage - Support 01/08-31/08/23		92.40
104	Waterplus - V Hall 28/06-28/07/23		133.18
105	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/07-07/08/23		61.34
106	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/07-07/08/23		121.97
107	Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/09/23 Calls to 08/08/23		75.50
108	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/05-01/06/23		642.31
109	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/06-01/07/23		159.13

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

110	Lancasters - Keys, drill bits, paint		102.10
111	Duddon Hire - Portaloo hire Park Gdns 01/06-28/06/23		312.00
112	A Thould - V Hall external window cleaning		45.00
113	C Benbow expenses - Eye examination		45.00
114	First Responders - Defib service pack		114.00
115	TFG Stage Technology Ltd - Annual stage LOLER inspection		1,638.00

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116	Dobsons - Removing water from Room 4 carpet, post flood	24.00	
117	Dobsons - Removing water from Room 4 carpet, post flood	24.00	48.00
118	Employment Pages - Recruitment advertisement		302.40
119	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/08-31/08/23		1,500.00
120	KTD - Photocopying 30/06/23-31/07/23		30.97
121	Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services April - June 2023		464.40
122	PPL PRS Ltd - Performing Rights to 05/07/23 (recoverable)		321.82
123	Burneside Band - Bandstand concert 09/07/23		100.00
124	Flookburgh Band - Bandstand concert 16/07/23		100.00
125	Ulverston Town Band - Bandstand concert 23/07/23		100.00
126	Lancaster City Brass - Bandstand concert 30/07/23		100.00
127	Morecambe Town Band - Bandstand concert 06/08/23		100.00

Total Bank Account No. 2	£ 9,424.97
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Total Accounts	£ 9,424.97
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Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)

Total Salaries	£ 13,935.07
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 4	2,033.21
LG Pension Scheme Month 4 - Employer payment	2,261.81
	£ 18,230.09

Total Bank Account No. 2	£ 27,655.06
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Total all payments for approval	£ 27,655.06
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Accounts paid in previous month

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

86	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/06-07/07/23	54.21	
87	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/06-07/07/23	57.39	
88	Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/08/23 Calls to 06/07/23	75.90	

Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month	£ 187.50
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Grand Total	£ 27,842.56
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Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/07/23	195,209.58
Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/07/23	130,106.84

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

Signed (Chairman)

Dated.....

a. **First Quarter Financial Report**

Members considered the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2023.

RESOLVED

That the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2023 as below was approved.

b. **Casual Vacancies**

Members noted that there are two casual vacancies on the Town Council. Anyone interested is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk

c. **Risk Assessments – Operational**

Members noted the Risk Assessment Record and considered the following Risk Assessments which were reviewed as part of the annual review schedule:

- 1) Victoria Hall – Fire Risk Assessment and Progress Report (*2 documents circulated*)
- 2) Victoria Hall – Operations
- 3) Council Offices
- 4) Recreation Ground (*circulated for July 2023 agenda*).
- 5) Band Concerts
- 6) Allotments
- 7) Public Conveniences
- 8) Cycle Racks
- 9) Remembrance Parade and Act of Remembrance

RESOLVED

That the 2023 Risk Assessment Record and the listed Risk Assessments, which were reviewed as part of the annual review schedule, were approved.

d. **Reserves Allocation – VHSG donation**

Members noted that the £8,000 donation from the Victoria Hall Support Group, noted at the previous Town Council meeting, has been allocated to an earmarked reserve with minute reference C23/59 (a).

e. **IT equipment - renewals and repairs**

Members considered quote to repair or replace Finance Administrator desktop PC.

RESOLVED

That the quote from KTC to upgrade existing device costing £301.00 was approved.

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Grange-over-Sands Town Council		Meeting: 14 August 2023			Prepared: July 2023	
Budget Monitoring 3 months to 30 June 2023		Budget	25% Budget	Actual	% Spend	
	Sage Code	for year	to date	to date	Variance	to
INCOME		£	£	£	£	
Precept	4000	205,890	51,473	51,473	0	25%
Sundry Receipts	4010	-	-	128	128	Comp re Prom Loo damage 2019/Sale of bandstand deckchairs
Interest Received	4015	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - Running Costs WFC	4100	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - General	4105	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - WFC Council Tax	4106	7,850	1,962	1,962	(0)	25%
Grant Receipts - WFC Comm Infrastructure Levy	4107	-	-	-	0	
Donations Received	4115	1,200	300	900	600	9 x £100 donations for Bandstand concerts for July & Aug 2023. June concerts paid direct to bands by Charity & Co.
Donations for Assets	4116	-	-	-	0	
Donations - Victoria Hall	4117	-	-	8,301	8,301	Includes £8000 VHSG lump sum donation
Tenanted Room Rent Receipts	4120	6,932	1,733	1,666	(67)	24% All V Hall rooms tenanted.
Allotment Rent Receipts (Budget in N/L 4120 abx	4121	-	-	-	0	
Room Hire Receipts	4125	16,000	4,000	5,257	1,257	33%
Hospitality Recharged	4126	-	-	75	75	2023/24 now shown separately to Room Hire
Front of House Recharged	4127	-	-	660	660	2023/24 now shown separately to Room Hire
Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee	4162	500	125	-	(125)	0% See next quarter
Commission Received	4170	-	-	3	3	Ticketsource referral income
Lease Registration Fees	4175	-	-	-	0	Cedric Walk
Toilet Entry Fees	4500	11,700	2,925	2,885	(41)	25% Could consider increasing to 40p
Fund Raising Income	4600	-	-	-	0	
		250,072	62,518	73,310	10,792	29%
EXPENDITURE	Sage Code	Budget for year	Budget to date	Actual to date	Variance	% Spend to date
Fund Raising Expenditure	6170	-	-	-	0	
Musicians' Fees	6200	1,200	300	-	(300)	0% See next quarter
Mobile Toilets	6220	700	175	260	85	37%
Staff Salaries	7000	100,000	25,000	26,138	1,138	26%
Front of House Salaries	7000	10,000	2,500	2,000	(500)	20%
Pensions	7001	23,000	5,750	2,828	(2,922)	12% April & May only. Excludes June £2,435.99.
Printing and Stationery	7010	600	150	81	(69)	13%
Postage	7012	30	8	3	(5)	8%
Water	7015	4,550	1,138	1,433	295	31%
Business Rates	7020	8,200	2,050	2,142	92	26%
Telephone/Broadband	7025	550	138	189	51	34%

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EXPENDITURE cont...	Sage Code	Budget for year £	Budget to date £	Actual to date £	Variance £	% Spend to date	
Insurance	7030	8,600	2,150	2,148	(2)	25%	Last 3 months with WPS.
Subscriptions	7040	850	213	893	680	105%	Annual subs for CALC, NALC & SLCC
Information Technology	7046	4,000	1,000	3,039	2,039	76%	Support £2,380 for 03/23-03/24.
Website	7047	400	100	-	(100)	0%	
Travelling Expenses	7050	200	50	-	(50)	0%	
Training Expenses	7052	800	200	254	54	32%	SLCC Conference & Working at Heights training x 4
Civic Expenses	7055	300	75	-	(75)	0%	
Hospitality	7065	200	50	22	(28)	11%	Refreshments including recharged to hirers
Bank Charges	7070	200	50	50	0	25%	
Audit Fees	7075	1,100	275	220	(55)	20%	6mth to 31/03/23 internal audit fee
Accountancy Fees	7080	3,000	750	1,598	848	53%	Accountancy £1,225 Y/e 31/03/23 + 3 months Payroll
Gas	7100	19,000	4,750	1,675	(3,075)	9%	April only. Corona Gas late invoicing for May and June usage
Electricity	7105	7,700	1,925	1	(1,924)	0%	Npower late invoicing for April to June usage
Christmas Lights	7106	4,751	1,188	1,425	238	30%	Deposit for 2023
Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall	7110	-	-	142	142		Swan microwave and kettle for dressing room kitchenette
Hall Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	7119	12,000	3,000	1,890	(1,110)	16%	Includes £1,075 for electrical work following Fire Risk assessm
Repairs and Maint. (Toilets, Rec Ground, Bandstand, Allotments & Public Domain)	7120	7,200	1,800	915	(885)	13%	
Professional Fees - Non Financial	7125	1,500	375	450	75	30%	HR support
Toiletries and Cleaning Materials	7130	700	175	79	(96)	11%	
Rent Payable	7160	740	185	515	330	70%	Annual rent for bandstand and Grange Fell allotments
Card Handling Charges (Toilets only)	7190	1,450	363	201	(162)	14%	Monthly Nayax readers and service fee for toilets
Cleaning	7200	15,000	3,750	3,750	0	25%	Toilets
Communications	7255	500	125	-	(125)	0%	
Lengthsman	7455	6,500	1,625	1,388	(237)	21%	
Parish Election Costs	7600	2,000	500	-	(500)	0%	
		247,521	61,880	55,726	(6,155)	23%	
Net profit (Loss)		2,551	638	17,585			

Balance Sheet Summary as at 30/06/23

Total Assets Less Total Liabilities **287,898**

C23/77

Consultations

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There were no consultations.

C23/78

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 - Lyth and Winster Landscape Recovery Project Meeting 31 July**
This took place at Witherslack Village Hall. Discussion about water management, mainly concerned with the needs of agriculture and soil management. The only matter directly concerning Grange - the flooding on the bottom golf course and Meathop Road - was to say that the sluice gate on the Winster is silted in an almost fully closed position and cannot open to let out the flood waters. There is concern that the channel on the seaward side cannot be dredged for environmental reasons.

a. **Roof Repairs**

Members noted that Rooms 9 and 4 are now out of use due to flooding from rainfall and that works to repair the roof over Room 9 as resolved July 2023 are underway. Scaffolding went up on 7 August and the roofer is working on the roof.

b. **LOLER Stage Inspections**

Members noted that these took place on Monday 17 July 2023. Report to be circulated when Torpedo provide it.

c. **Premises Licence**

Members noted that an application was submitted on 25 July 2023 to Westmorland and Furness Council for the mandatory alcohol condition under the Licensing Act 2003 requiring a Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of a premises licence to be disappplied.

The fee paid was £23.00 (inc. VAT).

The application was accepted by the Licencing Authority and put out for consultation from 31 July until 13 August 2023.

Members further noted that Cllr. E. Walmsley is a Licence Holder and is willing to act as licensee in the interim.

d. **Theatres Trust**

Members noted an update from Cllr. Greenway on the zoom meeting with Theatres Trust held Friday 21 July, and that Cllr. Greenway has submitted an expression of interest to the Architectural Heritage Fund. This is for a grant for a feasibility study for using the building.

The Theatres Trust has granted the Victoria Hall three days' work with a specialist consultant who will visit on Friday 20 October.

Cllr. Greenway welcomed ideas on how to run the day and the following areas to cover were agreed:

- Building and facilities tour
- Finance – current income and revenue
- Human capacity – councillors, staff and volunteers
- Vision for the Hall

e. **Save Grange Lido Tenancy**

Members noted that Save Grange Lido's tenancy of Room 2 from 1 July 2023 is underway, and the lease has been signed.

- a. **Police**
Members noted that the police have confirmed that they will not be providing a rolling road closure, as in previous years, for the Remembrance Sunday parade.
- b. **Royal British Legion**
Members noted the statement from the Royal British Legion explaining that they now also do not provide road closures.
This change in guidance comes after an incident where a member of the public was injured at a Remembrance parade in 2018.
- c. **Westmorland and Furness Council**
Members noted that an application to Westmorland and Furness Council to close the road for the Remembrance parade from the Church to the Ornamental Gardens has been submitted, costing £303.00 (inc. VAT).
- d. **Draft Road Closure Order**
Members considered the draft Road Closure Order from WFC and whether or not any amendments are needed before it goes out for consultation.

RESOLVED

- i. That the application for a Road Closure Order is withdrawn as it is not possible for the Town Council to provide this service and that Councillors will work with the Church to find an alternative way of getting people from the Church to the Ornamental Gardens for the Act of Remembrance.
- ii. That a letter is sent to the Church, ahead of the Remembrance Meeting at the Victoria Hall on Monday 21 August to include:
 - Traditionally, the Police have always attended, closed the roads and ensured that everyone taking part in the Remembrance Parade does so safely.
 - This year, they have confirmed that they are no longer providing this service. The Police will not be there.
 - The Royal British Legion (RBL) have issued a statement on their stance on providing road closures which explains clearly why they no longer get involved with providing road closures.
 - This change came after an incident where a member of the public was injured at a Remembrance Parade in 2018.
 - It makes us all aware that a serious road accident can occur, and what the effects of this can be.
 - Grange Town Council started the process of applying to Westmorland and Furness Council for a Road Closure Order for the event.
 - The process of this made the Councillors aware of the seriousness of the undertaking.

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- They concluded that the Town Council does not have the expertise, training, or capacity to take on providing a road closure either.
- Council staff and volunteers don't have the enforcement training or authority to stop drivers.
- Councillors have recently observed drivers ignoring road closures locally and don't want to risk cars ignoring us and driving into the parade. The risk to participants is too high.
- In their statement, the RBL are clear that a parade on the public highway is not an essential element of a successful Remembrance. They recommend focussing on the Act of Remembrance and the Town Council takes this lead.
- The Town Council can't safely close the road, but is determined that Remembrance Sunday in Grange is not diminished.
- Councillors discussed various ideas for the event to take place without closing Main Street to traffic.
- An idea is that Flookburgh Band gather in the Normandy Gardens. Congregants would then make their own way to the Normandy Gardens from the Church. The Band could parade from there, into the Ornamental Gardens, walking along the top path.
- The Town Council looks forward to working with the Church to find a solution that ensures Remembrance Sunday in Grange continues to be a successful and safe event.

C23/81 Commemorative Trees Project

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Members noted that Cllr. Thomas has arranged for two apple trees to be purchased for the Community Orchard, costing £82.00 (no VAT to pay). To note any update on the project from Cllr. Thomas.

RESOLVED

That purchase of two apple trees for the Community Orchard, costing £82.00 was approved.

C23/82 Public Conveniences

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Members noted that a new Nayax card reader was required for the Prom public conveniences, costing £740.00 (ex. VAT) and considered the payment to Healthmatic Ltd.

RESOLVED

That the payment for a new Nayax card reader for the Prom public conveniences, costing £740.00 (ex. VAT) to Healthmatic Ltd. was approved.

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C23/83 **Westmorland and Furness Council update - Windermere Road Flooding** **16**

Members noted an update received 17 July 2023 from WFC on the flood alleviation work.

C23/84 **Allotments** **17**

Members noted an update from Cllr. Mason on her conversation with the Golf Club regarding complaints from allotment holders about golf balls coming over from the Golf Club. This item was deferred from last month.

The Golf Club have requested a letter explaining the problem.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk writes to the Golf Club FAO Mr Ian Campbell, via Cllr. Mason, to outline the problem that balls come over and risk damage to people and vehicles. It is suggested that the Golf Club put netting alongside the road and install signs warning golfers to take care.

C23/85 **Staffing** **18**

Members noted an update on recruitment from the Town Clerk, that the new Hall Manager has been appointed, and noted the draft minutes from the Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 August 2023.

C23/86 **Next Meeting** **19**

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

Monday 9 October 2023, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council