

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Peter Endorsor

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 9 December 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr. P. Endorsor – **Chair**

Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Hathorn, Cllr. Bailey,

Cllr. Thomas, Cllr. Logan, Cllr. Handley, Cllr. Howson

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance:

10 members of the public

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

C19/120

Apologies for Absence

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There were no apologies received.

C19/121

Reports

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Police Report

PCSO Firth sent the following written report:

Suspicious incidents 3

Thefts 3

Public order offences 1

Sudden deaths 3

Anti-social behaviour 1

RTC 1

Alarm sounding 3

Fraud 1

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Missing person 1

Violence against a person 1

Domestics 3

Concerns for welfare 2

Burglary residential 1

Road related offence 1

District Council Report

District Councillor Eric Morrell reported:

Lido Planning Application – this will not be heard at the December Planning Committee meeting. The delay is due to ecological reports required by Natural England. It will probably be heard at the next meeting, which is in January.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing thanked the Town Council for the Christmas lights and thanked the Mayor for the Christmas Tree lighting.

He reported that:

1. **Council Tax** – the County Council is consulting on a proposed 3.99% increase, to be approved in February.
2. **Traffic Regulations** – a consultation is out, to be considered at this meeting. The County Council won't act until it has heard from the Town Council. There have been a number of traffic-related questions raised by a resident to the Town Council and forwarded to the County Council. Cllr. Wearing said that he had requested a full update and would bring the results to the next meeting.

Cllr. Wearing thanked all the Members for their hard work and wished them a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Peter Endor reported that he had taken part in the St. Paul's Christmas Tree Festival, had enjoyed organising the Christmas in Grange Extravaganza and had the honour of switching on the Christmas Tree lights on Saturday 7 December.

C19/122 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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Resident

Made a representation to members with regard to Save Grange Lido, speaking as Company Secretary, to update the meeting on the Group's progress.

Their business plan is in the process of being independently assessed; feedback is positive and the final report is due at the end of January.

The Group held more open days which have been well-attended.

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They are researching sustainable heating options for the site, intending to include a Changing Places facility and have commissioned a transport consultant to assess links to the site.

A very positive meeting was held with Eden North and Councillors were invited to attend the next meeting with them and Cumbria Tourism.

Resident	Made a representation to members with regard to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yewbarrow Allotments – expressing the opinion that one of the plots is not being maintained and that the Town Council should clear around the entrance to the allotments. 2. Recreation Ground on the Prom – raising maintenance queries about the bowling green and I-Play.
Council Response	The Chairman responded that the resident’s concerns had been noted.
Resident	Made a representation to members with regard to Item 11 (a) County Council Traffic Regulation Consultation informing them that he had filed a formal complaint to the County Council about the process of this consultation.
Resident	Made a representation to members with regard to her application to Bay Villa Trust for the ‘Footsteps to Theatre’ project.

C19/123	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	4
	RESOLVED	That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11 November 2019 were accepted as a true record.
C19/124	Declarations of Interests and Dispensations	5
	NOTED	<p>Cllr. Walmsley declared an interest in Planning, Item 7 e, as her family building business is involved.</p> <p>Cllr. Hathorn declared an interest in Planning, Item 7 c, as the applicant is a family member.</p>
C19/125	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.

a. SL/2019/0556, High Spring Bank Farm– Cllr. Greenway Proposal

In August 2019, GTC resolved not to object to this application. Members considered the proposal from Cllr. Greenway that, following the receipt of more information, the amended response below was submitted to SLDC:

That the Town Council OBJECTS to this development on the following grounds:

1. Permitted Development

It appears that a fourth wall has been constructed which changes the character and landscape impact of the building. GTC requests the following is clarified:

- a. Is the fourth wall a permitted development or not?
- b. Is a landscape impact assessment of the fourth wall needed?

2. Dry-stone Wall Removal

Stretches of dry-stone walling have been removed. This is non-compliant with the Grange-over-Sands Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Incomplete Application

The application, plans and ownership details submitted are inconsistent and unclear.

4. Biodiversity Impact

There is the risk that biodiversity will be reduced.

GTC requests that bat and wildlife surveys are undertaken before any development continues and that mitigation measures are identified.

5. Impact on Listed Buildings

The proposed development would have an adverse impact on the adjacent Grade 2 listed barns.

RESOLVED

That the objection was sent in as proposed above.

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman adjourned the meeting briefly to give the owner of the buildings in question chance to speak. He informed the meeting that he would work with SLDC to resolve any matters.

The meeting was reconvened.

b. Planning Report

- 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/2019/0897

98 Kentsford Road

To widen gateway and drive and create a turning area

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

i) Trees

There are several large trees and no tree assessment has been done. Request that an assessment is completed and that TPOs are put on the trees.

ii) Drainage

There are no plans showing how the tarmac drive would be drained

b. SL/2019/0917

Linksfild, Cartmel Road

Side extension to house to form garden room and rear extension to garage to form extended kitchen/dining room.

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following request:

That a condition is put on the rear extension that it may not be used commercially.

c. SL/2019/0629

Autumn Cottage, The Crescent

Front conservatory

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following request:

That the Planning Officer visits the site and addresses the neighbours' concerns that the solid wall will restrict light and access.

d. SL/2019/0907

Endcliffe, Eden Mount

First floor extension above garage

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following request:

The wood the applicants intend to use is vulnerable to extinction. Could they ensure that they get it from a sustainable source or consider using a different wood?

e. SL/2019/0931

Harwood, Kilmidyke Road

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) attached to planning permission

SL/2018/1047 (Conversion of garage into living accommodation to include a new

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hipped roof over and installation of large corner feature window to the rear elevation)
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

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

- a. **SL/2019/0783** 66 Kentsford Road DISCHARGE CONDITIONS Approval of Discharge.
- b. **SL/2019/0766** 52 Kentsford Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions.
- c. **SL/2019/0802** 8 Carter Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- d. **SL/2019/0826** Woodlands FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions

C19/127 Neighbourhood Plan

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Members noted a progress report on implementation of the Plan from Cllr. Greenway, that a training meeting had taken place with the SLDC Planning Officer. Councillors were invited to write to Cllr. Greenway with any questions they had about the Plan.

C19/128 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.

b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

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

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 That Cllrs. Howson and Logan would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

December 2019

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

262 Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Nov 2019 - Monthly fee	3.00	
262A Nisbets - Water boiler filter and glasses	112.51	
262B UK Paper Rolls - Thermal PDQ rolls	33.60	
262C The Warehouse Group - Thermal till rolls	36.98	
262D Screwfix - BlueDry Eco Dryer	134.99	321.08
263 SLDC - 9/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		565.00
264 SLDC - 9/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		152.00
265 SLDC - 9/10 Non Dom Rates Information Centre		40.00
266 SLDC - 9/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		86.00
269 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 26/08-26/11/19		279.80
274 Waterplus - Church Hill PC 21/08-21/11/19		247.95
275 Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 02/10-01/11/19		548.36
282 Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/08-31/10/19		58.50
283 Npower - Elec V Hall PC 01/08-31/10/19		851.82
284 Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/08-31/10/19		65.31
285 ICO - Annual Data Protection fee		35.00
297 Sage - Support 01/12-31/12/19		72.00

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

267 Treble3 Design Ltd - Events calendar system 17/12/19-17/12/20		105.60
268 KTD - Photocopying 30/10/19-28/11/19		69.67
271 Grange Now - Advert re roofing tender		56.64
272 Lakeland Leisure Walks - A Wilkinson - Information Centre stock		145.00
273 PR Books Ltd - Information Centre stock		18.55
276 Offstone - Information Centre stock		8.40
277 Shorrock Trichem - Paper towels & toilet rolls		417.09
278 Lancasters - Lock & keys cut		18.00
279 PR Books Ltd - Information Centre stock		107.88
280 S Woodhead - Information Centre stock		25.00
281 Grange Plant Centre - Christmas Tree		40.00
287 PR Books Ltd - Information Centre stock		58.56
288 Cardtoons Publications Ltd - Information Centre stock		89.76
289 Cordee - Information Centre stock		70.12
290 Offcomers - Information Centre stock		50.70
291 Yellow Publications - Information Centre stock		133.01
294 Ramblers Association - Information Centre stock		25.00
295 WB Electrical - Install hand dryer & repair emergency light		60.00

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296 Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/12-31/12/19		1,333.34
298 Lengthsman - To 30/11/19		638.00
299 CPC - Stage spotlights & projector HDMI lead & adapter		119.40
300 MD Hanafin & Sons Ltd - Supply & fit allotment fence posts		755.28
301 Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman		132.00
302 HSP Milners - Information Centre stock	75.00	
303 HSP Milners - Information Centre stock	34.00	109.00
304 R Rhodes - Repair to Ladies WC in main hall	84.00	
305 R Rhodes - Fit water meter Prom PC	600.00	684.00
306 British Legion Poppy Appeal - Wreath donation		15.00
29TC Grange Drama - Hiss the Villain ticket reimbursement		266.40
30TC VHSG - Cinema - Yesterday ticket reimbursement		211.50
32TC VHSG - Quiz Night ticket reimbursement		495.00
33TC C Bell - Christmas for Rosemere ticket reimbursement		252.00
34TC Kendal South Choir ticket reimbursement		356.40

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 10,189.12

Total Accounts

£ 10,189.12

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

Total Salaries

£ 6,154.94

HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 8

£ 1,482.18

LG Pension Scheme Month 8 - Employer payment

£ 1,944.96

£ 9,582.08

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 19,771.20

Total all payments for approval

£ 19,771.20

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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

270 XLN - Info Centre calls & line rental 01/12-31/12/19	46.85
286 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/12/19 Calls to 07/11/19	66.60
293 Waterplus - Prom PC 10/06-20/08/19	154.04

Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month	£ 267.49
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Grand Total	£ 20,038.69
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Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1	160,341.17
Bank Account No. 2	131,495.07

Transfers between bank accounts

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish £70 float

31T 04/11/19 - Transfer from Info Centre Cash to Petty Cash	26.35	
32T 11/11/19 - Transfer from Info Centre Cash to Petty Cash	11.48	
33T 18/11/19 - Transfer from Info Centre Cash to Petty Cash	22.64	60.47

C19/129	Finance and Governance	10
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a. 2020/21 Budget

Members considered the draft Budget 2020/21, Key Features and Summary and noted that the draft shows actual 6-month figures for the current year.

b. SLDC Street Lighting Charge

Members noted that the SLDC charge for Street Lighting 2020-21 would be £11,915.11. This would be off-set against the SLDC Council Tax grant. SLDC would advise parishes of the value of this and the Council Tax Base at the end of December.

The Clerk was asked to request SLDC provide an explanation for this increase.

C19/130	Consultations	11
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Members considered consultations on the following:

a. Cumbria County Council Traffic Restrictions

- Cragg Drive – No Waiting at Any Time (Double yellow lines) and No Waiting 8am – 6pm (Single Yellow line) restrictions.

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- Kents Bank Road/Main Street – No loading at any time (Double yellow lines) restriction.
- Main Street – Dual use bay consisting of Loading only parking place 7am – 10am and disabled badge holders only parking, 10am – 5pm for 3 hours no return within 3 hours.
- Windermere Road – No Waiting at Any Time (Double yellow lines) restrictions.

RESOLVED

That the following responses be made:

1. Cragg Drive – Proposed no waiting restrictions:

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this proposal. No evidence is given that the restrictions are needed. In the previous consultation, GTC requested that the County Council undertakes a thorough on-site consultation with residents to resolve this. Evidence from residents suggests that this hasn't happened.

2. Kents Bank Road – Proposed no stopping restrictions:

As previously, the Town Council supports this proposal. Councillors respond that the problem in this area is lack of traffic enforcement.

3. Main Street – Grange Town Council supports this change of use and makes two requests:

- a. That the use of the space be restricted to blue badge holders who are parking to use the Victoria Hall.
- b. That the County provides clarity – does the restriction apply after 5pm? This is not helpful because the majority of disabled users are more likely to use the Hall for evening events.

4. Windermere Road – Proposed no waiting restrictions:

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this proposal as it is not clear why these have been proposed. No evidence is given for the proposal; the measures seem unnecessary and inappropriate.

b. Cumbria County Council: Cumbria Coastal Strategy

Long-term plan showing how the risks related to coastal flooding and erosion will be managed.

Consultation deadline: 13 Dec 2019. Supporting information

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ccs

RESOLVED

That no response was made.

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C19/131 Updates from Members 12

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

a. Cllr. Logan – Christmas Tree Lighting Committee

Cllr. Logan reported that the event was a success, with the new sleigh and donations from Tesco. A lot of people came to see the lights being switched on, as well as over a hundred children who came to see Father Christmas.

C19/132 SLDC Promenade Works 13

On 18 November, Town Cllrs. Walmsley, Thomas and Greenway, District Cllr. Morrell and the Prom Gardeners met SLDC Officers and Architect to discuss proposals for this work.

Members noted an update from Cllr. Greenway that SLDC presented different proposals after receiving feedback from the Town Council on the original landscaping ideas.

The revised plans are much more in keeping with the Prom, having replaced the proposed rusted metal information panels with limestone ones and removed the stone seats and replaced them with benches.

C19/133 Bus Service – Resident Correspondence 14

Members noted correspondence from resident about the bus service and considered a response.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council would refer this matter to Tim Farron, MP.

C19/134 Community Governance Review 15

SLDC consulted GTC about this in March 2019. Cllr. Greenway enquired about the process of re-working the boundaries following SLDC decision to leave them as they are.

Members noted an update from Cllr. Greenway, that she had requested further guidance from SLDC and was still waiting for a response.

Cllr. Greenway said that she would draft a petition and draft process to bring to a subsequent meeting.

C19/135 Training 16

a. Planning SLDC

Members noted that Cllrs. Endsor, Walmsley, Logan, Bailey, Thomas and Greenway and Town Clerk took part in Planning Training led by SLDC on 25 November.

b. Planning CALC

Members noted that Cllr. Bailey and Town Clerk took part in CALC Planning Training on 25 November.

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c. First Aid

Members noted that 13 volunteers and staff took part in First Aid training led by Grange First Responders on 28 November.

C19/136

Next Meeting

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NOTED

That the next Full Council Meeting would be held:

Monday 13 January 2020, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands

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

Signed:

Date:

Chair of Grange-over-Sands Town Council