

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**Chairman/Mayor:**

Cllr. Peter Endsor

**Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:**

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Mrs. C. Benbow



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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely on Monday 8 March 2021 commencing at 7pm.

**Present:**

Cllr. P. Endsor – **Chair**

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

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

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

**In attendance:**

8 members of the public

**Minute  
Ref:**

**Agenda No:**

**C20/157 Apologies for Absence**

**1**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr. Greenway who was absent due to illness.

**C20/158 Reports**

**2**

**Police Report**

The police report is now online:

[https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCUMBRIA\\_POLICE/bulletins/2c21394](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCUMBRIA_POLICE/bulletins/2c21394)

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## District Council Report

District Councillor Robin Ashcroft sent his apologies due to medical leave.

## County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

1. **Covid-19 Update** – Cllr. Wearing continues to circulate information by email. Infections are down and the vaccination programme is progressing well.
2. **Unitary Authority** – The consultation on the four proposed models finishes on 19 April; the Government decision will be made in summer. There will be no District or County elections due to the consultation.
3. **Kents Bank Cross Bay Walks Traffic** – Cllr. Wearing and the Highways Officer met residents and proposed some measures, including parking restrictions on one side of the road outside the railway station. Any actions will take place in the new financial year. Cllr. Wearing will send the proposals to the Town Council for consideration. The County Council is making contact with the new Guide to discuss the possibility of coming ashore at different locations.

## Mayor's Report

There were no civic events due to the pandemic.

### C20/159 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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**Resident 1** Made representation to members regarding Item 8 (a), Planning Correspondence, speaking in support of the complaint about the Town Council's response as consultee to planning applications SL/2018/0897 and SL/2018/0898.

**Council Response** The Chairman thanked the resident for their comments.

**Resident 2** Made representation to members regarding Item 8 (a), Planning Correspondence, speaking in support of the complaint about the Town Council's response as consultee to planning applications SL/2018/0897 and SL/2018/0898.

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**Council Response** The Chairman thanked the resident for their comments.

**Resident 3** Made representation to members regarding Item 8 (a), Planning Correspondence, speaking in support of the complaint about the Town Council's response as consultee to planning applications SL/2018/0897 and SL/2018/0898.

**Council Response** The Chairman thanked the resident for their comments.

**Resident 4** Made representation to members regarding Item 8 (a), Planning Correspondence, speaking in support of the complaint about the Town Council's response as consultee to planning applications SL/2018/0897 and SL/2018/0898.

**Council Response** The Chairman thanked the resident for their comments.

**C20/160 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8 February 2021 were accepted as a true record and would be signed physically in due course.

**C20/161 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 5**

**NOTED** Cllr. Walmsley declared an interest in Item 7 c, Planning, Blawith Farm SL/2021/0134 as her family business is involved.

**C20/162 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.

**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/2021/0100** 3 Graythwaite Court, Fernhill Road  
Installation of roof mounted solar PV panels to front and rear roof elevations  
FULL PLANNING

**RESOLVED  
NO OBJECTION**

- b. **SL/2021/0047** Hampton House, Kents Bank Road  
Installation of steel and glass canopy  
*This item was included on the SLDC weekly planning list published but no details were available on the SLDC website.*

- c. **SL/2021/0134** Blawith Farm, Lindale Road  
Discharge of condition 4 (Roof Lights) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0762  
DISCHARGE CONDITIONS

**RESOLVED  
NO OBJECTION**

- d. **SL/2021/0167** The Shieling, Eden Park Road  
Alterations including raising roof to create first floor accommodation and 2 storey side extension (Resubmission of SL/2020/0742)  
FULL PLANNING

**RESOLVED  
NO OBJECTION**

- e. **SL/2021/0169** Ravenscourt, Flat 3, Lindale Road  
Proposed ground floor double garage with first floor connected tiled terrace deck with internal and external access.  
*This item was included on the SLDC weekly planning list published but no details were available on the SLDC website.*

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

- a. SL/2020/0762 Blawith Farm, Lindale Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- b. SL/2020/0786 Hazelwood Court, Lindale Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- c. SL/2020/0802 Holm Bank FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- d. PN/2021/0004 Fire Station, Kents Bank Road PN for Telecommunications PA not required
- e. SL/2021/0003 27 Carter Road, Kents Bank Lawful Dev Cert – Proposed – Grant

**C20/164 Planning Correspondence**

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### **a. Resident Correspondence - SL/2018/0897 and SL/2018/0898**

Members considered response to complaint received 1 February 2021 about the Town Council's response as consultee to planning applications SL/2018/0897 and SL/2018/0898.

#### **RESOLVED**

That a response is sent to include the following points:

- i) The Town Council is a consultee in planning matters; the District Council is the Local Planning Authority who make planning decisions.
- ii) Complaints need to be raised with the District Council which has responsibility for ensuring that statutory documents are upheld.
- iii) Planning Officers give equal regard to responses from the Town Council as they do to those from residents.
- iv) Town Councillors are unpaid members of the Community who put themselves forward, voluntarily, to represent their fellow-residents.
- v) All are welcome to join the Council and get involved in the local planning response.

### **b. District Council Correspondence - SL/2020/0861**

Members noted response from SLDC Planning Enforcement regarding Large Barn Opposite High Farm, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, LA11 6HA as resolved at previous meeting 8 February 2021 (C20/144).

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C20/165 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 did not take place due to Covid-19 National Restrictions. The Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) completed the verification.

## 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 did not take place due to Covid-19 National Restrictions. The Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) completed the verification.

## 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 and would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.*

Not applicable due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

## e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

### RESOLVED

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

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## GRANGE-OVER-SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

### Payments for Approval

March 2021

#### Accounts for Payment

£

#### Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

295 Barclaycard - Transaction Fees 01/01-31/01/21 - No charge

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#### Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

**Total Bank Account No. 1**

£ -

#### Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

296	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card February 2021 - Monthly fee	3.00
297	SLDC - 6/6 Non Dom Rates Room 2	102.00
298	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/01-31/01/21	102.62
299	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/01-31/01/21	8.78
300	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/01-31/01/21	59.08
301	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/01-31/01/21 (Recoverable)	8.46
302	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/01-01/02/21	399.02
303	Waterplus - V Hall 10/12/20-20/02/21	322.63
304	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 12/12/20-21/02/21	124.86
305	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 15/12-26/02/21	132.04
306	Sage - Support 01/03-31/03/21	78.00

#### Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

307	Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/03-31/03/21	1,500.00
308	Lancasters - Batteries & painting equipment for Room 4	20.25
309	Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services Oct - Dec 2020	356.40
310	Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman	175.00
311	Treble3 - Website updates	24.00
312	SLDC - Business grant overpayment	2,001.00
313	YPO - Stationery	64.38
314	YPO - Cleaning materials	29.94
315	YPO - Cleaning materials	11.47
316	KTD - Photocopying 26/01-22/02/21	8.79
317	Lengthsman - To 28/02/21	132.00
318	C Benbow - Eye test	25.00

**Total Bank Account No. 2**

£ 5,688.72

**Total Accounts**

£ 5,688.72

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

Total Salaries	£	5,185.21
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 11	£	1,400.52
LG Pension Scheme Month 11 - Employer payment	£	1,816.66
	£	<u>8,402.39</u>
<b>Total Bank Account No. 2</b>	£	<u>14,091.11</u>
<b>Total all payments for approval</b>	£	<u>14,091.11</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

293	Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/03/21 Calls to 09/02/21	43.96
294	XLN - Info Centre calls & line rental 01/03-31/03/21	46.85

## Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month	£	<u>90.81</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	£	<u>14,181.92</u>

## Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 28/02/21	174,414.55
Bank Account No. 2 As at 28/02/21	116,432.19

## Transfers between bank accounts

## Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

C20/166

Finance and Governance

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## **Annual Authorisation of Payments**

Members considered the annual review of payments made by variable direct debit and standing order and to approve the use of BACS payments in compliance with Grange Town Council Financial Regulations.



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## RESOLVED

That the annual review of payments made by variable direct debit and standing order and the use of BACS payments in compliance with Grange Town Council Financial Regulations was approved.

**C20/167**

**Council Priorities and Action Plan**

**11**

Members considered draft Council Priorities and Action Plan, updated following discussion at previous Council meeting.

## RESOLVED

That the draft Council Priorities and Action Plan, updated following discussion at previous Council meeting, was approved.

**C20/168**

**Consultations**

**12**

### **Central Government Open Consultation - Proposals for unitary local government in Cumbria**

Members noted the following and considered a response:

Cumbria is currently served by a two-tier system of local government. Cumbria County Council is responsible for services such as adult and children's social care, maintaining roads and libraries, and the Councils – Allerdale Borough, Barrow Borough, Carlisle City, Copeland Borough, Eden District and South Lakeland District - are responsible for services such as rubbish collection, housing and planning and environmental health.

The seven councils in Cumbria have been developing ideas about restructuring local government for some time and requested an invitation from the Secretary of State to submit proposals for unitary local government – a single tier of local government delivering all of the local government services for the area.

The Secretary of State received four proposals from councils in Cumbria:

The two councils - Allerdale and Copeland – jointly submitted a proposal for two unitary councils: West Cumbria comprising the area covered by Allerdale Borough, Carlisle City and Copeland Borough Councils and East Cumbria comprising the area covered by Barrow Borough, Eden District and South Lakeland District Councils.

The two councils - Barrow and South Lakeland – jointly submitted a proposal for two unitary councils: 'The Bay' comprising the area covered by Barrow Borough, South Lakeland District and Lancaster City Councils and North Cumbria comprising the area covered by Allerdale Borough, Carlisle City, Copeland Borough and Eden District Councils.

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The two councils - Carlisle and Eden – jointly submitted a proposal for two unitary councils: North Cumbria comprising the area covered by Allerdale Borough, Carlisle City and Eden District Councils and South Cumbria comprising the area covered by Barrow Borough, Copeland Borough and South Lakeland District Councils.

Cumbria County Council submitted a proposal for a single unitary council for the area of Cumbria County.

**All residents and businesses are encouraged to have their say:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/proposals-for-unitary-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>

Grange Town Council submitted a response about the proposed 'Bay Authority', resolved at the Extraordinary Meeting November 2020 (C20/102).

An acknowledgment was received 15 February 2021 from Luke Hall MP, Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government).

*19.41 The meeting was adjourned to hear from County Cllr. Bill Wearing:*

*Cllr. Wearing confirmed that it is not yet known how the move to Unitary will affect parishes. He will keep the Town Council updated on this and share information from the County Scrutiny Committee.*

*He reminded the meeting that everyone can respond to the consultation individually.*

*19.45 meeting recommenced.*

### RESOLVED

That Grange Town Council had already responded, received confirmation of this from Government, and would make no further response to this consultation.

**C20/169**

**Updates from Members**

**13**

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

a. **Cllr. Greenway – Kents Bank Traffic**

*Cllr. Greenway sent apologies – County Cllr. Bill Wearing gave an update on this in Item 3.*

b. **Cllr. Thomas – Cumbria Better Connected**

The meeting was not until later in the week – report will come to next meeting.

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**C20/170**

**Covid-19 – Re-opening the Victoria Hall**

**14**

Members noted that the Victoria Hall will be allowed to re-open on 17 May, following current government guidance published 24 February 2021:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reopening-businesses-and-venues-in-england/reopening-businesses-and-venues>

The guidance says that public buildings, such as community halls and centres, and libraries, can reopen at Step 2 - no earlier than 12 April – but this is for permitted activities only.

These include support groups, supervised activities for children, parent-and-child groups (up to 15 people, not counting those aged under five), communal worship, or a wedding, reception or commemorative event like a wake.

Indoor events that bring people together - even if they do not mix with other households - must not run until Step 3 - no earlier than 17 May.

The Victoria Hall will be able to re-open then and used/attended in line with the wider social contact limits at this stage. For more information, read the link above.

**C20/171**

**I – Play on Promenade**

**15**

Members received an update from the Working Party (Cllrs. Bailey, Howson, Hathorn and Logan) set up at the previous meeting to investigate ideas, get quotes and research funding and report back to Full Council with recommendations:

Cllr. Bailey reported they all met and discussed ideas, were planning to do a survey of residents to see what people wanted and were researching grants for play equipment.

**C20/172**

**Resident Correspondence – Biodiversity at Yewbarrow Gardens**

**16**

Members considered correspondence asking Grange Town Council to support measures to increase biodiversity at Yewbarrow Gardens.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk would contact SLDC, who are the owners and managers of the land, about the correspondence and that the Town Council supported any measure that could be done to increase biodiversity.

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**C20/173**

**Next Meeting**

**17**

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

Monday 12 April 2021, 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

**Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council**