

Barlow Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2020

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/404)

	Notes
1. The audit of accounts for Barlow Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 has been completed and the accounts have been published.	This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 November. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website. The smaller authority must decide how long to publish the Notice for; the AGAR and external auditor report must be publicly available for 5 years.
2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Barlow Parish Council on application to:	
(a) <u>EMMA SMITH - CLERK RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.</u> <u>BARLOW VILLAGE HALL, MILLCROFT WANE, BARLOW</u> <u>SH87TA</u> <u>T- 01841 529122 email- info@barlowvillage.co.uk</u>	(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR
(b) <u>6pm - Monday - Friday.</u>	(b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised
3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £ <u>2</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.	(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs
Announcement made by: (d) <u>EMMA SMITH - CLERK RESPONSIBLE</u> <u>FINANCIAL OFFICER</u>	(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice
Date of announcement: (e) <u>5 October 2020</u>	(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice

Bank reconciliation

This reconciliation should include all bank and building society accounts, including short term investment accounts. It must agree column headed "Year ending 31 March 2020" in Section 2 of the AGAR – and will also agree to Box 7 where the accounts are prepared on a credit and payments basis. Please complete the highlighted boxes, remembering that unpresented cheques should be entered as negative numbers.

Name of smaller authority: Barlow Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Derbyshire

Financial year ending 31 March 2020

Prepared by (Name and Role): Emma Smith - Responsible Financial Officer

Date: 16/05/2020

	£	£
Balance per bank statements as at 31/3/20:		
Unity - Current	18,748.69	
Unity - Reserve	5,034.44	
	<hr/>	23,783.13
Petty cash float (if applicable)		-
Less: any unpresented cheques as at 31/3/20 (enter these as negative numbers)		
300011	(50.00)	
300043	(7.98)	
	<hr/>	(57.98)
Add: any un-banked cash as at 31/3/20		
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Net balances as at 31/3/20 (Box 8)		<u><u>23,725.15</u></u>

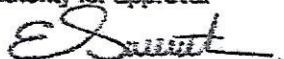
Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 for

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2019 £	31 March 2020 £	
1. Balances brought forward	39,371	35,413	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	24,254	29,127	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	12,911	33,548	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	9,761	7,385 61,725	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	3,249	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	31,362	68,012 64,389	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	35,413	19,442 23,125	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	35,413	19,442 23,125	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	55,523	55,523	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	21,951	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PNLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
			N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2020 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval



Date

01/06/2020

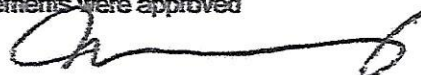
I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

01/06/2020

as recorded in minute reference:

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Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved



Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2019/20

In respect of

Barlow Parish Council DE0017

1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2020; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work **does not** constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

2 External auditor report 2019/20

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. The AGAR had to be sent back for amendment.

3 External auditor certificate 2019/20

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2020.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

PKF Littlejohn LLP

Date

24/09/2020

* Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2019/20 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)