



GREAT BARFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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The accounting statements 2016/2017 of Great Barford Parish Council are unaudited and subject to change.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anne Papé'.

Anne Papé
Clerk to the Council

Chairman: Mr James Rudgley 01234 870003, parish.james@btinternet.com

Councillors: Ms Dinah Ames 01234 870251; Mr Derrick Folbigg 01234 870032; Mrs Noreen Byrne 01234 871919; Mrs Ann Lovesey 01234 870693; Mr Stuart Southall 01234 870333; Miss Siobhan Vincent 01234 870292, Graham Pendrey 01234 870139; Mrs Robin Smith 01234 870245; Mr Tim Wood 01234 870245; Mr Chris Hutton 01234 870245.

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2016/17

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this smaller authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this smaller authority and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	NA
			has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority on:

20/06/2017

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE
11-1

Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:

[Signature]

Clerk:

[Signature]

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.

Section 2 – Accounting statements 2016/17 for

Enter name of smaller authority here:

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	Year ending		Notes and guidance				
	31 March 2016 £	31 March 2017 £					
1. Balances brought forward	49,632	51,863	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	52,600	55,600	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs, rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.				
3. (+) Total other receipts	6,898	32,152	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	15,648	16,991	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.				
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).				
6. (-) All other payments	41,619	59,494	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	51,863	63,131	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	51,863	63,131	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	279,650	275,148	This cell shows the value of all the property the authority owns. It is made up of its fixed assets and long-term investments.				
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).				
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>		Yes	No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Council 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.
Yes	No						
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2017 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer:

[Signature]

Date: 20/06/2017.

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on:

20/06/2017

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE 11.2

Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:

[Signature]

APPENDIX 5

Great Barford Parish Council PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2017 Local Audit And Accountability Act 2014 Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

Great Barford Parish Council's annual return needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Any person interested has the right to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts and other documents relating to those records or documents.

These documents for Great Barford Parish Council are to be made available on reasonable notice by application between the hours of 09:30 and 12:30pm on working days (excluding public holidays).

Commencing on 03 July 2017
And
Ending on 11 August 2017

If you wish to view them then please contact the named smaller authority representative:

Name ANNE PAPE
Position in Smaller Authority CLERK TO THE COUNCIL & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER
Address PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE
59 HIGH STREET
GREAT BARFORD
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, MK44 3JY
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Local electors and their representatives have rights to question the auditor about the accounts and object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority. The auditor can be contacted at the address below for this purpose during the inspection period which commences on **03 July 2017** and ends on **11 August 2017**.

The smaller authority's annual return is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice.

The appointed auditor of Great Barford Parish Council is:

BDO LLP, Arcadia House, Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3TL
Telephone: 023 8088 1941