

# **BLUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT**

Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

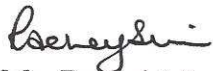
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (S1 2015 No 234)  
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

1. Date of announcement: 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017
2. Notice of conclusion of audit and publication of accounts.  
The audit of the authority's accounts for the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 has been concluded on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 by Grant Thornton UK LLP.  
The Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements and the External auditor certificate and report (the Annual Return) have been published on the Parish Council's website: [www.blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk)  
Copies of documents are available to purchase by any person on payment of £5 per item. Documents will remain available for public access for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of the notice.
3. Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provides for the exercise of public rights to inspect the statement of accounts:  
Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to make copies of:  
The accounting statements,  
The external auditor's opinion and certificate of completion,  
Any public interest report relating to the authority, and  
Any recommendation relating to the authority.

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 4 below:

4. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts and availability:

Mrs Rachel J Smith, Finance Officer to the Parish Council,  
Parish Council Office,  
Village Hall,  
High Street,  
Blunsdon,  
Swindon, SN26 7AR  
telephone number 01793 705617; email: [rachelblunsdon@gmail.com](mailto:rachelblunsdon@gmail.com)



Mrs Rachel J Smith,  
Finance Officer to the Parish Council.

*For more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication Council Accounts - A Guide To Your Rights are available from the National Audit Office website:  
<https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>*

# Section 3 – External auditor report and certificate

In respect of:

Enter name of  
smaller authority here:

BLUNSDON (ST ANDREW) PARISH COUNCIL

## 1. Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2017; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual 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. 2016/17 External auditor report

(~~Except for the matters reported below~~)\* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met. (\*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

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

none

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

## 3. 2016/17 External auditor certificate

We certify/~~do not certify~~\* that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2017.

\* We do not certify completion because:

External auditor signature Grant Thornton UK LLP

External auditor name Grant Thornton UK LLP Date 7/8/17

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2016/17 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website ([www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk))