

Buckworth Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017

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

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

	Notes
1. The audit of accounts for Buckworth Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2017 has been completed and the accounts have been published.	This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the Annual Return must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website.
2. The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Buckworth Parish Council on application to: (a) <u>JOHN DAIVISON, COUNCILLOR & R.F.O.</u> <u>6 BREAM CLOSE BUCKWORTH</u> <u>01480 896294</u> (b) <u>10 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY</u> <u>PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENT</u>	(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the Annual Return (b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised
3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £ <u>1</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Return.	(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs
Announcement made by: (d) <u>John A Davison</u>	(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice
Date of announcement: (e) <u>17 AUGUST 2017</u>	(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice

AVAILABLE UNTIL 22 SEPTEMBER.

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2016/17

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

BUCKORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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:

22/05/2017

and recorded as minute reference:

Item 9.2. REFERENCE

Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:

[Signature] P. COOPER

Clerk:

Gloria E. MONSON

*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.