

Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report

2015/16 Certificate

We 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 2016 in respect of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

NORMANTON ON TRENT WITH MARNHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

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 2016; 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.

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(~~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 matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation 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:

SEE ATTACHED.

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor signature

Grant Thornton UK LLP

External auditor name

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date

16 August 2016

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2015/16 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

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Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2016**

Matters reported

None

**Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention
of Normanton On Trent Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2016**

**Order of signing the Annual governance statement (Section 1) and the
Accounting statements (Section 2)**

The Parish Council has considered, approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) and the Accounting Statements (Section 2) on the same day and under the same minute reference. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 stipulate that the Annual Governance Statement must be considered, approved and signed before the Accounting statements at Section 2 by resolution of members of the authority meeting as a whole. In future, the Parish Council should ensure that the minute references clearly demonstrate that that the Annual Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed before the Accounting statements.

**Clerk and Chair's signatures of the Annual governance statement (Section 1) and
Accounting statements (Section 2)**

The Parish Council has considered, approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) and Accounting Statements (Section 2) on 18 May 2016. The Clerk and Chair have pre-signed the Annual Governance Statement and the Chair has pre-signed Accounting Statements on 10 May 2016. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2016 stipulate that the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements must be approved by resolution of members of the authority meeting as a whole. The signature of the Chair and Clerk on Section 1 and Section 2 is confirmation of this and should be on the same date as Council approval. In future, the Parish Council should ensure that the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements is signed by the Clerk and Chair when it has been approved by the Council.

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Date *16 August 2016*

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