

Audited Body Name.....Bleasby Parish Council.....

**NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT**

Accounts year ended 31 March 2015

Audit Commission Act 1998 (as transitionally saved)

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011

Insert date of placing  
the Notice

1. Date of Notice .....18 / Sept ..... / 2015.

The date of conclusion  
of the audit is the date  
shown on the Auditor's  
Certificate and Report  
at Section 3 of the  
Annual Return.

2. Notice

The Audit of the Council's Accounts for the above year has been concluded on

.....15 Sept 2015..... by Grant Thornton UK LLP.

The Accounts must be  
published on  
conclusion of the Audit  
or on 30<sup>th</sup> September  
whichever is the  
earlier.

3. Publication of Accounts.

A copy of the Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's Certificate and Report thereon  
has been published.

The Statement of  
Accounts consists of  
sections 1, 2 and 3 of  
the Annual Return.

Notice of these rights is  
required by the Act.

4. Local Government Elector's Rights

A Local Government Elector for the Parish may obtain, inspect or take a copy of the  
Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Certificate and Report by arrangement with the  
Clerk at the address and times set out below.

Complete as locally  
appropriate

5. Days and times of availability

.....Mon - Friday.....  
.....by appointment.....  
.....only.....

Complete as locally  
appropriate

6. Address where the Documents may be inspected or purchased

.....3 Jackson Court.....  
.....Farnham, Newark.....  
.....NG24 3TS.....

Complete as  
appropriate

7. Signature and name of person giving Notice on behalf of Council

Amend if necessary

.....Boyer..... Clerk and /-or Responsible Financial Officer

This Notice is to be displayed for 14 days.

# Section 1 – Accounting statements 2014/15 for

Enter name of reporting body here: **BLISSY PARISH COUNCIL** Council/Meeting

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2014 £	31 March 2015 £	
1 Balances brought forward	11,935	16,786	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 (+) Annual precept	10,860	10,500	Total amount of precept received or receivable in the year. Excludes any grants received.
3 (+) Total other receipts	4,603	4,299	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept received (line 2). Include any grants received here.
4 (-) Staff costs	3,177	3,465	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	2,419	2,420	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings (if any).
6 (-) All other payments	5,016	4,691	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	16,786	21,009	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8 Total cash and short term investments	16,786	21,009	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March - <b>to agree with bank reconciliation.</b>
9 Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	44,064	44,626	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the council as at 31 March
10 Total borrowings	30,135	29,238	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11 Disclosure note Trust funds (including charitable)	yes	no	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.
		✓	

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2015 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

*Myndra Ogilvie*

Date **22.4.15**

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council on this date:

**22.4.2015**

and recorded as minute reference:

**22.4.2015**

Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

*Elaine France*

Date **22.4.2015**

## Section 2 – Annual governance statement 2014/15

We acknowledge as the members of:

BLISSY PARISH COUNCIL

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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 2015, that:

	Agreed –		'Yes' means that the council:
	Yes	No*	
1 We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	YES		prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.
2 We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	YES		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 the council to conduct its business or on its finances.	YES		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.	YES		during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.
5 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the council and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	YES		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 council accounting records and control systems.	YES		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 the council.
7 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	YES		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 the council and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	YES		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9 Trust funds (including charitable) – in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	yes	no	NA
			N/A

This annual governance statement is approved by the council and recorded as minute reference

22.4.2015

dated 22.04.2015

Signed by:

Chair Graire France

dated 22.4.2015

Signed by:

Clerk RUTH MOULTON

dated 22.4.2015

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

## Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report 2014/15

### Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Audit Commission Act 1998 as transitionally saved, for the year ended 31 March 2015 in respect of:

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### Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

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

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2015; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission (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.

### 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 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 council:

*See attached*

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor signature

*Mark Heap*

External auditor name

Mark Heap for Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date

15 September 2015

Note: The Audit Commission issued guidance in its Standing Guidance, which is applicable to external auditors' work on 2014/15 accounts.

**This page is part of Section 3 - External auditor certificate and opinion 2014/15**

**Bleasby Parish Council  
Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2015**

**Matters reported**

None

**Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention  
of Bleasby Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2015**

**Council Tax Support Grant 2013/14**

We reported in the 2013/14 audit report that Council Tax Support Grant of £110 had been incorrectly included in Box 2 of Section 1 of the Annual Return. The Council has not restated the comparative figures for 2013/14. Box 2 should state £10,750 and Box 3 should state £4,713 in the 2014 column on the 2015 Annual Return.

**Internal Audit Report**

The Council received an Annual Precept of £10,500 during the year ending 31 March 2015. However, the Internal Auditor has stated 'No' to Box D of Section 4 of the Annual Return (the annual internal audit report) thereby disagreeing with the statements that the precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process and progress against the budget is regularly monitored. In future years the Council should regularly monitor the budgetary process.

The internal auditor also answered "No" to Box I of Section 4 of the Annual Return, as there is no evidence of the bank reconciliation being properly carried out. The Council should ensure that a bank reconciliation is prepared on a regular basis.

**Section 4, Assertion B**

In Section 4 of the 2014/15 Annual Return, Assertion B has been left blank. The internal auditor has confirmed the correct response is 'No'. The Council should ensure that all payments are supported by invoices and that the Council's financial regulations are applied in all cases.



**for Grant Thornton UK LLP**

*Date 15 September 2015*

**Our ref NOT018**

## Section 4 – Annual internal audit report 2014/15 to

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The council's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2015.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the council's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose only one of the following		
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year.	YES		
B The council's financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.			
C The council assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	YES		
D The annual precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.		NO	
E Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	YES		
F Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			N/A
G Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with council approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	YES		
H Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	YES		
I Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.		NO	
J Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	YES		
K Trust funds (including charitable) The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.	Yes	No	Not applicable
			N/A

For any other risk areas identified by the council (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

Name of person who carried out the internal audit A M SHAW

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit *Martin Shaw* Date 30/4/15

If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

\*\*Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).