## **Carlton Parish Council**

# Public inspection of accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

The accounts of Carlton Parish Council for the above financial year, together with all invoices, receipts and supporting documentation will be available for public inspection for a period of 30 working days commencing on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and ending on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

To inspect these accounts please contact C J Peat, Parish Clerk at Home Farm House, 7 Main Street, Carlton, CV13 0BZ, telephone 01455-290934, email clerk@carltonpc.co.uk.

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# DECLARATION OF STATUS OF PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

## The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No.234)

The statement of accounts for	N PARISM to change.	COUNCIL	<u>*</u>
* insert name of Smaller Authority			
2. Signed by: Signature:			
Date: 10tl May	2016		
RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER			

## NOTICE OF DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE

## **EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

#### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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

NOTICE		NOTES
1. Date of announcement 1 stt May 2016 (a)	(a)	Insert date of placing of this notice
<ul> <li>2. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:</li> <li>Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2016 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 3 below.</li> </ul>		Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 must be published with this Notice
Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to:		
question the auditor about the accounts: and		
<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 5 below for this purpose.  3. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts (b)	/k\	
Name: CI PEAT	(b)	Insert name, position, address and contact details such as telephone and email of the Clerk or other person to which any
Position: PARISH CLESTIC.		person may apply to inspect the accounts, and the details of the
Address: 7 MAIN ST, CARLTON, CV130BZ.		manner in which notice should be given of an intention to inspect the accounting records and other
Tel no: 01455 - 250934		documents
Email: CLEEK 2 CARLTON PC-CO. UK.		
4. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days:		
commencing on (c) MONDAY 6 SUNE 2016	(c)	Insert date at least 1 working day after the Date of announcement in paragraph 1 above and between 3 June 2016 and 1 July 2016.
and ending on (d) FRIDAY IS TH JULY. 2016	(d)	The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 consecutive working days and must include the first 10 working days of July. Exclude weekends.
5. Your appointed auditor is:  Mark Heap Grant Thornton UK LLP Royal Liver Building Liverpool L3 1PS Tel: 0151 224 7200		
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.		

#### Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (c. 2)

#### 26 Inspection of documents etc

- (1) At each audit of accounts under this Act, other than an audit of accounts of a health service body, any persons interested may—
- a) inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records, and
- (b) make copies of all or any part of those records or documents.
- (2) At the request of a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, the local auditor must give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records.
- (3) The local auditor's reasonable costs of complying with subsection (2) are recoverable from the relevant authority to which the accounts relate.
- (4) This section does not entitle a person-
- (a) to inspect or copy any part of any record or document containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, or
- (b) to require any such information to be disclosed in answer to any question.
- (5) Information is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality if-
- (a) its disclosure would prejudice commercial confidentiality, and
- (b) there is no overriding public interest in favour of its disclosure.
- (6) This section does not entitle a person-
- (a) to inspect or copy any part of any record or document containing personal information, or
- (b) to require any personal information to be disclosed in answer to any question.
- (7) Information is personal information if it identifies a particular individual or enables a particular individual to be identified (but see subsection (8)).
- (8) Information is not personal information merely because it relates to a business carried on by an individual as a sole trader.
- (9) Information is personal information if it is information about an officer of the relevant authority which relates specifically to a particular individual and is available to the authority because—
- (a) the individual holds or has held an office or employment with that authority, or
- (b) payments or other benefits in respect of an office or employment under any other person are or have been made or provided to that individual by that authority.
- (10) For the purposes of subsection (9)—
- (a) "the relevant authority" means the relevant authority whose accounts are being audited, and
- (b) payments made or benefits provided to an individual in respect of an office or employment include any payment made or benefit provided in respect of the individual ceasing to hold the office or employment.

#### 27 Right to make objections at audit

- (1) This section applies if, at an audit of accounts under this Act other than an audit of accounts of a health service body, a local government elector for an area to which the accounts relate makes an objection to the local auditor which meets the requirements in subsection (2) and which—
- (a) concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report, or
- (b) concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could apply for a declaration under section 28.
- (2) The requirements are that-
- (a) the objection is made in writing, and
- (b) a copy of the objection is sent to the relevant authority whose accounts are being audited.
- (3) The local auditor must decide—
- (a) whether to consider the objection, and
- (b) if the auditor does so, whether to take action within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) in response.
- (4) The local auditor may decide not to consider the objection if, in particular, the auditor thinks that-
- (a) the objection is frivolous or vexatious,
- (b) the cost of the auditor considering the objection would be disproportionate to the sums to which the objection relates, or
- (c) the objection repeats an objection already considered—
- (i) under this section by a local auditor of the authority's accounts, or
- (ii) under section 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 by an auditor appointed under that Act in relation to those accounts.
- (5) Subsection (4)(b) does not entitle the local auditor to refuse to consider an objection which the auditor thinks might disclose serious concerns about how the relevant authority is managed or led.
- (6) If the local auditor decides not to take action within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1), the auditor may recommend that the relevant authority should instead take action in response to the objection.
- (7) The local auditor's reasonable costs of exercising functions under this section are recoverable from the relevant authority.

# Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2016

Every smaller authority in England with an annual turnover of £6.5 million or less must complete an annual return at the end of each financial year in accordance with proper practices summarising its activities. In this annual return the term 'smaller authority'\* includes a Parish Meeting, a Parish Council, a Town Council and an Internal Drainage Board.

#### The annual return on pages 2 to 4 is made up of three sections:

- Sections 1 and 2 are completed by the smaller authority. Smaller authorities must approve Section 1 before Section 2.
- Section 3 is completed by the external auditor.

In addition, the internal audit report is completed by the smaller authority's internal audit provider.

Each smaller authority must approve Sections 1 and 2 of this annual return no later than 30 June 2016.

#### Completing your annual return

Guidance notes, including a completion checklist, are provided on page 6 and at relevant points in the annual return.

Complete all highlighted sections. Do not leave any highlighted box blank. Incomplete or incorrect returns require additional external auditor work and may incur additional costs.

Send the annual return, together with the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2016, an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements, **your notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights** and any additional information requested, to your external auditor by the due date.

Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed for their work. Unless requested, do not send any original financial records to the external auditor.

Once the external auditor has completed their work, certified annual returns will be returned to the smaller authority for publication or public display of Sections 1, 2 and 3. You must publish or display the annual return, including the external auditor's report, by 30 September 2016.

It should not be necessary for you to contact the external auditor for guidance.

More guidance on completing this annual return is available in the Practitioners' Guides that can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.slcc.co.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

\*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

## Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2015/16

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of	CARLTON	PARISH	CONSCAL
smaller authority here:	CARCON	MERSE	

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 2016, that:

	·	A	\greed		'Yes'
		Yes	No <sup>*</sup>	+	means that this smaller authority:
1.	We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	<b>✓</b>			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.	<b>✓</b>			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.	<b>✓</b>			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.	<b>/</b>			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.	<b>\</b>			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.	<b>✓</b>			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.	<b>✓</b>			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.	<b>✓</b>			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	Signed by:
smaller authority and recorded as minute reference:	Chair
P. 1607/9e	dated 12 4Me
dated \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Signed by:
	Clerk
	dated 13/4/2016.

\*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 2015/16 for

Enter name of smaller authority here:

## CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

		Year	ending	Notes and guidance	
		31 March 2015 £	31 March 2016 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.	
1.	Balances brought forward	44784	41579	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	5550	5700	Total amount of precept or (for IDBs) rates and levies received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.	
3.	(+) Total other receipts	7579	17876	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	(000	1100	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	77	217	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).	
6.	(-) All other payments	15334	22270	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	41579	41785		
8.	Total value of cash and short term investments	41579	W785	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 long term investments and assets	7114	2157	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the smaller authority as at 31 March	
10.	Total borrowings	とこし	NIL	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)		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 2016 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

Date 30 04 2016.

	13/04/2016
and recorde	ed as minute reference:
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Signed by C statements.	Chair of the meeting approving these accounting

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved

# 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:

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smaller authority here:	CAROLION PAR	ish buncil

## 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.

## External auditor report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attent legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).	·
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(continue on a separate sheet if required)	
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Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the smaller	authority:
(continue on a separate sheet if required)	
External auditor signature	
External auditor name	Date
Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2015/16 acc AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)	counts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The

Enter name of smaller authority here:	CARLTON	PARISM	COUNC	سابر	
This smaller authority's i	nternal audit, acting indeper ve assessment of compliand on during the financial year	ce with relevar	nt procedures		
coverage. On the basis of summarised in this table internal audit conclusion	arried out in accordance with the findings in the areas ended are the object on whether, in all significations financial year to a standard	examined, the i ctives of intern nt respects, the	nternal audit of all control and all control obje	conclus l alongs ctives v	sions are side are the were being
Internal control objective			Agre one	ed? Pleas of the folio	se choose only owing
			Yes		Not covered**
Appropriate accounting reco	rds have been kept properly througho	ut the year.	V		
· ·	financial regulations, payments were nd VAT was appropriately accounted	• •	ces, all		
C. This smaller authority asses adequacy of arrangements to	sed the significant risks to achieving it o manage these.	s objectives and rev	riewed the		·
	ment resulted from an adequate budg larly monitored; and reserves were ap		ress		
Expected income was fully r banked; and VAT was appro-	eceived, based on correct prices, prop priately accounted for.	perly recorded and p	promptly		
Petty cash payments were papproved and VAT appropri	roperly supported by receipts, all petty ately accounted for.	y cash expenditure v	was		
- ·	llowances to members were paid in a AYE and NI requirements were proper		smaller		
H. Asset and investments regis	ters were complete and accurate and	properly maintained	ı. 🗸		
Periodic and year-end bank	account reconciliations were properly	carried out.	<u> </u>		
(receipts and payments or in	ared during the year were prepared or come and expenditure), agreed to the lerlying records and where appropriate	cash book, support	ted by an		
K. (For local councils only)					Not
Trust funds (including charit	able) – The council met its responsibil	ities as a trustee.	Yes	No	applicable
For any other risk areas identified sheets if needed)	by this smaller authority adequate cor	ntrols existed (list an	y other risk areas	below or c	n separate
No other risk area	s identified.				
Name of person who carried out	0	IALL	•		
	4.	1111	<u> </u>		

\*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).

## Guidance notes on completing the 2015/16 annual return

- 1. You must apply proper practices for preparing this annual return. Proper practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide\* which is updated from time to time and contains everything you should need to prepare successfully for your financial year-end and the subsequent work by the auditor. NALC, SLCC and ADA have helplines if you want to talk through any problem you encounter.
- 2. Make sure that your annual return is complete (i.e. no empty highlighted boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making amendments to the completed return. Any amendments must be approved by the smaller authority, properly initialled and explanation provided. Annual returns containing unapproved or unexplained amendments will be returned and may incur additional costs.
  Smaller authorities must approve the annual governance statement before approving the accounts.
- 3. Use the checklist provided below. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps a Councillor or Board Member, to review the annual return for completeness before sending it to the external auditor.
- 4. Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful. However, you must tell the external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer or Chair.
- 5. Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation which you send to your external auditor with the annual return covers all your bank accounts. If your smaller authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree your bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting statements (Section 2 on page 3). You must provide an explanation for any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the Practitioners' Guide\*.
- 6. Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 3. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include complete analysis to support your explanation. There are a number of examples provided in the Practitioners' Guide\* to assist you.
- 7. If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or you do not fully explain variances, this may incur additional costs for which the auditor will make a charge. From 2016 onwards, you must inform the auditor of the date set for the commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights.
- 8. Make sure that your accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2015) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2016).
- 9. Do not complete Section 3 which is reserved for the external auditor.

Completion checklist -	- 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements	Done?
All sections	All highlighted boxes have been completed?	
	All additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights, has been provided for the external auditor?	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation is provided?	44
Section 2	Smaller authority approval of the accounting statements is confirmed by the signature of the Chair of the approval meeting?	<b>V</b>
•	An explanation of significant variations from last year to this year is provided?	<b>✓</b>
	Bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2016 agreed to Box 8?	/
	An explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 is provided?	16
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – all disclosures made if a Council is a sole managing trustee? NB: Do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	مع
Internal Audit report	All highlighted boxes completed by internal audit and explanations provided?	/

\*Note: Practitioners' Guides are available from your local NALC, SLCC or ADA representatives or from www.nalc.gov.uk or www.slcc.co.uk or www.ada.org.uk.

## Carlton Parish Council Leicestershire

Additional information required for external audit Financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

## a) Notice of the date of commencement of period for the exercise of public rights

This date is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

### b) Bank reconciliation

End of year balance in cash book	41784.66
Total	41784.66
Petty cash	0.00
Uncleared payments into bank	0.00
Unpaid cheques	0.00
Total	41784.66
Barclays Business Direct Access account	36291.68
HSBC Business Money Manager account	4049.51
HSBC Community account	1443.47

## c) Explanation of significant variances

Carlton Parish Council completed the Diamond Jubilee Orchard project by installing play equipment and laying a wearing surface on the path, replaced the parish noticeboard and a litter bin, and created a carved wooden seat in the churchyard. These projects are supported by s106 funding, donations and grants, but not all of this money had been received by the year end. No New Homes Bonus Funding was received.

Box	Variance	%	Element	Variance
1	- 3205	-7.2		
2	+150	+2.7		
3	+10297 <b>+26</b>	+135.9	Cemetery fees VAT refund Grant income Donations New homes bonus S106 funding TOTAL Residual variance	+150 +1253 -1039 +600 - 4409 +13768 +10323
4	+100	+10.0		
5	0	0		

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6	+6936 <b>+162</b>	+45.2	Toddlers play area Diamond Jubilee Orchard Rights of Way project VAT Litter bin Clerk salary TOTAL Residual variance	+12905 - 4995 - 2808 +1377 +195 +100 +6774
7/8	+206	+0.5		
9	+14463 0	+203.3	Old noticeboard New noticeboard Carved wooden seat Toddlers play equipment TOTAL Residual variance	-8 +892 +758 +12821 <b>+14463</b>

- d) not applicable
  - e, f) no responses require explanation

#### g) Details of earmarked reserves

A Fixed Asset Fund has been set up to provide for the replacement of the toddlers play equipment at the end of its life (estimated at 20 years).

	£	£
Recreational Land Purchase Fund		30500
Fixed Asset Fund		947
Parish Amenities Fund (public donations)		1826
Village green improvements		5000
Working Group funds:		
Carlton Gardening Group	279	
Keep Carlton Tidy Group	152	
Carlton Footpath Group	<u>57</u>	
Total Working Group Funds	488	488

TOTAL 38761



Chairman



Responsible Financial Officer