

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 Part 2

To be completed only by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other smaller authorities* where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less, that meet the qualifying criteria, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review

Guidance notes on completing Part 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20

1. Every smaller authority in England where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less **must**, following the end of each financial year, complete Part 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices*, unless the authority:
 - a) does not meet the qualifying criteria for exemption; or
 - b) does not wish to certify itself as exempt
2. Smaller authorities where the higher of all gross annual income or gross annual expenditure **does not exceed** £25,000 and that meet the qualifying criteria as set out in the Certificate of Exemption **are able to declare themselves exempt** from sending the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor for a limited assurance review **provided** the authority **completes**:
 - a) The **Certificate of Exemption**, page 3 and returns a copy of it to the external auditor **either** by email or by post (not both) **no later than 30 June 2020**. Failure to do so will result in reminder letter(s) for which the Authority will be charged £40 +VAT for each letter; and
 - b) The **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (Part 2)** which is made up of:
 - **Annual Internal Audit Report (page 4)** to be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - **Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement (page 5)** to be completed and approved by the authority.
 - **Section 2 – Accounting Statements (page 6)** to be completed and approved by the authority.**NOTE: Authorities certifying themselves as exempt SHOULD NOT send the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor.**
3. The authority **must** approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement before approving Section 2 Accounting Statements and both **must** be approved and published on a website **before 1 July 2020**.

Publication Requirements

Smaller authorities **must** publish various documents on a public website as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. These include:

- **Certificate of Exemption**, page 3
- **Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20**, page 4
- **Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20**, page 5
- **Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20**, page 6
- Analysis of variances
- Bank reconciliation
- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Limited Assurance Review

Providing the authority certifies itself as exempt, and completes and publishes the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, there is **no** requirement for the authority to have a limited assurance review.

Any smaller authority may, however, request a limited assurance review. In these circumstances the authority should **not certify itself as exempt, and not complete the** Certificate of Exemption, but complete Part 3 of the *Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20* and return it to the external auditor for review together with the supporting documentation requested by the external auditor.

The cost to the smaller authority for the review will be **£200 +VAT**.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return constitutes the annual return referred to in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Throughout, the words 'external auditor' have the same meaning as the words 'local auditor' in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

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

Guidance notes on completing Part 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20, Sections 1 and 2

- An authority that wishes to declare itself exempt from the requirement for a limited assurance review must do so at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2020. It should not submit its Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor. However, as part of a more proportionate regime, the authority **must** comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.
- The Certificate of Exemption must be returned to the external auditor no later than 30 June 2020. Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT for each letter.
- The authority **must** comply with *Proper Practices* in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the Certificate of Exemption. Proper Practices are found in the *Practitioners' Guide** which is updated from time to time and contains everything needed to prepare successfully for the financial year-end.
- The authority **should** receive and note the annual internal audit report if possible before approving the annual governance statement and the accounts.
- Make sure that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making amendments to the completed annual return. Any amendments must be approved by the authority and properly initialled.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for completeness at the meeting at which it is signed off.
- **You should inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chairman, and provide relevant email addresses and telephone numbers.**
- The authority must publish numerical and narrative explanations for significant variances in the accounting statements on **page 6**. Guidance is provided in the *Practitioners' Guide** which may assist.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2019) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2020).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, **must** set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights. From the commencement date for a single period of 30 consecutive working days, the approved accounts and accounting records can be inspected. Whatever period the RFO sets **must** include a common inspection period – during which the accounts and accounting records of all smaller authorities must be available for public inspection – of the first ten working days of July.
- The authority **must** publish the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, including the period for the exercise of public rights and the name and address of the external auditor **before 1 July 2020**.

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements		Yes	No
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes been completed?	✓	
	Have the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights been published?	✓	
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?	✓	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', is an explanation available for publication?	✓	
Section 2	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chairman of the approval meeting?	✓	
	Has an explanation of significant variations from last year to this year been published?	✓	
	Is an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 available, should a question be raised by a local elector and/or an interested party?	✓	
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? (<i>Local Councils only</i>)	✓	

**Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices*, can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2019/20 Part 2

To be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2020, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, **provided** that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2020 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than 30 June 2020 notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2019/20, the higher of the authority's total gross income for the year or total gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed **£25,000**

Total annual gross income for the authority 2019/20:

18227

Total annual gross expenditure for the authority 2019/20:

10494

There are certain circumstances in which an authority will be **unable to certify itself as exempt**, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority is **unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt** and it **must** submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of **£200 +VAT** will be payable.

By signing this **Certificate of Exemption** you are confirming that:

- The authority was in existence on 1st April 2016
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2018/19), the external auditor **has not**:
 - issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it
 - made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it
 - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice
 - commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
 - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, *and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration*
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act.

If you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor **either** by email **or** by post (not both).

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of this certificate, published on a public website* before 1 July 2020. **By signing this certificate you are also confirming that you are aware of this requirement.**

Signed by the Responsible Financial Officer

Date

[Signature]

19/05/2020

I confirm that this Certificate of Exemption was approved by this authority on this date:

19.5.20

Signed by Chairman

Date

[Signature]

19.5.20

as recorded in minute reference:

MAY 2020 20/25 (c)

Email of Authority

C.sparishclerk@gmail.com

Telephone number

01263 587755

*Published web address

corpustyandsaxthorpeparishcouncil.wordpress.com

ONLY this Certificate of Exemption should be returned EITHER by email OR by post (not both) as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor, but no later than 30 June 2020. Reminder letters incur a charge of £40 +VAT

Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20

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This authority's internal auditor, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be in operation **during** the financial year ended 31 March 2020.

The internal audit for 2019/20 has been carried out in accordance with this authority'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 this authority.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose one of the following		
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	✓		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	✓		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			✓
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	✓		
I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓		
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, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓		
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2018/19, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2018/19 AGAR tick "not covered")	✓		
L. The authority has demonstrated that during summer 2019 it correctly provided for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		
M. (For local councils only) Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			✓

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

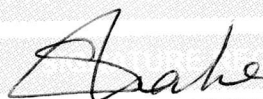
Date(s) internal audit undertaken

28/04/2020

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

SUE LAKE

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit



Date

28/04/2020

*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, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Corpusty & Saxthorpe Parish Council

Internal Audit

Checklist 2019/20

Name of Council	Corpusty & Saxthorpe Parish Council	Name of Clerk:	Kirsty Cotgrove
No. of councillors	9	Name of RFO	Kirsty Cotgrove
Quorum	3	Precept	17,936
Electorate	566	Gross budgeted income	18,315

1. Book Keeping

1.1. Ledger maintained and up to date?	Yes		
1.2. Arithmetic correct?	Yes		
1.3. Evidence of Internal Control?	Yes		
1.4. VAT evidence, recording and reclaimed?		No	No evidence of a claim
1.5. Payments in ledger supported by invoices, authorised and minuted?	Yes		
1.6. S137 separately recorded and within limits?		No	
1.7. S137 expenditure of direct benefit to electorate?		Yes	

2. Due Process

2.1. Standing Orders adopted since 2013?	Yes		Copy on website does not include date
2.2. Standing Orders reviewed at annual meeting?		No	
2.3. Financial Regulations adopted?	Yes		No – on agenda for May 2019 but not minuted
2.4. FRs properly tailored to council?	Yes		
2.5. Equal Opportunities policy adopted?	Yes		
2.6. Adequate internal controls for payments?	Yes		
2.7. List of member interests held?	Yes		
2.8. Agendas signed, informative and displayed with 3 clear days notice?	Yes		
2.9. Purchase orders raised for all expenditure?	Yes		
2.10. Purchasing authority defined in FRs?	Yes		
2.11. Committee terms of reference exist and have been reviewed?		NA	

3. Risk Management

3.1. Does scan of minutes reveal any unusual activity?		No	
3.2. Annual risk assessment carried out?	Yes		
3.3. Insurance cover appropriate and adequate?			Insurance details not available- see recommendation
3.4. Evidence of annual insurance review?	Yes		June 2019
3.5. Internal financial controls documented and evidenced?	Yes		Via Financial Regulations
3.6. Minutes initialled, each page identified and overall signed?			Original Minutes not inspected but evidence of signing March 2020 Minutes not available
3.7. Regular reporting and minuting of bank balance?	Yes		
3.8. S137 expenditure minuted?			NONE

4. Budget

4.1. Annual budget to support precept?	Yes		
4.2. Has budget been discussed and adopted by council?	Yes		
4.3. Any reserves earmarked?		No	See Recommendation
4.4. Any unexplained variances from budget?		No	
4.5. Precept demand correctly minuted?	Yes		

5. Payroll – Clerk

5.1. Contract of employment?			Not available for inspection
5.2. Tax code issued / contracted out?	Yes		
5.3. PAYE / NI evidence?	Yes		
5.4. Has council approved salary paid?	Yes		
5.5. Other payments reasonable and approved by council?	Yes		See Recommendation

6. Asset Control

6.1. Does council keep a register of all material assets owned?	Yes		
6.2. Is asset register up to date?		No	Asset register on website does not include 2019/20 acquisitions
6.3. Value of individual assets included?	Yes		
6.4. Inspected for risk and up to date inspection records exist			Not available
6.5. Record of deeds, articles and land register references available?			None see recommendation

7. Bank Reconciliations

7.1. Is there a bank reconciliation for each account?	Yes		
7.2. Reconciliation carried out on receipt of statement?	Yes		
7.3. Any unexplained balancing entries in any reconciliation?		No	

8. Year End Procedures

8.1. Year end accounts prepared on correct accounting basis?	Yes		Receipts and Payments
8.2. Bank statements and ledger reconcile?	Yes		
8.3. Underlying financial trail from records to presented accounts?	Yes		
8.4. Where appropriate, debtors and creditors properly recorded?	NA		
9.5. Has council agreed, signed and minuted sections 1 & 2 of the annual return?		No	APCM

9. Miscellaneous

9.1. Have points raised at the last audit been addressed?	Yes		Mostly – see recommendations
9.2. Has the council adopted a Code of Conduct since July 2012	Yes		
9.3. Is eligibility for General Power of Competence properly evidenced?		No	
9.4. Are all electronic files backed up?		NA	
9.5. Do arrangements for public inspection of council's records exist?	Yes		
9.6. Arrangements for GDPR in Hand	Yes		
9.7. Transparency Requirements in place	Yes		

Annual Return

Part Completed	Year ending 31 March 2019	Year ending 31 March 2020
1. Balances brought forward	34770	43254
2. Annual precept	16995	17420
3. Total other receipts	1268	807
4. Staff costs	3879	3816
5. Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0
6. Total other payments	5900	6679
7. Balances carried forward	43254	50986
8. Total cash and investments	43225	50986
9. Total fixed assets and long term assets	27522	27522
10. Total borrowings	0	0

Internal audit carried out by	Sue Lake	Sue Lake
Audit type (delete as appropriate)	Annual	Annual
Date 28 th April 2020		

For auditor's use only	
Section 4 of Annual Return Form completed and signed	28 th April 2020
Report/letter sent to council	29 th April 2020

Recommendations & Comments

Following the Internal Audit for Corpusty and Saxthorpe Parish Council I would like to make the following recommendations and comments

- Council to review whether owned land is registered with land registry and if not look to register – recommendation from last year
- Review of Finance Regulations on May agenda but not minuted
- There is no evidence of any VAT claim - second year
- It would be easier to complete the annual return if the accounts were analysed out
- The year end balance is now over £50,000 suggest making some earmarked reserves
- Insurance should be made available for the 2020/21 audit – second request
- Website asset register needs updating

Comments

- In the January minutes reference is made to a regular persistent speeder. If there is evidence of this at approximately the same time each day you can let the police know and they may wait for them to turn up!

- It is not necessary to include apologies from County Councillors under apologies. This should be for members of the Parish Council only. You can minute his apologies under the item for his report.
- Para 2.16 of Governance and Accountability March 2020 details changes to the way expenses should be treated for the audit year 2020/21. The figures for the previous year i.e. 2019/20 will also need to be adjusted to reflect this change. I have added the paragraph below.

2.16. This cell shows all the costs to the authority relating to the employment of its staff. Staff costs for the purpose of Line 4 include gross salary of employees, employers national insurance contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities for employees or former employees and severance or termination payments to employees. The following are not staff costs for the purpose of Line 4; mileage and other travelling and subsistence allowances, "Homeworking allowance" that is, an allowance paid to cover the extra costs of working from home, the provision of work related training, the reimbursement of childcare or other carers costs, the reimbursement of a staff members subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks, the provision of office supplies such as laptop, scanner or stationery and consultants and agency staff. The definition of "staff costs" for the purposes of Line 4 may differ from what is, or is not, treated as taxable earnings by HMRC. In as much as this is a change of reporting basis, corresponding figures from the preceding year must be restated in a similar basis.

Sue Lake

28th April 2020

Response to the Internal Audit Report for Corpusty & Saxthorpe Parish Council 2019-20

- All land is owned by the Parish Council and registered with the Land Registry. This was done in 2016-17.
- Review of Financial Regulations was carried out, but missed off minutes. Will be done again as soon as current restrictions are lifted.
- VAT claim will be done in 2020-21, to cover all years required.
- Reserves earmarked for highways projects are identified on Explanation of variances in AGAR.
- Insurance will be made available for next audit.
- Asset Register will be updated in first meeting when restrictions lifted.

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for 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 2020, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this 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 authority to conduct its business or manage 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 authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and 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 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	N/A
			has met all of its responsibilities where as a body corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

*For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation must be published

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

19.5.2020

and recorded as minute reference:

MAY 2020 20/25 (e)

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

Waterman

Clerk

Waterman

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 for

CORPUSTY & SAXTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2019 £	31 March 2020 £	
1. Balances brought forward	34770	43254	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	16995	17420	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	1268	807	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	3879	3816	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	5900	6679	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	43254	50986	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	43254	50986	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	27522	27522	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	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 as a body corporate 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 2020 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority. Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

Watson

Date

19.5.2020

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

19/05/2020

as recorded in minute reference:

MAY 2020 20/25 (F)

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

I. Watson

Bank reconciliation – example

This reconciliation should include **all** bank and building society accounts, including short term investment accounts. It **must** agree to Box 8 in the column headed "Year ending 31 March 20xx" in Section 2 of the AGAR – and will also agree to Box 7 where the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Name of smaller authority: **Corpusty & Saxthorpe Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Norfolk County**

Financial year ending 31 March 2020

Prepared by (Name and Role): **Kirsty Cotgrove, RFO**

Date: **05.04.2020**

	£	£
Balance per bank statements as at 31/3/20:		
Current Account	49,921.63	
Business saver	1,557.54	
	<hr/>	51,479.17
Petty cash float (if applicable)		-
Less: any un-presented payments as at 31/3/20 <i>(normally only current account)</i>		
via online banking Clerks salary	(328.16)	
NALC	(164.54)	
	<hr/>	(492.70)
Add: any un-banked cash as at 31/3/20		
	-	
	<hr/>	-
Net balances as at 31/3/20 (Box 8)		<u>50,986.47</u>

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Corpeus & Saxthorpe Parish Council**
 County area (local council and Norfolk)

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the

green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	34,770	43,254					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	16,985	17,420	425	2.50%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,268	807	-461	36.36%	YES		2018/19: £280 glass recycling, £291 burial fee, 2019/20: £140 memorial headstone
4 Staff Costs	3,879	3,816	-63	1.62%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,900	6,879	779	13.20%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	43,254	50,986					
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	43,254	50,986			YES		VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES Long term reserves accumulating as major highways project planned (roundabout) (£20,000), and village green drainage (£5000)
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	27,522	27,522	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable