

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:

CRESWELL 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.

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).

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Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the smaller authority:

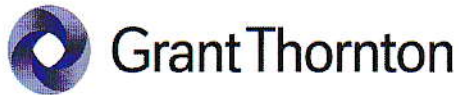
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External auditor signature Grant Thornton UK LLP

External auditor name **Grant Thornton UK LLP** Date 9/9/16

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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**Creswell Parish Council
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 Creswell 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 the Annual Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed before the Accounting statements.

Grant Thornton UK LLP

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Date 01/09/16

Our ref STF051

NAME OF SMALLER AUTHORITY: CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

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 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016 (a)

(a) Insert date of placing of this Notice

2. Notice of conclusion of audit and publication of accounts.

The audit of the authority's accounts for the above year has been concluded on:

9TH SEPTEMBER 2016 (date) by grant Thornton UK LLP.

(b) Parish Councils should publish information on a website.

The Annual governance statement, Accounting statements and the External auditor certificate and report (the Annual Return), have been published (b)(c).

(c) Parish meetings should display information in a conspicuous place in the area of the authority for at least 14 days.

Copies of documents are available for purchase by any person on payment of a reasonable sum. Documents will remain available for public access for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of this notice (d).

(d) See note 25.2 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 for further information.

3. Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provides for the exercise of public rights to inspect the statement of accounts:

• Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to make copies of:

- the accounting statements,
- the external auditor's opinion and certificate of completion (e),
- any public interest report relating to the authority, and
- any recommendation relating to the authority.

(e) Section 3 of Annual Return provides the external auditors certificate and report including any subsequent pages attached.

For the year ended 31 March 2016 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 4 below.

4. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts and availability (f)

Name: LISA MORRITT

Position: CLERK

Address: 49 DOXEY

STAFFORD, ST16 1ES

Tel no: 01785 240358

Email: clerk@creswellparishcouncil.co.uk

Days and times of availability: Mon-Wed 9-3pm

BY APPOINTMENT

(f) Insert name, position, address and contact details such as telephone and email of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the above documents, and the details of the manner in which notice should be given of an intention to inspect the accounting records and other documents.

5. Signature and name of person giving Notice on behalf of the authority

Lisa Morrith

Clerk and/or Responsible Financial Officer

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

<https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>