

East & West Barkwith Parish Council

Annual Accounts

and Audit

2017 / 2018

East & West Barkwith Parish Council

Annual Accounts - Year Ending March 2018

The following documents relate to the accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2018 and are published in accordance with the current legislation. The local (internal) audit has been completed satisfactorily and the required papers have now been forwarded to the external auditor.

Public Inspection

In the meantime, residents have the right to apply to the clerk for an opportunity to inspect the financial records and associated documents for the year. For these purposes, the period of inspection commences on Monday, 18th June, 2018 and closes on Friday, 27th July, 2018. Contact details are given below.

As regards the total balance stated at the end of the year, it should be remembered that this includes funds reserved for specified uses – a total of £14,560 , as well as the general fund for all regular purposes of £5,248. Details are shown following the Bank Reconciliation sheet.

Signed by the Clerk



Barbara J. Theairs
15th June, 2018

Contact for inspection:- Mrs. B. J. Theairs, Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer
1, Southview, Torrington Lane, East Barkwith, Market Rasen, Lincs. LN8 5RZ
Telephone:- 01673 858751 e-mail:- ewbpc@outlook.com.

External Auditor:- PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team)
1, Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4HD

Certificate of Exemption

To be completed only 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 2018, 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 2018 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2017/18, the higher of the authority's gross income for the year or gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed **£25,000**

Annual gross income for the authority 2017/18: *£20,909*

Annual gross expenditure for the authority 2017/18: *£16,010*

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 has been in existence since before 1st April 2014
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2016/17), 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 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 submitted to the external auditor.

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Annual 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 2 July 2018. By signing this certificate you are also confirming that this will be done.

Signed by the Responsible Financial Officer

Date

Barbara S. Thain

17-05-18

Signed by Chairman

Date

[Signature]

17-05-18

Email

Telephone number

ewbpc@outlook.com

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*Published web address (not applicable to Parish Meetings)

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This Certificate of Exemption should be returned as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor.

Annual Internal Audit Report 2017/18

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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 2018.

The internal audit for 2017/18 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. (For local councils only)			
Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			X

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

23/04/18

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

SOPHY WARRREN

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit



Date 23/4/18

*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).

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

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 2018, 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.	<i>YES</i>		<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	<i>YES</i>		<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
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.	<i>YES</i>		<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
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.	<i>YES</i>		<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
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.	<i>YES</i>		<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	<i>YES</i>		<i>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.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	<i>YES</i>		<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
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.	<i>YES</i>		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
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.	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>N/A</i> <i>has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i>

This Annual Governance Statement is approved by this authority and recorded as minute reference:

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dated

17th May 2018

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

Chairman

Clerk

[Signature]
Barbara S. Thain

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for

EAST & WEST BARKWITTH & PANTON PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £	
1. Balances brought forward	18,012	14,909	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	5,850	6,500	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	4,042	14,409	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	2,860	2,860	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	NIL	NIL	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	10,135	13,150	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	14,909	19,808	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	14,909	19,808	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	75,808	77,745	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	NIL	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
	N/A	NO	

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2018 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return present fairly the financial position of this authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Barbara S. Thomas

Date

17-05-18

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

17th May 2018

and recorded as minute reference:

932 e (iii)

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where approval of the Accounting Statements is given



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Annual Return - March 2018

With reference to Section 1 - Statement of Accounts

Box 3 - Other Receipts - This has been increased this year by a total of **£10,367**. Most of this has come from the grant from the Lottery Fund of £10,000 for the village hall work and the sum of £2,213 from the Transparency Fund towards the costs of equipment, fees and staff costs incurred during the set-up of the web-site and the posting of council material for the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2018, a total gain of **£12,213**. These increases have been partially offset by reductions totalling **£1,846**. These came largely from a drop in the income for grass-cutting of £1,481, and in the VAT repayment of £68. The remaining difference is accounted for in the variations in donations towards the Play Area facilities and the History Group funds, which showed a net drop of £297.

Box 6 - Expenditure - The accounts show a year-on-year increase of **£3,015**.

Major expenditure and/or increases were incurred on -

Village Hall work (paid from the grant)	£6,344
History Group (paid from the grant)	£1,292
VAT charges	£438

Total increase - **£8,074**

This was partially off-set by the following -

There was no payment for the bench or parish field costs -
which had totalled **£777**

There was no payment for removal of trees - which had been **£1,450**

Administrative costs were down - largely due to no further
set-up costs for the web-site, by **£560**

Equipment costs were down, as there were no major purchases, by **£120**

There was no Queen's Birthday event - which had cost **£1,122**

Area changes reduced the grass-cutting - costs by **£1,023**

Total offset - **£5,052**

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Balancing these figures gives a final year-on-year increase of **£3,022**, the remaining difference occurring in the small variations in other sections of the spending.

Box 7 - The total balance at the end of the year stands at **£19,808**

It includes the following **Reserved Funds**:-

Play Area -	Total reserved for replacing equipment -	£1,498
Grass-cutting - reserved for grass-cutting bills, planting, etc.		- £5,580
Land sale - reserved for the major project in connection with the refurbishment of the village hall		- £3,000
History Group funds - small balance from grant plus contributions, reserved for the continuing local history work		- £826
Village Hall - balance of grant for refurbishment work		- £3,656
	Total reserved funds -	£14,560

This leaves the general fund standing at **£5,248**, which is within the acceptable range for a council of this size.

In Section 4, item F, of the Internal Audit Report the auditor has entered N/A as this council makes all transactions by payments into or out of the bank and everything is supported by the bank records. There are no Petty Cash transactions.

Item K does not apply as there are no Trust Funds.

A copy of the bank reconciliation is attached.

Signed by the Clerk

Barbara J. Theairs

Dated 26.05.18

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Bank Reconciliation 2017- 2018

Balance at 30.03.17 on sheet 31	£14,909.43
There were no unrepresented cheques	
= Balance brought forward	£14,909.43
add Income	£20,909.04
Total	£35,181.47
Less Expenditure	£16,010.90
Balance to carry forward	£19,807.57
Balance at 31.03.18 on sheet 35	£19,807.57
There were no unrepresented cheques	
=Balance to carry forward	£19,807.57

Barbara J. Theairs (Parish Clerk)

9th April, 2018

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The total end-of year balance includes the following reserved funds:-

Play Area -	Total reserved for replacing equipment -	£1,498
Grass-cutting - reserved for grass-cutting bills, planting, etc.		- £5,580
Land sale - reserved for the major project in connection with the refurbishment of the village hall		- £3,000
History Group funds - reserved for the local history project		- £826
Village Hall - balance of grant, reserved for remaining work connected with insulation and heating		- £3,656
	Total reserved funds -	£14,560

This leaves the general fund standing at **£5,248**.

CONFIRMATION OF THE DATES OF THE PERIOD FOR THE
EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Name of smaller authority: EAST & WEST BARKWITH & PANTON
PARISH COUNCIL

County Area (local councils and parish meetings only): LINCOLNSHIRE

On behalf of the smaller authority, I confirm that the dates set for the period for the
exercise of public rights are as follows:

Commencing on 18TH JUNE 2018

and ending on 27TH JULY 2018

(Please enter the dates set by the smaller authority as appropriate which must be 30 working days inclusive
and must include the first 10 working days of July 2018.

We have suggested the following dates: Monday 4 June – Friday 13 July 2018.

The latest possible dates that comply with the statutory requirements are Monday 2 July – Friday 10 August
2018.)

Signed: Barbara J Thomas

Role: PARISH CLERK