

Altarnun Parish Council
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Members of Altarnun Parish Council (APC) are hereby summoned to attend:
Altarnun Parish Council Meeting to be held online by Zoom.

Wednesday, 10th June 2020 at 7.30pm

- Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to contact the Clerk (07841780397 or clerkaltarnunpc@gmail.com) for information to join the meeting on the night.



Parish Clerk, 4th June 2020

AGENDA

43/20 To resolve to adopt supplementary Standing Orders to meet the statutory requirements for the holding of remote meetings, and this lasts until May 7th, 2021 or the repeal of legislation whichever is the earlier.

44/20 To ratify the councillors' prior email approval that the Council delegates authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity during the period of the pandemic Coronavirus, informed by consultation with the members of the council and that the Parish Council adopts a broad delegation which will allow it to continue to operate outside of meetings until such time as the advice changes.

45/20 Apologies for absence.

46/20 Members Declaration of Interest and any requests for dispensations.(Cllrs and any members of the public co-opted to serve on council committees and sub committees who have registered a disclosable pecuniary interest or who have declared a non-registerable interest in relation to any item of business being transacted at this meeting, shall be severed from the meeting whenever the item is being discussed)

47/20 Invitation to Ward Councillor and members of the public to address the meeting.

48/20 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 4th March 2020.

49/20 Matters arising from APC meeting minutes of 4th March 2020 not otherwise included in this agenda.

50/20 Finance Matters. To include - RFO report - Accounts payable -Annual Council Insurance

51/20 To resolve to approve APC Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020

52/20 To resolve to approve APC Annual Accounting Statement 2019/2020

53/20 To advise Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2019/2020, commencement and ending dates, if approved in prior business.

54/20 Planning: To ratify the councillors' prior email approval of the APC consultee comments given under the Emergency Scheme of Delegation to planning applications received since the date of the last council meeting and as recorded on the Altarnun Parish Council website Planning page.

55/20 Planning Applications: To consider and approve a consultee comment for any planning applications, not already commented upon, received prior to the evening of the meeting, including:

PA20/02940 Bramble Cottage Trewint Launceston Cornwall PL15 7TG Single storey rear extension to existing dwelling. - Mr Matthew and Mrs Jessica Careswell

PA20/03838 Trewint Farm Altarnun Launceston Cornwall PL15 7TG Extension to the existing cottage - Mr and Mrs Andrew Greenaway

For further details about any planning application, note the reference number and go to the Cornwall Council website <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/>

56/20 Planning: To report, for information only, any pre application planning submissions to planning authority for Altarnun Parish advised prior to the evening of the meeting.

57/20 To resolve the approval of Mr Richard Sharland & Mr Keith Williamson as Nominative Trustees of the Painter's Park & Hick's Charity No. 205784.

58/20 Correspondence (For information only)

59/20 Advise date of next full council meeting as being 1st July 2020.



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REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 allow local councils to hold remote meetings. The regulations give automatic authority to hold remote meetings and amend standing orders as required.

These regulations remain in force until May 7th, 2021 or earlier if repealed, and require a number of temporary changes to Standing Orders.

General

This Protocol and Procedures should be read in conjunction with the Council's standing orders.

The Regulations made under s78 of Coronavirus Act 2020 apply and where there is a conflict between these and any other adopted standing orders or legislation, these Remote Meetings Procedures take precedence in relation to any remote meeting.

1) Annual Meeting

- a) The requirement to hold an Annual Meeting of the Council is to be disregarded and prior to May 7th, 2021 may only take place
 - i) where called by the Chair or
 - ii) following a resolution calling for an annual meeting being passed at an ordinary or extra ordinary meeting of the Council.

2) Access to Information

- a) Where a document is required to be 'open to inspection' this shall include published on the website of the council.
- b) Where a document is required to be published and made available at the council's offices, this shall include published on the website of the council.
- c) Where there is a requirement to publish information including public notices, agendas, minutes, background papers and written reports, this shall include published on the website of the council.



3) Remote Access to Meetings

- a) The definition of meeting within the Council's standing orders is amended so that
 - i) 'place' includes where a meeting is held, or to be held in more than one place including electronic, digital or virtual locations such as internet locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers
 - ii) 'open to the public' includes access to the meeting by remote means including video conferencing, live webcasting and interactive streaming
 - iii) where a meeting is accessible to the public through remote means, the meeting is open to the public whether or not members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person.
- b) If the Council becomes aware that its technology has failed, and the meeting is no longer accessible to the public, the meeting shall be adjourned.
- c) If public access cannot be restored within a reasonable period, the remaining business shall be deferred to a future meeting.

4) Councillors in Remote Attendance

- a) A councillor in remote attendance is present and counted for the purposes of the quorum when they can:
 - i) hear and where practicable see other members of the council
 - ii) hear and where practicable see members of the public wishing to participate during the public session of the meeting or as invited by the Chairman
- b) A councillor in remote attendance will be deemed to have left the meeting where, at any point in time during the meeting, any of the conditions for remote attendance at 4 a) are not met.
- c) Subject to 4 b) the Chairman may if appropriate
 - i) adjourn the meeting to permit conditions for remote attendance to be re-established
 - ii) count the number of councillors in attendance for the purpose of the quorum

5) Remote attendance by members of the public

- a) A member of the public is in remote attendance when they can :
 - i) hear and where practicable see and so be heard and where practicable seen by members of the council at the meeting
 - ii) hear and where practicable see and so be heard and where practicable seen by other members of the public attending the meeting including those wishing to speak during the public session or as invited by the Chairman



- b) A member of the public in remote attendance will be deemed to have left the meeting where, at any point in time during the meeting, any of the conditions for remote attendance at 5 a) are not met.
- c) Subject to 5 b) the Chairman may if appropriate
 - i) adjourn the meeting to permit conditions for remote attendance to be re-established
 - ii) vary the order of the agenda or complete the remaining business of the meeting in the absence of the member of the public in remote attendance.

6) Remote Voting

Unless a recorded vote is demanded, the Chair will take the vote by :

- a) confirmation of the meeting that there is agreement or
- b) a roll call and the number of votes for or against the motion or amendment or abstaining will be recorded.

7) Code of Conduct – councillors excluded from the meeting

Where a councillor is required to leave the room as a requirement of the Council's code of conduct, the means of remote attendance and access will be severed whilst any discussion or vote take place.

8) Exclusion of the press and public

Where the council has resolved to exclude the press and public from any part of the meeting, due to the confidentiality of the business to be discussed then :

- a) The means of remote attendance and access to the meeting by members of the press and public will be severed
- b) Each councillor present shall declare that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be (hearing or seeing), and/or recording the meeting.



Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 Part 3

To be completed by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*:

- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 but did not exceed £6.5 million; or
- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less but that:
 - are unable to certify themselves as exempt (fee payable); or
 - have requested a limited assurance review (fee payable)

Guidance notes on completing Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20

1. Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 **must** complete Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at the end of each financial year in accordance with *Proper Practices*.
2. **The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is made up of three parts, pages 3 to 6:**
 - The **Annual Internal Audit Report** is completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - **Sections 1 and 2** are to be completed and approved by the authority.
 - **Section 3** is completed by the external auditor and will be returned to the authority.
3. The authority **must** approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, before approving Section 2, Accounting Statements, and both **must** be approved and published **before 1 July 2020**.
4. An authority with either gross income or gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 or an authority with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25,000, but which is unable to certify itself as exempt, or is requesting a limited assurance review, **must** return to the external auditor by email or post (not both) **no later than 30 June 2020**. Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT:
 - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Sections 1 and 2, together with
 - a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2020
 - an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements
 - notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights
 - Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20

Unless requested, do not send any additional documents to your external auditor. Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed.

Once the external auditor has completed the limited assurance review and is able to give an opinion, the Annual Governance and Accountability **Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate** will be returned to the authority by email or post.

Publication Requirements

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, authorities must publish the following information on a publicly accessible website:

Before 1 July 2020 authorities **must** publish:

- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and a declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited;
- **Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2019/20**, approved and signed, page 4
- **Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2019/20**, approved and signed, page 5

Not later than 30 September 2020 authorities **must** publish:

- Notice of conclusion of audit
- **Section 3 - External Auditor Report and Certificate**
- **Sections 1 and 2 of AGAR** including any amendments as a result of the limited assurance review.

It is recommended as best practice, to avoid any potential confusion by local electors and interested parties, that you also publish the Annual Internal Audit Report, page 3.

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 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20

- The authority **must** comply with *Proper Practices* in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this Annual Governance and Accountability Return. *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 and the subsequent work by the external auditor.
- Make sure that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty), and is properly signed and dated. Where amendments are made by the authority to the AGAR after it has been approved by the authority and before it has been reviewed by the external auditor, the Chairman and RFO should initial the amendments and if necessary republish the amended AGAR and recommence the period for the exercise of public rights. If the AGAR contains unapproved or unexplained amendments, it may be returned and additional costs will be incurred.
- The authority **should** receive and note the annual internal audit report if possible before approving the annual governance statement and the accounts.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for completeness before returning it to the external auditor by email or post (not both) no later than 30 June 2020.
- Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically requested. However, **you must inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chairman, and provide relevant email addresses and telephone numbers.**
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation to be sent to your external auditor with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return covers all the bank accounts. If the authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree the bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting statements (**Section 2, page 5**). An explanation **must** be provided of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the *Practitioners' Guide**.
- Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on **page 5**. Do not just send a copy of the detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include complete numerical and narrative analysis to support the full variance.
- If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or variances are not fully explained, additional costs may be incurred.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and that 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 period 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 it **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 have been completed? | | |
| | Has all additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights , been provided for the external auditor? | | |
| 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', has an explanation been published? | | |
| 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? | | |
| | Has the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2020 been reconciled to Box 8? | | |
| | Has an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 been provided? | | |
| Sections 1 and 2 | Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? NB: do not send trust accounting statements unless requested. | | |

**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

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. | | | NO PETTY CASH |
| 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

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

DD/MM/YY

DD/MM/YY

17/05/2020

Linda Coles

OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

Linda Coles

Date

18/05/2020

*If the response is 'no' you must include a note to 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 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. | ✓ | | <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>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>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>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>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>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>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>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. | Yes | No | N/A |
| | | | ✓ |

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

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

DD/MM/YY

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

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

Chairman

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement)

Authority web address

<http://altarnunparish.co.uk/>

AUTHORITY WEBSITE ADDRESS

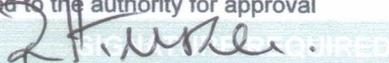
Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 for

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| | Year ending | | Notes and guidance |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| | 31 March 2019 £ | 31 March 2020 £ | |
| 1. Balances brought forward | 31,323 | 27,174 | 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 | 9,000 | 14,000 | Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received. |
| 3. (+) Total other receipts | 3,482 | 6,851 | 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 | 0 | 1,975 | 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 | 16,631 | 20,132 | 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 | 27,174 | 25,918 | 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 | 27,174 | 25,918 | 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 | 0 | 32,962 | 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

 SIGNED

Date

20/05/2020.

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

DD/MM/YY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

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

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2019/20

In respect of

ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL

1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2020; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability 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.

2 External auditor report 2019/20

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other 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 authority:

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

3 External auditor certificate 2019/20

We certify/do not certify* that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2020.

*We do not certify completion because:

External Auditor Name

External Auditor Signature

Date

*Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)



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18th May 2020

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2019/2020 – ALTARNUN PARISH COUNCIL

I have completed the internal audit for March 2020 and signed the Annual Report in accordance with my findings. Testing was carried out as appropriate in line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and is reported below:

- **Precept, Budgets and Reserves**
The precept was set at £14,000, after consideration of a budget and the level of free reserves. The receipt of precept is recorded in the ledger and on the bank statements. **No issues**
- **Other Income**
Other income was tested against supporting documentation and traced to bank and ledger. **No issues**
- **Staff Costs**
The Clerk's salary was tested to agree with the minutes approving the Clerk's pay scale and PAYE payments recorded and paid to HMRC.
No issues
- **Payments.** Payments were supported by invoice and receipts and VAT has been properly recorded and reclaimed appropriately. **No issues**
- **Bank Reconciliations.** Bank reconciliations found to be correct. **No issues**
- **An Asset Register** is being maintained. **No issues**
- **Insurance.** The insurance cover for the Parish Council is in place. **No issues.**

Linda Coles
Internal Auditor