

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2015/16

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2016, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this smaller 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 smaller authority to conduct its business or on 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 smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		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 smaller 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	NA
			✓
			has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE: 256
dated 05/05/16

Signed by:

Chair

PRE William - CHAIR

dated

05-05-16

Signed by:

Clerk

Spencer A Bowden

dated

05/05/16

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.

Section 2 – Accounting statements 2015/16 for

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smaller authority here:

SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2015 £	31 March 2016 £	
1. Balances brought forward	1904	2709	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	2285	1935	Total amount of precept or (for IDBs) rates and levies received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	85	65	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	450	450	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 smaller authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	1115	1245	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	2709	3014	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	2709	3014	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	NIL	NIL	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the smaller authority as at 31 March
10. Total borrowings	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.
		✓	

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2016 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Stephen A Bowden

Date 05/05/2016

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on this date:

5-5-16

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

PPE Williams

Date 05-05-16

INSERT NAME OF SMALLER AUTHORITY
SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE
 EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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

NOTICE	NOTES
<p>1. Date of announcement <u>7th June 2016</u> (a)</p> <p>2. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2016 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 3 below. • Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • question the auditor about the accounts: and • object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Smaller Authority. <p>The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 5 below for this purpose.</p> <p>3. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts (b)</p> <p>Name: <u>MARGARET BOWDEN</u></p> <p>Position: <u>CLERK TO SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Address: <u>HILL VIEW, STONEY STOKE, BA9 8HY</u></p> <p>Tel no: <u>01749 812564</u></p> <p>Email: <u>hill.bowden@btinternet.com</u></p> <p>4. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 <u>working</u> days:</p> <p>commencing on (c) <u>1st July</u> 2016</p> <p>and ending on (d) <u>11th August</u> 2016</p> <p>5. Your appointed auditor is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Barrie Morris Grant Thornton UK LLP Hartwell House 55 – 61 Victoria Street Bristol BS1 6FT Tel: 0117 305 7600</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>(a) Insert date of placing of this notice</p> <p>Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 must be published with this Notice</p> <p>(b) 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 accounts, and the details of the manner in which notice should be given of an intention to inspect the accounting records and other documents</p> <p>(c) Insert date at least 1 working day after the Date of announcement in paragraph 1 above and between 3 June 2016 and 1 July 2016.</p> <p>(d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 consecutive working days and must include the first 10 working days of July. Exclude weekends.</p>

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

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

1. The statement of accounts for SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL *
published today is unaudited and may be subject to change.

* insert name of Smaller Authority

2. Signed by:

Signature: Stephen A Bowden

Date: 7th June 2016 2016

RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER