

Sutton St. Nicholas Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Sutton St. Nicholas Parish Council, held in The Village Hall, Sutton St. Nicholas on Monday 24th June 2019.(SPC/TF/144)#

Councillors Present

Cllr Ron Gow
Cllr Stan Gyford
Cllr Sharron Haworth
Cllr Tina Hurley
Cllr Ian Nicholas

1. Apologies for Absence

The Parish Council considered and approved absences for Cllr Ann Burke & Cllr Richard Andrews.

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest by members in respect of items on the agenda.

Councillor	Y e s	N o	Agenda Item		DPI or NPI
Cllr Ron Gow		√			
Cllr Stan Gyford		√			
Cllr Sharron Haworth		√			
Cllr Tina Hurley		√			
Cllr Ian Nicholas		√			

4. Planning Application –Sutton Primary School, Bayley Way, Sutton St. Nicholas HR1 3SZ (191813) Provision of a single mobile classroom

Having considered the matter the Parish Council noted the concerns of neighbouring householders, regarding the current adverse parking problems encountered by them, which would get worse. The Parish Council resolved to object to the application due to concerns about the increased traffic and the current parking problems, which would be exacerbated due to additional vehicles attending the site, increasing the adverse impact on neighbouring properties

Action Clerk to inform Herefordshire Council of the Parish Councils decision.

5. Planning Application – The Curlews, Sutton St. Nicholas HR1 3AY (191653) Proposed replacement shed. Having considered the matter the Parish Council resolved to support the application.

6. Internal Audit Report

The Parish considered and noted the Internal Audit Report for 2018/19. (Appendix 1 refers)

7. Annual Governance Statement

The Parish Council considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 (Appendix 2 refers), and the Chairman and the Clerk was authorised to sign it on behalf of the Parish Council.

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8. Accounting Statements

The Parish Council considered and approved the Accounting Statements for 2018/19 (Appendix 3 refers) and the Chairman was authorised to sign it on behalf of the Parish Council.

9. Payment of Invoice

Ref	Payee	Amount £	VAT	
1	Cole & Co	72.00	12.00	19/06/19 (2763) Internal Audit 2018/19

The above payment was authorised for payment and cheque signed

10. Confirmation of the date, time and venue of the next meeting – 1st July 2019 at 7.15pm at Sutton St. Nicholas Village Hall

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Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19

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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 2019.

The internal audit for 2018/19 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.			N/A
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 2017/18, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (<i>"Not Covered" should only be ticked where the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2017/18 AGAR</i>)			
L. During summer 2018 this authority has correctly provided the proper opportunity for the exercise of public rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.			Not applicable ✓
M. (For local councils only) Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			Not applicable ✓

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

18 06 19

DD/MM/YY

DD/MM/YY

DEBORAH STEVENS AL AUDITOR

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

[Signature]

REQUIRED

Date

18 06 19

*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).

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Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

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 2019, that:

	Agreed		Yes	No*	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.
				✓	

*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 should be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

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

24 JUNE 2019.

and recorded as minute reference:

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

Chairman

Clerk

[Signature]

R. A. Foed

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

Authority web address

<https://suttonstnicholas.co.uk>

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2018/19 for

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	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2019 £	
1. Balances brought forward	21,360	19,108	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records. 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	21,077	28,577	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	1,995	2,615	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	4,440	4,536	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	8,597	8,597	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	12,287	13,148	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	19,108	24,019	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	19,108	24,019	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	39,717	39,920	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	90,976	87,022	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 2019 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

R. A Ford

Date

23/04/19

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

24-6-2019

as recorded in minute reference:

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

[Signature]

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