

Section 1 – Accounting statements 2014/15 for

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LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH. Council/Meeting

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2014 £	31 March 2015 £	
1 Balances brought forward	32,525	36,479	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 (+) Annual precept	13,929	15,820	Total amount of precept received or receivable in the year. Excludes any grants received.
3 (+) Total other receipts	16,231	6,541	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept received (line 2). Include any grants received here.
4 (-) Staff costs	8,264	11,779	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 council's borrowings (if any).
6 (-) All other payments	17,942	9,840	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	36,479	37,221	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8 Total cash and short term investments	36,479	37,221	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 other long term investments and assets	130,308	137,933	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the council 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 Disclosure note 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 2015 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Mary Sparks

Date 8th June 2015

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council on this date:

14.5.2015

and recorded as minute reference:

20.4.15 REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

Gillian Wright

Date 8th June 2015

Langton Matravers Parish Council. Explanation of Significant Variations – Audit 2014-2015

Box No.	2013-2014	2014-2015	Amount	Explanation
2	£13,929	£15,820	+ £1,891	The Council took over the cost of regular cleaning and maintenance of the Public Conveniences in 2013, and the yearly support grant towards this given by Purbeck District Council is decreasing at a rate of 25% per year to the point in 2016/7 where the grant will be NIL. It therefore seemed prudent to increase the precept to take account of this.
3	£16,231	£6,541	- £9,690	The second (reduced) yearly support grant for 50% of the cost of cleaning and maintaining the toilets (£2,608: £3,912 was paid in 2013-14)) was paid by PDC (see above). The VAT for 2014-3-14 has not yet been reclaimed: the previous year's total was included in the 2013-4 figures. In 2013-14 the Council received grants of £3,912 towards new swings. Cemetery fees were down £3,877 in 2014-5 compared with the previous year.
4.	£8,264	£11,779	+ £3,514	These costs include a whole year's payment for cleaners for the Public Conveniences (£3,569); 2013-14's figures only included winter payments from October-April when toilets are only cleaned 3hrs per week, rather than every day. The Clerk was also paid for more hours (+ £645 total paid) during the year, to reflect the growing workload.
6.	£17,942	£9,840	- £8,102	Capital expenditure for the year 2013-14 included refurbishment of the Public Conveniences (c.£2,000) a new set of swings for the Play Area (£8,100). In 2014-15 the Council paid for preparatory work to install new footway lights (see box 9): however, these were not paid for in full until April 2015, so the expenditure does not show on these accounts. A new computer was purchased (£625).
9	£130,308	£137,933	+£7,625	This represents the new footway lights and computer. The footway lights were installed, but the final payment had not been made at 31.3.2015.

Section 2 – Annual governance statement 2014/15

We acknowledge as the members of:

EWINGTON MATRAUGES PARISH COUNCIL Council/Meeting

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 2015, that:

	Agreed –		'Yes' means that the council:
	Yes	No*	
1 We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.
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 the council 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 has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.
5 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the council 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 council 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 the council.
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 the council 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 Trust funds (including charitable) – in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	yes	no	NA
			✓

This annual governance statement is approved by the council and recorded as minute reference

20.4.15

dated 14.5.2015

Signed by:

Chair *John Vignall*

dated 8th June 2015

Signed by:

Clerk *Mary Spinks*

dated 8th June 2015

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

Section 4 – Annual internal audit report 2014/15 to

LAWTON MATRAVERS PARISH

Council/Meeting

The council's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2015.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the council'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 the council.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose only one of the following		
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year.	✓		
B The council's financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
C The council assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓		
D The annual precept 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 council 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, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓		
K Trust funds (including charitable) The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			✓

For any other risk areas identified by the council (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

Name of person who carried out the internal audit JOHN KENNEDY

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit John Kennedy Date 4/5/2015

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, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).