

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

Name of smaller authority:

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

County Area (local councils and parish meetings only):

KENT

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 04 JUNE 2018

and ending on 13 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: AVR Faruque ..

Role: Clerk + Responsible Finance Officer -

FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES SUBJECT TO A REVIEW ONLY: PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP WITH THE AGAR PART 3 AND OTHER REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

We acknowledge as the members of:

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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.	✓			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 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. Describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified.

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

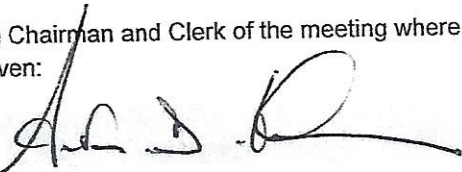
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dated

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

Chairman



Clerk

AVR Faruza..

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

<http://goudhurst.co.uk>

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £	
1. Balances brought forward	90,581	51,560	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	84,700	149,940	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	25,330	31,379	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	33,981	36,452	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	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	115,070	139,655	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	51,560	56,772	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	51,560	56,772	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	198,372	207,397	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 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 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

ARSFanfield

Date

14/05/2018

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

14/05/2018

and recorded as minute reference:

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

[Signature]

Goudhurst Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

	Notes
1. The audit of accounts for Goudhurst Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2018 has been completed and the accounts have been published.	This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website.
2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Goudhurst Parish Council on application to: (a) <u>ANTHONY FARNFIELD, CLERK</u> <u>THE SOUTH EAST, SMUGLEY FARM</u> <u>BEDGEBURY ROAD, GOUDHURST TN17 2QU</u> (b) <u>BY APPOINTMENT</u> <u>CALL 01580 212552</u>	(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR (b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised
3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £ <u>1.00</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.	(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs
Announcement made by: (d) <u>ANTHONY FARNFIELD, CLERK</u>	(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice
Date of announcement: (e) <u>13 NOVEMBER 2018</u>	(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice