

To consider the Accounting Statements and Annual Return for Local Councils for the year ended 31st March 2016.

Copies of both the Annual Return for Local Councils in England and Wales, and accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2016, had been circulated to Members prior to the Meeting having been signed by the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer. Members again noted the comments made by Nigel Wharton regarding the Council conducting a review once a year of the effectiveness of its system of internal control. It was agreed that this should be considered by the Budget and Finance Committee when it met in early November, and the findings should be ratified by the full Parish Council Meeting at the end of November.

To approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)

Members unanimously approved the Annual Governance Statement.

To approve the whole Accounting Statements (Section 2)

Members unanimously approved the whole Accounting Statements.

Chairman to sign the Accounting Statements.

The Chairman signed the Accounting Statements.

Correspondence.

The correspondence folder had been available for perusal by all Members from 7.00 p.m. on that evening, but the Clerk drew Members attention to the following items:-

1. Members discussed the request for the Parish Council to make a donation towards a new statue to commemorate the 90th birthday of the Queen to be situated overlooking the river in Gravesend. Whilst Members indicated that they wished to contribute towards the project it was agreed that the Chairman would speak informally to other Parish Council Chairmen to see what sort of level of donation they would be giving.
2. Members declined the offer from Scott Properties to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to promote land to the west of Taylors Lane for a residential development as it was not their policy to meet with any developer before any firm proposals had been formulated and that they did not support development within the village envelope.

To note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

This was given as being Monday, 4th July 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Any Other Business.

None was brought to the notice of the Meeting.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 10.18 p.m.