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28 August 2023

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Full **Council** as detailed below:

Nicki Barry, Clerk

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: **4 September 2023 at 7.30pm at Tadley Town Council**

MEMBERS: Cllrs: Atkinson, Burdett (Chairman), Flahive, Hankinson, Leeks, Lovegrove, Meiszner, Morrow, Mullan, Slimin, Spence and Witton

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Arising from this Agenda, Members and Officers are invited to declare any relevant interests. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point during the meeting. To receive any applications made by Members for a dispensation to allow them to speak and vote on an agenda item in spite of a disclosable pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES

To receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of Full Council held on 3 July 2023, the contents of which will be taken as correct unless there is a specific resolution otherwise.

https://www.tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/_Minutes/164895-030723FC.pdf

4. OPEN FORUM

The meeting will recess for not more than 15 minutes for questions and comments from members of the public.

5. ACCOUNTS

To receive and sign a statement of receipts & payments for the months of July and August 2023. (Previously circulated by email)

6. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

To receive completed annual return. **Attached.**

7. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

To receive reports from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

8. LEASE FOR CAR PARK

To agree use of the Town Council seal and signature of the lease for the car park with Tadley Medical Partnership.

9. BORE HOLE REPAIR

To receive a quotation.

10. CCTV CAMERA REPLACEMENT

To receive a quotation.

11. CEMETERY EXTENSION

To agree legal fees of up to £7500.

12. COMMITTEES

To receive the reports and any recommendations of the following Committees and to receive any items for report from the Chairmen: -

a. Highways and Planning Committee held on 31 July and 21 August

<https://www.tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Minutes/166214-310723HP.pdf>

<https://www.tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Minutes/166634-210823HP.pdf>

b. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 31 July

<https://www.tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Minutes/166215-310723FGP.pdf>

Recommendations:

4/24FGP to accept a quotation of £749 from M Lovegrove to weld an additional pair of wheels to the water bowser.

5/24FGP to award a grant of £150 to Victim Support for security items.

6/24FGP to not award a grant to Challengers for play days. Challengers to be advised that if Tadley residents are in need of grant funding then they can apply direct to the Turbary Allotment Charity or the Allotments for the Labouring Poor.

13. REPORTS

To receive reports from the following: -

a. Hampshire County Council – Cllr Mellor

b. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council – Cllrs Bound, Johnstone, Leeks, Morrow, Rhatigan and Slimin

c. Representatives on external organisations.

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

We acknowledge as the members of:

Tadley Town 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 2023, that:

	Agreed		
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
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.	✓		<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
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.	✓		<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
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.	✓		<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		<i>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.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
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.	✓		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
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
	✓		

***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 must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.**

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

15/05/2023

and recorded as minute reference:

13/24 FC

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

Chairman

Clerk

<https://www.tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk>

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23 for

Tadley Town Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2023 £	
1. Balances brought forward	175,591	186,943	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	186,466	186,466	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	52,395	170,447	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	71,827	74,219	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	16,305	19,260	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	139,377	320,577	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	186,944	129,799	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	186,087	99,161	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	580,644	666,864	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	45,000	57,000	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	✓			The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	✓			The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2023 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

Date

15/5/2023

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

15/05/2023

as recorded in minute reference:

14/24 FC

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

Section 3 – External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2022/23

In respect of **Tadley Town Council**

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>.

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2023; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2022/23

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None

3 External auditor certificate 2022/23

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

External Auditor Name

BDO LLP - Southampton

External Auditor Signature

BDO LLP

Date **23 August 2023**