**Westow Parish Council**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (EXEMPT AUTHORITY)**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27**

**The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)**

**Monday 2nd June 2025**

**Each year this smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR has been published with this notice. It will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor, since, being a smaller authority, it has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor’s review.**

**Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, the accounting records for the financial year to which it relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records.**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025, these documents will be available on the website: www.westow.org.uk**

**Anyone who does not have access to the website may see the documents by making an appointment with the Clerk to the Parish Council, Angela Fothergill. The accounts will be available to view from Wednesday 4th June to Monday 14th July 2025.**

**Tel 618684**

**Local government electors and their representatives also have the opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records and the right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority.**

**The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address below for this purpose between the above dates only. The smaller authority’s AGAR is only subject to review by the appointed auditor if questions or objections raised under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 lead to the involvement of the auditor. The appointed auditor is:**

**PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team)**

**15 Westferry Circus**

**Canary Wharf**

**London E14 4HD**

**(****sba@pkf-l.com****)**

**This announcement is made by John Smith, Responsible Financial Officer for Westow Parish Council**