

# Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report

## 2015/16 Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2016 in respect of:

Enter name of smaller authority here:

STONINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2016; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

### External auditor report

~~(Except for the matters reported below)~~\* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (\*delete as appropriate).

The Authority did not undertake and minute a full risk assessment during the year. The authority cannot evidence that it has assessed and taken appropriate steps to manage all the risks it faces. This is contrary to Regulations 3(c), 6(1)(a) & 6(3)(a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

(cont) The smaller authority did not hold an annual parish meeting in accordance with Sch 12 Para 14(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Other:

Please see enclosed report

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(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor signature

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External auditor name

**BDO LLP Southampton  
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Date

*20/3/16*

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2015/16 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website ([www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk))

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