

## **Lewannick Parish Council – summary of decisions made under para 5(6) of Schedule 7 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014**

The council met and held a public meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to respond to the following:

**Statutory recommendation made by the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP: failure to respond to external auditor in relation to queries regarding the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ending 31 March 2018 and the external auditor report for 2016/17.**

The council accept the recommendation.

8 Councillors attended 2 apologies were given.

### **Queries regarding the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ending 31 March 2018**

We accept and apologise that correspondence was not answered. On discussion there is no excuse for this and the council is reviewing procedures and governance of finances and correspondence.

The council confirm that minutes of meetings regarding discussion of the letters received do not reflect the discussion that did take place. As a council we did not adequately minute these meetings or respond to your requests.

### **External auditor report for 2016/17**

It is clear that the external auditor report was altered in 2016/17 and posted on the Lewannick Parish Council website. We cannot explain how or why this document was altered, however we concluded that the amendments were made and it was a majority decision that it was done with a lack of understanding of the seriousness of the alterations.

The council will have a review of **all** procedures and policies to ensure we take every precaution to avoid any further misconceptions in financial governance or any other regulation.

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