**ASHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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

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

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| **1. Date of announcement** (a)11th May 2023  **2. Each year the 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 the smaller authority 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 must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2023, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:**  (b) **Emily Simpson, Clerk to Ashurst Parish Council, 2 Wyldbore Cottages, Walthurst Lane, Wisborough Green, West Sussex, RH14 0AD**  **Email – ashurstclerk@outlook.com**  commencing on (c) 12th June 2023  and ending on (d) 21st July 2023  **3. 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 in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.  **4. The smaller authority’s AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO’s Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:**  **Moore Stephens, (Ref SW/cc)**  **Rutland House, Minerva Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough**  **PE2 6PZ**  **5. This announcement is made by (e) Emily Simpson, Clerk to Ashurst Parish Council** |