



Newton and Biggin Parish Council

23rd June 2022

Explanation for change of response relating to trust funds:

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 **BOX 9**

Section 2 – Accounting Statement 2021/22 **BOX 11**

Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22 **OBJECTIVE O**

Newton and Biggin Parish Council has reviewed an historic deed relating to Newton Memorial Hall and discovered some anomalies.

So far, the Council has formally registered ownership of the hall with the Land Registry and has sought expert legal advice on the form and content of the deed which the council are now implementing.

It has been confirmed that Newton and Biggin Parish Council as a corporate body is the Sole Trustee of the Newton Memorial Hall charity (Charity Number 522971) and holds the title of the property in trust.

A scheme of delegation for the Village Hall Committee has been drawn up and includes accounts, insurance, inspections etc. This is to ensure that the Parish Council can meet its responsibilities as Trustee.

The matter was discussed with the Internal Auditor, Bill Wooliscroft, who confirmed that the Council must now answer 'yes' to the boxes mentioned above on the AGAR, whereas previous years have been answered 'N/A'.

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