

Mundesley Parish Council

AGAR – Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023. Explanations for No responses

Mundesley Parish Council is made up of 8 councillors who were in office during 2022/23 financial year and 5 new councillors who took office following the May 2023 local elections.

During FY22/23 the Parish Clerk was absent for some portion of the financial year and has been absent since April 2023. Whilst Councillors are happy to approve the accounting statements and are confident that the figures have been duly checked and stringently internal audited, they do not feel that items 2,3,6,7 can be confirmed at this time but are taking steps to rectify this.

The Council would add that it has every confidence in its internal auditor, who audited the accounts for many financial years.

In order to fully confirm the FY22/23 governance statement information, the “new” Council is conducting a thorough investigation into the governance of the Mundesley Parish Council over the period.

In addition, and going forwards, Mundesley Parish Council has put / is putting in place effective measures. These include additional financial oversight committee meetings, arranging Read Only access for Councillors into the accounting software, providing more support to the Clerk / RFO, reviewing division of responsibilities, and improving governance by means of additional involvement from all Councillors and greater transparency in financial matters offered to parishioners.

Mundesley Parish Council is happy to provide any further explanation to the external auditor upon request.