

RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2021-22

I am pleased to report to Members of the Parish Council that I have completed my internal audit of the Parish Council's records for 2021-22 and have been able to complete the Annual Internal Audit Report for the 2021-22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

Members should be aware that the audit tests that I undertook during the audit cannot be relied on to identify the occasional omission or insignificant error, nor to disclose breaches of trust or statute, neglect or fraud which may have taken place and which it is the responsibility of the Members of the Council to guard against through the Parish Council's internal control procedures.

Members will be pleased to know that I did not find anything major in my financial audit to report and that I found the record keeping to be of a good standard and the Parish Council's approach to the management of risks to be sound. As a result of my audit and my discussions with your Clerk I was able to answer 'YES' to all the relevant questions contained in the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2021-22.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank your Clerk for the assistance given to me in the conduct of the audit that took place on 12 May 2022.

PREVIOUS AUDITS:

External auditor 2020-21:

The external auditor's report was issued on 17 August 2021 and was clear of qualification or comment. It was considered by the Council at its meeting on 6 September 2021.

Internal auditor 2020-21:

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT:

During the visit I carried out work to enable me to complete the Annual Internal Audit Report which included reading the minutes for compliance with legislation, a view of Council activity and for consistency with the accounts. I reviewed and test checked the accounting records including the cashbook, payroll, VAT records, bank statements and bank reconciliations with the cashbook.

I found the financial records to be accurate and up to date.

I have nothing further to report.

Lionel Robbins
Independent Internal Auditor
23 May 2022