

Bradwell With Pattiswick Parish Council

Report of the Internal Auditor

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Accounts and Audit Regulations impose a duty on councils to ensure their financial management and internal controls are effective, to conduct internal audits, and to make their financial statements and other relevant documents publicly available for inspection.

This is facilitated by the appointment of an internal who must undertake an effective internal audit, which includes evaluating the effectiveness of their risk management, control, and governance processes.

The internal audit is to be undertaken in compliance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, and in accordance with the agreed and accepted Audit Plan.

Internal Audit Conclusions

I am pleased to report that I have completed the Internal Audit for the Parish Council for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Members should be aware that my work cannot be relied upon 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 are the responsibility of the Members of the Council to guard against.

Whilst I conclude that all the control objectives have been met throughout the fiscal year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council, I feel there is a requirement to implement additional procedures and creation of schedules around Employee Payments to make sure that the PAYE liabilities are paid and reconciled.

I would like to make comment on the how highly organised and simple to follow the paperwork was and this is a credit to the clerk.

Based on the information supplied to me and the explanations given for the Clerk, Nicola Watkins, the accounts for the year end give an accurate and true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council to date.

I would like to record my appreciation to the Clerk of the Council, and for their assistance during the Internal Audit.

Holly Blackwell

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Independent Internal Auditor

12 May 2025