

**OLD SOMERBY PARISH COUNCIL
INTERNAL AUDIT INSPECTION
BY NICK CRAFT INTERNAL AUDITOR.**

On the afternoon of 10 November, 2025 I attended at the house of the Parish Clerk to inspect the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 to date. I found no issues of concern and I considered the financial practices of Old Somerby Parish Council to be sound, safe and reliable.

I noted that the practice continued for the Lead Councillor Finance, Councillor Peter Burrows, to visit the clerk before every Parish Council Meeting to also undertake a check of the accounts and associated files before counter-signing the Financial Statement presented at each Parish Council Meeting. I noted that Cllr Burrows would be attending the clerk's office for that purpose the next day 11 November, 2025.

I inspected the Financial Statement which had been prepared for the next Parish Council Meeting on 17 November 2025. I was able to confirm its accuracy and signed the Financial Statement accordingly. The Clerk indicated he would forward me a copy of the Financial Statement when it had been inspected and signed off by Cllr Burrows. I gather also that a copy will be forwarded to Councillors in advance of the Parish Council Meeting for their perusal.

I have been made aware of new Assertion 10 relating to digital and data compliance effective for the External Audit 2025/2026. I am also aware of the Health and Safety Audit of the Parish Council's Assets and have been promised a copy of the report in due course.

I propose to attend the above meeting of the Parish Council and I will be available to answer any questions from the Parish Councillors.

Signed...(Signature Redacted)...Nick Craft, Internal Auditor – 10 November, 2025

Signed...(Signature Redacted) .David J Holmes, Parish Clerk and RFO – 10 November, 2025

