

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

On the afternoon of 30 April 2026 I attended at the home of the Parish Clerk to inspect the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 to date. There is no separate office for the Parish Council. 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 later that day.

I inspected the Financial Statement which had been prepared for the next Parish Council Meeting on 11 May 2026. 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 propose to attend the above meeting of the Parish Council and I will be available to answer any questions from the Parish Councillors.

I am content to continue to act as the Internal Auditor for Old Somerby Parish Council on a pro bono basis.

(Signature redacted)

Signed Nick Craft, Internal Auditor – 30 April 2026

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Signed David J Holmes, Parish Clerk and RFO – 30 April 2026

