**Uffington Parish Council**

**Explanation of Annual Governance Statement**

**Internal Audit Report**

**Key Control Objective:** This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.

**Internal Auditor response:** The Financial Regulations being used by this Council acceptable and complied with in most cases; however, these Financial Regulations are not the latest Model version produced by NALC, thus there are no bold marked sections which remain bold to advise the public of legislative requirements and some of the language refers to former methods of payments that are no longer primarily advised in the national Model. A sample of 10% of payments and receipts were inspected against their respective invoices and banking statements and found to be accurate. Not all payments are listed in an easily identifiable schedule in the minutes, therefore the Council cannot be compliant with its own Financial Regulation 5.2.

**Parish Council response:**

Based on the findings of the Internal Audit Report, the Parish Council was unable to agree that is had reached objective 2:

We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.

In response, the Clerk has now updated the Financial Regulations to the latest model version produced by NALC. These were approved at the Annual Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will ensure that monthly payments are added as a full list to the meeting minutes each month.