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Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 22022/2023

This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting of 20th June 2023 and the answers were agreed by the Council. One item could not be answered positively:

Item 2: “We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.”

The Council felt unable to respond positively to this item because many Councillors are new to the Council since the May elections, including the Chairman, who, whilst an experienced councillor with many years previous service on this Council, was not present during the year 2022-2023. The Clerk/RFO was absent from the meeting due to illness, and no one felt they knew enough about the Council’s safeguarding procedures to answer this question truthfully. The Council did, however, accept that the internal audit review by SALC found nothing amiss in the Council’s systems.

Rosie Kirkup,

Chairman, Chelmondiston Parish Council.