



Creting St Mary Parish Council

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Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement – 2020/21

Introduction

1. Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 must complete Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at the end of each financial year in accordance with proper practices.
2. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is made up of three parts;
 - The annual internal Audit Report completed by the Parish Council's Internal Auditor.
 - Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) and Section 2 (Accounting Statements) must be completed and approved by the Parish Council.
 - Section 3 is completed by the External Auditor and returned to the Parish Council.

Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21

Creting St Mary Parish Council approved its Annual Governance Statement at a meeting held on 18th May 2021, Minute CSM/17/21/22 (b) refers. In approving the Annual Governance Statement, the Parish Council identified that it had not provided proper opportunity during the year for the Exercise of Electors' Rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations. This was by reason of the fact that the proper Notice of Electors' Rights was published on the various noticeboards within the parish but not on the Parish Council's website as identified by the External Auditor. This matter was reported to the meeting of the Parish Council on 19th October 2020 and it was agreed that it would be addressed by the Parish Council in subsequent years.

In following the approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21, the proper notice of Electors' Rights has been given as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

Signed: Dated: 27/7/21

Jennie Blackburn, Parish Clerk, Creting St Mary Parish Council