# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

It is a requirement for the Council to approve the following and record that approval as a council minute.

**Statement of Assurance (Agenda Item 8)**

1 We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.
*which means that the Council has prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations*
***Proposed answer YES***

2 We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.
*which means that the Council made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge*
***Proposed answer YES***

3 We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.
*which means that the Council has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so*
***Proposed answer YES***

4 We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
*which means that the Council during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts*
***Proposed answer YES***

5 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.
*which means that the Council considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly*
***Proposed answer YES***

6 We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.
*which means that the Council arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.*
***Proposed answer YES***

7 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.
*which means that the Council responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit*
***Proposed answer YES***

8 We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions occurring either during or after the year end, have a financial impact on this smaller authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.
*which means that we have disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant*
***Proposed answer YES***