

Glemsford Parish Council
Internal Audit Report to Year Ended 31st March 2013

Further to my short report last month, I have now completed my audit of the Financial Year to 31st March 2013. I have perused the Parish Council's Main Account, examining random entries, and to the best of my knowledge and belief the accounting procedures appear to be in very good order, and comply with usual requirements, i.e., minuted resolutions where necessary, estimates for goods and services, invoices, VAT returns, etc.

Last year I said I would like to develop a better understanding of the wonders of the annual Precept! Unfortunately, changes in legislation in the name of 'Localisation' completely tied my up in knots (was that the intention?) and I'm not convinced that anyone fully understands all the implications of what is being 'dumped' upon us all.

Anyway, as far as I can see, expenditure has been kept within an acceptable level and managed responsibly during the last financial year. Essential repairs and maintenance have been carried out, and estimates sought from reliable tradesmen, local where possible.

The younger people of Glemsford should be feeling happy about the facilities provided for them, as I can see a lot of time, effort, and funding has gone into providing for them. I can't wait to see what's being lined up for those of us at the other end of the spectrum!

So, to sum up, I've found nothing untoward, and the finances look well managed, with a healthy account balance. As I've said before, I'm not a professional auditor, but I'm pleased to have been invited to look at the accounts with a view to reassuring the good folk of Glemsford that their money is being looked after by a good, hard-working team.

I'll gladly continue to do this limited amount of auditing every three months, but I do realise that people get stale, and it's not good to have somebody in the same position for too long. If at any time someone else wanted to volunteer, I'll be guided by whatever the Council wishes to do.

As ever, if there is anything that anyone is concerned about and would particularly like me to check, I'm happy to do so, as far as I'm able. I can be contacted by telephone or email.

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