

Glemsford Parish Council – Annual Meeting 8th April 2014

During the past couple of years, as Internal Auditor, I have perused the accounts of Glemsford Parish Council, on a voluntary basis.

Normally, every three months, I examine random entries from bank statements and follow the authorisation trail throughout, which includes invoices, resolution and minutes, payments, and VAT returns.

Debbie, our Parish Clerk, is doing an excellent job. The system works well, the accounts are in good order, and on the rare occasions that I have queried something, the elusive piece of paper has been produced, leading to a satisfactory conclusion in all cases.

I often ask questions, mainly out of curiosity, and also for peace of mind. Purchase invoices can sometimes be lacking in detail, and satisfactory explanations have been forthcoming regarding Parish Council outlay. I have also been assured that competitive quotes for products and services are regularly being sought. After all, this is some of our precious Council Tax money the Parish Council have been elected and entrusted to spend!

I've enjoyed helping out as Internal Auditor, but due to many other commitments, I have decided to stand down, which will take effect from the Parish Council's financial year-end, and I will present my last quarterly report to 31st March 2014 at the May meeting.

I've been assured that alternative arrangements will be put in place.

Pauline Currie 8th April 2014