

NAILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2021**

I have reviewed the records and preparation of the year end accounts together with the completion of the external auditor's reports and I am happy that all the statutory requirements have been complied with and the accounts represent a true and accurate view of the Council's financial activities during the year.

The implementation of the paperless system of record keeping, the elimination of cheque payments and the elimination of all cash transactions is a further step in the streamlining and modernisation of the Council's administrative functions. I was particularly pleased to see that whilst in previous years there have been small amounts of cash received from the Town Information Centre and the Tennis Courts. This has ceased in the year I have just examined. On enquiry I was informed that the Tennis Courts have been provided free of charge through last year's pandemic, and are now charged via the LTA's recognised app. The Town Information Centre directs visitors to the various establishments in the Town which provide maps and postcards on a commercial basis, and has in the past brought in a very small income through selling these items, although not enough to justify the training, administration and oversight needed for proper handling of cash (around £10 per week) by volunteers. In doing this the Clerk has achieved two aims. Firstly, the elimination of having to handle small amounts of cash which cannot have been cost effective and secondly and perhaps more importantly, stopping volunteers from handling Council cash which is unacceptable according to the Council's own Standing Orders. Again I must comment on the professionalism of all the staff in the office, particularly during what has been a very testing time for all of us.



Ian Crowe FFA.

12th May 2021