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Dear Angela,

Internal audit for the 2020/2021 financial year.

I have completed the internal audit of the Parish Council's accounts for the 2020/2021 financial year.

The audit has been carried out in accordance with the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission, which requires compliance with relevant United Kingdom audit standards.

Please find enclosed my assessment of the system of internal control and my audit checklist giving details of the work carried out.

Queries arising from the interim audit have been answered to my full satisfaction and where considered necessary adjustments have been made. There are no queries arising from the year-end audit to report to the members of the Parish Council.

I am satisfied that the robust systems of financial and administrative management continue to operate effectively and efficiently and provide a sound audit trail.

I certify that I have completed the audit of the summary accounts and associated accounting notes of the Choppington Parish Council which have been prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer.

The audit included examination of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the summary accounts and notes, sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the summary accounts and notes are free from material misstatement.

In my opinion the summary account presents fairly the receipts and payments of Choppington Parish Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2021.

I have completed the Internal Audit section of the Annual Governance and Accountability return.

Please find enclosed my invoice for the work carried out.

My thanks to you, and the two David's, once again for your courtesy, unfailing good humour and patience in answering my many questions.

I am sorry to inform you that this is my last audit and you will need to appoint a replacement for the 2021/2022 financial year.

I am proud to have been involved with the parish council, as its internal auditor, since its creation and pleased to see how it has grown and expanded the range of services and activities to the benefit of the residents of the parish. It is, and am sure that it will continue to be, a beacon council and a model of best practice.

With all best wishes for your, and the parish council's future endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Basnett".

Peter Basnett

Internal Auditor