

# Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council



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## **Annual Governance Statement 2020-21**

1. A parish council must publish an explanation if it answers “No” to any of the nine assertions in the Annual Governance Statement.
2. The publication “Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England” sets out what a parish council must do in our order to be able to answer “Yes” to each assertion.
3. You can view the March 2020 edition of the publication here, which applied to the financial year 2020-21:  
[https://www.localaudits.co.uk/Governance\\_and\\_Accountability\\_Practitioners\\_Guide\\_2020.pdf](https://www.localaudits.co.uk/Governance_and_Accountability_Practitioners_Guide_2020.pdf)
4. This Council has answered “No” to Assertion 5 which reads: “We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.”
5. This Council conducted risk assessments on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and at its next annual meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 but the requirement was to conduct at least one between April 2020 and March 2021, which the Council omitted to do.
6. Due to Covid-19, the Government waived the requirement for parish councils to hold an annual meeting in 2020 but it did not waive the requirement for parish councils to conduct a risk assessment during 2020-21.
7. As the Council has already conducted a risk assessment in May 2021, this governance requirement has already been met for 2021-22.

Geoffrey Ferres  
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