Report from Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer 2025-26

As the Proper Officer for Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council, it is my responsibility to ensure that all legal requirements governing the Council's operations are fully observed. This includes, but is not limited to, setting a working budget, keeping accurate records of meetings, maintaining the Parish Council website, overseeing the proper management of Council assets and supporting the democratic decision-making process.

In accordance with financial legislation, the documents relating to the Council's accounts are published on the website. These have already received a full in-depth review by an independent internal auditor, and the next stage will be examination by the Government-appointed external auditor.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of our Parish Councillors. They continue to take their roles as unpaid public officials seriously. They support me in ensuring that the Council operates lawfully and in line with recognised standards of good practice. I am grateful to them for the time they take to preparing for meetings, the detail in which they consider agenda items, and the respect they show both to one another and to my role within the organisation.

Helen Stewart

11th May 2026