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Ref: Internal Audit Monkton Combe Parish Council

8th May 2019

Dear Parish Council,

I conducted an internal audit for the Parish Council on 8th May 2019. I was very pleased to see that all my previous recommendations had been implemented and the Council was compliant on all matters tested.

I only have two observations to make. The first is a minor correction for your asset register. The body responsible for managing change to Scheduled ancient monuments (such as the Lock up in Mill Lane) is Historic England, it changed from English Heritage in 2015.

The second item is the ongoing recommendation that Mr Croker is employed by the Parish Council on a formal contract. The phasing out of the funding from B&NES Council for parish cleaning will mean that the Parish Council's social responsibility towards Mr Croker's future pensionable requirements is more directly borne. His long-standing service to the parish implies a level of dependence on future financial well-being past retirement which may be assumed on his part due to imperfect understanding of the legal position. I recommend that a councillor with common ground with Mr Croker establish for the avoidance of doubt, what his pension expectations from the Council are, and whether the Council will be suitably positioned to meet them under current arrangements.



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