

# ENMORE PARISH COUNCIL

## External audit provision and application for exemption, and public access rights

Parish Councils receive and spend public money and are therefore subject to scrutiny of how they conduct their business and financial affairs.

The first stage of scrutiny is an internal audit by an independent examiner (since 2022/2023 Petra Ingram has undertaken this rôle). A further safeguard is the publishing of the accounts and the provision of details of all payments of £100 or more. This information is included on our website.

Larger Councils are also subject to external audit (officially described as a limited assurance review) by qualified accountants. Smaller Councils may also be subject to this external examination but may apply for exemption. As in preceding years since these provisions came into force, Enmore Parish Council has applied for an exemption from this external audit (we are well under the threshold for income and expenditure and no financial irregularities have been reported). A copy of this exemption application form is published on the website. PKF Littlejohn LLP currently undertake external audits for Somerset where required. (Postal address 15 Westferry Circus, London E14 4HD, website [www.pkf-littlejohn.com](http://www.pkf-littlejohn.com)).

In addition, any member of the public may ask for access to the accounts and their supporting documentation during a period of at least 30 consecutive working days, which must include the first 10 working days of July. In 2025 the official period for public access will run from Thursday 26 June to Wednesday 6 August. However, Enmore Parish Council has no wish to restrict public access to this period and will be happy to arrange access at any reasonable and convenient time. The relevant financial records are currently held by Anne Stoye who may be contacted for this purpose on [financeenmorepc@gmail.com](mailto:financeenmorepc@gmail.com).

Please note that, in addition to these statutory disclosure requirements, Enmore Parish Council publishes on its website year-to-date accounts and finance reports as supplied to Councillors. These are made available on the website several days before each Parish Council meeting.