

Siddington Parish Council

Supporting Statement – Annual Governance Statement 2023 – 2024 Item 4

Siddington Parish Council parted ways with their previous Clerk in May 2023. The previous Clerk had not finalised the 2022 – 2023 accounts prior to her departure from the Parish Council.

Since the previous Clerk's departure, the Chair and Vice Chair have tried on numerous occasions to contact her to arrange collection of the receipts and any associated financial paperwork for the period 2022 – 2023.

Endeavours to gain access to this paperwork, with support from Cheshire Association of Local Councils, are still ongoing.

The above issues have left the new Clerk unable to complete the accounts for 2022 - 2023, and the Council has hence failed to observe the requirement for members of the public to review the accounts, as the accounts are still to be finalised.

The Council do not foresee any issues with meeting this requirement for the 2023 – 2024 period.