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Dear Mrs Hill

**To the Chairman and Members of Heslington Parish Council
Internal Audit of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2020**

I am pleased to inform you that the internal audit is complete. Appropriate tests and checks were carried out on the accounts and internal controls to confirm that the systems of financial and other controls over the council's activities and operating procedures are effective. Unfortunately, no visit to the council was possible this year as the timing of the audit coincided with changed working and travel arrangements due to the pandemic, therefore the audit has been carried out online and by discussion with the clerk. Following that I can confirm that internal controls are operating as expected and there are no matters to give cause for concern. Some minor matters were discussed and action agreed where necessary with the clerk.

The current situation on the matter raised in my previous report is noted in the paragraphs below. There is one new matter to bring to the attention of members also noted below.

The Annual Internal Auditors Report contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 has been completed as required.

Yorkshire Bank Account

My previous report noted the difficulty of obtaining proof of balance for this account for the previous two years. The original passbook was lost and as Yorkshire Bank apparently consider this a dormant account, they will not issue a new one or send statements, last year they provided a print of the balance but not a statement. The problem appears to be due to change of signatories that Yorkshire Bank have not been made aware of.

