

## **Foxton Parish Council**

### **Explanation of Statement 3 and 9 in Annual Governance Statement 2018 to 2019**

#### **Statement 3 Explanation**

The Parish Council has answered 'no' to statement 3 as the internal auditor has brought to their attention a donation to St Laurence's church, Foxton of £750 on 6 August 2018 towards churchyard maintenance which may not be lawful pursuant to advice issued by NALC in 2018 L01-18 'Financial Assistance to the Church'. The Parish Council and Parish Clerk were unaware of this guidance from NALC. Further to the NALC guidance and latest internal auditor report, the Parish Council will no longer make donations to the church towards its church yard maintenance and will seek further guidance on this from its county association.

#### **Statement 9 Disclosure Note re Trust Funds**

The Parish Council has answered 'yes' to statement 9 as the sole trustee of Foxton Recreation Ground Trust. This was not noted on the previous AGAR as the Parish Councillors believed that they were each an individual trustee of the trust. The Parish Clerk has looked into this and found that steps were taken to change the constitution in the past but the changes were never adopted. The Charity Commission has confirmed that Foxton Parish Council is the sole trustee of Foxton Recreation Ground Trust and therefore the Parish Council is declaring that it has met its responsibilities as a sole trustee.