

## **Annual Governance Statement**

### **Reason for ticking 'No' to Assertion 10**

The Parish Council were unable to tick 'Yes' to Box 10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practice during the year under review.

The reason for being unable to tick 'Yes' is that the Parish Council website did not contain a published (WCAG) 2.2 AA Website Accessibility Statement and improvements were needed to websites compliance with the guidelines.

The Clerk had worked with the Parish Council's website host provider throughout the year to improve compliance with WCAG 2.2 AA and attempted to include the Website Accessibility Statement. However, the website host provider was unable to create a page to host the statement prior to the audit and seemed to be unfamiliar with compliance requirements.

The Clerk has recommended to the Parish Council that the Parish Council agree to the creation of a new website and to using a website host provider that is familiar with the compliance requirements for websites and offers template sites that already compliant and can easily host a page with the Web Accessibility Statement. This will be on the agenda for the full Parish Council meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> of July for formal consideration by the Parish Council.