## Form 2PM Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

We acknowledge as the members of:

Milton Bryan Parish Meeting

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026, that:

| | Agreed | | |
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| | Yes | No | 'Yes' means that this Parish Meeting: |
| 1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements. | ✔ | | *prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.* |
| 2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness. | ✔ | | *made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.* |
| 3. We have assured ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this Parish Meeting to conduct its business or manage its finances. | ✔ | | *has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.* |
| 4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations. | ✔ | | *during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this Parish Meeting's accounts.* |
| 5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this Parish Meeting and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required. | ✔ | | *considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.* |
| 6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems. | ✔ | | *arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls met the needs of this Parish Meeting.* |
| 7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit. | ✔ | | *responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.* |
| 8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this Parish Meeting and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements. | ✔ | | *disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.* |
| 10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review. | ✔ | | *has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.* |

*For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation **must** be published or displayed.
**Please note assertion 9 does not apply to this Parish Meeting Form.**

This annual governance statement was approved at a Parish Meeting on:

18/5/26

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by the Chair of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair