

LAPC – Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Assertion 10 statement.

LAPC has declared that it is not able to fully meet Assertion 10 in the AGAR section 1 Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26.

There have been challenges for the Parish Council in 2025/26 with both a new Chair and a new Clerk starting during the year, alongside limited financial and staff resources. Whilst we are now actively addressing Assertion 10 requirements, we have not yet completed the work.

The website in its current design is not accessible – it is quite an old website design and is supported by a company based in the USA unfamiliar with Local Government regulations. An accessibility statement has been placed on the website, advising users experiencing accessibility issues to contact the Clerk for assistance. The Parish Council have made plans and secured budget via the precept to upgrade to a new, fully accessible website in 2026/27.

In the process of upgrading the website, a new IT policy will also be produced. Currently the Parish Council meets requirements with the website and the Clerk's email address both being hosted on org.uk. The Parish Council's Website Publishing Policy covers some elements of IT and data protection. The Parish Council also intends to produce a separate Data Protection policy in 2026/27.

Clerk & RFO: E. Whittleton

Chair: J. Buckley

Date: 13/05/2026