

## North Thoresby, Grainsby & Waithe Parish Council

### Explanations for “No” responses on the Annual Governance Statement

<b>Internal Control</b>	<b>Explanation for “No” response</b>
1	Our finance documents were stolen from the Parish Council. We have rebuilt these by going back through the banking records and the Village Hall hire records to rebuild the accounts. Since the new Councils inauguration, 11 March, we have followed proper procedures. We have now set up procedures to replicate information so that it is in the safe keeping of more than one person.
2	Some measures were in place during 2023/24. Due to the loss of our records, we are unable to answer yes to this question. We have implemented a process to safeguard information.
3	We cannot answer yes to this question as the Councillors responsible resigned and would not engage in our investigations to rebuild our systems. The new council have listed the problems highlighted by the Audit report and we have already started to address them.
4	The Public found it difficult to get answers from the Council in the period August 23 to February 24. Since the new councils inauguration, we have opened up access to the council by being visible in the village and answering parishioners questions. We are starting to publish the answers to frequently asked questions on the web site.
5	There is no evidence to support this as the documentation was stolen. The new council has already carried out health and safety checks and we are formalising our methods for general risk assessment.
7	Recommendations regarding cash handling were implemented but not maintained. We have now listed recommendations from the Internal Audit and are working to implement them.