**Stoke St Mary Parish Council**

**Notes to Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Form 2**

1. The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) took up post in October 2022, following a vacancy of approximately seven months.
2. We have reviewed signatory arrangements and now have two Councillors as signatories to the bank accounts.
3. Some payments made in 2022/23 relate to the year 2021/22, when there was no RFO in place. For this reason, payments may seem higher than the last financial year.
4. The Clerk’s salary is now paid through PAYE.