

# PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS: PUBLIC INTEREST REPORTS

It is with regret that I wish to inform you that Preston Parish Council has received, from its External Auditor, Public Interest Reports (PIR) relating to the financial year 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

The full details of the Reports are in the attached letter from PKF Littlejohn LLP (our External Auditor). Preston Parish Council failed to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31 March 2020, 2021, and 2022. As a result, Preston Parish Council has failed in its statutory duties to account to its taxpayers for the use and safeguarding of their money. Preston Parish Council apologises for this lack of an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

As a Council we are required to act, and the first action is to notify members of the Public and this I now do through this letter and attachments.

A meeting of the Council will be held to discuss the Public Information Report, to agree an action plan and put in place measures to ensure that this does not happen again. As soon as I have a date, I will publicise it via the website and parish noticeboards. If anyone has any questions or comments, please send them to me at [prestonparish@parishclerk.karoo.co.uk](mailto:prestonparish@parishclerk.karoo.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely

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