

# Follifoot with Plompton Parish Council

## ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018-19

Assertion 2 – We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.

Whilst the Parish Council had made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding public money and resources in its charge, it fell victim to an online scam whereby a fraudster was able to extract £4900 from the Council's bank account, on 2 March 2019. Fortunately, following action by Council officers, liaising with the Council's bank, the full amount was recovered and credited to the Council's account on 3 April 2019.

The Parish Council has taken the following steps to prevent a recurrence:

- Reduction of the daily transaction limit for online payments to £1000
- Institution of a revised system of payment whereby all invoices must have prior approval by the Parish Council, before payment is made
- Transfer of banking facilities to Barclays which allows 2-party activation of online payments.

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Parish Clerk/RFO