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**RE: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Colney Heath Parish Council – Internal Audit Report for accounts 2016/17**

I am replying to you in response to your email dated 9th July 2020 received 10th July which was treated as a Freedom of Information request.

Your request:

Details of both the Chairman of the Colney Heath Parish Council and information relating to payment noted in section 9 of the internal audit report dated 5 June 2018.

Our response:

The Chairman of the Parish Council for the period covered by the Internal Audit report dated 7 June 2017 which was referring to the Financial Year ending 31 March 2017 was Councillor Peter Cook.

The noted payment was for damage to the Recreation Ground pavilion building caused by dry rot. The net payment was £7553. This amount paid was due to the lack of appropriately arranged insurance cover by the Council, as landlord, and lack of routine visual checks over several years resulting in the insurance company being under no obligation to cover any claim made. Further damage would be caused if the Council did not act quickly assisting in the replacement of the showers within the pavilion.

At this time there was an Interim Clerk employed by the Council working a few hours per week covering meetings. The payment was resolved at Full Council in November 2016 retrospectively where arrangements made to recover these costs from the Colney Heath Football Club were also agreed.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of
Colney Heath Parish Council**