

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Whixall Parish Council**
County area (local councils and Shropshire

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- **New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	5,153	7,774				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	8,900	9,498	598	6.72%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	689	2,354	1,665	241.71%	YES		Neighbourhood funding increased from £110 to £2048 One off donation of £300 towards legal costs for asset management No rents paid in 2022/23 (Marlot now a peppercorn and Bowling club paid in advance in 2021/22) VAT reclaim not made in 2021/22 (£420 in 2020/21)
4 Staff Costs	4,487	4,472	-15	0.33%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	2,481	3,256	775	31.24%	YES		Admin costs decreased from £122 to £87 due mainly to IT support costs Hall hire increased from £32 to £224 due to a return to physical meetings Promotion increased from £44 to £124 (newsletters not produced in 2020/21) Insurance increased from £218 to £344 Asset management increased from £875 to £1375 due to one-off costs for legal work and LNR declaration Subscriptions increased from £405 to £408 Donations reduced from £450 to £100
7 Balances Carried Forward	7,774	11,898			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	7,774	11,898				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	8,069	8,069	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable