

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **ASHTON Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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);
- 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).

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	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	5,680	10,745				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,650	9,474	2,824	42.47%	YES		We currently have £4,460 grant for a summer sports camp and £2,534 which is also grant money for a Community Engagement Scheme which will be spent by December 2020
3 Total Other Receipts	5,277	4,984	-293	5.55%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	3,066	2,591	-475	15.49%	YES		This was due to a change in Clerk
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,796	5,944	2,148	56.59%	YES		Council spent £1,189 on a defibrillator cabinet and accessories and used £1,720 of community grant monies
7 Balances Carried Forward	10,745	16,668			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,745	16,668				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	4,786	7,665	2,879	60.15%	YES		Due to additional spend on a defibrillator cabinet and accessories and a new laptop and a spend on the community grant monies, this increased our assets
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable