

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Griston 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);

• **New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	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	24,565	17,411				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	16,500	27,790	11,290	68.42%	YES		Precept 23/24 £16,500, 24/25 £27,790 to fund the parish partnership road project.
3 Total Other Receipts	12	3,549	3,537	29475.00%	YES		VAT reclaim for 23/24 was £3042.11 received in 24/25, higher than normal as large playground project carried out. Bank Account also changed in 24/25 and bank interest received of £506.94 in 24/25 only £12.10 in 23/24
4 Staff Costs	3,376	4,692	1,316	38.98%	YES		A new clerk was hired and claimed overtime for months 11 & 12, with higher salary payment.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	20,290	12,866	-7,424	36.59%	YES		In 23/24 there was a £13,833.72 expenditure on playground equipment.
7 Balances Carried Forward	17,411	31,192				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	17,411	31,192				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	119,769	119,769	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0		0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable