

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements - Section 2

Parish Council name: Shobnall Parish Council

Please explain any variances of more than 15% or anything over £100k between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be '*compensating*' variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. **We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero.** Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

Section 2	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £10))
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	31,250	32,876	+5.2% +£1,626	To meet potential increases in costs charged by suppliers and salary increase during the 2021/22 financial year.
Box 3 <i>Other income</i>	3,666	4,617	-25.94% -£951	Additional £801 VAT reclaimed on purchases Refunded £200 (duplicate payment) Interest received on bank account reduced by £51
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	9,807	10,087	+2.86% +£280	Annual increase as agreed by NALC/SLCC.
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/capital</i>	0	0		
Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	11,922	21,429	+79.74% +£9,507	Increased expenditure: VAT on purchases £960; Use of Home as Office £18; Sundries £5; Accounts software support £28; New website £650; Zoom subscription £108; Software £99; Audit fees £200; Stationery/Printing £93; Mobile +£330; Publications £71; Postage £108; Training £380; Grants £1000; Litter picking £195; Grass cutting £5; Removal play/fitness equipment £3095; 2 No. litter bins £717; Replacement IT (iPads and laptop) £4,124 Reduced expenditure: Staff mileage £81; RoSPA play equipment inspection £69; IT Support £30; Professional fees £1,598; Room hire/refreshments £556; Equipment maintenance £225; Bramble clearance £120

Box 7 <i>Balances carried forward</i>	67,130	73,107	+8.9% +£5,977	Earmarked Reserves Elections £10,000 Bus Shelter Project £10,000 The Link Park (replacement play and fitness equipment) £37,000 Parish boundary signs £5,000 IT Equipment £5,000 Children's Competition £3,000 General Reserves £3,107
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i>	132,623	16,837	-87.30% -£115,786	<p>Assets removed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The play and fitness equipment on The Link Park was the subject of frequent vandalism and was rendered uneconomical to repair. The council decided to remove all the equipment in the interests of health and safety, resulting in the reduced value of fixed assets at the year end. -£117,586 ▪ Councillors' tablets - £2,237 ▪ Clerk's laptop - £345 ▪ Noticeboard shared with British Waterways removed by BW £1 <p>Assets added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clerk's laptop £872 ▪ Councillors' iPads £2710 ▪ 2 No. litter bins +£717 ▪ Filing cabinet +£84
Box 10 <i>Total borrowing</i>	0	0		

