

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Church Minshull Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and **Cheshire East**

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	12,649	10,304				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,644	4,644	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,152	340	-812	70.49%	YES		Each year, the Parish Council receives a grant of £1,150 from Cheshire East in order to employ a Parish Lengthsman. However, this was not received in 2021/22 owing to errors at the Borough Council - it has been received in 2022/23. For full financial breakdown, see attached Annual statements covering both years.
4 Staff Costs	2,648	2,648	0	0.00%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,493	3,802	-1,691	30.78%	YES		The major reason for the variance was increased spending in 2020/21 on Village improvements (£1,250) and support for residents during the Covid pandemic (£610). For full financial breakdown, see attached Annual statements covering both years.
7 Balances Carried Forward	10,304	8,838			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	10,304	8,838				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	2,107	2,260	153	7.26%	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