

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – AGAR Section 2

Parish Council name: Horsmonden Parish Council

Please explain any variances of more than 15% 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	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £100))
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	95820	101165	£5345	N/A
Box 3 <i>Other income</i>	13060	109568	£96508	<p>+ £1103 VAT received in 23/24 owing to increased expenditure in 22/23 .</p> <p>+£2046 interest received in 23/24 (zero in 22/23) this was on maturing bond with Hampshire Trust (£84000 invested)</p> <p>+£3862 received as Grants and Donations in 23/24. £4182 received as grant income in 23/24 (£3500 for the sports club through the UK rural grants scheme and £682 form KCC for wild flower bulbs) only £320 received in 22/23 .</p> <p>+£3858 as S106 income in 23/24 (zero in 22/23) This S106 money was claimed in two amounts £3358 towards repairs for the play are and £500 towards our Hop Pickers line map)</p> <p>+£85639 received as Other income in 23/24. Made up from £84000 returned as the original investment from Hampshire Trust bond and the additional amount of £1639 consisting of other small income items.</p>

Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	36891	39625	£2734	N/A
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital</i>	0.00	0.00	£ 0.00	N/A
Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	88579	93084	£4505	N/A However variances within headings included: +£2239 under Administration (+£2586 on legal and professional fees, +£169 on telephone and broadband, +£3800 Grants and Donations paid and +£137 made up of other small variations within this heading . LESS-£281 on stationery and postage, -£434 on office equipment , -£3604 on Neighbourhood Planning and - £135 on youth events) -£2537 on Outside Spaces (-£1332 landscaping and groundworks contract -£1298 Maintenance, -£671 Christmas lights and -£508 in other small variations across this Cost centre BUT =+£562 Tree works +£573 parish planting scheme +£137 cleaning outside spaces) +£2645 on Play area costs – mainly maintenance and repair costs -£331 Public Toilets –increased water and sewage costs plus slight increase in cleaning costs , but savings on electricity and maintenance. +£3359 Street Lighting (+£724 maintenance, +£651 electricity, +£1691 Repairs & +£293 testing) -£461 Asset Management (+£392 General maintenance +£7016 repairs to clock tower ,+£7675 to Village hall = BUT --£14545 on the Institute Building -£34 Rates -£ 965 war memorial cleaning,) -£408 VAT Spent – less VAT spent in23/24 than in 22/23.
Box 7 <i>Balances carried forward</i>	21188	99212		Ear marked reserves at end of year were as follows: Village Hall Improvements -£26070 Play Area - £32523
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets &</i>	211396	127523	83873	-£84000 (Long term investment two-year bond matured in June 23 and £75000 was reinvested in a one year account with United Trust bank – hence no longer a LTA)

<i>long-term assets</i>				-£295 Cllr laptop decommissioned -£50 back up disc decommissioned +£295 new Cllr laptop +£177 Emergency grab bag and contents
Box 10	0.00	0.00	£ 0.00	N/A
<i>Total borrowing</i>				