Explanation of variances 2020/21 - pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all <u>Blue</u> highlighted boxes

Now, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where • variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £500);
• a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

Excessive Reserves Ratio

1.49609

1.5177565

	2019 £	2020 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	DO NOT OVERWRITE THE BOXES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED/GREEN	Explanation (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	82,719	71,890]			Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	48,052	51,277	3,225	6.71%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	21,657	16,543	-5,114	23.61%	YES		2019-2020 21657 2020-2021 16543 Difference 5114 In 2019-20 the Parish Council received £12900 New Homes Bonus grant and £4443 Neighbourhood Planning grant. The VAT repayment was £3470. Total £20813. In 2020-21 the Parish Council received £7359 New Homes Bonus Grant and £1403 was received from an insurance payout for vandalized lights. The VAT repayment was £6811 due to two capital projects being completed in that year. Total £15573. The difference in these total sums is £5240 which accounts for the variance.
4 Staff Costs	14,655	15,664	1,009	6.89%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	13,120	13,120	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	52,763	33,100	-19,663	37.27%	YES		2019-2020 52763 2020-2021 33100 Difference 19663 In 2019-20 the Parish Council gave £4296 in grants to support local amenities affected by Covid which was an increase of £2101 compared to 2019-2020. Capital expenditure decreased from £27808 in 2019/2020 to £13513 in 2020-2021 (£14295). Neighbourhood Planning expenditure also decreased from £5048 in 2019-20 to £173 in 2020-21 (£4875). The VAT repayment also decreased from £6811 in 2019-2020 to £4106 in 2020-2021 (£2705) The overall decrease was £19774 which accounts for the variance.
7 Balances Carried Forward	71,890	77,826	5,936	8.26%	NO		
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	71,890	77,826	5,936	8.26%	NO		
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	25,969	43,152	17,183	66.17%	YES		2019-2020 25969 2020-2021 43152 Difference 17183 In 2020-2021 The Parish Council installed 55 solar lights in the Parish at a cost of £17500. The Parish Council also scrapped two computers (£838) and purchased a new computer for £521. These changes account for the Variance.
10 Total Borrowings	140,567	133,400	-7,167	5.10%	NO		