

**Explanation of variances**

Name of smaller authority: **Wealdon Parish Council**  
 County area: **Buckinghamshire**

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)

	2021/22	2022/23	Variance	Variance	Explanation Required?	Explanation
	£	£	£	%		
1 Balances Brought Forward	19,361	26,001			NO	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	13,810	13,813	3	0.02%	NO	Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
3 Total Other Receipts	4,575	4,672	97	2.12%	NO	
4 Staff Costs	4,049	4,386	337	8.32%	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO	
6 All Other Payments	8,696	20,782	12,086	138.99%	YES	Total non-staff payments in 22/23 increased by £12,086 over 21/22. Part of this increase was exceptional expenditure of £3,535 (ex VAT) on two new dog bins (£565), essential dredging works to the village pond (£899) and significant works to a TPO tree in the graveyard grounds (£2,070). Plus an increase in routine costs, including £4,849 for horticultural works to the village amenity areas of park and pond, war memorial and graveyard grounds, and devolved Highways services. The variance is high, due to the fact that in the previous year, the horticultural contractor was unable to complete or charge for about half of his contract. Additional variances were contributed by higher repairs required to the Park entrance gates and play equipment (£875), the repainting of the village entrance gates by volunteers (£263) and the purchase of a licence for parish council accounts software package Scribe (£375). VAT on payments was higher by £2,189, in line with the additional overall spending.
7 Balances Carried Forward	25,001	18,318			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	25,001	18,318			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	118,096	117,702	-393	0.33%	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

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