

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Stonham Aspal Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Suffolk**

Please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- a breakdown of approved reserves if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

Section 2	2018/9 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	7000	7000	0	0	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	11405	1309	-10096	88.52	In 2018/19 the council received £9821 of CIL money, they also reclaimed £481 more in VAT in that year as the expenditure in 2017/18 was higher this equates to £10,302 additional income in 2018/19
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	3290	2334	-956	29	The current clerk took over in November 2018 and has not claimed as many additional hours. The old clerk claimed 79 more additional hours at £10.30 per hour = £813.70 + expenses which were £133.95 higher totalling £946.00
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	2919	7207	4288	147	<p>The costs of hiring the village hall in 2017/18 were lower as it was closed for some of the year for refurbishment (£95 in stead of £165). £70</p> <p>Village hall The invoices for 2018/19 and 2019/20 were both received and paid in the 2019/20 financial year so £165 should fall in next years accounts.</p> <p>The recreation ground grass cutting invoice for 2018/19 was indispute so was paid in 2019/20 £477.00</p> <p>Election costs of £105</p> <p>Investment in dog waste bins and increased cost of collections £259</p>

					<p>purchase of two new noticeboards £1340</p> <p>CIL expenditure on additional white lines on main road £1620</p> <p>£782 more VAT was paid during the year</p> <p>Total £4818</p> <p>Savings were made on insurance and subscriptions</p>
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	39032	39664	632	2	Purchase of new dog waste bins and notice boards worth more than previous ones
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	
Explanation for 'high' reserves	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end: The parish council built up reserves with projects to refurbish the recreation ground and village hall. Precept for next year has been reduced as these projects and general expenditure has reduced				