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

Parish Council name: Iwade 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	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £100)
Box 2	51372	51585	213	
Precept			0.41%	
Box 3	11942	11313	629	
Other income			5.27%	
Box 4	20850	17933	-2917	Clerk on Maternity leave for four months, Locum only
Staff costs			13.99%	work half her hours, thus salary payments decreased.
Box 5	0	0		
Loan interest/ capital				
Box 6	35295	41011	5716	
Other payments			16.19%	See attached Schedule

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Box 7 Balances carried forward	76872	80826		If some of the year-end balances are earmarked for specific purposes rather than as a general reserve, please provide a breakdown. You do not need to explain the year-on-year variance for this box.
Box 9 Fixed assets & long term assets	148843	151642	2799 1.88%	Laptop £499; Beacon £2300
Box 10 Total borrowing				