

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Sparsholt**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): _____

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	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation (with amounts £)	
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	18294	19209	915	5.00%	n/a	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	3255	2378	-877	-26.94%	19/20 Contribution from Fete - cancelled in 20/21	(834.00)
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	7102	7550	448	6.31%	n/a	
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	n/a	
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	10333	12461	2128	20.59%	Key items Upkeep of Parish Grounds/Prop Footpath Maintenance - less in 20/21 (650.00) Well House Maintenance - works in 19/20 (1100.28) Playground Maintenance - safety works 1287.21 Noticeboards & bus shelter seats - replaced in 19/20 (3303.06) Administration General Admin (161.86) Hall Hire - remote only meetings (258.50) Training & Subscriptions Training (138.00) Zoom - remote only meetings 144 Other Expenditure - Parish Council Ham Green Ash Dieback - known works 6,511	Variance to 19/20
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	141502	141502	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	

Explanation for 'high' reserves	PrePlanned Expenditure due in 21/22
	£10,000 Further costs of Ham Green Ash Die Back
	£10,000 Costs of replacing fencing around playground for safety
	£2,550 Held for Defibrillator and donations given for Ham Green
	Contingency Funds
	£5,000 Contingency against Election costs - estimates for full election could be as high as £10,000
£5,000 Contingency against legal advice - esp in relation to Planning Applications	
£10,000 Approx half of precept	