

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	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)	
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	17679	18294	615	3.48%	n/a	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	2987	3255	268	8.97%	n/a	
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	6776	7102	326	4.81%	n/a	
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	n/a	
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	5338	10333	4995	93.87	Key items Upkeep of Parish Grounds/Prop 19/20 Footpaths: greater focus re devolvement LA exp and fallen trees 1554 19/20 Well House: exterior upkeep 1081 19/20 new noticeboard/ reburb 3303 19/20 lower other maintenance (332) Administration 18/19 included laptop purchase (280) 19/20 marginally lower gen admin (72) Training & Subscriptions 19/20 new councillor 203 Other Expenditure 19/20 Grant and Donation 280 Ham Green/Defibrillator 18/19 included new HG lawnmower (743)	
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	139482	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No major maintenance playground 19/20 – fencing quotes c.£3000 for 20/21• Effective traffic calming measures - prolonged discussion with both WCC and HCC delaying action – Shared Speed Limit Reminder Camera planned as test but thereafter purchase of own equipment (c.£3000)• Ham Green – Ash die back survey commissioned to assess extent of tree surgery required (estimated 30 to 40 ash trees at Ham Green)• Ham Green – initial investigation into bridleway resurfacing works indicates costs in excess of £10,000
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