

# Explanation of variances

## Branxton Parish Council

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

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 %	Explanation Required	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 1</b> <i>Balances Brought Forward</i>	1052	726				
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	900	950	50	5.56%	NO	
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	54	85	31	57.41%	YES	In 2019/20 the Parish Council received a VAT refund of £54. In 2020/21 the Parish Council received £85 from the Village Hall Committee to cover the nett cost of replacement defibrillator pads
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	505	479	-26	5.15%	NO	
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	NO	
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	775	516	-259	33.42%	YES	In 2019/20 the Parish Council purchased a new litter bin at a cost of £289.14 & paid £35 towards repairs to flower boxes & plants. In 2020/21 the Parish Council paid £61 to revamp the Parish Council website.
<b>Box 7</b> <i>Balances Carried Forward</i>	726	766			NO	
<b>Box 8</b> <i>Total Cash &amp; Short Term Investments</i>	726	766			NO	
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	2913	2913	0	0%	NO	

<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	NO	
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