

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Claife Parish Council**

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

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	5,220	8,894				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	6,911	6,825	-86	1.25%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	1,525	453	-1,072	70.29%	YES		Reduced VAT refund (£862.13), rent (£20) & Bank Interest (£2.53). No defibrillator grants (£332). Additional research charge (£58.75), increased Parish Grant (£86.29)
4 Staff Costs	2,562	2,186	-376	14.67%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	2,031	4,265	2,234	110.02%	YES		Reduced administration expenses particularly no land registration expenses (£868.83), additional training costs for new Councillors (£90), increased maintenance including tree works, additional lengthsman work and noticeboard maintenance (£2933.23), increased grant (£10), additional Clerk travel - new Clerk (£69.75).
7 Balances Carried Forward	8,894	9,721			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	8,894	9,721			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	855	888	33	3.86%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable