

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Longhorstley Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and **Northumberland**)
 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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	51,169	50,941					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	23,940	24,660	720	3.01%	NO		Council Decision to apply a 3% increase to Council Tax for 2022/23
3 Total Other Receipts	33,691	27,526	-6,165	18.30%	YES		See analysis below
4 Staff Costs	7,007	7,528	521	7.44%	NO		Local Government Pay Award £1,925 across the board pro rata for 10 hours = £520.27
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	50,852	42,127	-8,725	17.16%	YES		See analysis below
7 Balances Carried Forward	50,941	53,472				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	50,941	53,472				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	249,684	253,824	4,140	1.66%	NO		Old Church Furniture = £2,240 Archies Pond Furniture = £1,729 PA System = £170
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)

	2021/22	2022/23	Variance	
3. Other Receipts				
Archies Pond Project Grants/Donations	17,301	4,925	-12,376	Environmental Project began 2021/22 ended 2022/23
Increased Bank Interest re higher rates	3	107	104	
Increased Advertisement income re newsletter	901	1,728	827	
HM Jubilee Grant Funding	0	500	500	
MUGA Lights were broken in part 2021/22	203	357	154	
Allotments - CAN Grant for Tap + Pipes in 22/23	210	2,470	2,260	
Old Church Grant for 2 benches in 21/22 and 1 in 22/23	2,149	2,705	556	
Moor Change in funding from EU to UK	7,883	9,564	1,681	
Compensation for Bank Complaint	0	75	75	
	28,650	22,431	-6,219	
6. Other Payments				
Reduced Legal Fees for Sale of South Rd/East Rd	8,193	6,582	-1,611	
New LapTop purchased in 2021/22	572	0	-572	
Jubilee Events in 2022/23	0	217	217	
Reduction in Village Maintenance Costs	1,170	795	-375	
Reduced costs of Stationery+Newsletter	625	104	-521	
Archies Pond Dredging Works in 21/22	10,440	0	-10,440	Environmental Project began 2021/22 ended 2022/23
Archies Pond Decking in 2021/22	9,000	0	-9,000	Environmental Project began 2021/22 ended 2022/23
Archies Pond Footpaths in 2022/23	0	9,270	9,270	Environmental Project began 2021/22 ended 2022/23
Church View Play Area Surface Repairs	738	80	-658	
MUGA - Only 1 Maint visit in 22/23 2 in 21/22	1,923	950	-973	
Old Church Wood New Benches and Signage	2,049	6,079	4,030	
Moor - Creation of Watering hole in 22/23	3,867	6,929	3,062	
Allotments - new tap and groundworks	487	672	185	
General - Pruning of Trees	2,080	1,580	-500	
- Defib Batteries Purchased	530	0	-530	
- Groundworks reduction in potholes	328	30	-298	
	42,002	33,288	-8,714	