

### Explanation of Variance Blanchland Parish Council 2017-2018

Blanchland Parish Council purchased a laptop and printer for the use of the Parish Clerk (Alice Ellison) at a cost of £ 534.97, cheque no. 000254 on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

This was unfortunately not entered on the completed AGAR form for 2016-2017 (Section 2 box 9, Total fixed assets etc.)

We have now rectified this and included the amount of £535 in Section 2 box 9, Total fixed assets etc. on the AGAR from for 2017-2018, to clearly show the assets currently owned by Blanchland Parish Council.

The incoming Clerk, Carolyn Asquith, of Cowbyres Farm Cottage, Blanchland DH8 9PS, is now in possession of the laptop and printer.

### Explanation of Variance Blanchland Parish Council 2019-2020

The printer is no longer property of the Parish Council, due to technical issues and increasingly high cost of printer cartridges. The Epsom Printer was donated to the Village Hall Felons following on from Parish Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019, where it was agreed that the Clerk would use her own printer and the cost towards printing would be subsidised by the Parish Council quarterly.

### Explanation of Variance Blanchland Parish Council 2020-21

The Parish Council purchased a Notice Board cost £1327.59 (with support from BCDO and Village Hall, the Notice Board remains the property of the Council and they are liable for upkeep and maintenance)

### Explanation of Variance Blanchland Parish Council 2021-22

The Parish Council purchased a dog waste bin 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 £447.58

The Parish Council purchased an electronic shredder to safely and securely dispose of sensitive information (GDPR) Cost £24.99

The Parish Council Laptop is now valued at £100 and would cost in the region of £700 to replace.

### Explanation of Variance Blanchland Parish Council 2022-23

The Parish Council received a grant of £500 on 29<sup>th</sup> April for the Platinum Jubilee, there are remaining funds set aside for further work on the memorial seat on the Show Ground.

Due to a communication error, the Parish Council has to pay election charges for 2021, the final amount of £100 to be paid May 2023.

The Parish Council received a donation and purchased 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2 picnic tables for public use. £672.00

The Parish Council purchased 3 salt/grit bins 25<sup>th</sup> October to be used around the village.

The parish Council received a grant of £15796 from The Northern Power Grid Foundation, to purchase and install 1 generator at the Blanchland Village Hall. 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

#### Explanation of Variance Blanchland Parish Council 2023-24

The Parish Council received a grant of £15,796.00 from Northern Power Grid Foundation in the wake of Storm Arwen. The Grant was for the creation of a crisis hub at the Village Hall. The grant was to cover the provision of a Generator and its installation, which could effectively run the entire Village Hall, Bar and Long room to provide accommodation and cooking facilities in the event of a long term power outage. As the Parish Council do not manage any of the public buildings in Blanchland it was agreed that the Generator would be gifted to the Blanchland Village Hall and that the Village Hall Committee would take over the running, maintenance and upkeep of the Generator and would man the crisis hub in the event of any major crisis. This was agreed at the last Parish Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, therefore the generator has been taken off the asset register and the financial record.