Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – AGAR Section 2

Parish Council name: _____ Hartlip Parish Council _____

Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be '*compensating*' variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

Section 2	**2022/23 £**	**2023/24 £**	**Variance (+/-) £**	**Detailed explanation of variance** **(for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £100)**
Box 2 *Precept*	8000	8000	0	
Box 3 *Other income*	5404	7290	1886	VAT Refund from 22/23 Year Full Parkland tenancy
Box 4 *Staff costs*	2771	1057	1714	Locum Clerk invoiced as Professional Consultancy Fee increased in line with NJC salary awards guidance.
Box 5 *Loan interest/ capital*	0	0		
Box 6 *Other payments*	14294	10521	-3773	Clerk Pro Professional fee's net of VAT Following the failure for HPC to form a working council in May 2023, it took the new council took time to analyse spending priorities. The council has carried out public consultation in order to spend public money in line with the public needs as well as legislative requirements.
Box 7 *Balances carried forward*	29381	32451		**Earmarked Reserves:** Defibrillators £ 750 Maintenance and improvement of public spaces £ 425 Play area equipment maintenance and improvement. £12652 Maintenance of Parkland £ 2000
Box 9 *Fixed assets & long term assets*	39409	40560	1151	Note: A Change in accounting process has taken place to include the way in which the Village Hall Asset is accounted for to correct a historical error. The Village Hall asset which HPC is custodian trustee of, is now listed as a £1 nominal value within the register as the item is of no monetary value to the council. Additions: Defibrillator £1500 March 2024 Removals: Laptop £291.64 Printer £58.29
Box 10 *Total borrowing*	0	0		