

EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES

Allocation of Sums per box as per Annual Return

Variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200)

Box No.		This Yr (£) 2023	Last Yr (£) 2022	Variance (£)	%	Explanation Required	£ (+/-)	Explanation	
2	Precept	46,137.00	39,832.00	6,305.00	15.83	Y	Total Box 2	6,305.00 Increase: Precept increased by 3%	
3	Total Other Receipts	330,652.47	319,985.42	10,667.05	3.33	Y	Allotments	107.92	
								29.40	
							Cemetery Reserve	2,079.50	Increase: More burials and internments
							CIL	(3,379.67)	Decrease: CIL contributions received
							Community Events	(124.50)	
							Donations	(800.00)	Decrease: No donations received
							Footpath	(395.78)	Decrease: Parish Council has not taken on the work to cut the footpaths in the village - this is now being carried out by Suffolk County Council
							Grants	(1,526.00)	Decrease: In the number of grants applied for
							Interest received	2,072.55	Increase: Bank of England interest rate increase
							Misc.	(452.02)	Decrease: No misc receipts
							Queens Jubilee	616.00	Increase: Income received from Queens Jubilee event for purchase of trees in village
							Street Cleaning	1,696.76	Increase: Grant increase for additional Litter Picker for village
							VAT	10,742.89	Increase: Larger purchases during year
	Total Box 3	10,667.05							
4	Staff Costs	20,524.97	17,041.99	3,482.98	20.44	Y	Total box 4	3,482.98 Increase: Additional Community Litter Picker employed	
6	All Other Payments	212,651.98	75,147.47	137,504.51	182.98	Y	Allotments	(28.33)	
							Allotment Reserve	195.58	Increase: In the Saaa scale fees
							Audit costs	640.00	
							Bio Diversity & Wildflower	(218.74)	
							Cemetery & Churchyard Maintenance	1,864.00	Increase: Caretaker hours increased and Maintenance programme amended
							Cemetery Expenses	39.47	
							Cemetery Reserve	(1,484.97)	Decrease: In additional work needed in cemetery
							CIL	112,131.92	Increase: Additional CIL money allocated
							Clerk Expenses	266.89	Increase: Cost of print cartridges
							Community Events	(104.50)	
							Community Speed Watch	(178.50)	
							Depreciation and Replacement of Assets	(908.02)	Decrease: Fewer purchases made during 2022-23
							Donations	115.00	
							Election Reserve	0.00	
							Environment Reserve	1,950.00	Increase: Work to clear ditch completed
							Footpath	(375.00)	Decrease: Parish Council no longer cut the footpaths for Suffolk County Council
							Footpath, Tree and Ditch	1,765.00	Increase: Additional tree surgery required
							General Village Maintenance	213.35	
							Grants	750.00	Increase: Increase in the grants received for 2021-22
							Grass cutting	585.00	Increase: Additional cuts added to the schedule
							Hall Hire	251.00	Increase: Additional meetings scheduled throughout the year
							Insurance	406.17	Increase:
							Miscellaneous	(374.95)	Decrease: Dog poo bag dispensers no longer being refilled
							Neighbourhood Plan Review Reserve	853.50	Increase: Started to review the NP and a grant was successful
							Operation London Bridge	120.00	
							Pest Control	1,640.00	Increase: New addition to the accounts. Additional work on moles on The Green and the Parish Council now have a programme with the Contractor
							Play park	(536.77)	Decrease: No tree surgery required
							Playpark Reserve	(585.00)	Decrease: No work needed to use reserve
							Professional Fees	(500.00)	Decrease: No professional services required
							Queens Jubilee Reserve	2,376.67	Increase: A reserve was agreed for the event
							Street Cleaning	64.33	
Street Lighting	(486.38)	Decrease: LED lights fitted to the Parish lamps							
Subscription	(89.23)								
Strategic Reserve	0.00								
Training	194.50								

