

## Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Barkway Parish Council**  
 County area (local councils and North, Herefordshire)  
 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;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	60,873	53,061					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	39,416	41,420	2,004	5.08%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	12,724	34,986	22,262	174.96%	YES		£16,350 extra received in grants (for play equipment & Neighbourhood Plan), £551 additional bank interest, £1,043 additional donations received for Bonfire Night, £3,615 extra for hiring of football pitches, £468 extra for hiring of Community Room, £600 extra hire deposits taken, less £(399) lower VAT reclaim.
4 Staff Costs	18,052	18,716	664	3.68%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	41,900	62,093	20,193	48.19%	YES		£6,727 additional costs for the Neighbourhood Plan, £6,043 additional cost of purchase of play equipment, £2,558 costs for carpet in Community Room, £4,862 cost of replacement bi-fold doors Community Room, £900 hire deposit monies returned, £1,285 additional pitch maintenance, £352 extra grass cutting, £860 additional cost of electricity, less £(3,333) spent this year on village events (2022/23 Queen's Jubilee village event)
7 Balances Carried Forward	53,061	48,658					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	53,061	48,658					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	281,460	292,170	10,710	3.81%	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