Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Stoke Bliss Group Parish Council**

County area: Worcestershire

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);
• 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).

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	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	2,054	2,423				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	3,696	4,620	924	25.00%	YES		difficult to manage. 2021/22 The PC decided to try to obtain 2 further grit bins. With election of new WCC Councillor one has been grant funded and the other has not yet been approved
3 Total Other Receipts	2,183	2,050	-133	6.09%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	2,157	2,303	146	6.77%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,353	3,502	149	4.44%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	2,423	3,288			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	2,423	3,288				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Inv	800	800	0	0.00%	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

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