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).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	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	2,423	3,288				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,620	4,851	231	5.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	2,050	3,690	1,640	80.00%	YES		**£805 ward grant from WCC for defibrillator + £245 vat which includes VAT for defibrillator + increased spend in Lngthsman in line with new budget and because there is 13 months of Lengthsman income instead of 12.**
4 Staff Costs	2,303	2,579	276	11.98%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,502	5,005	1,503	42.92%	YES		Payments of £805 for defibrillator net + extra vat in 2022/23 of £142 + £464 extra spent on Lengthsman duties
7 Balances Carried Forward	3,288	4,245			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	3,288	4,245				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Inv	800	1,605	805	100.63%	YES		New defibrillator purchased at £805
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)