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).

	2022_23 £	2023_24 £	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	3,288	4,245				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,851	5,094	243	5.01%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	3,690	3,091	-599	16.23%	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. 2023/24 Ward Grant for grit bin (not yet received) £350.
4 Staff Costs	2,579	3,256	677	26.25%	YES		In Nov 23 the clerk hours were increased from 3.5 to 4 per week. Pay scale increased from SCP 22 to SCP 25 and NALC pay increase of £1 per hour given
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	5,005	4,720	-285	5.69%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	4,245	4,454			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	4,245	4,454				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Inv	1,605	1,605	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)