Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – AGAR Section 2

Parish Council name: **Creswell Parish Council**

**Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2**. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be ‘*compensating’* variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

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| **Section 2** | **2022/23£** | **2023/24£** | **Variance (+/-) £** | **Detailed explanation of variance**  **(for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £100)** |
| Box 2  *Precept* | 17,250 | 20,780 | £3,530 | £3,500 – precept increase. |
| Box 3  *Other income* | 1,174 | 965 | -£209 | Less VAT reclaimed |
| Box 4  *Staff costs* | 6,711 | 7,279 | £568 | Wage increase |
| Box 5  *Loan interest/ capital* | 0 | 0 | £ 0.00 |  |
| Box 6  *Other payments* | 3,250 | 2,444 | -£806 |  |
| Box 7  *Balances carried forward* | 38,358 | 50,380 | £12,022 | **If some of the year-end balances are earmarked for specific purposes rather than as a general reserve, please provide a breakdown. You do not need to explain the year-on-year variance for this box.**  Earmarked funds - £6,000 for elections c/f to 2024/25. |
| Box 9  *Fixed assets & long-term assets* | 29,155 | 29,155 | £0.00 | **Explain all movements in this category and not just those above 15%** |
| Box 10  *Total borrowing* | 0 | 0 | £ 0.00 |  |