

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): Hampshire

Please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- a breakdown of approved reserves if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

Section 2	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	3200	3200	£0	0%	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	52	32	-£20	-38%	
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	2016	2072	+£56	+2.7%	
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	Not applicable	Not applicable			
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	1209	927	-£282	-23%	Grant (£231) made to Village Hall in 2019/20 but not in 2020/21 Election (£24) in 2019/20 but not in 2020/21 Travel costs reduced in 2020/21 by £55 Sign purchased (£104) in 2019/20 but not in 2020/21 Room hire reduced (£60) due to COVID. Admin increased (£178) for reference book and ink cartridges. Subscriptions increased (£12).
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	1874	1874	£0	0%	
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	Nil	Nil			
Explanation for 'high' reserves	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end: N/A				