

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements - Section 2

Parish Council name: COLTON 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.

Section 2	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £10))
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	14,810	14,150	-660 (-4.5%)	-
Box 3 <i>Other income</i>	7,334	2,401	-4,933 (-67.3%)	18-19 included a one-off donation of £4,000 towards refurbishment of the War Memorial and £2,071 of CIL money (none received in 19-20), plus £170 from HS2 for survey access. These were partially offset in 19-20 by VAT refund (£1,110 higher) and income from grazing licence (£208 higher).
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	Restated 3,322	3,551	+229 (+6.9%)	Staff costs have been compiled on the new basis to exclude employment expenses.
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital</i>	0	0	-	-
Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	Restated 18,341	9,652	8,689 (-47.4%)	Includes employment expenses (mileage and home working expenses). 18-19 included an exceptional amount spent on War Memorial refurbishment works (£5,040 higher than in 19-20) and £2,000 given to the Burial Ground Committee for ongoing maintenance (whereas nothing was requested in 19-20). 18-19 also included cost of new website (£575), additional maintenance costs for Closed Burial Ground (£535), refurbishment of adopted phone box (£325), survey of PC land (£250), higher total equipment costs due to purchase of new laptop (£225) and additional VAT of about £1,000 related to these costs. The absence or reduction of these costs in 19-20 was partially offset by CIL expenditure (£846) and tree maintenance after biennial inspection (£1,040).

Box 7 <i>Balances carried forward</i>	38,171	41,519	+ 3,348 (+8.8%)	If some of the year-end balances are earmarked for specific purposes rather than as a general reserve, please provide a breakdown. SEE LIST OF EARMARKED RESERVES ATTACHED.
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i>	3,028	3,050	+22 (+0.7%)	Explain all movements in this category and not just those above 15% Addition of £2 for 2 areas of common land for which ownership was invested in the parish council in 1976 and documentation recently obtained as evidence. Addition of £20 for laminator acquired.
Box 10 <i>Total borrowing</i>				