

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Clapham cum Newby Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

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>	7789	7744	45	0.6	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	1718	3978	2260	132	Grant payment £2883 received for Neighbourhood Planning initiative in February 2021
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	2707 (restated)	2772	65	2	
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	8910 (restated)	9065	155	1.7	
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	28799	32953	4154	14.4	Additional assets purchased Signpost on Newby Moor (£2625), defibrillator installed at Newby Chapel (£1379), dashcam purchased for Rural Watch9 (£149) and no parking cones (nominal value £1) total £4154
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Explanation for 'high' reserves	<p>The Parish Council is responsible for four street lights in the parish. Each has a replacement value of £1200 and a contingency fund is held in reserve to cover this.</p> <p>The Council saved its budget for hire of the Village Hall £224 of which was not spent owing to the holding of remote meetings.</p> <p>It saved its budget for stationery: £25</p> <p>There was less required maintenance of street lights; £150 had been budgeted; £81.60 was not</p>				

spent.

There was a grant payment of £2883 for Neighbourhood Planning received towards the end of the financial year

There has been no Parish Caretaker in post throughout the year and no tree works have been carried out (£200 budgeted) neither have any repairs to seating (£100 budgeted). Only £60 of £500 budgeted for public works was spent.

There was a saving on mileage costs (£125 budgeted £61.20 spent).