

## 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	2020/2021 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	7744	7927	183	2	
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	4078	7830	3752	92	In addition to the precept, the Council received £5220 on the 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 for Neighbourhood Planning. It received £995 from North Yorkshire County Council on 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 as a Locality Grant for use in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. It also received £1000 from Clapham Church as a contribution to the cost of installing a handrail in Clapham Churchyard
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	2772	2796	24	0.9	
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	8465	16541	8076	95	The Councils expenditure includes a payment of £2883- unspent grant in connection with the Neighbourhood Planning Initiative (received late in the preceding financial year). A defibrillator was purchased in September 2021 at a cost of £1378. £4620 was paid for services in connection with the Neighbourhood Planning Initiative in December 2021 and £2997 was paid in February 2022 for the installation of a handrail in Clapham Churchyard for which the Council is responsible
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	32953	34587	1634	5	

<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	<p>The Parish Council is responsible for four street lights in the parish. Each has a replacement value of £1200.00 and a contingency fund is held in reserve to cover this.</p> <p>The Council saved its budget for hire of the Village Hall £119.00 of which was not spent owing to a concession on room hire.</p> <p>It saved its budget for stationery: £25.00 and postage £8.40</p> <p>There was less required maintenance of street lights; £150 had been budgeted; £99.60 was not spent.</p> <p>£199.58 more was received in VAT reclaim than had been anticipated when the Council fixed its budget.</p> <p>Only £244.88 of £500 budgeted for public works was unspent.</p> <p>There was a saving on mileage costs (£100.00 budgeted £36.00 spent).</p> <p>The Council saved its budget for seat repairs £48 and signage costs £200.00</p> <p>It also saved its training budget £150.00</p>				