

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Brook Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Kent**

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %		Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (<u>must include narrative and supporting figures</u>)	
1 Balances Brought Forward	2,178	1,689					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees		
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,800	11,500	1,700	17.35%	0	1	YES	Precept increased in order to build up a reserve to pay for the increase in treework and maintenance of the playing field	
3 Total Other Receipts	1,366	1,125	-241	17.62%	1	0	1	YES	Grants in 2020/21 = 307.25, however, grants in 2021/22 = 1100 = 792.75 VAT in 2020/21 = 983.42, none received in 2021/22 = -983.42 Peppercorn Rent = 15.00 received in 2021/22, none in 2020/21 = 15 Cheque written in 2020/21 = 65, not written in this year = -65 Interest received in 2020/21 = .48, only .01 in 2021/22 = -.47 =792.75-983.42+15-65-.47 = -241.14
4 Staff Costs	3,466	3,599	133	3.83%	0	0	0	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	NO	
6 All Other Payments	8,189	5,723	-2,466	30.11%	1	0	1	YES	Playground maintenance cost 814.80 in 2020/21 and only 149.44 in 2021/22 due to no purchase of bark = -665 The insurance increased from 712.81 to 720.54 in 2021/22 = 8 The Caretaker Scheme increased from 2375 to 2620 per annum in 2021/22 due to a rise in pension contributions = 245 The Council contributed towards a Christmas Tree and paid for some printing and some training in 2020/21 which was not required in 2021/22 = -272 Internal Audit fees were reduced due to a new internal auditor = -5 The significant treework in 2020/21 costing 3385 was not required in 2021/22, this was only 359 = -3026 The Clerks printing costs were increased in 2021/22 by 149 = 149 The Council received grants on behalf of the Museum and the Toddler group in 2021/22 as their bank accounts could not receive these grants = 1100 not received the year before = 1100 -665+8+245-272-5-3026+149+1100 = -2466
7 Balances Carried Forward	1,689	4,992						NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	1,689	4,992						NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	23,137	23,137	0	0.00%	0	0	0	NO	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	NO	