

Explanation of variances

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

	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	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	2,316	3,725					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,040	7,170	130	1.85%	0 0 0	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	420	811	391	93.12%	0 1 1	YES		The Parish Council applied for and received a grant to purchase a Laptop under the Transparency/ GDPR changes = £307.49 The VAT reclaim was increased last year beyond the previous year, 2018/19 = £182, the previous year = £98, difference of £84 £307.49+£84 = £391
4 Staff Costs	3,266	3,266	0	0.00%	0 0 0	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	0 0 0	NO		
6 All Other Payments	2,785	5,587	2,802	100.62%	0 1 1	YES		Playground Maintenance was £92.40 in 2017/18, this was increased to £470.40 in 2018/19 = £378 Insurance was £763.79 in 2017/18, reduced to £678.39 in 2018/19 = -£85.4 The Caretaker Scheme was increased from £1116.45 in 2017/18 to £3036 in 2018/19 = £1919.55 Play area repairs were reduced in 2018/19 which lead to an reduction in maintenance sundries from £225.74 to £119.06 = -£106.68 The Christmas Tree was £2.60 less in 2018/19 from £145.40 in 2017/18 to £142.80 in 2018/19 = -£2.60 Laptop purchased in 2018/19 = £351.73 Printing costs of newsletters in 2018/19 = £107.60 Tree fell down on Parish Council owned recreation ground in 2018/19 and needed maintaining as it was a hazard = £240 £378+-£85.4+£1919.55-£106.68-£2.60+£351.73+£107.60+£240 = £2802.20
7 Balances Carried Forward	3,725	2,853				NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	3,725	2,729					VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	22,985	23,137	152	0.66%	0 0 0	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	0 0 0	NO		