

**Explanation of variances**

Name of smaller authority: **Mersham Parish Council**

County area (local councils): **Kent**

Insert figures from Section 1 of the AGAR in all **Blue highlighted boxes**

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	5,089	18,352				Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	25,724	26,500	776	3.02%	0 1 0	NO
3 Total Other Receipts	2,934	2,922	-12	0.41%	0 0 0	NO
4 Staff Costs	6,142	6,219	77	1.26%	0 0 0	NO
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	0 0 0	NO
6 All Other Payments	9,253	18,289	9,036	97.66%	0 1 1	YES Tree work in 2021-22 not undertaken in 2020-21 = 1355 Kent Highways Speed survey funded by the PC as part of the Highways Improvement Plan = £285, not funded in 2020-21 Survey of the land at High Field to discover the biodiversity gain of the land = £2706, one off payment. Village Sports Hall repairs required - Grant received and spent = 506.02 Club Grant payment = £2500 one off payment made in 2021/22 The Villager being printed post pandemic - grant of £400 made in 2021/22 Caretaker Scheme increase in scheme = £755 additional from last year. Litter Dog waste bags in 2021/22 increased by £103, from 103 to 206 this year External Litter picker costs increased in 2021/22 = 42 Audit required in 2020/21 paid in 2022, not required in previous year as new Council = 240 Clerks expenses in 2021/22 = 144 =1355+285+2706+506+2500+400+755+103+42+240+144 = 9036
7 Balances Carried Forward	18,352	23,265				NO VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	18,352	23,265				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	45,578	45,578	0	0.00%	0 0 0	NO
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	0 0 0	NO