

Explanation of Variances  
**Brook Parish Council**

Section 1	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2: Precept	6940	7040	100	1	
Box 3: Total Other receipts	922	420	-502	-120	The Parish Council received £150 as a grant for the Queens Birthday in 2016/17 from Ashford Borough Council not received in 2017/18 = -£150.00 VAT Reclaim from the previous year was £421.83, this was £352.46 more than in 2017/18, thus -£352 -150+-352 = -502
Box 4: Staff Costs	3131	3266	135	4	
Box 5: Loan Interest/capital payments	nil	nil			
Box 6: Other payments	3846	2785	-1061	-38	Playground costs reduced as no spares were required; saving of £70 over the previous year Caretaker costs were reduced by a saving of -£1108 over the previous year KALC Membership increased by £20 in 2017/18 The Parish Council had to pay more for the Christmas Tree this year = £13 increase £67 extra was spent in sundries in 2017/18 The Parish Council Insurance has increased by 17 this current year. -70-1108+20+13+67+17 = -1061
Box 9: Fixed assets & Long Term Assets	22985	22985	0	0	
Box 10: borrowings	nil	nil			
Explanation for "high reserves"	The reserves are not high.				