

Explanation of variances

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

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	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	4,992	4,936					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees		
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	11,500	12,500	1,000	8.70%	0	1	NO	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	3,692	904	-2,788	75.52%	1	0	1	YES	In 2022/23: Grants = 2891, VAT = 791.25, Wayleave = 10.33 = 3692.25 In 2023/24: Grants = 643.64, Defib installation reimbursement = 250 and wayleave = 10.33 = 903.97 =903.97-3692.25 = -2788.28
4 Staff Costs	4,077	4,586	509	12.48%	0	1	0	NO	
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	NO	
6 All Other Payments	11,170	5,192	-5,978	53.52%	1	0	1	YES	In 2022/23: Playground maintenance = 725.93, Insurance and Annual Membership = 1000.65, Caretaker Scheme = 2690, Chairman's allowance = 50, Internal Audit = 60, Treework = 2200, Clerks Exoenses = 116.59, Grants paid out = 4305.50, Bank charges = 21.52 =725.93+1000.65+2690+50+60+2200+116.59+4305.5+21.52 =11170.19 In 2023/24: playground upkeep = 492.60, Caretaker = 2690, Village Hall Hire = 100.00, Internal Audit = 60, Insurance and Annual membership = 1009.34, Website maintenance = 122.28, Clerks Expenses = 125.44, Grant to Village Hall = 420.00, Bank charges = 72 and Church Clock grant = 100 =492.6+2690+100+60+1009.34+122.28+125.44+420+72+100 = 5191.66 5191.66-11170.19 = -5978.53
7 Balances Carried Forward	4,936	8,562						NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	4,936	8,562						NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	24,966	24,414	-552	2.21%	1	0	0	NO	Computer and printer purchased in 2006, now disposed of = -552
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	NO	