

Brantham Parish Council
ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

Explanation of variances

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Box No.	Description	Last Year £	31/03/2023 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	129671	119267				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	48585	53728	5143	11%	No	
3	Total other receipts	11616	36773	25157	217%	Yes	CIL income of £17482.23 was received in 2022-23 when no CIL income had been received in the previous year. Almost £5000 more VAT was received in this year as a result of purchases in the year. Interest payments in 2022-23 were £209.74 more than the previous year. A bequeath of £1000 was made to the Council following the death of a resident Donations of £1423 were received in year for projects A rebate of £711 was received following an insurance claim
4	Staff Costs	24896	28743	3847	15%	Yes	Clerk's hours were increased from 22-24 and a pay increase was received in line with national guidance. Litter picker salaries rose in line with the increase in the NMW Additional PAYE payments made as a result of increasing salaries.
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	0	0%	No	

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6	Total other payments	45710	82585	36875	81%	Yes	Play equipment purchases were made this year totalling £40,135.68 Savings of £1900 were made in general village maintenance due to weather and a more cost-effective contractor, litter bin emptying costs reduced by £231.61. Few litter bin purchases were made this year (£162.07 spent compared to £461.38 last year) Playground Inspection costs have not yet been invoiced representing a saving of £181.94. Street lighting costs reduced by £240.67 due to new LED lights, SLCC subscription dropped by £119. No office equipment was purchased last year but not this year (£550.68), website costs have increased this year by £74 and training costs have increased by £17
7	Balances carried forward	119267	98441	-20826	17%	Yes	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	119267	98441	-20826	17%	Yes	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	571905	584944	13039	2%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)