

Explanation of variances – pro forma 2025/26

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

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Norfolk**

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- New from 2020/21:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	4,618	4,011				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	4,520	5,198	678	15.00%	YES		Precept increased by 15% (£678.00) for 2025/26 due to increased costs and projects.
3 Total Other Receipts	0	289	289	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!		In 2024/25 there were no other receipts received. However, if 2025/26 receipts totalling £289 were recived: VAT reclaims received £25.54 for 2024/25; £138.25 donation received towards cost of a litter bin; £120.00 SLCC bursary received for Clerk FILCA training and £5.00 goodwill gesture from Barclays.
4 Staff Costs	3,328	3,316	-12	0.36%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	1,799	2,481	682	37.90%	YES		In 2025/26 training costs were up by £249.00, office expenses up by £7.71, mileage cost increased by £43.66 and maintenance costs up by £178.56 due to purchaseing replacement defibrillator pads. Project costs in 2024/25 were £467 whereas in 2025/26 these went up by £458.90 due to installing a village gateway and a new dog/litter bin (donation received towards the bin). Room hire costs were down by £156 in 2025/26 as only ine years invoice paid. no donation was given in 2025/26 therefore a decrease of £100.00.
7 Balances Carried Forward	4,011	3,701			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	4,011	3,701				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments at	21,800	21,950	150	0.69%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable