

Wem Rural Parish Council, Shropshire

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Please provide **full explanations, including numerical values**, for the following:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- a breakdown of approved reserves if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

Section 1	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variances (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variances
Box 1	81,936	76,182		
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	26,263	26,788	525	
Box 3 Other income	6,535	4,123	2,412	Previous year: National Lottery grant for £5,780 for 3 defibrillators, £49 additional interest, £290 contribution by local donations for planters and reduction of £139 in VAT reclaimed This year: No National Lottery but contribution by West Mercia PCC for SmartWater initiative for £1,292. Reduction of interest £192. No local donations. Increase in VAT reclaimed £2,558.
Box 4 Staff costs	9,307	10,886	1,579	Increase of pay rate following appraisal and national increase. Additional hours to carry out weekly checks of defibrillators.
Box 5 Loan interest/capital	NIL	NIL	-	
Box 6 Other payments	29,245	49,570	20,325	Increase of grants (from earmarked reserves) to the community for example extension of local village hall totalling £29,933. Purchase of new notice board £400. Reduction of other expenditure from previous year (purchase of defibrillators, reduced editions of newsletters, repairs and parish plan expenditure) £8,287. Reduction of VAT reclaimed of £1,800
Box 7	76,182	46,637		
Box 8	76,182	46,637		
Box 9 Fixed assets & long term assets	22,649	23,049	400	
Box 10 Total borrowing	NIL	NIL	-	