

Attachment 1.2

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – AGAR Section 2

Parish Council name: **INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be ‘*compensating*’ variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

Section 2	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance (+/-) £	Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £100))
Box 2 <i>Precept</i>	4822	5077	+£255 +5.28%	
Box 3 <i>Other income</i>	826	107,403	+£106,577 +129.03%	Grant received from HS2 of £106,000 for improvements to Staffordshire & Worcestershire canal towpath. Parish Council applied for funding in 2021 for the project, which was approved by House of Lords in 2022 and grant was received in October 2022. Delay in project being commenced, due to increasing costs, project due to commence in May 2023. Parish Council is acting as custodian of grant and will pay the Canal & River Trust for the work done, once the project has been completed.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	2916	2801	-£115 -3.94%	

Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital</i>	0	0	0	
Box 6 <i>Other payments</i>	2742	2827	+£85 +3.09%	
Box 7 <i>Balances carried forward</i>	11502	118,354		<p>£106,000 of this is ringfenced and will be paid to the Canal & River Trust once the canal towpath improvement work has been completed.</p> <p>£550 is earmarked for Asset Maintenance</p> <p>£1600 is earmarked for elections</p> <p>£1800 is for grass cutting</p>
Box 9 <i>Fixed assets & long term assets</i>	5611	5611		No change
Box 10 <i>Total borrowing</i>	0	0		