

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **PAUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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 2	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £) over 15% and £200
Box 2 <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	5800	6000	6600	600	%	
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	398	3640	2339	-1301	-35.75%	GCC Grant received £3400 in 23/24 inflated the receipts. Grants for £500 received in 24/25 aswell as £587 insurance claim for damaged marquee. VAT refund of £844 more than previous years due to playground equipment purchase.
Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i>	3252	3845	4582	737	19%	Increased cost with movement up the NJ scale. Additional sum for extra hours due to Trustee work.
Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	2183	6503	3883	-2620	40.29%	23-24 figure inflated due to purchase of the petanque court using GCC grant funds.
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets</i>	7896	11297	10913	-384	3.4%	Defib cabinet. Marquee removed due to damage November 2024.
Box 10 <i>Total borrowings</i>	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Explanation for 'high' reserves		N/A				