

# Shimpling Parish Council

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## **AGAR – Explanation of variances of more than 15% and £200 from the previous year**

Box 1 – Balances brought forward – In the 2019/2020 year the insurance was £500 less than anticipated, there was a lot less spent on Village Hall maintenance than budgeted (£800), there was £200 less spent on training than budgeted and £500 less spent on PC admin and expenses than budgeted. The PC also wanted to accrue some reserves in order to pay for the renewal of the lease on the Village Hall. Therefore, there was more money brought forward from 2019/2020 to the 2020/2021 year.

Box 3 – Total other receipts – This is significantly more for the 2020/2021 year due to the Covid grants we received which total £19,907.43. This has been ringfenced into a Covid Grant Fund, which we have written a Memorandum of Understanding for and will be used to help with costs incurred from the pandemic.

Box 4 – Staff costs – Staff costs have increased for the 2020/2021 year, due to the fact that a new Clerk/RFO started in August. Both the old and new Clerk had a handover period of a month and so 2 salaries were paid for the month of August. The new Clerk has also undertaken a 6 week Clerk training course, additional audit training and we have had 3 additional meetings this year and therefore the Clerk has needed to work over the 4 hours per week allocated in order to do this.

Box 7 – Balances carried forward – This is significantly more for the 2020/2021 year due to the Covid grants we received which total £19,907.43.

Box 8 - Cash and Short Term Investments – This is significantly more for the 2020/2021 year due to the Covid grants we received which total £19,907.43.

Box 9 – Assets were altered, playground equipment was previously on asset register at £72,114 at but now at £60,000. Miscellaneous contents in Village Hall were previously on asset register at £7,488 but now at £5,789. The printer was written off and was previously on the asset register at £49. The one dog waste bin was on the asset list at £160 but now there are two totalling £450. 51 chairs added at £2,500, two recycling bins added at £400, projector added at £300. Totalling £12,872 less in assets than previous years.

Clerk and RFO – Natasha Byford

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Natasha Byford', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Date – 01/04/2021