

## Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority:  
County area:

Pett Parish Council  
East Sussex

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority <u>(must include narrative and supporting figures)</u>
1 Balances Brought Forward	30,721	32,997				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	23,000	23,000	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	7,072	22,077	15,005	212.17%	YES		The number and size of grants received in any financial year greatly affects yearly total receipts. In 20/21 only £500 was received in grants whilst 2021/2022 two large receipts were banked £6633 for a Housing Needs Survey and £ 4,755 (50% of cost of renewing drainage around the tennis court on the recreation ground). Magazine advertising revenue recovered with no free months of advertising due to Covid. The increase in receipts for the magazine being £831. The Covid Thank You event took £90 for the Samaritans. £800 was received from the village hall, for tree work for safety reasons on trees on the boundary between the hall and the allotments. The council leases the land for the allotments and is responsible for the boundary trees. Finally, the tennis drainage works resulted in a vat reclaim for the year being almost twice as much as 20/21. the difference being £2,342. ( -500+6633+4755+90+800+831+2342)
4 Staff Costs	7,321	8,255	934	12.76%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	1,545	1,485	-60	3.88%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	18,930	36,643	17,713	93.57%	YES		It would be easy to give the easy answer that the increase is due solely to the drainage works to the tennis courts gross £11,412 and the cost of the Housing Needs Survey £6,322 which makes £17,734. However these are not the only unusual costs for the year: Safety works to the trees on the hall and allotment boundary gross £1980; legal costs for the allotment lease renewal £1,136 and the cost of new host for council emails gross £594 and a slight increase in magazine costs for colour front page gross £922. However this has to be viewed against the following reductions in costs: Village maintenance costs fell by gross £372; play area repairs fell by gross £479; reduction in donations £1477 and no expenditure on noticeboards this year gross £2250. (11412+6322+1980+1136+594+922-372-479-1477-2250)
7 Balances Carried Forward	32,997	31,691			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	32,997	31,691				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	154,754	164,514	9,760	6.31%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	6,000	4,800	-1,200	20.00%	YES		