

## Explanation of variances

2024-2025

Name of smaller authority: **ROCKLANDS PARISH COUNCIL**  
 County area (local councils are): **NORFOLK**

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the **green boxes where relevant:**

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

	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	6,348	7,589				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	7,200	8,500	1,300	18.06%	YES		The precept was increased this year as it hadn't been increased for a few years now. Some costs to the Parish Council have increased, in particular electricity costs for streetlighting. Payments this year in total were £8569.19 so minimal savings would mean the precept would cover Parish Council costs.
3 Total Other Receipts	1,228	5,494	4,266	347.39%	YES		An anonymous donation of £5000 had been made to the Parish Council towards a communiti fund for community organisations and projects.
4 Staff Costs	3,911	4,105	194	4.96%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	3,276	4,464	1,188	36.26%	YES		The amount paid put in donations was double compared to the previous year - so and extra £845. Electricity prices have increased by £163 for the year.Hall hire was £67 dearer this year and website renewals were due this year at ~£100.
7 Balances Carried Forward	7,589	13,014			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	7,589	13,014				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	19,111	19,111	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

NOTES: **Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable**  
**Variances of £200 or less are tolerable**