

Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Alderton 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	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	£45,940	£8,867	£37,073	80.70%	<p>In 2018/19 our NDP grant was £1808 and the VAT reclaim was £7411. We received S106 funding of £30,605 towards the provision of new play equipment. We also received a one off grant of £4186 towards the installation of solar panels on the Changing Facility.</p> <p>In 2019/20 the receipts were reduced as we had no NDP grant, our VAT reclaim was less at £2987 and the S106 funding receipt was only £895. The only one off grant received in this year was £1700 as match funding from Gloucestershire County Council towards the purchase of a Speed Indicator device. In this year our we had increased income from allotment rents of £170 over the previous year. We also had income of £704 from rental of the Changing Facility which was £0 in 2018/19.</p>
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	£55,414	£14,738	£40,676	74.05%	<p>In 2018/19 the S106 grant expenditure was £30,355 due to the installation of play equipment. Due to higher S106 expenditure the VAT paid in 2018/19 was £8135. Solar panels were installed on the Changing Facility at a cost of £4186 as a one off project in 2018/19. The Parish Council purchased a Speed Indicator Device in March 2019 at a cost of £3400, which again was a one off cost. Village asset maintenance was £444 higher in this year.</p> <p>In 2019/20 spend on S106 projects was only £895 and consequently the VAT paid was lower at £1447. A replacement defibrillator was purchased for £1200 but this was the only one off purchase. In this year Playing Field maintenances costs were £2318 higher.</p>
Explanation for 'high' reserves	<p>Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:</p> <p>Not applicable</p>				