

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **Radford Semele Parish Council**
 County area (local councils and): **Warwickshire**

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).

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	33,053	42,378					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	24,379	29,035	4,656	19.10%	YES		When setting the precept for 2019/20 there were a number of items and areas that needed to be addressed in the year - Provision for a Parish Council Election (£8,000), Repairs to the Playing Field footpaths (£5,000) and equipment (£7,500) following the ROSPA audit, improvements to the Parish Council Website to bring it into line with the requirements of the website accessibility standard WCAG 2.1 (£2,000). While a contribution could be drawn from the Parish Council reserves, the significant increase in housing numbers in the village would allow an increase in the precept, while at the same time holding the leve per house hold the same. The base precept of £24,015 from 2018/19 was held for 2019/20, the increase of £5,020 arose from the increase in housing in the village. The Parish Council concluded this would be fair to the village while allowing necessary and essential repairs and improvements to the village and its infrastructure.
3 Total Other Receipts	5,812	810	-5,002	86.06%	YES		In 2018/19 receipts included a £3,147 VAT reclaim, £2,220 Groundworks grant towards the Neighbourhood Plan & £332 Football foundation grant for new Goalposts for the Recreation Field together with Football field rental £100, and bank interest £12.20. By contrast in 2019/20 the VAT reclaim was only £693, £100 football feild rental and bank interest £17.38 .
4 Staff Costs	6,431	6,446	15	0.24%	NO		Note from prior year's AGAR feedback - Outsourced secretarial costs have been removed, but the amount paid to the clerk for use of a room as an office, is calculated benefit, not a specific reimbursement for expenditure.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	14,435	21,210	6,775	46.93%	YES		This difference was the planned expenditure in the repairs and upgrades to the footpaths around the recreation field and community hall.
7 Balances Carried Forward	42,378	44,568			NO	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	42,378	44,568				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and Assets	103,000	143,237	40,237	39.07%	YES		Addition of assets previously unreported, primarily the playing field, play equipment and other items around the village.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable