**Explanation of variances Ashen PC 2019/20**

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|  | 2018/19  £ | 2019/20  £ | Difference  £ | Variance  % | Explanation |
| Box 4 staff costs | 984 | 1,353 | 369 | 37.5% | The additional costs related to increased hours connected with additional administration such as the need to move to a new website server, the parish plan and title investigations and negotiation of a new lease of the village hall with BDC |
| Box 6 other payments | 5,537 | 6,836 | 1,299 | 23.5% | The exceptional additional costs comprised:  1. the purchase of a picnic bench for £150 which was stolen and its replacement with a heavier version for £423.50, totalling £573.50.  2. printing and other costs for the parish plan of £402.60  3. replacement defibrillator pads for £108 and  4. election costs of £60.29, totalling £1144.39. The remainder reflected general increase in prices and cost of services. |
| Box 8 Balances carried forward | 10,531 | 8,593 | 1,938 | -18.5% | In addition to the additional costs set out above, in 2018/9 a transparency grant of £258 was received from BDC. This was discontinued in 2019/20. |
| Box 8 total value of cash and short term investments | 10,531 | 8,593 | 1,938 | -18.5% | This comprises the moneys in the Council’s bank account and hence the change is wholly accounted for by the variances as explained above. |