**Explanation of variances Ashen PC 2020/21**

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|  | 2019/20£ | 2020/21£ | Difference£ | Variance % | Explanation |
| Box 3 Other receipts | 1,667 | 2,526 | 859 | 51.5% | In 2020/21 we received a grant of £1,000 which went towards the construction of a new path to the play area. In 2019/20 we had not received a grant. |
| Box 4 staff costs | 1,353 | 1,151 | 202 | 17.5% | In 2019/20 there were 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. This has not arisen in 2020/21 with a consequent saving in cost. |
| Box 6 other payments | 6,836 | 9,415 | 2,579 | 37.7% | In 2020/21 BDC changed their timing for invoicing for our playing field maintenance contract . While previously we had paid in arrears in May, this was changed to require payment in July of the contract year. As a result in 2020/21 we incurred two charges one for ££1,907.38 for 2019/20 and one of £1,800.88 for 2020/21. There was also the cost of £1,500 for constructing the new path to the play area. This more than explained the increase in other costs for this year, although there was some saving on other costs such as in 2019/20 we had acquired a new picnic table. |
| 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 | -27% | This comprises the moneys in the Council’s bank account and hence the change is wholly accounted for by the variances as explained above. |