Explanation of variances – pro forma

Noak Bridge Parish Council Basildon, Essex 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).

Annual Return for 2018/19

	Accounts Heading			Difference		Explanation (Rounded
		Volume (£) 2017/18 2018/19		Difference		Values)
1	Balances brought forward	59,720	82,617	(£)	% N/A	
2	+ Annual B7Precept	43,696	43,549	-147	-0.34%	Councillors agreed to reduce the Precept in 2018.
3*	+ Total Other Receipts	15,720	4,858	-10862	-69.10%	 Refund from Stackhouse Poland on 26.06.2018 £25. VAT claimed in 2017/18 for £1,887.84 was reclaimed on 26.04.2018 and received on 07.06.2018 (this was already accounted for in 2017/2018) VAT reclaimed on 07.06.2018 £4,582.25 VAT reclaimed 07.01.2019 £4,831.87
4*	- Staff Costs	1,864	5,442	3578	191.94%	No Clerk for 4 months. Employed locum CiLCA trained Clerk until 15.01.19. Employed clerk on a 6-month contract from 15.01.19 to 31.03.19.
5*	Loan Interest/Capital	0	0	0	N/A	
6*	- All Other Payments	34,655	33,261	-1394	-4.02%	Council actioned projects throughout the year such as Ground work fencing (£7,242.24) 2 x Defibrillators (3,143.97 & £520 installation) Village Cloakroom (£17,129.87)
7	= Balances Carried Forward	82,617	92,321	9704		(~, 120.01)
8	Total Cash and Investments	82,617	82,617	0		
9	Total Fixed Assets	74,772	74,772	0	0.00%	
10	Total Borrowings	0	0	0	N/A	