

Attachment 1.2

Explanation of significant variances in the accounting statements – AGAR Section 2

Parish Council name: _____RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL_____

Please explain any variances of more than 15% between the totals for individual boxes in Section 2. We do not require explanations for variances of less than £200; however, in some cases there may be ‘*compensating*’ variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged – e.g. where there was a major one-off project in one year (e.g. contribution to village hall extension of £30,000), but a totally different expense of a similar size in the next (e.g. purchase of playground equipment of £28,000). In such cases, it would be helpful to provide an explanation of movements within each box. We also ask you to explain any change where there is a movement to or from zero. Please either use the proforma below, or complete a separate schedule if more space is required.

| Section 2 | 2022/23 £ | 2023/24 £ | Variance (+/-) £ | Detailed explanation of variance (for each reason noted please include monetary values (to nearest £100)) |
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| Box 2 <i>Precept</i> | 23255 | 23399 | +144 | No significant variance |
| Box 3 <i>Other income</i> | 15890 | 30238 | +14348 | In 2022/23 Interest Received increased to £141, Grants Received was £3064 including a Borough Councillor Ward Fund contribution to new website and local authority grass cutting contribution. Other income included items such as contributions from a Jubilee event run in the village, PAYE NI refund totalling £4841. There also had to be cheque adjustments made for unresented Groundwork (Neighbourhood Plan) repayment of funds and for Morelock (Speed Indicator Device) purchase totalling £7845. In 2023/24 there was interest received of £808 due to change in interest rates, Grants Received was £4431 including two Borough Councillor Ward Fund |

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| | | | | contributions to a community safety camera and new noticeboards plus the local authority grass cutting contribution. Other income included a £25,000 Rural Grant from the local authority for the floor work at Renhold Church. |
| Box 4 <i>Staff costs</i> | 971 | 1419 | +448 | NALC pay increase applied |
| Box 5 <i>Loan interest/ capital</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | No significant variance |
| Box 6 <i>Other payments</i> | 40735 | 55368 | +14633 | <p>In 2022/23 Administration costs were 15,647.82, Grants Awarded totalled 4849.73, Maintenance was 6383.49, assets purchased were 4051.59 and the Neighbourhood Plan work remained ongoing including repayment of underspent grant so total payments under this heading were 10772.80.</p> <p>In 2023/24 Administration costs were 12,093.38, Grants Awarded totalled 28726.32 which included the Rural Grant payment to the Church from the local authority for the floor, Maintenance was 6107.59, assets purchased were 5082.60 (new noticeboards) and the Neighbourhood Plan work remained ongoing but costs decreased to 97.40 then VAT costs were 3261.03.</p> |
| Box 7 <i>Balances carried forward</i> | 71553 | 68403 | -3510 | <p>If some of the year-end balances are earmarked for specific purposes rather than as a general reserve, please provide a breakdown. You do not need to explain the year-on-year variance for this box.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan Groundworks payment returned £3,897</p> <p>Average speed camera commitment Ravensden Road £10,000</p> <p>Legal Assistance/Advice £10,000</p> <p>Churchyard provision £15,500</p> |

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| | | | | <p>General Reserves £22,500</p> <p>Allocation of funds for precept shortfall against budget £8,000</p> |
| <p>Box 9</p> <p><i>Fixed assets & long-term assets</i></p> | 71549 | 73759 | +2210 | <p>Explain <u>all</u> movements in this category and not just those above 15%</p> <p>Assets removed:</p> <p>Seat at War Memorial (-1083)</p> <p>Assets added:</p> <p>New noticeboards (+2398)</p> <p>Water End litter bin (+450)</p> <p>Seat at War Memorial (+435)</p> |
| <p>Box 10</p> <p><i>Total borrowing</i></p> | 0 | 0 | 0 | No significant variance |