

# TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

## Explanation of variances – year ended 31.3.2023

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);

<b>Section 2</b>	<b>2021-22 £</b>	<b>2022/223 £</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Variance %</b>	<b>Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)</b>
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	8,400	8,900	500	+5.95	No explanation required
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	20,249	2,808	-17,441	-86.13	See below
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	3,323	3,530	207	6.22	No explanation required
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	34,355	9,974	-24,381	-70.96	See below
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	94,615	80,307	-14,308	-15.12	2022-23 Council moved from assets based on historical costs only to assets valued at historic costs and depreciated over expected/useful life
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	N/A				

Box 3 Total other receipts

<b>Item</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Precept	500	22/23 budget provided for tree survey and remedial works, and an external audit due to expenditure over £25,000 threshold
Grants	-14,500	Lottery grant for new play equipment 21/22. No grants received in 22/23
VAT reclaimed	-5,140.64	22/23 one claim put in, compared to several over a longer period 21/22. Reflects reduced expenditure 22/23
Sponsored tree scheme	2,200	22/23 sponsored trees scheme to provide new trees in playing field
Total	-16,940.64	

Box 6 All other payments

<b>Item</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Clerk's expenses	-19.44	Not all expenses claimed 22/23
Postage and stationery	56.07	22/23 included in this category a fee of £40 for a new registration with the Information Commission.
Use of St Nicholas Hall	37.50	Included some fees charged for an earlier year
Subscriptions	2.17	Nominal increase
Internet, telephone and website	21.81	22/23 new annual domain fee paid for website £69.87
Insurance	97.72	Increase in premium due to cover of new play equipment
Donation poppy wreath	-17.00	No wreath required
Trucam patrols	-28.05	22/23 Patrols cancelled by provider
Silent Soldier maintenance	-41.99	22/23 no work required
Tree work	-4190.00	21/22 As a result of an insurance claim due to subsidence in two houses adjoining the playing field, some trees had to be felled.

Audit fees	170.00	22/23 – external audit required due to expenditure on new play equipment
Training	22.50	21/22 no training undertaken. 22/23 clerk attended Zoom election briefing and cost shared with another Parish Council
New Parish Council noticeboard	1967.67	22/23 new noticeboard purchased
Sponsored trees	1798.82	22/23 sponsored trees scheme held to plant additional trees in playing field

Village Christmas tree	30.00	22/23 increase in cost of tree
Village celebrations	-119.69	21/22 Post Covid party held – a large event which included hire of the Hall. 22/23 Jubilee Party held – a much smaller event
VAT paid	-4043.83	Reflects increased expenditure 21/22
Play area inspection, renewals, maintenance	68.00	22/23 Play area inspection fee included fee for Councillor to accompany inspector
Playing field improvements	-20193.24	21/22 New equipment purchased for playing field
Total	-24380.98	