

WITHYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

SOMERSET

EXPLANATION OF VARIANCES

BOX 2 (Precepts)	£
Figure for 2022/23	7983
Figure for 2023/24	9000
<i>Variance (12.74%)</i>	1017

REASONS	£
Box 2 – Precepts – The Parish Council increased its 2023-24 precept to cover additional costs and liabilities associated with the installation of a new play area in 2023.	1017

Box 3 (Other Receipts)	£
Figure for 2022/23	23092
Figure for 2023/24	1094
<i>Variance (-95.26%)</i>	21998

REASONS	£
Box 3 – Other Receipts – In 2022/23 the Parish Council received £12,334 grant funding, £4375 donations and £6000 VAT reclaim. These receipts were in relation to the installation of a new play area. Receipts for 2023/24 have reduced and are made up of the interest from the reserve bank account and some further small donations from a local beneficiary	1017

for the play area project.	
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Box 4 (Staff Costs)	£
Figure for 2022/23	3046
Figure for 2023/24	5232
<i>Variance (71.77%)</i>	2186

REASONS	£
Box 4 – Staff Costs – Clerks hours increased from 4 to 8hrs a week wef	2186

Box 6 (Other Payments)	£
Figure for 2022/23	36894
Figure for 2023/24	6623
<i>Variance (88.31%)</i>	32580

REASONS	£
Box 6 – Other Payments	32580
In 2022/23 the Parish Council purchased play equipment for a new play park amounting to £31,134.53 including installation. A retaining wall on the boundary of the car park entrance was also repaired costing £1458. These costs made the 2022/23 other payments artificially high.	