

## Explanation of variances

Name of smaller authority: **Swinderby Parish Council**

County area (local councils and parish meetings only): **Lincolnshire**

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).

| <b>Section 2</b>   | <b>2016/17<br/>£</b>   | <b>2017/18<br/>£</b> | <b>Variance<br/>£</b> | <b>Variance<br/>%</b> | <b>Detailed explanation of variance<br/>(with amounts £)</b>   |
|--|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Box 2</b><br><i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>                                 | 12,302   | 16,108               | 3,806                 | +31%                  | Precept increased in line with budget set for the year<br>£2,500 allocated as no maintenance had been carried out on trees for a number of years and this needed to be addressed urgently  |
| <b>Box 3</b><br><i>Total other receipts</i>  | 2,638  | 7,291                | 4,654                 | +176%                 | £2,900 – Awards for all Grant £942.81 - Grass cutting grant for 2016/17 which had not been claimed and £ 190.89 for 17/18<br>£747.74 Transparency Grant  |
| <b>Box 4</b><br><i>Staff costs</i>   | 2,406  | 5,309                | 2,903                 | +121%                 | Clerk went on long term sick – locum clerk employed to deal with year end, audit etc. Later employment continued to sort out archives, get council back on track. 2 salaries paid for 4 months<br>New Clerk employed with additional hours in contract to continue with addressing issues raised in audits |
| <b>Box 5</b><br><i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>                           | Nil  | Nil                  | 0                     | 0                     |  |
| <b>Box 6</b><br><i>All other payments</i>  | 6,889  | 17,021               | 10,131                | +147%                 | Regular inspections of park undertaken now<br>Items identified in ROSPA report carried out<br>Tree works carried out as per previous survey  |
| <b>Box 9</b><br><i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i> | 99,182   | 107,273              | 8,091                 | +8%                   | Full review of asset register undertaken by new Clerk – items not previously listed were added   |
| <b>Box 10</b><br><i>Total borrowings</i>   | Nil  | Nil                  | 0                     | 0                     |  |
| <b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>   | Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:<br><b>N/A</b> |                      |                       |                       |  |