

**BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL : EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES**

Annual Return Box No.	This Yr 2016 £	Last Yr 2015	Difference £	Difference %	Explain Yes/No	Explanation	Amount	Notes
2 : Precept	7982	8367	-385	-5%	No		-	
3: Total other receipts	11640	12296	-656	-5%	No		-	
4: Staff costs	5171	4514	-657	15%	Yes	Clerk pd £9.90/hr 2015/6 (2014/5 : £9.345) for 471 hours [-£261.4], paid extra 42.23 hrs in 2015/6 [-£418.1] higher cost for Clerk training [-£23.1], partially offset by backdated salary increase in 2014/15 [+46]	-657	Explained amount 657
5: Loan interest / capital repayments	0	0	0	0%	No		-	
6 : All other payments	17498	13216	-4282	32%	Yes	2016: Installed new posts & refurbish rails alongside village green [-£7215] + defibrillator [-£991] 2015: Reversal prior year one off spends on community enhancements 2016: Higher maintenance costs : village green/pond [-£344], displayboard [-£45] 2016: New office equipment incl. Laptop, Scanner/Printer 2016: Lower spend on tasks completed under SCC Highways Localism Initiative (£1272 vs £1645) 2016: Higher Vat Payments 2016: Remaining variance reflects higher council running costs, including new offsite backup facility [-£79], pmt to Speaker at Annual Parish Meeting [-£75] and small increases across most other administrative categories of spend.	-8206 5442 -389 -658 373 -620 -224	Sum of explained amounts -4282
8 : Total cash and short term investments =	9224	12271	-3047	25%	Yes	2016: Release of cash set aside prior yrs in specific reserve to fund refurbishment in post and rail 2016: Release of cash reserves established 2015 to help fund work to village pond 2016: Release of cash reserve established 2015 to help fund defibrillator 2016: Donation and grant funding received 2015/16 - reserved to fund work to granite setts in May 2016 2016: Increase in general reserves to ensure Parish is able to undertake tasks required by the local community previously funded by District and County Councils. General reserve at 31st March 2016 equivalent to 6 months budgeted non-discretionary expenditure 2016/17.	-6506 -465 -200 967 3157	Sum of explained amounts -3047
7 : Total balances and reserves								
9 : Total fixed assets and long term assets	17911	9245	8666	94%	Yes	2016: Investment in new posts [£7215] and Defibrillator [£991] 2016: Purchase of new office equipment [£658] 2016: Bench on village green replaced at no cost to Council. Donated bench asset value recorded as £1	8206 658 -198	Sum of explained amounts 8666
10 : Total borrowings	0	0	0	0%	No		-	