

**Mattishall Parish Council (Norfolk): Explanation of variances 2019-20  
Annual Governance & Accountability Return**

	Year ending		Variance		Explanation of significant variances
	31/03/2019	31/03/2020	(+/-) £	%	
	£	£			
1 Balance Brought Forward	41,581	53,961	12,380	30%	
2 + Annual Precept	41,000	43,000	2,000	5%	
3 + Total Other Receipts	10,147	12,338	2,191	22%	See note 1
4 - Staff Costs	16,236	17,884	1,648	10%	
5 - Loan Interest/Capital Repayments	0	0	-		
6 - All Other Payments	22,531	35,912	13,381	59%	See note 2
7 = Balances Carried forward	53,961	55,503	1,542	3%	
8 Total Cash & Short Term Investments	53,961	55,503	4,204	11%	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus other long term investments and assets	111,744	113,069	1,325	1%	
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	-		

Note 1 The main differences in receipts between 18-19 and 19-20 relate the cemetery, grants/donations, VAT reclaims and bank interest. In 19-20, the cemetery received £3,128 (18-19 £1,155). Event takings/donations/grants in 19-20 they were £6,986 (18-19 £5,893). The VAT reclaim for £1,729 in 19-20 (18-19 was £2,704). Bank interest was £291 in 19-20 (18-19 £201). There was a small increase of £10 in allotment income in 19-20 £204 (£194).

Note 2 The Council has 5 main headings for payments (as well as one for staff costs): Admin £3,609 (£2,817 in 18-19), Maintenance £11,908 (£6,656), Grants £3,500 (£2,210), Youth £9,285 (£9,672) and Projects £5,072 (£1,265) with an additional VAT heading of £2,538. All of these headings saw an increase in 19-20 apart from Youth. Examples of expenditure that were different in 19-20 are: grass cutting contract up 5%, more councillor and staff training, a new gardening contractor engaged from August 2019, repairs to churchyard wall and war memorial; tree surgery; solicitor's bill, PA system and marquee for events; hampers for Christmas (income received for this); a project working with the probation service at the green and cemetery.