

Edwardstone Parish Council
Notes on quantified significant variances Annual Return 2014-2015

Please see below an explanation of quantified significant variances for Section 1, boxes 3, 4 and 6, where there is an increase or decrease greater than £100 and where the % increase or decrease is greater than 10%.

Box 3

Receipts in 2013/14 were made up as follows:

Parish Council Tax Grant	455
VAT refund	61.89
Bank interest	1.00
Training bursary	<u>100</u>
Total	617.89

Receipts in 2014/15 were made up as follows:

Parish Council Tax Grant	92.25
VAT refund	38.17
Bank interest	<u>1.05</u>
Total	131.47

The Parish Council Tax Grant reduced from £455 to £92.25. Also, there was a training bursary received in 2013/14 relating to the Clerk's CiLCA training which has been completed during the course of 2014/15. This bursary was not of course repeated.

Box 4

Due to a change in payroll procedures, the new clerk's salary for the period from 1 February 2014 to 31 March 2014 was not paid until early May 2014 so is included in the 2014/15 figures. In addition, the clerk's salary was increased slightly from 1 January 2015 to take into account the pay increase negotiated for local council clerks by the NJC. She also received a £10 pro rata consolidated payment to take into account the late implementation of this award. This accounts for the increase from £1517 in 2013/14 to £1907 in 2014/15.

Box 6

This figure increased from £2898 in 2013/14 to £3405 in 2015/15. This is due to the fact that training costs of £250 were incurred in 2014/15 in relation to the Clerk's CiLCA training and other necessary training sessions. No training costs were incurred in the previous year. Most donations were the same in 2014/15 as in the previous year but £100 was paid to the Playing Field Association in the next village, whose facilities are used by Edwardstone people, which had not been made in the previous year. In addition, £60 was paid for maintenance of the War Memorial area in 2014/15 which had not been paid in 2013/14. The Council decided to use a payroll service which cost £33.60 in 2014/15. Finally, the Council registered with the Information Commissioner's Office which incurs an annual fee of £35 which had not been paid in the past.

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