

Ashwell Parish Council/ Hertfordshire		Explanation of variances 2020-21 vs 2019-20				
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)						
Box No.		2019-20	2020-21	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation
Box 2	Precept	77,584	79,557	1,973	3	
Box 3	Total other receipts	26,423	25,999	-424	-2	
Box 4	Staff Costs	43,409	44,151	742	2	
Box 5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	0	0	
Box 6	Total other payments	51,229	62,587	11,358	22	<u>Office and Admin</u> Additional website upgrade costs (£1,120) this year. <u>Grants and donations</u> £1,000 to St Mary's PCC for hosting of the outreach post office in the Parish Room. <u>St Mary's Churchyard and the Parish Clock</u> Grounds maintenance costs similar both years but no repairs to the clock this year. <u>Small Gains sports field and allotments</u> Routine maintenance similar in both years but additional expenditure this year on tree/hedge planting (£595) and repairs to the lane (£1250) and new fencing/gate (£725). <u>Cemetery</u> Routine maintenance similar in both years but additional expenditure this year for tree survey (£293) and path works (£480). <u>Recreation Ground, Pavilion, Playground</u> Less repair costs this year and running costs for eg water, electricity, reduced this year because of Covid closures. <u>War Memorial and Carters Pond</u> Routine costs similar in both years but hedge replacement at the War Memorial last year <u>Expenditure from allocated reserves in 2020-21 £17,375. In 2019-20 was £4,663.</u> Neighbourhood Plan £10,158 of which £3,000 from grants received this year and other from previous years. Grant to Museum £2,000 from last year's budget. New village map £3,652. Springs tree works £250, HCC Highways support £1,315.
Box 9	Total fixed assets and long term assets	195,363	195,363	0	0	
Box 10	Total borrowings	0	0	0	0	
Total reserves held less than x2 precept.						