

**Standish Parish Council**

**AGAR accounting form 2022-23**

***Draft* Explanation of key variances from previous year**

**Years for comparison:**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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Information for the council website.

For any further information please contact the clerk:

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**Staff costs**

The council operated without a clerk in a permanent position for part of the financial year April 21 to March 2022. The council employed some specialist help with finances and end of year returns on a part time consultancy basis during this period. The current clerk joined in November 2021 on a permanent contract but not until four months before the end of the financial year.

**Total other receipts**

The council was able to benefit from grant income especially for the Neighbourhood Development Plan in the financial year 2021-22. This higher figure was reflected in the section *Total other receipts* (other than staff costs).

**Balances carried forward**

For financial year 2022-23 the council adjusted its precept request to a reduced figure over the previous year to benefit local households and to specifically draw on some reserves over the recommended threshold for retaining reserves. Therefore, for the financial year 2022-23 the council had reserves carried forward at the end of the financial year which were less than for the previous financial year.