

Explanations of individual variances

One sheet to be prepared for each variance that requires explanation.

Authority name and reference	CLAYHIDON PARISH COUNCIL	
BOX NO	6	£
(b) Figure in 2026 column		51315
(a) Figure in 2025 column		13020
(d) Total variance: 2026 figure less 2025 figure: (b - a) A positive figure is an increase (+) a negative figure is a decrease (-)		+38295 294.12

Reasons (as many as are applicable)	Amount £
Reason 1 The Parish Council moved £41828 which it had been holding on behalf of the Clayhidon Charity to the charity's bank account	+41828
Reason 2 The Parish Council moved £1384 which represented the interest on the Clayhidon Charity money to the charity's bank account	+1384
Reason 3 The Parish Council spent less money on village/footpath maintenance down from £6693 in 24/25 to £4374 in 25/26	-2319
Reason 4 The Parish Council spent less money on audit fees down from £535 in 24/25 to £160 in 25/26	-375
(e) TOTAL AMOUNT £ EXPLAINED (total of reasons above)	40518
(f) Unexplained amount £ of total variance at (d - e)	2223
Unexplained as % of 2025 figure (f / a *100) (must be below 15%)	5.8
Confirm unexplained amount is less than 15% of 2026 figure YES – satisfactorily explained NO – provide further explanations	YES

A combination of the unexpected death of the previous Clerk, illness within the Mary Parsons Trust and the cheque received being made out to Clayhdion Parish Council meant that the Parish Council decided the best way to protect the Charity and the funds was to deposit then into the Parish Council account whilst access to the Charity's own bank account was sorted out. The funds remained Earmarked for the Charity and were paid into the Charity account together with the interest received.