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## **Explanations of significant variances**

Box 2 Annual Precept:

2013/14 =	£6426
2014/15 =	£8975
Variation – increase of	£2549

The budget was given a thorough look over in 2014/15. An increase in the precept was requested to allow for the increase in the staff costs ( $\pounds$ 1100), an allowance should there be an election ( $\pounds$ 250), the preparation of an emergency plan ( $\pounds$ 450) and to also allow monies to fund additional work no longer covered by the district or county councils ( $\pounds$ 750).

## Box 3 Total other receipts:

2013/14 =	£1275
2014/15 =	£4885
Variation – increase of	£3610

Grants/donations received in 2014/15 include a £2000 payment towards the cost of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

A payment of £1348.75 was received following an insurance claim.

VAT reclaim also increased following repair work to a Council owned asset.

## Box 4 Staff costs:

2013/14 =	£3388
2014/15 =	£4450
Variation – increase of	£1062

The increase in the staffing costs is to allow for the increase in hours from 5 to 8 per week and also to allow for a pay rise including the national 2.2% increase effective January 2015.

## Box 6 All other payments:

2013/14 =	£3065
2014/15 =	£7163
Variation – increase of	£4098

A lot of grants were awarded in 2014/15 (£2475) and also a large payment was made for repairs following storm damage to a Council Asset (£1495).