Explanation of variances between 2019-20 and 2020-21 accounting statements

Line 3 (Total other receipts)

Reduced receipts from £9,519 in 2019-20 to £5,304 in 2020-21 are largely attributable to the repayment of a sum paid to WREN by the Parish Council on behalf of the 'Neighbours Hall' management committee as a third-party contribution to 'unlock' a grant for refurbishment of the hall in 2018-19 (£4,000). This had the effect of inflating the previous year's receipts.

Grants reduced from £1,070 in 2019-20 to £500 in 2020-21, the latter sum received from SODC to support local volunteer Coronavirus support initiatives. The council's VAT claim increased from £952 in 2019-20 to £1,141 in 2020-21, the result of significant VAT reclaims on tree maintenance costs, a bus shelter refurbishment and grass cutting.

Revenue from access and rental agreements increased from £50 in 2019-20 to £277 in 2020-21: the increase resulted from additional payments from OCC for rental of Parish Council land for the accommodation of a temporary classroom at the primary school and the successful pursuit of arrears.

Revenue from advertising in the Great Milton Bulletin was broadly similar in 2019-20 (£2,690) to the previous year (£2,870).

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