Explanation of variances - pro forma

Name of smaller authority: Upchurch Parish Council

County area (local councils and parish meetings only: **Kent**

Please provide <u>full explanations</u>, 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).

Section 2	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
Box 2 Precept or Rates and Levies	26311	27900	15890	5%	(contracting)
Box 3 Total other receipts	13124	10240	2884	28%	£3,500 grant received in 2016/17 for bus shelter
Box 4 Staff costs	6686	8420	1734	26%	£1073 2016/17 Holiday pay and increment paid in 2017/18 £661 Employer Pension contributions
Box 5 Loan interest/ capital repayments	0	0			
Box 6 All other payments	37756	22518	15238	-40%	2016/17 payments not in 2017/18:- 5879 -Bus stop 1026 -Picnic benched 1000- grant to village hall 1642- underpayment of electricity in 2017/18 2880- car park repair 1200- tree survey
Box 9 Total fixed assets & long term investments & assets	104671	105751	1080	0.9%	
Box 10 Total borrowings	0	0			
Explanation for 'high' reserves	Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:				