BURES ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF VARIANCES AUDIT 2025/26

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	Variance £	Variance %	Details explanation
Box 1 Balances b/f	10,980	15,241	+4,261	+38.80%	
Box 2 Precept	32,435	32,500	+65	+0.20%	
Box 3 Other receipts	10,249	9,488	-761	-7.42%	**Increases: Total £2,629** **Interest £12** **VAT £77** **Website £3** **Various grants applied for this year £2,395** **Contributions £142** **Decreases: Total £3,390** **Street Cleaning grant £285** **No donations received this year £585** **Less Xmas lights contributions received this year £156** **Less salary contributions received from Sportsground Committee £2,364**
Box 4 Staff costs	13,806	7,508	-6,298	-45.61%	**No Clerk employed for 2025/26 – unable to attract interest. Volunteer Clerk took on the role unpaid. £7,508 paid to a Locum Financial Officer for financial year ending 2025/26 to complete the finances of both the Parish Council and the Sportsground Committee. Locum Financial Officer is an ex Clerk (Mrs J Wright) on the parish council payroll and not self employed. Prior year staff costs did not include any payments made to self employed individuals or contract workers.**
Box 5 Loan interest Capital repayments	NIL	NIL	NIL		

Box 6 Other payments	24,617	25,953	+1,336	+5.42%	**<u>Increases: Total £3721</u>** **VAT £391** **Administration £198** **Hall hire £49** **Training £132** **Insurance £10** **Grit/flooding £49** **Speed Indicator (replacement batteries) £149** **Repairs £93** **Various projects £1,520** **S137 parish items £1,130** **<u>Decreases: Total £2,385</u>** **Subscriptions £27** **Sportsground £500** **Street Lighting £515** **Grounds maint £451** **Xmas lights £892**
Box 7 Balances c/f	15,241	23,768	+8,527	+55.94%	
Box 8 Cash & short term investments	15,241	23,768	+8,527	+55.94%	-
Box 9 Fixed assets & long term assets	17,992	18,991	+999	+5.55%	**<u>Increases: Total £999</u>** **1 Bleed kit canopy £400** **Xmas lights £599**
Box 10 Borrowings	NIL	NIL	NIL		

Note: % = Variance x 100 divided by 1st box figure