

## **Explanation of variances 25/26**

**Box 2:** Precept was raised as no reserves had been put aside for years and the council need to build earmarked reserves for the future of the pavilion and new play equipment, as they can't always count on grants that they were successful with in 24/25.

**Box 3:** Received 2 community grants @ £463.32 = £926.64, vat £8,144.75, VE Day celebration grant £800, SKDC grant £500, training grant £120 and bank interest of £88.38 = £10,579.77 rounded up £10,580.

**Box 4:** The litter picker started at the beginning of October 2024 so in the previous year she claimed only 6 months of work. This year she has worked the full 12 months and had pay rises, due to her age and the minimum wage rising. She works various hours each month depending on her course work in 6<sup>th</sup> form.

Last year she was paid £459.24 and this £1,075.87. This accounts for £616.63. The rest is an extra 31.75 hrs of training for me at £15.58 = £494.66. This totals £1111.29 rounded to £1,111.

**Box 6:** See the extra attached sheet that show the breakdown of spending