

## Sibford Gower Parish Council

### Explanations of variances 2025/26

<b>Box No 3</b>	
Figure in 2026 column	£2,084.00
Figure in 2025 column	£4,988.00
Variance	<b>-£2,904.00</b>

<b>Reasons</b>	
Reason 1: In 2025 the PC received funds from a local group who shared the cost of grass cutting for a particular area. This arrangement ended in 2025 so no income was received in 2026.	-£1,032.91
Reason 2: The VAT refund in 2026 was considerably lower than in 2025.	-£895.86
Reason 3: The income received from the neighbouring council re shared costs of maintaining the churchyard was considerably lower in 2026 due to lower expenditure.	-£630.72
Reason 4: The number of burials was lower in 2026 therefore the burial income was lower than in 2025.	-£299.00
Remaining unexplained amount below 10%	-£45.51
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>-£2,904.00</u></b>

<b>Box No 4</b>	
Figure in 2026 column	£5,545.00
Figure in 2025 column	£3,226.00
Variance	<b>£2,319.00</b>

<b>Reasons</b>	
Reason 1: A new clerk was employed in December 2024 and she did not choose to make any payments to herself for the following months within the financial year with the next payment made to her in April 25 so 4 months of payroll was not paid within the 24/25 financial and instead went into the 25/26 year resulting in only 8 months of pay in 24/25 and 14 months of pay in 25/26 (due to being without a clerk for 2 months).	£2,297.98
Remaining unexplained amount below 10%	£21.02
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£2,319.00</u></b>