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| **Explanation for Significant Differences 2015-16** |

The explanation for a significant variation in the Annual Return Accounting Statements “All other Payments (Box 6)” Category is as follows:-

In 2014-15 expenditure under this Category was extraordinarily high due to:-

1. Payments for the Repairs to the Parish War Memorial for the World War I Commemorations, and Repairs to the Parish Noticeboard.
2. The Parish Council made a one-off Donation of £1500 to the Middridge Village Association towards the costs of Re-rendering the Village Hall.
3. The Parish Council paid for various Modifications to the Stiles on Parish Path 7 (£650 + VAT) as agreed with Durham County Council.

**NOTE –** unfortunately there was some problem with Durham County Council reimbursing the Parish Council for this work, and the repayment was eventually made much too late for it to appear in the 2014-15 Annual Return; it appears under the “Total other Receipts (Box 3)” Category in this Annual Return.

In contrast there was less exceptional expenditure in 2015-16, although there was still some abnormal expenditure for the following:-

1. The replacement of the North Side Bus Shelter Roof (£1100).
2. Repairs to the Village Green Benches, and the repainting of the South Side Bus Shelter and Village Green Benches.

Consequently, overall the Parish Council's Maintenance Costs were lower for 2015-16 than for 2014-15.