Staple Parish Council Statement of Variances

Year Ended 31 March 2026 Summary of Variances

Using your corrected 2025/26 figures, your updated variance table should now be:

Box	2024/25	2025/26	Variance	Explanation
Box 3 – Other Receipts	£1,032	£1,989	+£957	Increase primarily relates to grant funding received towards the Asgard storage shed project together with additional bank interest received on reserve accounts during the year.
Box 4 – Staff Costs	£2,722	£3,390	+£668	Increase reflects revised clerk salary expenditure during 2025/26 together with associated PAYE and employer costs.
Box 6 – All Other Payments	£5,276	£9,838	+£4,562	Increase due to significant expenditure during the year including the purchase of an Asgard storage shed, village hall field works, bus shelter repairs, grants, insurance, website expenditure and other community projects.
Box 7 & 8 – Balances Carried Forward / Cash & Investments	£9,959	£11,711	+£1,752	Increase reflects the Council's overall surplus position at year end following precept income, grant funding and retained reserves at 31 March 2026.
Box 9 – Fixed Assets	£28,800	£30,100	+£1,300	Increase relates to additions to the Council's asset register during 2025/26 including equipment and infrastructure purchases.