GREAT BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL 17th June 2016

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES BETWEEN 2014/15 and 2015/16 ANNUAL RETURN**

The explanation for the significant variances in accounts year on year is as follows:

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| **Ref No.** | **Item** | **2014/15****£** | **2015/16****£** | **Difference****£** | **Explanation of differences** |
| **2** | **Annual Precept** | 7381 | 8471 | +1090 (+15%) | St Edmundsbury Borough Council reduced their Parish support grants by £690 (Parish Revenue Support Grant by £596 and Local Council Tax Support Grant by £94) from 2014/15 to 2015/16. As a consequence, and in addition, the Parish Council was forced to increase its Precept by £400.  |
| **3** | **Total other receipts** | 5086 | 10095 | +5009 (+98%) | The following grants were obtained in 2015/16 but not in 2014/15:1. £958 Transparency Grant
2. £1,000 Havebury for allotment shed
3. £500 WestSuffolk Council for repair to Village Hall Bell Housing
4. £1,600 WestSuffolk Council for basket swing on Recreation Area

£990 more VAT was reclaimed in 2015/16 than in 2014/15 due to the higher expenditure on play equipmentTotal £5,048 |
| **4** | **Staff costs** | 3050  | 3150 | +100 (+3.3%) | The Clerk's salary was increased by £100 |
| **6** | **All other payments** | 10570 | 14968 | +4398 (+41%) | The following items were purchased in 2015/16 but not in 2014/15:1. £424 New picnic tables on the Recreation Area
2. £3,386 New basket swing on the Recreation Area `
3. £341 New double swing on the Recreation Area
4. £301 New Vehicular Activated Sign poles and brackets

Total £4,452 |
| **9** | **Total fixed assets** | 28400 | 32847 | +£4,447 (+26%) | The new items listed in 6 'all other payments' total £4,452 |

Signed: Clerk/RFO date: