**Significant variations between Accounting Statements for 2020-21 and 2021-22**

# **Box 3: Other receipts**

2020-21: £973

2021-22: £4,065

Change: 318% increase

The difference of £3,092 was the net result of three factors, one of which was the most significant.

The Council’s only regular income in a typical year, apart from its precept, is interest on its deposit account and the refund of VAT it has paid.

However, in 2021-22 the Council agreed to administer the Vale and South Oxfordshire Neighbouring Parish Councils Joint Committee, which was formed to challenge plans for a major road scheme connected with the Didcot Garden Town development.

The Council received payments totalling £3,267 in March 2022 from three neighbouring parish councils towards the work of the Joint Committee.

The other two, much smaller, factors were:

* The Council received one further contribution of £350 towards the £1,500 cost in 2020-21 of engaging Lichfields, a planning consultancy, on behalf of a group of individuals and organisations concerned by the threat of a gravel extraction site being approved in the parish – this compared with contributions of £800 in 2020-21, a **decrease** of £450
* The Council received two VAT refunds in 2021-22 totalling £448 compared with just one of £168 in 2020-21, an **increase** of £280.

Geoffrey Ferres

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Tuesday 31st May 2022