

# **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kersey Parish Council held on Monday 13 May 2024 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** John Hume (Chair), Liz Bostock, David Butcher, Penny Calnan, Andrew Rogers and Richard Walker.

**In attendance:** Sarah Partridge (Clerk). 5 members of the public for part of the meeting.

## **44/24 Election of Chair**

John Hume was proposed, seconded and elected as Chair of Kersey Parish Council; a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair was completed and signed.

## **45/24 Election of Vice Chair**

Andrew Rogers was proposed, seconded and elected as Vice Chair.

All Councillors had checked their Register of Interests and informed the Clerk of any changes.

**46/24 Apologies** – Apologies were received and accepted from Esme Chapman (personal). Robert Lindsay (SCC) and Leigh Jamieson (BDC) sent their apologies.

## **47/24 Accept Members' Declarations of Interest and consider Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests**

David Butcher declared an NRI for the planning application DC/24/02055 Water Cottage, The Street, Kersey because he is a close neighbour.

## **48/24 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March were confirmed as being correct and signed.

## **49/24 Public forum and reports**

Reports had been circulated to all Councillors and published on the website before the meeting. Both reports are appended to these minutes.

**a) Suffolk County Councillor report** – Robert Lindsay's report was read. There were no questions.

**b) Babergh District Councillor report** – Leigh Jamieson's report was read. There were no questions.

**c) Parish Time – Parishioners' opportunity to raise matters and ask questions** - None

Councillors resolved to change the agenda order.

## **50/24 Consider residents' concerns about parking during The Bell Inn beer festival**

Those present were all supportive of The Bell holding events including the Beer Festival. However, concerns had been raised after parking problems during last year's event. The owner confirmed that he has made arrangements to use The Glebe for parking and will put up signage directing visitors to the car park. More parking signs were offered from Kersey Projects. Richard Walker agreed to discuss with the owners of The Bell what other measures could be taken to alleviate any parking issues that might be created by this event.

*All 5 members of the public left the meeting.*

Councillors discussed their disappointment that members of the public only come to raise concerns and leave meetings immediately after the item has been considered. Councillors give their time voluntarily and would prefer if members of the public took a little more interest in Parish Council matters.

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## 51/24 Other appointments

- a) Footpath working group – Andrew Rogers
- b) KCPC (Playground) working group – Esme Chapman
- c) KVG working group – John Hume and Andrew Rogers
- d) NPS steering group – David Butcher, Penny Calnan, Sarah Partridge and Richard Walker
- e) SALC Babergh Area Forum – John Hume
- f) Public Transport Liaison – Richard Walker
- g) Village Hall representative – John Hume
- h) Kersey Playing Field Association – Ex-officio, Chair of Parish Council - John Hume

Long term appointments:

Franey and Rand Charities – Rachael Rogers (4-year term ending May 2025)

Nightingale Trust – Natalie Blyth (4-year term ending May 2027) and  
David Butcher (4-year term ending May 2028)

The Clerk had confirmed membership of all the Kersey Parish Council working groups.

## 52/24 Planning applications

### a) Progress

**DC/23/03990 Cherrywood, The Tye**, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6HB

Following refusal by Babergh of the above application for erection of detached garage/cartlodge and barn for storage of machinery, the applicant has submitted an appeal. Reference: APP/D3505/D/24/3340181. The Householder Appeals Service procedure does not offer an opportunity for interested parties to comment at the appeal stage.

**DC/24/00237 Three Stones, Uplands**, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EU

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of two storey linked extension to provide annexed accommodation. Babergh granted permission 8 March 24

**DC/24/00375 Kedges End, Kedges Lane**, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6RY

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of detached cartlodge in rear garden.  
Babergh granted permission on 21 March 2024

**DC/24/00968 Curtis Farm, Wickerstreet Green**, Kersey, IP7 6EY

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent. Works to East gable elevation. Remove existing ground floor oriel window. Install replacement window. Apply render to gable exterior and decorate. Babergh granted Listed Building Consent on 11 April 2024.

**DC/24/02055 Water Cottage, The Street**, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Construction of flood defences to front door; Construction of raised brick plinth and associated remedial works on south east elevation; Replacement of windows and doors.

*David Butcher declared an NRI because he is a close neighbour. He left the meeting room.*

The applicant was not present. The Parish Council considered the above application. The Parish Council resolved unanimously to fully support this proposal which will protect and repair the historic building. The Parish Council is keen to support flood resilience measures to protect properties which may be affected during flood events to ensure they remain habitable and insurable.

*David Butcher rejoined the meeting.*

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## 53/24 Clerk's Report

The Clerk regularly updates the Kersey Community google calendar on the website with the details of events being organised. This is useful resource to check when planning events and to see what is going on in Kersey. The Kersey website is also regularly updated.

The Clerk has continued to work with Semer PC Chair to secure funding for the A1141 40 mph speed limit scheme. Contributions have been sought from local businesses and residents to fund the project, along with Kersey and Semer Parish Council. SCC Highways are going through the protracted process of drawing up designs and various legal consultations. They hope to raise an order for construction works by the end of September.

The new defibrillator covering Kersey Upland, Williams Green, Wickerstreet Green and Kersey Tye has been installed at IP7 6EN and is registered with the ambulance service. A community awareness/training session has been organised for Thursday 4 July at 7pm in Kersey Village Hall. This will be a very informative session, there is no legal requirement to have formal training to use a community defibrillator. The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillators installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving lives. Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just a willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.

Rejoining the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch group was discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly. The advantages are that it is relatively low cost, helps create a crime prevention and awareness culture and can be run in a low-key way by volunteers. There are claims that it reduces crime in areas where there is a NW. The disadvantages are that it needs a volunteer. It may create unnecessary anxiety and prejudice and the crime reduction cause and effect claims have been questioned. There are also less obvious and intrusive ways to create a safe environment. According to police reports, Kersey has a low crime rate compared with national and local statistics. Kersey has had a NW scheme coordinator in the past and activity was minimal. It was agreed not to rejoin NW but review membership annually. There are a few WhatsApp groups covering hamlets in Kersey which are used to communicate easily between neighbours. It was agreed to explore how other areas of Kersey could do this or other existing networks could be used to achieve the same aims as a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

The Clerk hopes to find time to get in touch with the remaining Kersey Good Neighbour volunteers and to work on the leaflet for all residents.

## 54/24 Correspondence

All correspondence for the Parish Council had been circulated to Councillors. Items to note:

**SCC devolution offer** from Government public consultation – closes 26 May 2024

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/devolution> – The Clerk will respond. The Parish Council supports the principle of devolution but believes this must come with appropriate levels of funding to fully support the devolved services. The Parish Council does not support the proposal for an independently elected Mayor. This is costly, unnecessary and unworkable and will create an additional layer of regional government. Devolved services can be run by Suffolk County Council which already exists and runs services for Suffolk residents.

**Babergh Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy consultation** – agreed not to comment.

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Applications are open for **Babergh Capital Grants**, aimed at assisting community groups in making improvements and repairs to social infrastructure. The Clerk has circulated this information to relevant community organisations in Kersey.

### **55/24 Finance**

- a) The Clerk was confirmed as Responsible Financial Officer, Natalie Blyth as Internal Auditor and Penny Calnan as lead Councillor for finance.
- b) The Terms of reference for internal audit and annual internal audit plan were approved.
- c) Financial Regulations were readopted without any changes. NALC will be issuing new updated model financial regulations very soon. Once received the Clerk will review and amend to suit Kersey ready to consider at a future meeting.
- d) Bank mandate arrangements were reviewed and confirmed.
- e) The financial statement showing current bank balances, receipts and payments had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting; A copy is appended to the minutes. The first 50% of the annual precept from Babergh has been received £7161. Neighbourhood CIL received £,2472.76. This is the Parish element of the Community Infrastructure Levy for the new homes being built behind 1-6 The Street. There are rules around how this money can be spent, generally for infrastructure. It must be spent within the next 5 years.

### **56/24 Receive report from Internal Auditor**

A report, which had been circulated to all Councillors, was received confirming the year end accounts had been checked and are in order.

### **57/24 Parish Council accounts and governance statements for the year ending 31 March 2024**

- a) The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted.
  - b) The Council approved and the Chair signed the year end accounts including significant variances and reserves. Reserves were all considered appropriate except for the Fixed Asset reserve. Arrangements have been made to increase this reserve over a number of years through an increase to the precept to ensure suitable funds are available to cover replacement/repair of all fixed assets when necessary.
  - c) Dates were set for the period for the exercise of public rights – 3 June to 12 July 2024.
  - d) The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
  - e) The Annual Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chair.
  - f) The Parish Council resolved to certify itself exempt from a limited assurance review. The certificate of exemption was signed by the Chair and RFO.
  - g) The Neighbourhood CIL expenditure report was approved and signed. This was a nil return. No Neighbourhood CIL funding was held, received or spent during the financial year.
- All the accounts and audit information will be published on the website before 1 July in line with the Accounts and Audit regulations and the Transparency Code.

### **58/24 Footpath Working Group report**

The mowing schedule has been received from SCC. There are some omissions which the Clerk is checking with SCC. They are likely to be added back to the schedule. Volunteers have started their first cuts of paths for the season.

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### **59/24 KCPC Working Group report**

Jonathan Marsh had sent a report. The mowing rota continues, with grateful thanks to all the volunteers. Repairs to the swing frame were delayed, it is hoped they will be completed in early June.

### **60/24 Review and adopt policies**

All the policies are published on the Parish Council pages of the Kersey website. There were no proposed changes to any of the policies. They were all readopted without change.

- a. Standing Orders
- b. Delegated Powers
- c. Complaints Policy and Procedure
- d. Data Protection and Information Security Policy
- e. Data Retention Policy
- f. Disciplinary and Grievance Policy and Procedure
- g. Equality and Diversity Policy
- h. Freedom of Information Publication Scheme Model and Kersey Publication Scheme
- i. Health and Safety Policy
- j. Press, Media and Reporting Policy
- k. Privacy Notices – General and Staff, Councillors and role holders
- l. Safeguarding Policy
- m. Subject Access Request Policy and Procedure

### **61/24 National Grid Norwich to Tilbury power transmission consultation**

This proposal raises concerns for Councillors due to environmental, visual and community impacts. There were concerns this consultation is misleading because it does not cover how the renewable energy generated off the coast will be transmitted to Norwich. The Parish Council agreed their response. Kersey Parish Council objects to this Norwich to Tilbury power transmission proposal. The Parish Council objects to the introduction of more electricity transmission networks under and over the land including pylons because they will significantly damage the environment, landscape and communities. Introduction of this new network and the intrusion on the landscape is unnecessary because there is a better and cheaper alternative option which should be considered. The Parish Council believes a coordinated sub-sea offshore electricity transmission network is a far better and cheaper way to transmit the renewable energy generated off the coast of East Anglia down to London and the South East where the power is needed. It will also provide links for connections to and from Europe. The Parish Council believes this consultation is misleading because it has omitted to include how the renewable energy generated off the coast will be transmitted to Norwich for onward transmission. This would add a significant cost to the whole project to support transmission of the ever-increasing amount of renewable energy being generated off the coast of East Anglia. A co-ordinated sub sea route will be a more sustainable and economic long-term solution.

### **62/24 Consider the possibility of installing a depth marker at The Splash**

Following a question from a resident about the possibility of a depth marker for The Splash a quote had been received from SCC. This was an initial ballpark figure of £4,900. Councillors agreed the cost outweighed any perceived benefit. It was also agreed the water level in The Splash was only impassable and unsafe to cross during extreme weather events and exceptional circumstances. Common sense makes it obvious when water levels are too high to safely drive through. Having a depth marker might

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be seen as a challenge to some less considerate drivers who may not be aware of the damage a bow wave causes to properties close to flood water. The Council is not keen to introduce more signage in the Conservation Area.

### **63/24 Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS) progress report**

Creating a NPS - People and Place Plan provides a collective voice and way to record what is important now and in the future to the community. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act requires all Councils to 'have regard to' a NPS - People and Place Plan. This means that it requires the NPS and any supporting evidence and information collected through the process, and endorsed by local people, to be used to ensure better informed decisions are made. Jo Wood, the Babergh Officer, will support with the development of the Kersey NPS. She has created new guidance and a tool kit with a range of templates. The Clerk will arrange a meeting of the steering group with Jo to come to Kersey to have a walk about to see the whole Parish so she has an understanding of the Parish. She will then support progress in developing the NPS and help to put the topics the Parish Council has initially agreed into a draft plan. Once this has been completed, the Parish Council can start public consultation to make sure the plan covers all areas and there is full community support for the NPS. The steering group of David Butcher, Penny Calnan and Richard Walker along with the Clerk will work with Jo to progress this.

### **64/24 Agree content for the newsletter articles 'Pride in our Parish' and Community Organisation spotlight**

Pride in our Parish – John will draft an article to encourage attendance and interest in Parish Council meetings. The article will also inform residents of the NPS and how this will be regularly discussed at Council meetings. Community consultation and input will be an important part of developing the NPS. Community Organisation Spotlight: John will meet with representatives and write articles giving a personal insight to engage readers and hopefully encourage involvement in these organisations. June edition Nightingale Trust and allotments. July/Aug Grays' Trust. September Table Tennis Club.

### **65/24 Training**

SALC continues to offer a variety of training as published on their website and circulated to Councillors. It was agreed the Council will purchase links to relevant planning webinars following sessions run by SALC so all Councillors can watch these at their own convenience. The Clerk attended a training and information session about converting to a .gov website.

### **66/24 Reports from other meetings**

Police and Parish Forum – Liz Bostock attended. Relevant topics discussed were drug problems in Hadleigh, thefts from vehicles and theft of digital codes for keyless cars – keep keys in a faraday pouch. SALC Babergh Area Forum – no attendance, report circulated. Brett Valley Digibus – Further investigation/research by the group into options for a new demand responsive bus service for rural villages, including Kersey and Monks Eleigh.

### **67/24 Forthcoming meetings**

Police and Parish Forum – 19 June 7.30pm Pinewood.

Kersey defibrillator awareness/training session 4 July 2024 7pm Kersey Village Hall.

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**68/24 Any other business – Councillors’ opportunity to bring matters to the Council’s attention**

It was noted that SCC highways seem to be carrying out more pothole repairs to a better standard. However, more are required!

The date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting is Monday 1 July 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23 pm.

Appended to these minutes are 5 pages:

Suffolk County Councillor report from Robert Lindsay

Babergh District Council report from Leigh Jamieson

Kersey Parish Council finance sheet

Kersey Parish Council accounts, bank reconciliation and significant variances year ending March 24

Signed .....

Date .....

# Suffolk County Councillor Report – Robert Lindsay

## Motion on Local Government Funding

Following massive budget cuts by the county in February, my political group – Green, LibDem and independent – is proposing a motion to full council next week that will note that the government’s autumn spending statement last year failed to address the needs of local authorities and their residents. It asks the council to urge the next government to put in place proper long-term funding for local government and, as a matter of urgency close the £4billion funding gap (over next two years) for councils in England. One in five English local authorities are in danger of issuing a Section 114 notice this year or next, (effective bankruptcy) and half of English councils are not confident that they have the money to fulfil their legal duties next year.

While Suffolk itself is not thought to be in imminent danger of a Section 114, its budget in February proposed taking heavily from reserves to meet the funding gap. Officers warned in the paperwork that some of the cuts meant services could well suffer – particularly for people not in education or employment.

## District Council Report – Leigh Jamieson

### Swimming Pool Funding

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have both been awarded funding to help ease financial pressures and reduce the carbon footprint of the districts’ swimming pools. The successful bids for Sport England Phase Two Swimming Pool Grants funding will enable and Hadleigh Pool & Leisure to install important equipment over the coming months.

In total, Hadleigh Pool & Leisure received £103,500, with the funding also going toward pool covers as well as the replacement of fluorescent lighting with LED lighting.

### Funding Boost

Twenty town and parish councils across Babergh are set to receive more than £677K in developer contributions to help community infrastructure keep pace with housing growth.

The latest bid round for communities wishing to benefit from future CIL funding is now open until Friday 31 May. Successful bids will receive their funding decision in Autumn 2024, subject to approval by Cabinet.

### Compost giveaway.

Babergh gave away free compost on a first come first serve basis in Morrisons car park last Sunday. The Council timed the free giveaways to coincide with International Compost Awareness Week (5-11 May):

In June, an additional loose compost event takes place in Stowmarket.

### Councils Property Arm

Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s commercial property investment company, CIFCO, continues to generate money for the districts with more than £1.26m in net income raised last year.

This means that since establishing CIFCO Capital Ltd it has generated a net income of more than £12m for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

During previous administrations, the councils borrowed a total of £99.2m to invest in commercial property. This now comprises of twenty-two properties with eighty-three tenants based, mainly, in the eastern region split across industrial, retail and office sectors to balance risk.

The cost of the loan repayments to the councils is covered by income received from CIFCO, with further net income on top making a regular and significant contribution to the councils’ finances.

### Car Parking Charges

Overview and scrutiny committee returned the decision on charging to the cabinet asking them to look into the possibility of including a free hour’s parking. The decision, which will then be final, comes up in the June meeting.



# Kersey Parish Council

## Finance

### Details for Parish Council Meeting on 13 May 2024

#### Bank Balances at 30 April 2024

Business Premium Account	£32,850.49
Current Account	£454.11
	<u>£33,304.60</u>

#### Transfers between Business Premium and Current account since the last report

25-Mar-24	Transfer from BPA to current	£7,200.00
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#### Income received since the last report

04-Apr-24	Carter Jonas - Defibrillator donation	£400.00
08-Apr-24	Babergh 1st 50% precept	£7,161.00
15-Apr-24	Babergh neighbourhood CIL	£2,472.76

#### Payments made since the last report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chq no.</u>		
20-Mar-24	101293	S Partridge - Clerk salary	£7,034.74
22-Mar-24	101393	SCC - Street lighting	£198.20

#### Payments Due

<u>Chq no.</u>		
101394	SALC - SALC/NALC annual subscription	£205.20
101395	Suffolk.cloud - webhosting	£120.00
101396	WJ Green - Footpath wg	£33.00
		<u>£358.20</u>

Expenditure Agreed .....

Prepared by the Clerk for Kersey Parish Council

## Kersey Parish Council Receipts and Payments End of Year Account

31-Mar-23		31-Mar-24
£10,080.00	Precept	£11,420.00
£ 752.48	Footpath	£ 1,056.74
£ 3,600.00	Jubilee	£ -
£ 1,094.51	KCPC	£ 3,345.81
£ 57.49	Bank interest	£ 330.66
	Insurance claim	£ 354.95
	Donations for historic street sign	£ 150.00
	Donations for defibrillator	£ 1,405.00
	Donation from LM Trust for bench	£ 488.00
	VAT repayment	£ 819.02
£ 1,477.11	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£19,370.18</b>
<b>£17,061.59</b>		
£ 812.73	Administration	£ 961.11
£ 6,351.68	Staff costs	£ 7,034.74
£ 166.35	Training and external meetings	£ 232.67
£ 171.20	Street lighting	£ 165.17
£ 2,450.20	Street lighting LED conversion	£ -
£ 481.47	Footpath	£ 1,678.49
£ 3,318.98	Jubilee	£ -
£ 245.83	KCPC	£ 1,348.35
£ -	Section 137	£ -
£ 358.83	Insurance	£ 441.99
£ 100.00	Glebe hedgecut	£ 100.00
£ 200.00	Glebe maintenance	£ 250.00
£ 91.00	RoSPA inspection	£ 96.00
£ 9.98	Bin emptying costs	£ -
£ 460.00	St Mary's PCC	£ 500.00
£ 126.00	Defibrillator annual support	£ 135.00
£ -	Parish Council election costs	£ 133.63
	Fixed assets - new/repairs	£ 1,628.67
	Replacement historic street sign	£ 605.00
	New defibrillator	£ 1,930.00
	VAT on payments	£ 814.46
£ 819.02	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£18,055.28</b>
<b>£16,163.27</b>		

### Receipts and payments summary

£21,057.62	Balance as at 1st April	£21,955.94
£17,061.59	Total receipts	£19,370.18
£16,163.27	Less payments	£18,055.28
<b>£21,955.94</b>		<b>£23,270.84</b>

### Cumulative funds in the bank at 31 March

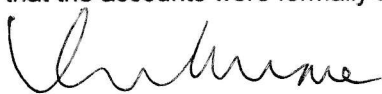
£21,182.05	Barclays Business Premium a/c	£23,216.73
£ 1,562.09	Barclays Current a/c	£ 221.31
£22,744.14		£23,438.04
£ 788.20	Less unpresented cheques	£ 167.20
<b>£21,955.94</b>	<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>£23,270.84</b>

The accounts represent fairly the financial position of Kersey Parish Council as at 31 March 2024 and reflect its receipts and payments during the year.

Signed   
Responsible Finance Officer

Date 6 May 2024

I certify that the accounts were formally approved at the Council meeting on 13 May 2024

Signed   
Chair of Kersey Parish Council

Date 13.5.24

**Kersey Parish Council, Suffolk**  
**Year End Accounts**  
**1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024**

**Kersey Parish Council consolidated accounts**  
**Year end bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2024**

**Funds at the bank**

Barclays			
	Business Premium account		£23,216.73
	Current account		£221.31
			<u>£23,438.04</u>
	Less unrepresented cheques:		
	101381	£100.00	
	101389	£67.20	
		<u>£167.20</u>	
			<u>£167.20</u>
			<b><u><u>£23,270.84</u></u></b>

**Balances as per cashbooks**

Kersey Parish Council balance b/f 1 April 2023	£21,955.94
Plus total receipts	£19,370.18
	<u>£41,326.12</u>

Total payments £18,055.28

Total receipts plus balances at 1 April	£41,326.12
Less total payments	£18,055.28
	<u><u>£23,270.84</u></u>

**Allocated reserves held in bank**

Footpath Working Group	£3,514.08
KCPC Working Group (ring fenced)	£5,732.84
Audit reserve	£210.00
Training reserve	£800.17
Defibrillator reserve	£694.06
Election provision	£681.08
Church Walk future maintenance	£2,340.00
Footpath map printing reserve	£583.50
Fixed asset reserve	£2,128.41
Filming donations reserve	£1,524.95
	<u>£18,209.09</u>
Parish Council general unmarked reserve	£5,061.75
	<u><u>£23,270.84</u></u>

Kersey Parish Council bank reconciliation prepared by  
the Clerk and RFO Sarah Partridge on 6 May 2024

**Kersey Parish Council significant variances for year ending 31 March 2024**

31-Mar-21	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-23		31-Mar-24	Variance	% Variance	Reason for variance (Auditor PKF Littlejohn require explanation if over 15% and more than £200)
£ 8,716.00	£ 9,533.00	£10,080.00	Precept	£11,420.00	£1,340.00	13.3%	Increased to cover increase in costs as set out in the budget
£ 729.16	£ 752.48	£ 752.48	Footpath	£ 1,056.74	£ 304.26	40.4%	Income from SCC for mowing increased from £752.48 to £956.74. Old DR mower sold £100
	£ -	£ 3,600.00	Jubilee	£ -	-£3,600.00	-100.0%	No Jubilee grant or income this year
£ 1,831.67	£ 2,293.33	£ 1,094.51	KCPC	£ 3,345.81	£2,251.30	205.7%	Last yr quiz income £1094.51. This year quiz income £1630.81. Donation received from Lewis Mowles Trust £1000, BDC locality grant for playground improvements £715.00
£ 5.33	£ 2.93	£ -	Millennium Book Fund	£ -	£ -		Millennium Book Fund closed so no income from bank interest
£ 8.26	£ 2.01	£ 57.49	Bank interest	£ 330.66	£ 273.17	475.2%	Bank interest rates increased
			Insurance Claim	£ 354.95	£ 354.95	100.0%	Historic street sign stolen and insurance claim received
			Donations for historic street sign	£ 150.00	£ 150.00	100.0%	Donations received for replacement historic street signs - Kersey Projects & residents
			Donations for defibrillator	£ 1,405.00	£1,405.00	100.0%	Donations received for new defibrillator - Robert Lindsay, Leigh Jamieson & Kersey Freight
			Donations from LM Trust for bench	£ 488.00	£ 488.00	100.0%	Donation received from the Lewis Mowles Trust to go towards replacement bench
£ -	£ 1,750.00	£ -	Donations for filming	£ -	£ -		No filming donations received this year
£ -	£ 164.00	£ -	BDC Council Tax support grant	£ -	£ -		No Council Tax support grant received
£ 533.72	£ 122.69	£ 1,477.11	VAT repayment	£ 819.02	-£ 658.09	-44.6%	Less VAT paid last year so less reclaimed this year
<b>£11,824.14</b>	<b>£14,620.44</b>	<b>£17,061.59</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£19,370.18</b>			
£ 648.89	£ 702.42	£ 812.73	Administration	£ 961.11	£ 148.38	18.3%	Increases across admin expenses as set out in the budget
£ 5,786.33	£ 5,742.01	£ 6,351.68	Staff costs	£ 7,034.74	£ 683.06	10.8%	Clerk moved up salary scale and national NJC pay scale increase
£ 25.00	£ -	£ 166.35	Training and external meetings	£ 232.67	£ 66.32	39.9%	Increased Councillor training
£ 256.33	£ 259.95	£ 171.20	Street lighting	£ 165.17	-£ 6.03	-3.5%	
	£ -	£ 2,450.20	Street lighting LED conversion	£ -	-£2,450.20	-100.0%	Last year Street Lighting converted to LED at cost of £2450.20
£ 50.58	£ 159.62	£ 481.47	Footpath	£ 1,678.49	£1,197.02	248.6%	New mower & strimmer purchased £1496.36. Mower repair charges reduced by £362.82.
	£ 281.02	£ 3,318.98	Jubilee	£ -	-£3,318.98	-100.0%	No Jubilee celebrations this year.
£ 20.80	£ 7,058.34	£ 245.83	KCPC	£ 1,348.35	£1,102.52	448.5%	Topped up rubber safety chips £517. Quiz food exp this year £617.18
£ -	£ -	£ -	Section 137	£ -	£ -		
£ 343.93	£ 343.94	£ 358.83	Insurance	£ 441.99	£ 83.16	23.2%	PC insurance cost increased £80.51, Glebe insurance increased £2.65
£ 80.00	£ 54.00	£ 100.00	Glebe hedgecut	£ 100.00	£ -	0.0%	
	£ -	£ 200.00	Glebe maintenance	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	25.0%	Glebe maintenance contribution increased £50
£ 86.00	£ 89.50	£ 91.00	RoSPA inspection	£ 96.00	£ 5.00	5.5%	
£ 29.24	£ -	£ 9.98	Bin emptying costs	£ -	-£ 9.98	-100.0%	Last year bin bags £9.98, none purchased this year.
£ 420.00	£ 460.00	£ 460.00	St Mary's PCC	£ 500.00	£ 40.00	8.7%	Increased grant for newsletter £40
£ 126.00	£ 126.00	£ 126.00	Defibrillator annual support	£ 135.00	£ 9.00	7.1%	Annual support charge increased
£ -	£ -	£ -	Parish Council election costs	£ 133.63	£ 133.63	100.0%	PC uncontested election May 23
			Fixed assets - new/repairs	£ 1,628.67	£1,628.67	100.0%	New bench £488+£30 installation, Glebe gate £369.96, Fixed asset repairs £740.71
			Replacement historic street sign	£ 605.00	£ 605.00	100.0%	Purchased replacement historic street sign following thefts £605
			New defibrillator	£ 1,930.00	£1,930.00	100.0%	New defibrillator purchased to cover Uplands area of Kersey £1930
£ 122.69	£ 1,477.11	£ 819.02	VAT on payments	£ 814.46	-£ 4.56	-0.6%	Decreased spending on items with VAT
<b>£ 7,995.79</b>	<b>£16,753.91</b>	<b>£16,163.27</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£18,055.28</b>			
<b>£30,465.00</b>	<b>£36,418.00</b>	<b>£37,771.00</b>	<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>£39,719.00</b>	£1,948.00	6.4%	Purchases: Footpath mowers £525, £973. Bench £488, Historic street signs £605. Also added acquisition costs for chestnut fencing £100 and gate £200 at playground which had been omitted from the asset register when installed. Disposals (original acquisition costs): Bench £348, DR mower £520, Dog bin £75.

Explanation of high reserves. On the Annual Return Accounting Statement box 7 is more than twice box 2 because Kersey Parish Council has agreed to hold allocated reserves as listed on the bank reconciliation.  
Total reserves £23,270.84. Allocated reserves £18,209.09. Parish Council general unmarked reserve £5,061.75