

Minutes of Kersey Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17 November 2025 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: John Hume (Chair), Liz Bostock, David Butcher, Esme Chapman and Richard Walker.

In attendance: Robert Lindsay (SCC), Leigh Jamieson (BDC) and 6 members of the public – for part of the meeting and Sarah Partridge (Clerk)

133/25 Apologies – Apologies were received and accepted from Penny Calnan and Andrew Rogers (personal) and Esme Chapman who would be arriving late.

134/25 Accept Members' Declarations of Interest and consider Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests

Liz Bostock declared an interest in the planning application DC/25/04505 The Haven, Church Hill, Kersey due to an interest in land adjacent to the property.

135/25 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2025 were confirmed as being correct and signed.

136/25 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 gave his report and answered questions about mayoral elections and LGR.

Esme Chapman arrived at the meeting.

b) Babergh District Councillor report – Leigh Jamieson gave his report and answered questions about the Corks Lane development.

c) Parish Time – Parishioners' opportunity to raise matters and ask questions

A concern was raised about the speed of cars travelling through the Parish, particularly The Street and Church Hill, some of whom are residents, which is disappointing. It was agreed to put this on the agenda to discuss at a future meeting.

Robert Lindsay gave his apologies and left the meeting.

137/25 Planning applications

a) Progress

DC/25/03617 Brook Cottage, The Street, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Replace existing front door with new timber door; Fit flood defences to 3no. external doors and side gate.

Babergh granted listed building consent 15 October 2025

DC/25/03701 Cherrywood, The Tye, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6HB

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a Garden room and a single storey side and rear extension

Babergh refused this application on 21 October 2025. Due to concerns with height, bulk, massing and dominant build form.

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b) Consider planning applications received:

DC/25/04505 The Haven, Church Hill, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EG

Proposal: Householder Application - Construction of a single storey annex to provide supplementary residential accommodation

Liz Bostock declared an interest in this application and left the meeting room.

The applicant was present and outlined their plans for an annex which will be a low impact timber cabin. They propose removing some existing outbuildings and there will be no changes to the access requirements. They have revised documents showing amended parking arrangements. However, they have been unable to upload these to the planning portal and have not received a reply from the planning officer to help ensure these documents are uploaded. These amendments show that parking will be beside the existing garage, as approved under a planning application submitted when the garage was approved many years ago. They do not plan any increase in vehicles parking at the property as a result of this proposal. The Council considered the proposals and resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support the application. The Council noted the revised parking arrangements.

Liz Bostock rejoined the meeting.

DC/25/04547 Leys House, Church Hill, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DZ

Proposal: Householder Application - Retention of red brick rear retaining wall, and air source heat pump on concrete base slab.

The applicant was present and explained they had originally been advised that planning consent was not necessary for repairs to the brick retaining wall. They said the heat pump passes the noise requirements and is extremely quiet. The neighbour immediately beside it had not raised any concerns since it was installed. The Council considered the application and resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support the retention of the wall and heat pump. The Parish Council highlighted the importance for owners of properties in the Kersey Conservation Area and owners of Listed Buildings to consult Babergh before commencing any works to check whether planning consent is required.

DC/25/04448 Unit F The Brick Barn, Kersey Maltings, Hadleigh Road, Kersey Ipswich Suffolk

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Internal renovation of the ground floor and first floor. The applicant was not present. The Council considered the proposals which are all internal works to modern partitions. The historic structure of the building will be unchanged. The Council unanimously resolved to fully support the proposals.

The Parish Council really appreciates applicants attending Parish Council meetings so applicants can explain their proposals and answer any questions. This way the Parish Council can make fully informed decisions.

c) Note applications received after publishing the agenda:

DC/25/03819 Barn South Of, Water Lane, Kersey, Suffolk

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No. self-build dwelling (following demolition of existing building) and all ancillary works (class Q fall back DC/23/04566)

Reason(s) for re-consultation: Amended plans dated 13.11.2025

As this application arrived after the agenda was published it could not be considered at the meeting. An extraordinary meeting will be called in early December, probably 1 December, depending on availability of the village hall and Councillors.

All 6 members of the public left the meeting.

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138/25 Clerk's Report

The decorative timber Kersey sign has been renovated and treated. Screen Suffolk co-ordinated a day of filming in Kersey for a small independent film company following communication with the Parish Council, a donation to the Council has been agreed. A date for repairs to the footbridge over The Splash is still awaited. The contractor has a back log of work and permission from the Environment Agency will need to be granted before work can begin. The Clerk regularly checks the defibrillators and reports to the Community Heartbeat Trust and The Circuit, the national defibrillator database. The Kersey website is regularly updated, along with 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 Clerk has attended several Local Government Reorganisation briefings and webinars. SCC suggest benefits for a single unitary and the Districts suggest benefits for three unitaries. They each put their own spin on the benefits, some of which are completely opposing opinions. There will be financial savings from doing either option. Clearly there will be bigger savings by having one single unitary but the Districts argue that it should not all be about financial savings but good public services, which they believe will be more difficult to deliver on a local level with one single unitary. The next stage is for the Government to hold a consultation on the proposals and then the government will decide which option they think is the best. Elections for shadow authorities to take place in May 27 and new unitary authorities to start functioning in April 28. The Norfolk and Suffolk Mayoral elections will be on 7 May 2026 alongside SCC elections. Leigh was thanked for his time investigating options for a booster for mobile signals from Net Cov, which are very expensive and not a viable option to pursue. Clerk still chasing for a reply from Mobiles UK – she has now sent emails to named representatives at the organisation. It is suggested that anyone with signal problems makes direct contact with their network provider. Vodafone has a weblink to do this.

139/25 Correspondence

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Call for Sites 2025 and Babergh and Mid Suffolk Draft Five-Year Housing Land Supply Position Statements - Closing date is 5pm on Friday 9 January 2026

Babergh District Council Community Governance Review - The purpose of the review is to enable councils and residents to consider what changes are needed to parish arrangements for effective future governance. In July this year the Parish Council agreed that Kersey Parish Council arrangements are effective and should not be changed. Babergh was informed of this decision. Babergh welcomes representations from any residents and interested organisations who may wish to comment on the proposals in their local area or on any aspect of the matters under review. The deadline for responding to the consultation is Friday 23 January 2026.

National Grid community benefit fund - National Grid must deliver community benefit as part of their infrastructure projects. The Bramford Twinstead reinforcement of the power network will result in a fund in excess of £4.2 million. Anyone interested can provide feedback on where community benefit funds could be delivered. There is no physical impact on Kersey by new pylons.

Leigh Jamieson gave his apologies and left the meeting.

140/25 Finance

a) 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. This statement was approved. It was noted that part of the lease agreement with Kersey Playing Field Association the Parish Council pays

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for 50% of maintenance and running costs of The Glebe, the recent expenses will be funded by the fixed asset reserve.

b) Actual spending was reviewed against the budget, which showed there will be an estimated precept budget overspend of £332 at the end of the year. At the time the budget was set the Parish Council did not know the full extent of employers NI implications following the government changes. It has been confirmed that the Parish Council does not qualify for the employment allowance. Using estimated overtime hours to the end of the year the current estimate for employers NI is £514. It was resolved that the budget overspend will be covered by the filming donation reserve. Budget sheets appended.

c) David Butcher confirmed he had checked the bank statement, receipts and payments and bank reconciliation and they have been completed correctly.

d) The Clerk confirmed the insurance cover had been renewed with a new 3-year fixed rate agreement with Clear Insurance as agreed at the September meeting.

141/25 Receive report from internal audit

Natalie Blyth had carried out her interim internal audit recently and found everything to be in order. Her report had been circulated to all Councillors.

142/25 Footpath Working Group report

A report was received from Kevin Pratt. All paths have had a second cut and an invoice submitted to SCC. Some may need another cut due to the mild weather. The main lawn mower is at Greens for a full service. When this is returned the strimmer mower will go in for service. Some footpath signposts require repair/replacement, these will be reported to SCC. Thanks to all the Footpath working group volunteers for all the help and support through the year.

143/25 KCPC Working Group report

Jonathan Marsh had sent a report. The grass cutting rota has worked well this year and now stopped for the winter. The mower will be sent away for servicing. A maintenance day was carried which included cutting the internal hedges and raking the rubber bark. A general check of the equipment was also carried out. The ROSPA report has been received, it highlighted a number of minor issues which will be looked at. A well-attended quiz night was held in the Village Hall which was oversubscribed due to capacity fire restrictions. Although the final figures are yet to be produced it is estimated that over £1000 was raised. Thank you to all those who contributed raffle prizes and to the KCPC working group volunteers for helping run the evening.

The Chair congratulated KCPC on organising a successful and very enjoyable event.

144/25 Consider quote for repairs and treatment of fixed assets

A quote of £585 had been received to repair a bin lid, grit bin lid and bench. Also to clean and treat with preservative and oil all the timber fixed assets in the Parish. It was agreed to accept this quote and for the work to be done at a time to suit the weather.

145/25 Consider progress with the People and Place Plan (P&PP)

The Chair thanked the steering Group for putting on excellent and engaging consultation events with informative displays. The community organisations were also thanked for providing engaging displays to publicise their work to residents. The events had been well publicised and there was some good

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feedback on the draft People & Place Plan action points and plan. The steering group need to agree a meeting date soon to discuss the responses and work on the draft P&PP document.

146/25 Approve Kersey Good Neighbours risk assessment, welcome pack and draft leaflet

Volunteers in Kersey agreed they would like a low-key Good Neighbour group rather than a formal Good Neighbour Scheme, as it was felt this was best suited to Kersey. The Group will follow the Parish Council safeguarding and privacy policies which have been appropriately reviewed and updated in recent months. Councillors approved the risk assessment, welcome pack, and draft leaflet to be delivered to every house in Kersey. The Clerk will contact all those who have expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer and ask them to complete a volunteer agreement. Once this has been completed the leaflet can be finalised and printed. It was agreed to increase the budget provision for the leaflet to £150, funded from the filming donation reserve. Power: LGA 1972 s142 (the provision of information).

It is acknowledged that people tend not to ask for help, so we need to continually raise awareness of Kersey Good Neighbours so residents feel happy to ask for help at a time of need. This will be done via:

- New leaflets delivered to every household
- Kersey Newsletter – regular item
- Kersey website
- The Church community
- All community organisations will be asked to promote this help to their members.

147/25 Consider the concern raised regarding the ever-increasing bureaucratic burden of the many environmental, biodiversity and other studies Babergh now require to support planning applications

Councillors discussed this matter and their concerns that the many environmental studies required to support planning applications are extremely costly and are not necessarily improving the protection of the environment and biodiversity. Common sense as been lost and it has created a lucrative industry where template documents are used to fulfil the requirements at a high cost. The interpretation of the regulations needs to be revisited as Councillors feel there are simple solutions which could be put in place to achieve the same aims without the expensive and sometimes unnecessary studies. David Butcher will draft a letter to Babergh for circulation to Councillors before the Clerk submits it.

148/25 Agree dates for ordinary Parish Council meetings for 2026

All ordinary meetings will be on a Monday evening at 7.30pm in the village hall. If additional meetings are needed to consider urgent matters before the next ordinary meeting, an extraordinary meeting will be called.

26 January Parish Council

2 March Parish Council

13 April Annual Parish Assembly (+ short Parish Council if necessary)

11 May Parish Council Annual Meeting

6 July Parish Council

7 September Parish Council

16 November Parish Council

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149/25 Receive report from the Clerk's job appraisal and salary review

The Chair had met with the Clerk in October. The Chair said the Clerk was an outstanding asset to the community, providing excellent administrative, legal, budgeting and financial advice to the Council. As well as guidance with clarity and lack of bias to the Council and individual Councillors. Contractual hours are 381 per annum. These will be exceeded mainly because of the time spent on the P&PP project and can partly be compensated through funding allocated to the project. It was resolved to move the Clerk to pay scale SCP24 from 1 April 2026. The £6 per week homeworking allowance will continue.

150/25 Budget and precept 2026/2027 – consider budget including income and reserves, set provisional precept and note powers used for budgeted spending

Councillors all had a copy of the draft budget. The figures were discussed and agreed. The working group budgets for KCPC and Footpaths will be considered at a future meeting; provisional figures have been included. These working groups have always been self-sufficient for their general running costs and have not required any funding from the precept. The KVG does not have any expenses or income. Kersey Good Neighbours are not expected to incur any expenses other than leaflet printing costs for all households, as agreed earlier to be funding from the filming donation reserve. The level of reserves and income was considered alongside the powers used for spending. It was agreed the earmarked and general reserves were all appropriate. The total draft budget agreed was £18,635 with £16,130 to be funded by the precept. Babergh has just issued the indicative tax base which has reduced significantly for Kersey. This means that without increasing the precept the council tax will increase by 3.98%. The Parish Council agreed it needs to increase the precept to meet the budget as there are no other financial savings to be made. Using the indicative tax base this will increase the precept for a band D property to £80.73 for the year. This is a 6.99% increase on last year which is a large percentage but due to the small budget is only an extra 44 pence per month for a band D property. The draft budget will be reviewed in January before the precept is requested. Draft budget appended to these minutes.

151/25 Agree content for the newsletter articles 'Pride in our Parish' and Community Organisation spotlight

No article for Pride in our Parish. Community Organisation Spotlight – John will contact FoSM and try to get an article written for the December/January newsletter. Andrew Rogers will be asked if he could talk to Kevin for the Footpath working group for the February edition.

152/25 Training

SALC continues to offer a variety of training as published on their website and circulated to Councillors. The Clerk attended a data protection and website accessibility webinar in July.

153/25 Reports from other meetings

Police and Parish Forum – notes to be circulated once available
SALC Babergh Area Forum – notes circulated

154/25 Forthcoming meetings

SALC Babergh Area Forum 20 Nov 25 7pm virtual

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155/25 Any other business – Councillors’ opportunity to bring matters to the Council’s attention

A concern was raised about the number of potholes in The Street and Church Hill. Some of these have already been reported. Everyone was urged to report any potholes directly to SCC via their reporting tool. There is a link to this from the useful information page on the Kersey website.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

Appended to these minutes are 7 pages:

- Suffolk County Council report from Robert Lindsay
- Babergh District Council report from Leigh Jamieson
- Kersey Parish Council finance sheet
- Budget versus actual receipts and payments and draft budget
- Powers for budgeted spending

Signed

Date

Report for Kersey PC, 17.11.25 by Robert Lindsay, County Councillor

Daily Hadleigh to Stowmarket Bus route

I'm pleased that a timetable has now been drawn up for this proposed new service. Hadleigh Community Transport, operator of the 461 and 462, does not want to take it on. Highways is in talks with the Transport Made Simple new owner of Konectbus (an East Anglian operator) to see if they are interested. If not it will be put to tender.

Local nature recovery strategy approved

On 9 September, the council's Cabinet voted to approve the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which was produced following a public consultation on the draft strategy between April and June this year. Most of the area mapped out for Suffolk's nature priorities is private farmland, and the strategy does not make improvement mandatory, but the officers who have produced the strategy will now work with landowners to support them and work to find investment for measures in the strategy. Landowners can use areas mapped in the strategy to produce 'units' of biodiversity for purchase by developers, as they will be required to meet the government's new Biodiversity Net Gain requirements which state that all development should be increasing biodiversity by a minimum of 10%. The units of biodiversity do not need to be onsite or near the development.

Post May 2026, the new Mayor of Norfolk and Suffolk will be in charge of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Predicted £20m needed from risk reserve to finance budget gap this year

After the second quarter of the financial year, the council is predicting that it will overspend by £20.4m by the end of the 2025/26 financial year, which it will balance by taking money from its Risk Reserve.

Alongside this is a forecast that the council's interest cost will increase to £4.9m to cover a surge in its "dedicated schools grant" debt. The soaring cost of education, particularly special needs education, is no longer being met by schools grant the council gets from Government. The Government has promised to review the level of the grant. But in the meantime, in common with many other education authorities across the country, the council now has to borrow to make up the shortfall. The schools grant debt is forecast to rise by £70m to a total of £168m by year end.

Other cost pressures for the council include placements for children in care, care purchasing and mental health services in adult social care.

Solar Together Scheme for 2025

The Solar Together Suffolk scheme, which has so far installed 32,000 solar panels at 2,651 Suffolk households, is now open for registration for 2025. The scheme also includes battery storage and EV charge points. The scheme requires householders to register online, and pre-approved solar PV suppliers then take part in a 'reverse auction' to bid for the work. After this, registered households will be emailed a personal recommendation which they can choose to accept or not. Telephone and email helpdesks are available to support residents in making an informed decision. The scheme is run by Suffolk's councils in partnership with iChoosr, who have been working with UK councils on the Solar Together scheme since 2015.

For more information and to register, visit <https://solartogether.co.uk/suffolk/home>

District Council Report

Mobile Signal

I had a meeting with a representative from a company called Net Cov in September regarding improving the mobile signal. While they could provide mobile signal boosters the options were very expensive. To boost the signal from one provider to one property the costs range from £1500- 2500 depending on how many boosters would be required. To provide a boosted signal for multiple providers to multiple houses (up to six) the cost would be between £15000 - £20000, split between the properties.

Listed Building Window improvements.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk have one of the highest numbers of listed properties in the country. Unfortunately, owners of these historic properties often find it difficult to heat them due to their poor energy performance. Very often the single glazed windows are a significant factor in this, and it leads to higher bills for owners and is costly for the environment. Historic England says retrofitting historic buildings will be fundamental to achieving net zero.

Previously owners had to apply to the councils for Listed Building Consent to make upgrades. This could be time consuming and was not always successful.

The Councils, working closely with Historic England, have now introduced a new Local Listed Building Consent Order – the first rural councils in the country to achieve this. Local Listed Building Consent Orders allow local planning authorities to make a pro-active and blanket grant of consent for listed buildings within a defined area.

It makes sensitive improvements quicker and easier:

- Secondary glazing on historic windows - Grade II listed buildings can now have secondary glazing installed on historic windows without needing consent from the council, subject to certain conditions.
- Replacement of windows in Grade II listed buildings with double glazing, or energy saving glass – Where original windows have already been replaced after receiving listed building consent, they can be replaced again, subject to conditions.
- Replacement of an existing window in a modern extension to a listed building - Windows in Grade II listed buildings can be replaced, or have secondary glazing installed, if they have previously received listed building consent, subject to conditions.

Local Government Review

The Council submitted its proposal for three unitary councils on the September cut off. The proposal was a Central and Eastern Unitary, an Ipswich and Southern unitary and a Western Unitary. Each council will be made up of 60-80 councillors. With three councils we will have three representatives on the mayoral board for Suffolk. We believe that three smaller councils will be able to provide specific joined up services for local communities while still saving a cumulative sum of up to £34m over 5 years.

District Wide Governance Review

At the last Babergh Full council meeting it was agreed that a community governance review will be undertaken to look at the following aspects of governance arrangements for existing parishes:

- to consider the names and styles of any existing parish council
- to consider the number of councillors to be elected to any existing parish council; and
- to consider any grouping arrangements.

The review, which has been requested by a number of parishes in the district, will not automatically mean there will be changes but it will examine whether there is a case for change. The CGR Working Group is not seeking a particular solution at this stage. It wishes to test views and assess what solutions are the right ones to pursue with each individual parish.

As a parish council you should have received a request for submissions back in May, if you wanted to submit one. No submissions were required if you are happy with the status quo.

Council Call For Sites

In preparation for the Joint Local Plan review the council has begun a 'Call for Sites.' The Call for Sites, which began on the 20th of October runs until 5pm on 9 January 2026.

This invites submissions of land to be put forward for consideration to be included in Local Plans - for uses such as housing, employment, sports and leisure and community purpose although no site put forward will automatically see development take place.

Each suggested site will be considered by planning teams before it is decided whether it goes forward as a proposed Local Plan site allocation. Decisions about preferred allocations will be based on a range of evidence and assessment, as well as through public engagement.

Corks Lane

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny and I - I am vice chair, have initiated an investigation into the Corks Lane development. Initially we have instigated a full review of everything that has happened from 2017 until now. We will then take this before the Overview and Scrutiny committee to ascertain which areas are of greatest concern. The plan is then to seek independent advice on these areas.

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Finance

Details for Parish Council Meeting on 17 November 2025

Bank Balances at 31 October 2025

Business Premium Account	£41,657.96
Current Account	<u>£1,166.75</u>
	£42,824.71

Transfers between Business Premium and Current account since the last report

11-Sep-25	From BPA to current	£2,500.00
31-Oct-25	From BPA to current	£200.00

Income received since the last report

08-Sep-25	Babergh - final 50% of precept	£7,838.50
08-Sep-25	Bank interest	£121.48

Payments made since the last report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chq no.</u>		
06-Oct-25	101437	Avis - P&PP printing	£45.74
06-Oct-25	101438	Kersey Village Hall - hire for P&PP consultations	£60.00
22-Oct-25	101439	Playsafety Limited- RoSPA inspection	£124.80
22-Oct-25	101440	BD Hurren - timber sign repair and treatment	£225.00

Payments Due

<u>Chq no.</u>		
101441	Kersey Playing Field Association - Glebe hedgecut	£100.00
101442	Kersey Playing Field Association - fixed asset maintena	£49.96
101443	P Gibbons - fixed asset maintenance	£72.13
101444	S Partridge - Clerk's expenses	£113.03
101445	K Pratt - Footpath exp & dog bin bags	£119.02
101446	Lenny's Fish & Chips - KCPC quiz food	£884.00
101447	Kersey Village Hall - quiz hire	<u>£60.00</u>
		£1,398.14

Expenditure Agreed

Prepared by the Clerk for Kersey Parish Council

Actual at 31/03/2023	Actual at 31/03/24	Actual at 31/03/25	Receipts	Budget yr ending 31/03/26	Actual to 1 Nov 25	Estimate at 31 Mar 26	DRAFT Budget yr ending 31/03/27	
£ 10,080.00	£ 11,420.00	£ 14,322.00	Precept	£ 15,677.00	£ 15,677.00	£ 15,677.00	£ 16,130.00	
		£ 2,472.76	Babergh Neighbourhood CIL	£ -		£ -	£ -	
	£ -	£ 100.00	Filming donations	£ -		£ 150.00	£ -	
£ 57.49	£ 330.66	£ 493.33	Bank interest	£ 100.00	£ 239.32	£ 300.00	£ 100.00	
	£ 354.95	£ -	Insurance claim -street sign	£ -		£ -	£ -	
	£ 150.00	£ -	Donations for historic street sign	£ -		£ -	£ -	
	£ 1,405.00	£ 400.00	Donations for defibrillator	£ -		£ -	£ -	
	£ 488.00	£ -	Donation from LM Trust for bench	£ -		£ -	£ -	
£ 752.48	£ 1,056.74	£ 1,026.46	Footpath working group	£ 956.42	£ 478.59	£ 956.42	£ 956.00	
£ 3,600.00	£ -	£ -	Jubilee working group	£ -		£ -	£ -	
£ 1,094.51	£ 3,345.81	£ 1,820.00	KCPC working group	£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	
£ 1,477.11	£ 819.02	£ 814.46	VAT repayment	£ 679.54	£ 679.54	£ 679.54	£ 117.04	
£ 17,061.59	£ 19,370.18	£ 21,449.01	Total receipts	£ 18,412.96	£ 17,074.45	£ 18,762.96	£ 18,303.04	
Actual at 31/03/23	Actual at 31/03/24	Actual at 31/03/25	Reserves (Cash at bank)	Estimate Spent from reserve	Estimate Added to reserve	Estimate at 31/03/26		
£ 4,135.83	£ 3,514.08	£ 3,624.25	Footpath working group	£ 680.00	£ 956.42	£ 3,900.67		
£ 3,735.38	£ 5,732.84	£ 5,346.34	KCPC working group (ring fenced)	£ 1,825.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 4,521.34		
£ 200.00	£ 210.00	£ 210.00	Audit reserve			£ 210.00		
		£ -	.gov website and mailboxes		£ 180.00	£ 180.00		
£ 782.84	£ 800.17	£ 1,040.05	Training reserve			£ 1,040.05		
£ 1,014.06	£ 694.06	£ 1,344.06	Defibrillator reserve			£ 1,344.06		
£ 649.71	£ 681.08	£ 846.08	Election expenses reserve		£ 165.00	£ 1,011.08		
£ 2,210.00	£ 2,340.00	£ 2,470.00	Church Walk future maint reserve		£ 130.00	£ 2,600.00		
£ 508.50	£ 583.50	£ 658.50	Footpath map printing reserve		£ 75.00	£ 733.50		
£ 2,243.09	£ 2,128.41	£ 3,587.08	Fixed asset reserve	£ 700.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 4,387.08		
£ 1,750.00	£ 1,524.95	£ 1,481.67	Filming donations reserve	£ 370.00	£ 150.00	£ 1,261.67		
£ 164.00	£ -	£ -	BDC Council Tax Support grant res			£ -	Moved into General Reserve Nov 23	
		£ 2,472.76	Neighbourhood CIL			£ 2,472.76	£2472.76 Received April 24 must be spent before April 2029	
		£ 1,500.00	Highway safety sign reserve	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ -	For one off contribution towards safety signs on A1141	
£ 4,562.53	£ 5,061.75	£ 5,690.00	Unmarked General PC reserve	£ 117.04	£ 918.86	£ 6,491.82	(Less VAT spent. Plus VAT repayment and bank interest)	
£ 21,955.94	£ 23,270.84	£ 30,270.79	Reserves			£ 30,154.03		
			General PC reserve policy - hold 3-12 months gross expenditure (£3,580 - £14,322 (5 yr average))					
			General PC reserves vary from year to year partly due to VAT being reclaimed the following year.					
			Yr end 31/03/2026 precept £15,677 approved 27 Jan 25 Min ref 22/25 tax base 207.75 = £75.46/yr for a band D property 0% increase					
			Yr end 31/03/2025 Precept £14,322 approved 29 Jan 24 Min ref 19/24 Tax Base 189.79 = £75.46/yr for a band D property 27.26% increase					
			Yr end 31/03/2024 Precept £11,420 approved 30 Jan 23 Min ref 25/23 Tax base 192.58 = £59.30/yr for band D property 11.2 % increase					
			Yr end 31/03/2023 Precept £10,080 approved 31 Jan 22 Min ref 20/22 Tax base 189.02 = £53.32 for band D property 0 % increase					

Actual at 31/03/2023	Actual to 31/03/24	Actual to 31/03/25	Payments	Budget yr ending 31/03/26	Actual to 1 Nov 25	Estimate at 31 Mar 26	DRAFT Budget yr end 31/03/27	Notes (Estimated Increase in CPI 2025 3.2%, 2026 2.1%)
£ 92.85	£ 222.17	£ 106.92	Post/stationery/printing/MS365	£ 135.00	£ 65.20	£ 151.00	£ 220.00	Add MS365 £85
£ 260.00	£ 312.00	£ 312.00	Clerk's homeworking allowance	£ 312.00	£ 156.00	£ 312.00	£ 312.00	£6/week
£ 115.00	£ 68.00	£ 68.00	Hall hire for meetings	£ 120.00	£ 40.00	£ 87.00	£ 120.00	Village hall cttee room £7 main hall £12
£ 189.88	£ 203.94	£ 205.20	SALC/NALC subscription	£ 220.00	£ 208.69	£ 208.69	£ 230.00	Feb 25 294 electors
£ -	£ -		External audit	£ -		£ -	£ -	Fees to year ending 2027 £210 unless exempt (£210 in reserve)
£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	Data protection - ICO reg	£ 40.00	£ 47.00	£ 47.00	£ 52.00	ICO reg currently £5 discount for DD payment
£ 120.00	£ 120.00	£ 120.00	Website hosting	£ 130.00	£ 120.00	£ 120.00	£ 130.00	suffolk.cloud
		£ 230.00	.gov website & email mailboxes	£ 180.00		£ 180.00	£ 180.00	biannual payment, add to reserve. Ensures regs & data protection compliance
£ 812.73	£ 961.11	£ 1,077.12	Administration sub total	£ 1,137.00	£ 636.89	£ 1,105.69	£ 1,244.00	
£ 6,351.68	£ 7,034.74	£ 7,854.84	Staff costs	£ 7,950.00		£ 8,950.00	£ 9,150.00	SCP23 (SCP24 from 1 Apr 26) inc Employers NI and overtime
£ 166.35	£ 232.67	£ 10.12	Training and external meetings	£ 250.00	£ 22.05	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	Whole Council 2hrs £250, Cllr £70, others approx £50 mileage £100
£ 171.20	£ 165.17	£ 121.14	Street lighting	£ 560.00		£ 560.00	£ 560.00	LED conversion Sept 22 (£2450 from fixed asset reserve) energy usage reduced, budget remains at pre LED level allowing for actual increased energy costs to recoup conversion cost to fixed asset reserve
£ 358.83	£ 441.99	£ 476.58	Insurance (PC & Glebe)	£ 500.00	£ 480.82	£ 555.00	£ 675.00	PC lta ends Sept 28 - £600 (Glebe approx £75)
£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	Glebe hedgecut	£ 115.00		£ 100.00	£ 120.00	
£ 200.00	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	Mowing the Glebe	£ 260.00	£ 260.00	£ 260.00	£ 270.00	
£ 91.00	£ 96.00	£ 102.00	RoSPA inspection	£ 110.00	£ 104.00	£ 104.00	£ 110.00	
£ 9.98	£ -	£ 11.65	Bin emptying charges	£ 20.00		£ 20.00	£ 20.00	Volunteer empties foc. Bin bags £20. BDC subsidised service £47/dog £40/litter. PC has 3 dog & 2 litter bins (2023 BDC quote £221)
£ 460.00	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	St Mary's PCC	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	Split:Churchyd £500 Nletter £450 Clock £50 (last increased Nov 2024)
£ 126.00	£ 135.00	£ -	Defibrillators	£ 460.00		£ 460.00	£ 460.00	Consumable supplies £150/yr plus build reserve for replacement unit
		£ -	Village Emergency Telephone	£ 100.00		£ 100.00	£ -	
£ -	£ -	£ -	People & Place Plan	£ 500.00	£ 99.70	£ 130.00	£ -	
£ -	£ -	£ -	Section 137	£ -		£ -	£ -	
£ 8,847.77	£ 9,916.68	£ 10,503.45	General PC payments	£ 12,962.00	£ 2,603.46	£ 13,594.69	£ 13,859.00	
	£ 133.63	£ -	Election costs reserve	£ 165.00	£ -	£ 165.00	£ 165.00	4 year cycle (May 27) est 2023 full £1,080, combined £920, uncontested £135
		£ -	Church Walk future maint reser	£ 130.00	£ -	£ 130.00	£ 130.00	Build up reserve for future maint costs
		£ -	Footpath map printing reserve	£ 75.00	£ -	£ 75.00	£ 75.00	Build up reserve for reprint £75/year, approx 1,000 maps/yr 1500 in stock Nov 25
		£ -	Fixed asset reserve	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,600.00	Build up reserve for replacements and repairs
		£ -	General Parish Council reserve	£ 545.00	£ -	£ 545.00	£ -	
		£ -	Contingencies	£ 300.00	£ -	£ -	£ 301.00	Divide total DRAFT precept by indicative tax base of 199.79 to calculate band D council tax. DRAFT £80.73 = 6.99% increase (Mar2025 £75.46)
£ 8,847.77	£ 10,050.31	£ 10,503.45	Total Precept	£ 15,677.00	£ 2,603.46	£ 16,009.69	£ 16,130.00	
£ 2,450.20	£ 1,805.00	£ -	Defib reserve spend	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
	£ 1,628.67	£ -	Fixed asset reserve spend	£ 700.00	£ 574.17	£ 700.00	£ -	Replacement PC laptop £349.17. Fixed asset repairs £225
	£ 730.00	£ 143.28	Filming donation reserve spend	£ -	£ 300.00	£ 370.00	£ -	Highway safety signs £300, Good Neighbours flyer £70
			Highway safety sign reserve spend	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£ -	
			General PC total budget	£ 16,377.00			£ 16,130.00	
£ 481.47	£ 1,678.49	£ 916.29	Footpath working group	£ 680.00	£ 35.66	£ 680.00	£ 680.00	Provisional budget Nov 25
£ 3,318.98	£ -	£ -	Jubilee working group	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
£ 245.83	£ 1,348.35	£ 2,206.50	KCPC working group	£ 1,825.00		£ 1,825.00	£ 1,825.00	Provisional budget Nov 25
£ 15,344.25	£ 17,240.82	£ 13,769.52	Total Budget	£ 18,882.00	£ 5,013.29	£ 21,084.69	£ 18,635.00	Draft budget agreed Nov 25
£ 819.02	£ 814.46	£ 679.54	VAT on payments		£ 117.04			
£ 16,163.27	£ 18,055.28	£ 14,449.06	Total PC & WG payments plus VAT		£ 5,130.33			
						£ 332.69		Precept overspend, mainly due to Employers NI - use filming reserve to fund overspend

Kersey Parish Council Powers for Budget Items

Post/tel/stationery/printing/MS365	LGA 1972 s150 & S111
Clerk's homeworking allowance	Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963 s5
Hall Hire:Parish Council	LGA 1972 Sch 12 & LGA 1972 s150
Annual Parish meeting	LGA 1972 Sch 12 & LGA 1972 s150
SALC/NALC subscription	Local Government Act 1972 s143
Audit	Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015
ICO data protection reg & secure emails	LGA 1972 s150 and Data Protection Regulations 2018
To have a website & Good Neighbours leaflet	LGA 1972 s142
Clerks salary	LGA 1972 s112
Travel expenses to training/meetings	LGA 1972 s111
Training/external meetings, inc refreshments	LGA 1972 s111 and LGA 1972 s145
Street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 & Highways Act 1980 s301
Parish Council insurance	LGA 1972 s140, 140A, s145 & s150, LGA 2000 s101
Glebe insurance	LGA 1972 s140, 140A, s145 & s150
Hedge cut & mowing - The Glebe	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
Playground safety inspection	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
Dog and litter bins	Litter Act 1983 s5 and s6
Grit bins	Highways Act 1980 s185 and Public Health Act 1961 s51
St Mary's PCC - clock	Parish Councils Act 1957 s2
St Mary's PCC - churchyard	Local Government Act 1972 s214
St Mary's PCC - newsletter	Local Government Act 1972 s142
Defibrillator & Village Emergency Tel (VETS)	Public Health Act 1936 s234 (power to provide life saving appliances)
People and Place Plan	Localism Act 2011 and Town & Country Planning Act 1990 s61F
Chairman's allowance	Local Government Act 1972 s 15(5)
Parish Council election costs	Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended) s36
Church Walk future maintenance	Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Footpath map reprinting	LGA 1972 s142 (the provision of information).
Maintaining/tidying open spaces	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9 & 10
Purchase and maintenance of benches	Parish Councils Act 1957 s1
Purchase and repair of street signs	Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 s72
Purchase & repair decorative village sign	LGA 1972 s 144
Purchase laptop and office equipment	LGA 1972 s150
Footpath Working Group	Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
KCPC (Playground) Working Group & Glebe mai	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
Kersey Volunteer Group (KVG) Working Group	Highways Act 1980 s96 maintain roadside verges
Community celebration events (Jubilees etc)	LGA 1972 s145 provision of entertainment and support of arts inc celebrations
Kersey Table Tennis Club	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
To promote community organisations	LGA 1972 s142 (the provision of information).
Nightingale Trust (allotments)	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908 s23
For other things not covered by powers but of benefit to community	Usually LGA 1972 s137 This power is capped based on the number of electors. It is considered as a power of last resort. For the financial year ending 31 March 2026 £11.10 per elector. 294 registered electors at 1 Feb 25 - total available £3,263.40
Good Neighbours (see above for info leaflet)	No specific power so have to use LGA 1972 s137