

Minutes of Kersey Parish Council meeting

held on Monday 7 July 2025 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Sarah Partridge (Clerk)

78/25 Apologies – Apologies were received and accepted from Andrew Rogers (work) and Esme Chapman who would be arriving late. Apologies were also accepted from Robert Lindsay (SCC) and Leigh Jamieson (BDC)

79/25 Accept Members’ Declarations of Interest and consider Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests - none

80/25 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2025 were confirmed as being correct and signed.

81/25 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’s report was summarised. There was a concern raised about the bus service funding which seems disproportionately allocated towards bus stops and infrastructure rather than the bus services themselves. This comment was raised at the Enhanced Bus Partnership Passenger Group meeting.

b) Babergh District Councillor report – Leigh Jamieson’s report was summarised. A concern was raised about whether the removal of funding for Neighbourhood Plans may infer that they will become less important when deciding planning applications.

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

Concerns have been raised again about poor highway signage around the parish. Some are missing, damaged or faded, even legal warning signs and speed limit signs. The Parish Council has reported these to SCC who are the highway authority and responsible for highways signs. It is recommended that members of the public noticing missing or damaged signs or other highways problems report them directly to SCC via their online reporting tool. That way there is no delay and exact locations can be plotted and images uploaded. SCC will immediately send an acknowledgement and in due course updates to the reporting person. <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Concerns have also been raised by residents about the trees on land beside Cherry Hill. Some of which are damaged with broken branches which may fall onto the road, some have previously fallen into the road, and others which may fall onto powerlines. SCC highways and UK Power Networks will be notified of this concern. Although there have been approved tree applications to remove some trees at this location over the years it is up to the applicant and landowner as to whether they wish to proceed with the approved works. The Kersey website useful information page has contact details for highways and UK Power Networks and other organisations so it is easy to report concerns or issues directly to them.

Esme Chapman joined the meeting.

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82/25 Planning applications

a) Progress

DC/24/04280 Linton House, The Street, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear porch and two-storey rear extension, erection of single-storey outbuilding, internal and external alterations to existing dwelling (following demolition of extra porch, garage and garden room).

DC/24/04284: Linton House, The Street, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of single storey rear porch and two storey rear extension, erection of single-storey outbuilding, internal and external alterations to existing dwelling (following demolition of extra porch, garage and garden room).

BDC refused the above applications due to heritage concerns. The Parish Council had fully supported these applications. The refusal of these applications has been appealed to the Secretary of State. The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations. All representations, including the Parish Council's response in support of the original applications, have been sent to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

DC/25/01335 Wormwood Green, The Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EB

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a Single storey rear extension, garage conversion and link first storey addition above garage and new gated entrance.

Babergh granted permission 27 May 2025

DC/25/01855 Cypress House, The Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EB

Proposal: Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - Picea Abie x 2 Take down Conifers - group including Cedrus Dedora, Juniperus, Cypress x 2. Take down, Apple tree. Take down, Thuja. Take down, Oak tree. Part dead. Take down, Holly tree. Take down, Small holly. Take down, Salix Caprea.

Babergh does not wish to object to the above tree works and work can be carried out. 16 May 25

DC/25/00829 Cherrywood, The Tye, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6HB

Proposal: Householder Application - Proposed cartlodge (following demolition of existing outbuilding)

Babergh approved this application 9 June 2025

DC/25/01850 2 Vale Corner, Vale Lane, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EH

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Proposed Sole Plate Repair / Replacement

Babergh granted permission 16 June 2025.

DC/25/01561 4 Vale Lane, Kersey, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 6EH

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of two storey side extension

Babergh granted permission 12 June 2025.

b) Consider planning applications received:

DC/25/02536 Groton Wood Cottage, The Tye, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6HD

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a cart lodge, relocation of septic treatment plant, replace existing post and rail fence with new boundary wall and repairs to existing garden wall. Erection of a gated pedestrian entrance. Proposed erection of cart lodge within grounds of host dwelling, including associated external works inclusive of new boundary wall, garden walling, relocation of new septic treatment plant, making good of ground. Application for cart lodge only follows approval of details under DC/24/05019, of which works are underway but separate to this proposal.

The applicant was not present to answer Councillors questions. The Council considered the above proposals and resolved by a majority decision to object to the application. The Parish Council consider the proposed cart lodge is too large and disproportionate to the size of the house. There were also concerns about the large area of hardstanding and the impact this will have on drainage.

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83/25 Clerk's Report

Highways confirmed that all verges in Kersey, except The Green and Kedges Lane which are cut by Babergh as these are urban areas, will be cut in line with published SCC policy by mid-July. This policy states that all C & U roads will receive one cut per year, the scheduled target date for cutting Kersey verges is week ending 4 July 2025. To date they have not been cut by SCC. Several verges in the Parish in the Uplands, Tye area have been cut by a landowner, who will be thanked. The Clerk will contact SCC to find out when the verges will be cut. Following a report to SCC highways the faded crossroads sign at the A1141 Kersey crossroads have been replaced. SCC are awaiting a price from the contractor for repairs to the footbridge over The Splash, it is hoped the works will be undertaken soon. During the works a temporary footbridge will be installed to maintain access over the ford. The Clerk regularly checks the defibrillators and reports to the Community Heartbeat Trust. 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 a useful resource to check when planning events and to see what is going on in Kersey. Following attendance at a recent data protection webinar and changes to audit assertions for the current financial year the Clerk has been reviewing the Parish Council data protection processes. This is a continual process to ensure the Parish Council remains compliant.

84/25 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors. The following items were noted:

Babergh community governance review. The Council agreed to respond to state that the Parish governance arrangements for Kersey are appropriate and do not require any changes.

Listed Building Consultation Notification Works to windows in listed buildings from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils (LLBCO). This order would make it faster and easier for residents to improve the thermal efficiency of windows in Grade II Listed buildings. It was agreed the Parish Council would respond welcoming the proposals which they fully support. However, they do not believe the proposals have gone far enough to help listed building owners modernise and improve energy efficiency of their property.

Revised Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedules CIL is a fixed rate payment that councils can charge on new buildings, to fund future infrastructure delivery. The current amounts charged were adopted in April 2016 and are index-linked. Proposed to increase to £200. PC agreed not to respond.

Babergh consultation on Licensing Policy for 2026- 2031 – PC agreed not to respond.

85/25 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.
- b) Actual spending was reviewed against the budget, which showed spending was in line with the budget. Budget sheets appended.
- c) Penny Calnan has seen a copy of the bank statement, receipts and payments and bank reconciliation. It was confirmed that this has been completed correctly.
- d) AGAR information, exemption certificate, accounts and public rights information has been published on the website and noticeboard as required before 1 July. The exemption certificate was sent to the external auditors in June. All in line with the Accounts and Audit regulations and the Transparency Code.

86/25 Footpath Working Group report

A report was received from Kevin Pratt. The first cuts have been completed and SCC invoiced. However, in some cases the hedges continue to cause issue hanging over footpaths making it difficult to achieve the

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appropriate cut. The machinery available to the members of the FWG continues to operate effectively with no major faults reported. There have been many fallen branches and trees across footpaths this year. A number of way marker posts have been repaired by the team.

87/25 KCPC Working Group report

Jonathan Marsh had sent a short report. The June quarterly safety inspection was completed and the grass cutting rota is working well. New volunteers would be welcomed as a couple have dropped out. KCPC working group will meet soon to agree the date for the quiz night in November and to review any further remedial work needed at the playground. The Parish Council approved a budget of £400 for replacement toddler swing seat and associated parts, replacement signs and fence posts and timber for repairs at the playground. *Power: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19.*

88/25 To agree a response to two Local Government Reorganisation consultations

The Council feels that both consultations are poor as they do not provide enough detail. The Parish Council has concerns about the loss of localism by the increase in the area covered by a single authority. The number of Councillors representing electors will drop for all proposals. This is a really important decision which will affect Suffolk residents for many years to come. The Parish Council believes that residents would be better served by more than one unitary authority for Suffolk, with partnership working across boundaries being an important element of local government. Everyone is encouraged to respond to the consultations. The Clerk will respond to both consultations for the Parish Council.

89/25 Review Parish Council Asset Register, including report on physical inspection of assets and insurance cover and a review of the fidelity guarantee

Councillors had all reviewed the fixed asset register. All assets had been inspected. Some of the older timber items are showing signs of age and continue to be monitored. It was agreed to carry out a few very minor repairs to a bin and grit bins using funds from the fixed asset reserve. *Powers: Highways Act 1980 s185, Public Health Act 1961 s51 and Litter Act 1983 s5 and s6.* The fidelity guarantee is £50,000 which is more than adequate to cover cash at the bank. The Council has fixed asset cover of £126,000 in various categories which provides more than enough cover. It was agreed to increase the insurance value of one of the footpath mowers. As agreed at the November meeting the Parish Council laptop will be replaced before October 2025 due to software no longer being supported. The existing laptop hardware is not capable of supporting the required software upgrades. A budget of £700 was previously agreed. *Power: LGA 1972 s150*

90/25 Consider progress with the People and Place Plan

There has been little progress. The steering group are due to meet on 28 July, delayed from June. The steering group will draft terms of reference and appoint a lead Councillor to report to Council meetings.

91/25 Consider progress on how to improve mobile phone reception for Kersey

Penny has spoken to Ofcom who advised the Council write to Mobile UK which is the association that represents all four mobile providers. The Parish Council has written and copied Ofcom highlighting the problems experienced by residents. Particularly that due to the rollout of digital voice residents are unable to contact emergency services if there is a power cut and also the impact on the rural farming community for their communication if they had an emergency. The Parish Council has asked what mobile

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providers plans are to improve mobile signal coverage in Kersey. To date the government initiative called the Shared Rural Network, which is being rolled out across the country to try to improve mobile coverage, has not improved the situation in Kersey.

92/25 Agree content for the newsletter articles ‘Pride in our Parish’ and Community Organisation spotlight

It was agreed John would draft an article for Pride in our Parish for the September newsletter highlighting to residents that they can all quickly and easily report problems or safety concerns directly to the relevant authorities. For example, by using the SCC highways reporting tool. There is contact information for many organisations and ways to report issues on the Kersey website useful information page.

It was agreed that Richard Walker would finalise his article for the Bell Ringers for the September newsletter. John will continue to try to meet with the Footpath working group chair to write an article focussing on their work keeping the footpaths in such good walking condition.

93/25 Training

SALC continues to offer a variety of training as published on their website and circulated to Councillors. The Clerk attended a data protection webinar in June. It was agreed that once the new government planning policies are in place the Council will access some refresher planning training.

94/25 Reports from other meetings

Police and Parish forum - notes circulated as they become available.

SALC Babergh Area Forum – the main focus was Local Government Reorganisation. The Clerk had reviewed the recording and notes had been circulated.

SALC AGM and 75th anniversary – the Clerk had reviewed the recording. SALC had been awarded Council Association of the year and supports Councils in Suffolk very well.

Enhanced Bus Partnership Passenger Group meeting – Richard Walker attended. There is further funding for public bus services, although more money seems to be allocated to bus stop infrastructure rather than bus services. Some local services have been enhanced but there are no regular services for Kersey.

Viability investigations are on-going for the Brett Valley Digibus.

Highways Forum – Liz Bostock attended a recent forum focusing on highway maintenance processes. These are impacted by new housing, fibre roll out, ev charging facilities etc

95/25 Forthcoming meetings - none

96/25 Any other business – Councillors’ opportunity to bring matters to the Council’s attention

Concern was raised about the level of sensitive detail given in the police report in the Kersey newsletter. In such a small village it is difficult for this information not to identify individuals. It was felt the police newsletter article should be more general and provide prevention information rather than report individual events. The Clerk will discuss this with the officer.

It was noted that fibre to the premises FTTP has still not been rolled out to all homes in Kersey. Residents can register with Openreach that they wish to have FTTP, the more people who register the higher up the priority list Kersey will be.

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Concern was raised that owners of listed buildings are not aware of the planning regulations when carrying out work at their properties. It was agreed John will draft an article for the newsletter. A community WhatsApp group is being set up by a resident to help the residents of Central Kersey keep in touch and share information. A note will be delivered inviting all residents in the locality to join. There are already community WhatsApp groups for Wickerstreet Green and Kersey Tye. It is hoped to find residents in Vale Lane and Uplands who would like to set up groups for these areas so all areas of the Parish have a way to share relevant very local information in a timely manner. These groups would be for residents only.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Appended to these minutes are 6 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

Signed

Date

Report for Kersey PC from County Councillor Robert Lindsay 7.7.25

A1141 signage

I'm pleased to see Highways have now renewed the cross roads signs on this road at the Kersey turn off. We must await the topdressing work (scheduled August at the moment) before they put the 40mph signs on the posts they have already installed.

Libraries reservations system back online

Last report I mentioned that the county had taken over the library service and that the Spydus reservations system would continue. Coincidentally, I am told, the system, provided by a third party, not the county itself, crashed shortly afterwards was unusable for some days. I am assured it is now back working.

Local Government Reorganisation – more on costs

The county cabinet on Tuesday 17th June approved setting aside a £1.9 million fund to allow the county council's officers to draw up a business case for having a single Suffolk wide unitary authority. It must submit this before September. This is on top of the salary for their new senior officer in charge of reorganisation. The full cost will be in the tens of millions.

Mayoral elections are due to be held in May 2026, with the mayoral authority set up a few months earlier, in February. The government has provided £1m towards the costs of the mayoral authority, which Suffolk County Council and Norfolk County Council have agreed to split between them. The government has also allocated £290k for Suffolk towards Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), which is to be shared with the other councils who are also preparing their proposals for the government to consider in September.

Bus funding

The county has announced it has £8m for bus funding - £5.2m is for bus stop improvements, the remainder £2.8m for extra bus services. In their press release they signalled that they would find "a solution" shortly to cancelled bus services in Newmarket and the Marham Park Estate in Bury St Edmunds. There was a byelection underway in Bury at the time and there will be one shortly in Newmarket. I hope this administration will not spend all the little money they have been given based on their political imperatives rather than actual need. I have reminded the bus officer that we are still waiting news on the service between Hadleigh and Stowmarket that he was in favour of. At the time he was on leave. I will keep on the case.

District Council Report

Neighbourhood Plan funding

Last month's announcement that all funding and support for the development of neighbourhood plans would cease immediately came as a shock to the council. The announcement came from the government following the spending review. While the ending of support was considered a possibility it was assumed that if it happened, it would be a staggered withdrawal. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

Babergh District Council voted unanimously at the recent Council meeting to write to Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner – Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and James Cartlidge.

The letter is to state their concerns over Government plans to modernise planning committees as part of their current Planning and Infrastructure Bill. Proposals within the bill include a national scheme of delegation for planning decisions, designed to reduce the role of planning committees by restricting the type and numbers of applications heard by committees in future.

This is to remove perceived obstacles to development and housebuilding, increasing the number of decisions being made by officers than committees – despite only a fraction of planning applications being heard by committee.

Social Housing improvements

The councils housing team have turned the tide for tenants, transforming the service they provide and promising further improvements, with the launch of their new 'repairs pledges.'

The teams have worked tirelessly to address the issues which led the councils having to self-refer to the Social Housing Regulator in 2023. Now, tenant satisfaction is on the rise, with a corresponding drop in complaints, currently putting Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils above last year's average performance figures for local authority landlords nationwide.

The councils have carried out a comprehensive review and transformation of its building services: restructuring its repairs and maintenance service, asset, and compliance service, and reviewing its processes, policies and how they engage with tenants, including the introduction of a new Complaint Task Force and resident liaison officers.

Having been satisfied by the changes made and embedded in the service, the Regulator lifted the Regulatory Notice that had been imposed on the councils.

Leadership Change at Council

Back in 2023 when the coalition administration was put together it was agreed that the leadership of the council would be rotated. At the recent AGM Independent Councillor John Ward took up the reign for the coming year.

As well as on housing, over the last two years the council has worked closely with communities to address new government housebuilding requirements, established a new nature reserve at Sproughton, worked to improve the energy efficiency of listed buildings, and have looked to simplify funding for community groups.

However, ensuring the financial stability of the council remains a top priority.

Tree For Life

Once again, the councils 'tree for life' scheme is open to parents who have welcomed, or are due to welcome, a child into their families this year.

The initiative, which runs every year, gives parents the opportunity to mark their child's arrival by planting a fruit tree, which can then grow alongside them.

There is also the chance for families, who have sadly lost a child to apply for a memory tree as part of the scheme.

Since its inception, the councils have given out well over two thousand trees.

Local Government Survey

Suffolk's five district and borough councils are launching a county-wide survey, open until 25th July, asking people for their views on the future of vital local government services. This will allow residents, businesses and community groups to have their say on what they want to see from Local Government. The survey is available here-

[Project: Have Your Say on the Future of Local Government...](#)

Summer Community Events

This year, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are again partnering with Abbeycroft to deliver free Community Fun Days at four locations across the districts.

Families that attend one of the events can look forward to a wide range of activities, from bouncy castles and axe throwing to arts and crafts, and dancing. There will be numerous information stalls from local organisations and charities, providing access to valuable resources, support and information.

The events are scheduled to take place between 10am and 2pm at:

- Sudbury, Belle Vue Park – Monday, 21 July
- Thurston, New Green – Thursday, 24 July
- Hadleigh Pool and Leisure Centre – Friday, 25 July
- Stowmarket, Recreation Ground – Monday, 28 July

Kersey Parish Council Finance

Details for Parish Council Meeting on 7 July 2025

Bank Balances at 30 May 2025

Business Premium Account	£36,900.60
Current Account	£880.00
	<u>£37,780.60</u>

Transfers between Business Premium and Current account since the last report

01-May-25 From BPA to current	£440.89
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Income received since the last report

none

Payments made since the last report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chq no.</u>
	none

Payments Due

<u>Chq no.</u>		
101426	WJ Green	£42.79
101427	St Mary's Church PCC	£1,000.00
101428	S Partridge - Clerk home working exp	£78.00
		<u>£1,120.79</u>

Expenditure Agreed

Prepared by the Clerk for Kersey Parish Council

Note: The Parish Council approved a budget of up to £700 to purchase a new laptop for the Clerk. The best option will be investigated and purchased before October 2025

Approval agreed

Actual at 31/03/2023	Actual at 31/03/24	Actual at 31/03/25	Receipts	Budget yr ending 31/03/26	Actual to 30 May 25	Estimate at 31 Mar 26	Budget yr ending 31/03/27	
£ 10,080.00	£ 11,420.00	£ 14,322.00	Precept	£ 15,677.00	£ 7,838.50	£ 15,677.00		
		£ 2,472.76	Babergh Neighbourhood CIL	£ -		£ -		
	£ -	£ 100.00	Filming donations	£ -		£ -		
£ 57.49	£ 330.66	£ 493.33	Bank interest	£ 100.00		£ 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		£ 956.42		
£ 3,600.00	£ -	£ -	Jubilee working group	£ -		£ -		
£ 1,094.51	£ 3,345.81	£ 1,820.00	KCPC working group	£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00		
£ 1,477.11	£ 819.02	£ 814.46	VAT repayment	£ 679.54		£ 679.54		
£ 17,061.59	£ 19,370.18	£ 21,449.01	Total receipts	£ 18,412.96	£ 7,838.50	£ 18,412.96	£ -	
Actual at 31/03/23	Actual at 31/03/24	Actual at 31/03/25	Reserves (Cash at bank)	Spent from reserve	Added to reserve	Actual at 31/03/26		
£ 4,135.83	£ 3,514.08	£ 3,624.25	Footpath working group					
£ 3,735.38	£ 5,732.84	£ 5,346.34	KCPC working group (ring fenced)					
£ 200.00	£ 210.00	£ 210.00	Audit reserve					
		£ -	.gov website and mailboxes					
£ 782.84	£ 800.17	£ 1,040.05	Training reserve					
£ 1,014.06	£ 694.06	£ 1,344.06	Defibrillator reserve					
£ 649.71	£ 681.08	£ 846.08	Election expenses reserve					
£ 2,210.00	£ 2,340.00	£ 2,470.00	Church Walk future maint reserve					
£ 508.50	£ 583.50	£ 658.50	Footpath map printing reserve					
£ 2,243.09	£ 2,128.41	£ 3,587.08	Fixed asset reserve					
£ 1,750.00	£ 1,524.95	£ 1,481.67	Filming donations reserve					
£ 164.00	£ -	£ -	BDC Council Tax Support grant res				Moved into General Reserve Nov 23	
		£ 2,472.76	Neighbourhood CIL				£2472.76 Received April 24 must be spent before April 2029	
		£ 1,500.00	Highway safety sign reserve				For one off contribution towards safety signs on A1141	
£ 4,562.53	£ 5,061.75	£ 5,690.00	Unmarked General PC reserve	£ -			(Less VAT spent. Plus VAT repayment and bank interest)	
£ 21,955.94	£ 23,270.84	£ 30,270.79	Reserves			£ -		
			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 30 May 25	Estimate at 31 Mar 26	Budget yr end 31/03/27	Notes (2.1% estimated CPI for 2026)
£ 92.85	£ 222.17	£ 106.92	Post/tel/stationery/copier cart	£ 135.00		£ 135.00		
£ 260.00	£ 312.00	£ 312.00	Clerk's working from home exp	£ 312.00		£ 312.00		£6/week
£ 115.00	£ 68.00	£ 68.00	Hall hire for meetings	£ 120.00		£ 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		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	£ 40.00		£ 40.00		ICO reg currently £5 discount for DD payment
£ 120.00	£ 120.00	£ 120.00	Website hosting	£ 130.00	£ 120.00	£ 120.00		suffolk.cloud
		£ 230.00	.gov website & email mailboxes	£ 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	£ 328.69	£ 1,115.69	£ -	
£ 6,351.68	£ 7,034.74	£ 7,854.84	Staff costs	£ 7,950.00		£ 7,950.00		SCP23 Plus Employers NI
£ 166.35	£ 232.67	£ 10.12	Training and external meetings	£ 250.00		£ 250.00		Whole Council 2hrs £220, Cllr £60, others approx £50 mileage £100
£ 171.20	£ 165.17	£ 121.14	Street lighting	£ 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		£ 500.00		PC Ita ends Sept 26 - £410 (Glebe approx £75)
£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	Glebe hedgecut	£ 115.00		£ 115.00		
£ 200.00	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	Mowing the Glebe	£ 260.00		£ 260.00		
£ 91.00	£ 96.00	£ 102.00	RoSPA inspection	£ 110.00		£ 110.00		
£ 9.98	£ -	£ 11.65	Bin emptying charges	£ 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		Split: £500 Churchyd £450 Nletter £50 Clock (last increased Nov 2024)
£ 126.00	£ 135.00	£ -	Defibrillators	£ 460.00		£ 460.00		Consumable supplies £150/yr plus build reserve for replacement unit
		£ -	Village Emergency Telephone	£ 100.00		£ 100.00		Could provide commuincation support for defib & in emergency ie flooding
£ -	£ -	£ -	People & Place Plan	£ 500.00		£ 500.00		
£ -	£ -	£ -	Section 137	£ -		£ -		
£ 8,847.77	£ 9,916.68	£ 10,503.45	General PC payments	£ 12,962.00	£ 328.69	£ 12,940.69	£ -	
	£ 133.63	£ -	Election costs reserve	£ 165.00	£ -	£ 165.00		4 year cycle (May 27) est 2023 full £1,080, combined £920, uncontested £135
		£ -	Church Walk future maint reserv	£ 130.00	£ -	£ 130.00		Build up reserve for future maint costs
		£ -	Footpath map printing reserve	£ 75.00	£ -	£ 75.00		Build up reserve for reprint £75/year, approx 1,000 maps/yr 1500 in stock May 25
		£ -	Fixed asset reserve	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ 1,500.00		Build up reserve for replacements and repairs
		£ -	General Parish Council reserve	£ 545.00	£ -	£ 545.00		
		£ -	Contingencies	£ 300.00	£ -	£ 300.00		
£ 8,847.77	£10,050.31	£ 10,503.45	Total Precept	£ 15,677.00	£ 328.69	£ 15,655.69	£ -	Divide total precept by tax base of 207.75 to calculate band D council tax. (Year ending March 2025 £75.46)
£ 2,450.20	£ 1,805.00	£ -	Defib reserve spend	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
	£ 1,628.67	£ -	Fixed asset reserve spend	£ 700.00	£ -	£ 700.00		Replacement PC laptop
	£ 730.00	£ 143.28	Filming donation reserve spend	£ -		£ -		
			General PC total budget	£ 16,377.00			£ -	
£ 481.47	£ 1,678.49	£ 916.29	Footpath working group	£ 680.00		£ 680.00		
£ 3,318.98	£ -	£ -	Jubilee working group	£ -	£ -	£ -		
£ 245.83	£ 1,348.35	£ 2,206.50	KCPC working group	£ 1,825.00		£ 1,825.00		
£15,344.25	£17,240.82	£ 13,769.52	Total Budget	£ 18,882.00	£ 328.69	£ 18,860.69	£ -	
£ 819.02	£ 814.46	£ 679.54	VAT on payments					
£16,163.27	£18,055.28	£ 14,449.06	Total PC & WG payments plus VAT		£ 328.69			