

Minutes of Kersey Parish Council meeting

held on Monday 8 September 2025 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Liz Bostock, David Butcher, Penny Calnan, Esme Chapman and Richard Walker.

In attendance: Robert Lindsay (SCC), Leigh Jamieson (BDC) – for part of the meeting, 4 members of the public and Sarah Partridge (Clerk)

104/25 Elect Chair for the meeting

As the Chair and Vice Chair were not present Councillors elected Penny Calnan to chair this meeting.

105/25 Apologies – Apologies were received and accepted from John Hume and Andrew Rogers (personal) and Esme Chapman who would be arriving late.

106/25 Accept Members' Declarations of Interest and consider Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests

Richard Walker declared an interest in the planning application for Cherrywood, The Tye DC/25/03701 due to being a near neighbour.

107/25 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2025 were confirmed as being correct and signed.

108/25 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.

b) Babergh District Councillor report – Leigh Jamieson gave his report and answered questions.

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

109/25 Planning applications

a) Progress

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.

Babergh granted permission 18 August 2024

b) Consider planning applications received:

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

Richard Walker declared an interest and left the meeting room.

The applicants were present, the property at present is badly laid out and they wished to make alterations to improve it rather than knocking it down and starting again. A member of the public spoke in favour of the development which will help a local family stay in Kersey which supports the vibrancy of

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the parish. Councillors considered the application, they had no concerns with the proposals, the extensions will look appropriate in the setting. The Council resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support the application.

Richard Walker rejoined the meeting.

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)

The Council was disappointed that the applicant was not present. A member of the public spoke raising concerns with the proposals which are much larger than the original approved class Q dwelling. They also have concerns about the road and the damage increased traffic will cause. They feel that any increased development on the outskirts of Kersey will set a precedent for further development and change the balance of Kersey. They also mentioned the power supply may not be large enough for the larger property. Councillors discussed the application. Following a vote the Council resolved by a majority to object to the proposals on the grounds that the increase in scale, compared to the class Q fall back, would be out of keeping with the landscape and surroundings. The Council also has concerns about any increase in traffic along Water Lane, the road surface is already in a poor state of repair.

c) Note applications received after publishing the agenda:

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

The Clerk has requested a short extension of time so this application can be considered at a meeting in early October, meeting date to be confirmed.

110/25 Clerk's Report

Following queries raised at the July meeting for our District and County Councillors it has been confirmed the disproportionate budget for bus infrastructure rather than bus services appears to be a grant restriction from central Government. However, due to these grants there will be improved and additional bus services running from Stowmarket to Hadleigh and Sudbury to Hadleigh, although none run through the centre of Kersey. Also, despite the removal of funding for Neighbourhood Plans these will still carry significant weight when deciding planning applications, the legislation has not changed. Regarding the concern raised at the July meeting the local police officer has agreed to make sure his articles in the newsletter are slightly more generalised and do not include safeguarding issues to reduce unnecessary speculation. He will continue to highlight crime prevention. Following the July Parish Council meeting the Clerk chased up SCC about verge cutting which had not been completed. The verges were cut shortly after! New speed limits on the A1141 are now in force, following road resurfacing and the erection of signs. The Clerk regularly checks the defibrillators and reports to the Community Heartbeat Trust. Due to a change in reporting requirements the Clerk now also has to report defibrillator checks directly to The Circuit, the national defibrillator database. The Kersey website is regularly updated, along with the Kersey Community google calendar on the website which has details of events being organised. This is useful resource to check when planning events and to see what is going on in Kersey. There are now community WhatsApp groups for Wickerstreet Green, Kersey Tye, Uplands/William's Green and Central Kersey to which all residents have been invited to join. After some discussion in the community, Vale Lane and Water Lane will be included in the Central Kersey group which now covers all of the Parish to the east of the playing field. Residents of Vale Lane and Water Lane

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will be invited to join the group shortly. The admin for each group will also have contact with the other groups so relevant information can be shared more widely around the Parish.

111/25 Correspondence

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

Kersey timber sign – a resident had written raising concerns about maintenance of the sign. The Clerk asked the advice of Bryn Hurren, who is an experienced carpenter. His advice is that the timber is in good repair although it could do with some preservative and teak oil. He also recommends staining the lettering so it is clearer. The Council agreed to set a budget of £225 for this work to be completed by Bryn. It was also agreed the timber benches in the Parish should have a coat of preservative and teak oil. The Clerk will get a quote for this work.

PCC & Chief Constable public meetings to discuss policing in Suffolk – 20 October at Inspire Suffolk, Ipswich IP3 9QX 6pm. No booking required.

Online meeting 3 November 6pm via Microsoft Teams. Please email spcc@suffolk.police.uk to register.

Babergh launch new recycling scheme for electrical items. The closest pink recycling bin for broken electrical items is Magdalen Road car park, Hadleigh. Things like coffee machines, kettles, mobile phones, tablets, and anything smaller than a 4-slice toaster can be recycled in pink bins.

James Cartlidge is holding a South Suffolk seniors fair at Shotley village hall on 26 September 10-12noon – There will be information and advice on the support available for over 65's this winter
Robert Lindsay and Leigh Jamieson gave their apologies and left the meeting.

112/25 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 the A1141 speed limit signs were due for payment. This was a joint project with Semer Parish Council. Kersey's share of the costs is £1800. There is £1500 in an earmarked reserve. It had been agreed back in January 2024 that any expenditure above this would come from filming reserve - which the Council confirmed. 50% of the project costs had been paid by our County Councillor, Robert Lindsay. Businesses along the road had also all made contributions, for which the Parish Council is very grateful. The Clerk has purchased a new PC laptop which was necessary due to incompatible hardware and software security. Unfortunately, the Council is not eligible for a discounted Microsoft subscription, the first month is free so an annual subscription will be due in October of £84.99. The Council approved this spending. *Power LGA 1972 s150 & S111.* The Clerk had received insurance renewal documents from Clear Insurance, their original quote was £536, increased due to change of underwriter – Ecclesiastical. Cover is very similar with some increased levels for some items in the standard cover. Following the Clerk's negotiations Clear reduced the premium to £480.82. The Clerk had compared this with other companies and it is now competitive. The Council agreed to renew and take out a new 3-year fixed rate agreement with Clear Insurance. The premium is slightly over budget; any overspend will come from contingencies.

b) Actual spending was reviewed against the budget, which showed spending was in line with the budget. It was commented the estimate at March 25 for bank interest should be updated as income is exceeding the estimate. 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.

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113/25 Confirm the date of interim internal audit

The Clerk will arrange this with the internal auditor to take place in October.

114/25 Footpath Working Group report

A report was received from Kevin Pratt. All footpaths are in process of receiving the second cut for the season. Some of the footpaths will require additional cutting at some point during the winter with attention required to cutting back hedgerows and loose limbs from trees that are restricting the required widths being maintained. Some broken posts have been repaired and some signage requires attention. All fuel driven equipment will be passed to Greens for annual servicing in November. Thanks go to all volunteers who give their time freely to maintain the footpaths. Two separate messages have been received from members of the public and passed on to volunteers thanking them for the excellent condition of the Kersey footpaths.

115/25 KCPC Working Group report

Jonathan Marsh had sent a short report. The annual RoSPA inspection will take place this month. The grass rota appears to be working well but more volunteers are needed. The working group are holding a meeting on 10 September. This year's quiz night will be held on Friday 14 November. A maintenance day will be held during the autumn. A working group member has moved away but it is hoped another person has been found to replace them. The volunteers were all thanked for their work with the playground.

116/25 Consider progress with the People and Place Plan (P&PP)

David Butcher reported that the steering group had held productive meetings and plans were progressing well for the community consultation events on 4 and 6 October, when all the community organisations are also invited to promote their groups. The Council reviewed the action points, aim and draft vision for the P&PP. These will be published on the Kersey website shortly and will be on display at the events for residents to review and provide their feedback. The steering group will meet again before the event to continue making progress. The idea of the Parish Council publishing a leaflet to be delivered to all households to promote the community organisations was considered. Rather negative feedback on this idea had been received from community organisations. The Council agreed that a leaflet would not be a good use of funds as the organisations and events are already promoted via the newsletter and website giving paper and online options to access information. In addition, organisations will have the opportunity to promote themselves directly to residents at the consultation events in October.

Esme Chapman joined the meeting.

117/25 Update on Local Government Reform (LGR)

SCC are proposing a single unitary for the whole of Suffolk. Districts and Ipswich Borough Councils are proposing three unitary authorities for Suffolk with Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft as the largest towns in each authority. Kersey would be in the BSE area, right on the eastern boundary. Hadleigh would fall into the Ipswich area. The districts have been engaging with Parish Councils and the Clerk attended a recent workshop to discuss how engagement and interaction works between Districts and the County Council at present and how it could be improved for future authorities. The districts believe that one single unitary will be too large, not efficient and not local enough. Three unitaries will

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bring cost savings over the existing situation and will still be local enough to understand the needs of the communities and deliver best value and efficiency. They propose there will be some wider cross boundary partnership working, as there is now, where it makes sense to do so. Decision meetings by Suffolk and Babergh will be online should anyone wish to watch, check the relevant website for details. SCC decision meeting 16 September. Babergh 23 September. The submission deadline for LGR proposals is 26 September. Government will consult residents during autumn and then make their decision before March 2026. Elections for shadow authorities to take place in May 2027 and new unitary authorities to start functioning in April 2028.

118/25 Consider progress on how to improve mobile phone reception for Kersey

A response has been received from Ofcom regarding the Council's concerns with poor or no mobile signals in Kersey. Ofcom expects providers to provide the best possible coverage both indoors and outdoors and work to try and resolve any coverage issues. Mobile coverage for consumers is a priority area for Ofcom, who are taking direct action to improve coverage. Information received from consumers is formally registered and is used to help monitor the postal industry. If a company is in breach of regulations or a particular matter is causing consumer harm, Ofcom can look to take appropriate action, although they do not get involved with individual cases. No response has been received yet from Mobile UK, despite reminder emails. The Clerk will continue to chase for a response.

119/25 Review updated policies following a review of data protection processes:

Following the Clerk's attendance at two data protection, website accessibility and data security webinars the Clerk has reviewed all the Parish Council data protection and IT policies and processes. The Clerk has reviewed the Data Impact Assessment and Action Plan to ensure appropriate policies and procedures are in place. There are a few minor updates to the Privacy Notices and the Data Protection and Information Security policy to reflect how the Council currently operates. The IT and Email policy has been updated to reflect that Councillors are using their own devices for Council business. The Council business risk assessment has been updated to include better reference to the risks for data protection and risk mitigation measures. The Council reviewed and adopted the following policies which will be published on the Kersey website.

- a) Privacy Notice General and Privacy Notice Staff
- b) Data Protection and Information Security Policy
- c) IT and Email Policy

120/25 Receive report following review of website accessibility

The Clerk has checked the website to ensure it meets with current accessibility guidelines and all links are working correctly. The accessibility statement has been updated and republished on the website.

121/25 Arrange the Clerk's job appraisal and salary review

The Chair and Clerk will meet before the November Council meeting.

122/25 Agree content for the newsletter articles 'Pride in our Parish' and Community Organisation spotlight

It was agreed to have another invite to the community consultation along with the draft vision in the October newsletter.

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Community Organisation Spotlight – will be to promote that all organisations will be at the consultation event with the opportunity for residents to find out more.

123/25 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. Liz attended a recent highways forum.

124/25 Reports from other meetings - none

125/25 Forthcoming meetings

SALC Babergh Area Forum 30 Sept 25 & 20 Nov 25 7pm virtual
Police and Parish Forum – 24 Sept 7.30 Stoke by Nayland

126/25 Any other business – Councillors’ opportunity to bring matters to the Council’s attention

It was noted that highways signs, which had been reported as missing/damaged, have been repaired and replaced around the Parish.

A concern was raised that all the environmental, biodiversity and other studies required for planning applications are creating a money-making industry. They are expensive and it is believed these are excessive and go beyond what is really necessary. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for discussion at the November meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm.

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

Signed

Date

Report for Kersey PC 8.9.25 by Robert Lindsay, County Councillor

40mph and 30mph signs now up on A1141 at Union Hill through Semer and Kersey

As you will have seen these signs have now finally been installed. I have supported these because I believe it will make it easier, quieter and safer for residents and businesses along that road as well as safer for drivers going through it.

Daily Hadleigh to Stowmarket Bus bid successful

As you may be aware, I'm pleased to say that bids from parish councils along the route from Hadleigh to Stowmarket for a daily bus service have been successful and allocated funding. Until the officer draws up a timetable Hadleigh Community Transport has not decided whether it is prepared to operate it. If not the council will have to put the route out to tender by other operators. I have several times suggested to the relevant officer that the new services ought to be at peak hours morning and evening so that people can get to the mainline train station in Stowmarket in time to get to London, Cambridge etc or to college.

Leaflets promoting Conservatives' "one Suffolk" funded by council taxpayers.

The Conservatives who control Suffolk County Council are estimated to have so far spent more than £100,000 of council tax payers' money on selling their proposal for a single Suffolk mega unitary and attacking the district councils' rival proposals for three unitaries. Half of this went on a social media campaign and the other half through the costs of delivering a leaflet to every household.

When this came to light, the Government issued a letter to all chief executives of local authorities saying:

"We would like to also take this opportunity to remind you of your responsibilities under the Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authority Publicity. Please do take care in having regard to ... the principles of objectivity and even-handedness and particularly paragraph 16 which states that local authorities should not use public funds to mount publicity campaigns whose primary purpose is to persuade the public to hold a particular view on a question of policy."

More on three unitary plan

Our political group at the county recently were briefed early September about the rival three unitaries plan that districts are proposing by two chief executives from two of the district councils (Babergh and E. Suffolk). They pointed the many benefits for citizens in having services like social workers and adult care devolved down to a level closer to communities. For example: staff teams and managers and social workers serving smaller area are likely to have more resilience to pressures than ones trying to cover the whole county. A smaller authority also ought to find it easier to find school places for children with special needs closer to home rather than send them in taxis long distance. It will also be easier for a smaller authority to combine its housing expertise with serving the elderly who need sheltered accommodation, rather than them having to rely on them going into care homes.

County council AND Mayoral Elections May 2026

The Government's official position since December 2024 was that county council elections would be postponed for 12 months until May 2026. There was much speculation that this would be cancelled because people would only be electing a body that lasts for two years before being dissolved. However as that date creeps ever closer, without any change of heart from Government, it is looking more and more likely that Suffolk County Council elections will be held then, at the same time as the Norfolk Suffolk Mayoral elections.

Speed limits – county bows to pressure

At full council on Thursday 10 July, I seconded a motion, proposed by a LibDem colleague, to make it easier to obtain lower speed limits where the community supports one, but this was rejected by the Conservative administration on the grounds that they were already planning to do this. Cabinet member for transport strategy Chris Chambers said he would produce a report for cabinet's decision "in the autumn". They are focusing on 30mph to 20mph rather than 60mph to lower limits which my group feels should be reviewed as well. I am not confident the administration will make more than cosmetic changes, so if the parish council wants to submit its thoughts on Highways' speed limit policy, now is a window of opportunity, I would suggest.

Progress on recycling household waste

New Government rules coming into force next year insist councils must now collect and recycle glass and food waste and more plastics from the doorstep.

District councils are responsible for collecting the rubbish and the county council has to handle it at the depots.

On Tuesday 15 July, the administration decided to put £5.9m into updating the recycling centre at Great Blakenham so that it can handle more recyclable waste. Biffa runs the centre and this means it will charge them less for the service.

Separately, the council has signed a four-year contract to process all the county's food waste collected from the kerbside from next year at Adnams' anaerobic digestion plant near Southwold. The waste will be used to generate biomethane as a fuel and turned into soil fertiliser.

District Council Report

Mobile Signal

I am planning to meet a representative from NetCov Ltd on Thursday to discuss the possibility of using signal boosters in the village to improve the mobile signal. Whether this is the ideal solution for the village or not remains to be seen.

Local Government Reform

The LGR saga goes on. While the County have decided to spend c £100,000 of taxpayer's money on their one unitary campaign the district and borough councils have published their proposals for three unitary councils. The three proposed unitary councils have been set out as they are to ensure that there are enough people in each council to meet the governments requirements.

The three unitary plan responds directly to what people across Suffolk have said they want: councils that are local, greater accountability with local councillor leadership, and provide services that understand and reflect the needs of Suffolk's diverse communities.

It also delivers value for money. Independent analysis by KPMG shows the model could unlock £34 million in annual savings, while allowing reinvestment of £20 million every year back into vital services such as social care, highways, and housing.

It will:

- Put residents first, with services delivered by councils that know their communities.
- Empower town and parish councils making sure they are fully engaged in decision-making.
- Support businesses by aligning council structures with Suffolk's real economic geography.
- Enable the voluntary and community sector to thrive through better engagement and fairer funding.
- Enable councils to continue to work together across Suffolk where there is commonality of service, through shared service arrangements for additional efficiency.

Having said all this I do wonder if there will be any changes to the governments position now that both Angela Rayner and Jim McMahon have lost their jobs. I imagine they will carry on but similarly will not be surprised if things change.

New Emergency Accommodation

As of March 2025, the councils were housing a total of 158 households in emergency accommodation, including women and children fleeing domestic abuse and vulnerable adults with complex needs who might otherwise be sleeping rough.

Rising demand for temporary accommodation has seen Babergh need increase by 69 per cent. This this has led to the councils increasingly relying on bed and breakfast and hotel accommodation, costing the councils in the region of £70k each month.

To reduce our reliance on high-cost B&Bs and to ensure families in need can be housed safely and appropriately, close to existing schools, jobs, friends and family rather than having to place people further away at a time of crisis the councils have agreed to invest in 30 new properties for each district to be used for temporary emergency accommodation instead.

Electrical Recycling Banks

The Council has launched a new recycling scheme for electrical items. Twelve striking new pink recycling bins can found across the district where residents can dispose of their broken electrical items.

This includes things like coffee machines, kettles, mobile phones, tablets, and anything smaller than a 4-slice toaster.

The closest bin to Kersey will be located in Magdalen Road car park, Hadleigh.

The scheme has been supported by £47,000 from Material Focus' Electricals Recycling Fund, a not for profit which heads up the national 'Recycle your electricals' campaign.

The Tour of Britain

It was nice to see the Tour of Britain racing through the district last week. It was unfortunate that the weather was against anyone that was out and about, but it was nice to see our lovely countryside used again for a major cycle race. Even if it did only take a few minutes to pass you by.

Kersey Parish Council Finance

Details for Parish Council Meeting on 8 September 2025

Bank Balances at 31 July 2025

Business Premium Account	£36,397.98
Current Account	£2,615.80
	£39,013.78

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

18-Jul-25 HMRC VAT reclaim	£679.54
30-Jul-25 SCC Rights of Way - 1st cut of footpaths	£478.59

Payments made since the last report

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

Payments Due

<u>Chq no.</u>		
101429	The Tilian Partnership - Glebe mowing contribution	£260.00
101430	Semer Parish Council - A1141 speed limit signs	£1,800.00
101431	Kersey Village Hall - hire	£40.00
101432	S Partridge - new PC laptop	£419.00
101433	S Partridge - Clerk home working exp	£78.00
101434	cancelled	£0.00
101435	S Partridge - Clerk's expenses	£100.49
Direct Debit	ICO - data protection registration fee	£47.00
		£2,744.49

Microsoft 365 subscription for the PC laptop	£84.99
Annual subscription will be due in October 25	

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 31 July 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	£ 117.84	£ 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		
£ 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	£ 679.54		
£ 17,061.59	£ 19,370.18	£ 21,449.01	Total receipts	£ 18,412.96	£ 9,114.47	£ 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	£ 7.13			(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 31 July 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	£ 78.00	£ 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	£ 406.69	£ 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	£ 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	£ 1,406.69	£ 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		Divide total precept by tax base of 207.75 to calculate band D council tax. (Year ending March 2025 £75.46)
£ 8,847.77	£10,050.31	£ 10,503.45	Total Precept	£ 15,677.00	£ 1,406.69	£ 15,655.69	£ -	
£ 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	£ 35.66	£ 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	£ 1,442.35	£ 18,860.69	£ -	
£ 819.02	£ 814.46	£ 679.54	VAT on payments		£ 7.13			
£16,163.27	£18,055.28	£ 14,449.06	Total PC & WG payments plus VAT		£ 1,449.48			