

Minutes of Kersey Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 April 2026 at Kersey Village Hall at 8.15pm, immediately following the Annual Parish Assembly

The start of the meeting was delayed due to the Annual Parish Assembly, the Parish Council meeting started at 9.10pm.

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

In attendance: Leigh Jamieson (BDC), 3 members of the public and Sarah Partridge (Clerk)

42/26 Apologies – Apologies were received and approved with consent from Andrew Rogers (work) and Esme Chapman (personal).

43/26 Accept Members' Declarations of Interest and consider Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interest

Penny Calnan declared an interest in planning application DC/26/00813 as she is the owner of the property.

44/26 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2026 were confirmed as being correct and signed.

45/26 Public forum and reports

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

A concern was raised that contractor vehicles working on 3-6 The Street were parking in The Street rather than behind the properties as agreed. The Clerk will contact the owner.

A concern was raised about dog owners not clearing up after their dogs. It is the law that owners must clear up and take away their dog poo, this includes all public footpaths. Dog poo can cause disease. Dog poo bags should be taken home and not left in the undergrowth or hanging on hedges as this is littering and a welfare issue for wildlife and those working and visiting the countryside. It was agreed another reminder should be put in the newsletter.

46/26 Planning applications

a) Progress

The subject of an appeal by the applicant: Appeal Reference: 6002809 - **DC/25/03701 Cherrywood, The Tye**, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6HB

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

Appeal allowed 4 March 26, original application now approved.

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)

Babergh granted permission 20 March 2026.

DC/26/00483 and DC/26/00484 The Mount, The Street, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Householder Application and Listed Building Consent - Internal modification to utility room to include a pantry and make the space more useable. Conversion of downstairs study to a bathroom and storage cupboard. Modifications to first floor bathroom layout to increase its functionality. Porch canopy replaced with similar design.

Babergh granted permission 31 March 2026.

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b) Consider planning applications received:

DC/26/00813 Wickerstreet House, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EY

Proposal: Householder Application - Proposed erection of a greenhouse

Penny Calnan declared an interest in this application as she is the owner of the property. She left the meeting room.

The Council considered this application for a timber framed greenhouse on a brick base. It was resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support the proposal which would be in keeping with the surroundings.

Penny Calnan rejoined the meeting.

DC/26/01451 Acorns, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EY

Proposal: Householder Application -Erection of a single storey front and rear extension, internal alterations, external material and fenestration alterations

The applicant was not present. The Council considered the application and resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support the proposals.

c) Note applications received after publishing the agenda: None

Concerns were raised by Councillors that Babergh planning department continue to be overbearing with the number and depth of reports applicants are required to submit to support planning applications.

Apparently most other planning authorities do not go to the extremes requested by Babergh.

47/26 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 and payments were approved.

48/26 Consider contributing towards repairs and renovation of the turret clock at St Mary's Church

St Mary's Treasurer had outlined at the Parish Council meeting on 2 March the significant repairs required for the turret Clock at St Mary's church which was originally funded by a benefactor as a public time keeping benefit, which continues today so long as the clock keeps the correct time. There is an opportunity to innovate and convert the clock from manual winding to electric motor during renovation works which would resolve the problem of finding volunteers to wind the clock every week. The main original workings of the clock will be restored, just the winding mechanism and weights will be updated, these would be retained in storage.

To repair and innovate to electric winding £10,300 plus VAT.

To repair and renovate the existing pulley and weights manual winding mechanism £13,400 plus VAT
Parish Council acknowledge the future capacity issue for volunteers to continue to wind the clock and was unanimous in supporting the change to an electric winding mechanism as this will ensure more stable and accurate time keeping for the benefit of everyone in the long term. This was subject to it being the best option financially once grant funding has been explored by the PCC.

The request for financial support to help fund repairs was considered. The Parish Council only has a very small amount of potential funding to offer and is aware that the village hall may also have some significant funding needs in the near future. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would make a small contribution towards the turret clock repairs and renovation. Power: Parish Councils Act 1957 s2. The amount was not decided at this stage but would likely be around £500. It was suggested

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that the PCC investigate grant funding options including contacting Babergh, the Lottery, horological and Victorian grant funders. The Parish Council would also support any public funding raising activities.

49/26 Agree content for the newsletter articles ‘Pride in our Parish’ and Community Organisation Spotlight

Pride in our Parish – John will draft an article explaining about living in a Conservation Area and Listed Buildings. The main point is that residents should contact Babergh if they are planning any changes to their listed property or a property in the Kersey Conservation Area. Permission is likely to be required for tree works in the Conservation Area. Community Organisation Spotlight – John will meet with a FoSM and a KVG volunteer to draft articles for Community Organisations Spotlights. Andrew will try to find time to talk to Kevin for a Footpath working group Spotlight. There will also be an articles about dog fouling and encouraging any residents who have poor or no mobile phone signal to report these to their network operator.

50/26 Any other business – Councillors’ opportunity to bring matters to the Council’s attention – none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43pm.

Appended to these minutes is 1 page:
Kersey Parish Council finance sheet

Signed

Date

Kersey Parish Council

Finance

Details for Parish Council Meeting on 13 April 2026

Transactions since the last report up to and including 31 March 2026

Bank Balances at 31 March 2026

Current account	£113.13
Instant access savings account	£12,851.63
95 day notice account	<u>£20,030.19</u>
	£32,994.95

Internal transfers between accounts

13-Mar-26	Instant access to 95 day notice	£20,000.00
19-Mar-26	Instant access to current	£7,200.00

Income received

31-Mar-26	Bank interest	£172.53
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Payments made

23-Mar-26	HMRC - PAYE & Employers National Insurance	£1,469.39
23-Mar-26	SCC - Street lighting	£145.73
23-Mar-26	Kersey Playing Field Association - Glebe Insurance	£67.20
23-Mar-26	S Partridge - Clerk salary	£7,635.24
31-Mar-26	Bank service charge	£5.00

Payments for approval

Pear Space (Suffolk Cloud) - website hosting	£120.00
Suffolk Association of Local Councils - annual subscription	<u>£211.03</u>
	£331.03

Expenditure Agreed

Prepared by the Clerk for Kersey Parish Council