Minutes of Kersey Parish Council meeting
held on Monday 6 July 2026 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Leigh Jamieson (BDC) and Simon Dowling for part of the meeting, 3 members of the public and Sarah Partridge (Clerk)

75/26 Apologies – Apologies were received and approved with consent from Penny Calnan (personal) and Esme Chapman (personal).

76/26 Accept Members' Declarations of Interest and consider Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests

The Clerk, Sarah Partridge, declared an interest in planning application DC/26/02746 as the owner.

77/26 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2026 were confirmed as being correct and signed.

78/26 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 – Simon Dowling's report was taken as read. He answered questions. Of significant concern were the uncut verges around the Parish. These are now very overgrown and hanging over the road making visibility poor on most roads. Kersey is not scheduled for cutting until 31 July. Councillors agreed that this is too late and is causing significant highway safety concerns. Simon recommended reporting the areas of concern on the SCC highway reporting website However, it was commented that it affected most roads. He will also raise these concerns with the portfolio member for highways. A concern was raised about whether fire hydrants across the county are regularly checked. Simon and the highways community liaison engineer looked at The Splash and discussed whether anything should be done to warn cyclists against riding through the ford. It is on a straight section of road and clearly visible to road users from some distance and there is a pedestrian bridge adjacent to The Splash. According to the highway code all road users should be adapting their travel to the road type and surface. It is also expected that everyone owes a common-law duty of care to themselves and others and should act reasonably to avoid foreseeable injury. This would include using common sense that any surface covered in water is likely to be slippery. The Parish Council is not keen to see more signage erected in the Conservation Area which is an important heritage asset, particularly with the knowledge that signs will likely be ignored. Anecdotal evidence shows that even when temporary warning signs are erected by groups organising large cycling events this is often ignored. Some residents have been verbally abused and then ignored when advising cyclists to dismount and walk across the bridge. On another matter, Simon confirmed that if road gulleys or ditches are blocked causing the road to flood these should be reported on the Highways reporting website. If assets are privately owned SCC enforcement will follow up to require the landowner to rectify the problem.

b) Babergh District Councillor report – Leigh Jamieson's report was taken as read. He answered questions. Concern was raised about Babergh public realm responsibilities in Kersey, the verge beside The Splash used to be mown, it doesn't seem to be now. Contractors visit Kersey to spray the weeds on pavements, but many residents are concerned this will kill the beautiful Hollyhocks and will get into

Kersey Brook causing environmental harm. The new bin system is rolling out well and problems are being resolved quickly. Recycling rates are increasing. Leigh highlighted that due to a change in Government housing targets Babergh has now lost it's 5 year housing land supply which may affect planning decisions.

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

Concern was raised about the increase of fly tipping in Kersey and suggested that preventative measures such as cameras and signs may be required to deter offenders. Babergh are usually very quick to respond to incidents. They have an online reporting system. It was agreed KVG volunteers would be reminded of this and ask them to report any fly tipping as quickly as possible. This matter will be added to a future Parish Council agenda. Concern has been raised by a resident about the lack of a safe cycling route to Hadleigh. The resident appreciates the very good condition of footpaths in Kersey. They do not drive and need to access services in Hadleigh - the only cycling option is to use the A1141 and then cross the A1071, neither of which are particularly safe for cyclists. They choose to use a section of footpath to cycle on because it makes their journey safer. Finding a safer, convenient cycling and walking route to Hadleigh is something the Parish Council has been concerned about for a while. The Parish Council has responded to consultations supporting this idea. Linking Kersey to Hadleigh is identified in the SCC LCWIP (Local cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) as a low priority. It is something identified by residents as a priority during the Kersey People and Place Plan consultations. SCC Rights of Way team has confirmed that cycling on a public footpath is trespass and a civil offence, unless landowner permission has been granted. The Rights of Way Team are supportive of active travel and linking communities. They would be happy to work with the Parish Council and visit to see if they can identify a key route and then see if the landowners affected would be interested in working with Rights of Way to upgrade the route. It was agreed to add this to a future Parish Council agenda

Concerns about speeding in Church Hill had been raised by a resident. Our local neighbourhood police officer had responded that the parish council can raise concerns with SCC who hold the power to assess an area. The police camera team will visit Church Hill to do a visual assessment soon, to get a feel for things to decide if they re-attend for enforcement. The officer suspects that the speeding may not be bad enough for them to re-attend. The officer has in the past offered to attend if there are known days and times of serial offenders speeding.

Simon Dowling gave his apologies and left the meeting.

79/26 Planning applications

a) Progress

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
Babergh granted permission 3 June 2026

DC/26/00813 Wickerstreet House, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EY
Proposal: Householder Application - Proposed erection of a greenhouse and

DC/26/00814 Wickerstreet House, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EY
Application for Listed Building Consent - Proposed erection of a greenhouse
Babergh granted permission for both these applications on 9 June 2026.

b) Consider planning applications received:

DC/26/02561 Leys House, Church Hill, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DZ

Proposal: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - G2 - Fruit Trees Fruit Trees (Apple and Pear) Reduce to previous pruning points Remove dead and crossing branches Remove water shoot T3 - Walnut Tree (Dead) Remove to ground level.

The applicant was not present. The Parish Council did not think it was usually necessary to apply for permission to carry out routine pruning works to fruit trees, the Tree Officer will be asked to confirm this for future reference. Following discussion, the Council resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support the above tree works.

DC/26/02474 Land South Of, Water Lane, Kersey, Suffolk

Proposal: Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/25/03819 dated 20.03.2026. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 1No. self-build dwelling (following demolition of existing building) and all ancillary works (Class Q fall back DC/23/04566) To vary Condition 2(Approved Plans/Documents), Condition 4(Access), Condition 6(Cycle Storage), Condition 7(Bin Storage and Presentation) and Condition 10(Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy)

The Clerk had sent Babergh an email requesting they explain the application as it was not clear from the documentation what was proposed. No reply had been received. Fortunately, the applicant was present and explained the application was to make minor amendments to the house design by adding an Oak front porch, 2 dormer windows and to raise the pitch of the garage roof to enable solar panels to be installed (as required by the planning consent). Following a discussion the Parish Council resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support the application.

DC/26/01273 River House, The Street, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Conversion and repair of agricultural barn to form studio for domestic use. And **DC/26/01274 River House, The Street**, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Conversion and repair of agricultural barn to form studio for domestic use.

The applicant was not present. The Council is always disappointed when applicants do not fully engage with the planning process and attend the Parish Council meeting. It also provides an opportunity for them to answer any questions to help the Parish Council gain a better understanding of the proposals before they make their decision. The Council considered these applications and the site at River House as a whole, which includes other barns, some of which have had permission for conversion, which has not been completed and the barns are now falling down. The Parish Council and local residents, as shown in Parish consultations, have concerns about the amount of holiday let accommodation starting to dominate the centre of the village. The Parish Council has concerns about contractor vehicle parking congesting Church Hill during building works and additional vehicles from the River House complex adding to street parking. The Parish Council would be pleased to see the barn converted and used so that it does not fall down. The Parish Council resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support the applications subject to conditions that construction traffic parks on site and not on the public highway and the proposed parking for users of the studio is maintained and used to prevent further congestion on the public highway.

DC/26/02746 Bridges Farm, The Tye, Kersey, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 6HB

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of a one-and-a-half-storey detached self-build agricultural dwelling, and ancillary detached garage/bike store, and associated works.

The Clerk declared an interest in this application and left the meeting.

The applicant was present and summarised the application confirming the intention to continue the long-established family farming business at Bridges Farm which is focused on specialist cattle breeding. More accommodation is needed on site at Bridges Farm to cater for the continuation of the business and in the interests of animal welfare and safe working conditions. By living on site traffic movements will be reduced as the applicants will be able to walk to work rather than constantly travelling to and fro 24 hours a day. The proposals include a self-build house with an agricultural tie for the applicants to live in, built to high sustainability standards. The Chair complimented the applicant on a detailed well-presented application. The Parish Council considered the proposals and resolved by a unanimous decision to fully support this application which would ensure the continuation of a long-standing family run agricultural business in Kersey with a genuine need for more residential accommodation on site to support their specialist livestock enterprise. It would also reduce traffic movements as the applicants would walk to work rather than making multiple journeys day and night.
The Clerk re-joined the meeting.

c) Note applications received after publishing the agenda: None

80/26 Clerk's Report

Due to a change in legislation Councillors will no longer be legally required to display their usual residential address (home address) on the publicly accessible Register of Interests. This change is intended to provide Councillors with greater control over the publication of their personal information while maintaining transparency regarding other relevant interests. Councillors should inform the Clerk should they wish to have their address removed. The loose gravel on the Church and School carpark, making it difficult for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues to use, is due to be cleared away. The school agreed the contractor could clear up and make a garden at the west end of the carpark for use by the children. This work was done for free and was well received. The loose gravel overlaying the car park was not discussed or agreed by the school or anyone else. The contractor has now agreed to remove the stones and repair any damage to the existing base. A date for this is yet to be confirmed. The Bell used the parking management plan for the beer festival in May. Our new County Councillor, Simon Dowling, met with a Parish Councillor to walk the highways around Kersey to highlight concerns, particularly around pothole maintenance and highway safety. Following their meeting Simon reported ten potholes on The Street and Church Hill, of which only two were deemed to meet the Highways team's criteria for intervention. The largest pothole near The Bell has now been patched, but the others will need to grow somewhat before they qualify. Sadly, as we have been told by Highways, emergency repairs are not required to use conservation grade tarmac. Therefore, the road in the Conservation Area is becoming a patchwork of inappropriate black squares on the original approved surface.
The defibrillators are regularly checked and reported to Webnos and the Circuit as active and ready in case of an emergency. The website continues to be updated as necessary. Councillors may have noticed that the Parish Council webmail system has been upgraded and looks to be much more functional. The Playing Field Association secretary is just awaiting confirmation from the Glebe trustees before the renewal of the Glebe lease to the Parish Council on the same terms as before can be confirmed and signed. It is hope this will be completed in this month. The Clerk attended a flood management roundtable organised by our MP with speakers from SCC Environment Team and the Environment Agency. All parishes in the constituency were invited to attend this lively meeting. SCC and the EA confirmed that flooding will happen, they are just planning to manage the risk and improve resilience. The EA emphasised that anyone whose property borders a watercourse has riparian responsibilities to maintain the natural flow. The EA has no powers to enforce this. The EA has the right

to work on main rivers if they so choose. They carry out targeted management based on risk and resources. The majority of their work focuses on coastal situations where the risk is higher with most risk to life in larger coastal population centres. The EA give advice during the planning process and provide general advice. They encourage small scale property level flood protection in rural areas where widescale prevention is not possible, as well as encouraging ways to slow the flow up stream to reduce pressure on the rivers.

There was strong feedback from parishes present that without the EA desilting main watercourses this is reducing the capacity and increasing the flood risk. The EA said that during storm Babet, this would not have prevented the flooding. Their modelling suggests that the benefits of desilting won't make any difference and so use their limited resources on other projects. They tend to focus on risk areas that would flood more than 25 properties starting with the highest predicted number of affected properties. The EA confirmed that opening and closing mill gates is the owner's responsibility. They state the gates at Hadleigh Mill are not owned by them, despite the EA owning land on one side. The owner has not been identified. The Clerk raised a question about the EA operating the Hadleigh Mill gates as they have done historically. Anecdotal evidence suggests opening the gates does reduce flooding in Hadleigh and Kersey Mill. However, the EA modelling does not show this. The EA said provide them with the evidence and they will review it. It would not be the EA plan to replace these gates when they fail, so a long-term plan will need to be made which will require discussion and meetings with those affected. SCC carry out gulley clearance once a year, unless evidence and safety suggest it can be done less often and then they can redirect resources to any that may need more frequent clearance. SCC try to support communities and landowner groups to reduce flood risk, with projects aimed at keeping the water close to where it falls and slowing the flow with leaky dams and better use of flood plains. They are initially working with those areas which had the highest flooding impact and working down the list. There was emphasis that everyone who may be affected by flooding should sign up for flood alerts so they can be made aware of potential flood events. Flooding can also be communicated via community communication channels such as social media or WhatsApp groups. EA flood alerts only alert main river flooding, which includes Kersey Brook and the river Brett. Surface water flooding is extremely difficult to predict and there is no flood warning system for this. It was agreed the Clerk would ask Kersey Mill to email any evidence they have regarding the opening of the Hadleigh Mill gates and then this will be forwarded to the EA and our MP. At the meeting a discussion followed about ditches upstream of the Splash, it was suggested that if these were cleared it may help reduce flooding along Kedges Lane by directing water back into Kersey Brook before the houses. David Butcher to review information and the flood report and report to the next meeting.

81/26 Correspondence

All Parish Council correspondence had been circulated to Councillors. The following item was noted: Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner update - Suffolk has ranked second for the lowest levels of recorded crime in the country which is a tremendous achievement for one of the lowest funded forces in the country. The Constabulary has also launched a couple of new town centre teams, and a new fraud initiative with Trading Standards.

82/26 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 was approved.

b) Actual against budgeted spending was reviewed, see appended budget receipts and payments sheets.

c) David Butcher confirmed he had verified the bank reconciliations and signed the bank statement.
d) All year end accounts and financial documents have been published on the Kersey website in accordance with regulations. The exemption certificate has been sent to the external auditor. Public rights have been advertised on the noticeboard and website. The Neighbourhood CIL report has been sent to Babergh and is published on the website.

83/26 Footpath Working Group report

A report was received from Kevin Pratt. Condolences were extended to Matt Smith's family. Matt was a very valuable member of the Footpath team who was always available to help and assist others, he will be sadly missed. The first cuts of the season had been completed, and SCC will be invoiced shortly. A number of the footpaths are difficult to cut as the hedgerows adjacent to footpaths are so overgrown they are partially blocking the paths. This includes Priory and Spring Wood. Assets have been reviewed. Thanks as ever to all the volunteers for the continued support.

84/26 KCPC Working Group report

Jonathan Marsh had sent a report. Following concerns raised in the RoSPA inspection the toddler swing seat has been replaced along with the shackles on the climbing frame tyre chains. The quarterly inspection was carried out and no faults were reported.

85/26 Review Parish Council Asset Register, including report on physical inspection of assets and insurance cover and a review of the fidelity guarantee

All assets had been inspected and a record of their condition is included on the fixed asset register. See appended. Bryn had quoted £550 to supply and install a new bench at the top of The Street next to the pump. It was resolved to order this. *Power: Parish Councils Act 1957 s1.* Leigh Jamieson kindly offered some of his locality funding; the remainder will come from the fixed asset reserve. The bench around the Oak Tree on the Vale Lane triangle requires some repairs. Ian Fidell will be asked to look at this when he is completing repairs to a bin lid and grit bin and treating the timber assets, as agreed last year. The bin at the playground will be replaced. The oak bollards and granite setts at the bottom of Church Steps are SCC highways responsibility, these are in a poor condition. The Clerk will report and remind them it is in a Conservation Area so requires appropriate repair.
The Parish Council has a 3 year Fixed Rate Agreement FRA ending in September 2028. The fidelity guarantee is £250,000 which is more than adequate to cover cash at the bank. There is fixed asset cover of £102,000 in various categories which is appropriate.

86/26 Consider the village hall request for funding support for building repairs

The village hall needs repairs to a section of the sole plate which needs urgent replacement and the whole facade pest treated to halt any further rot. They have a quote for £4745 plus VAT. There are also additional works recommended for the roof, either repairs or a complete re-roof which would costs around £35,000. The village hall committee is considering the options and will seek external funding. The Clerk had already suggested they apply to Babergh who manage a large CIL funding pot, Babergh officers can support the application process. Information about the National Grid community fund (set up because of new pylons across the district) was also suggested. The Parish Council considered the village hall request for funding from the Kersey Neighbourhood CIL reserve. There is only a small amount in this reserve and there are several projects which the Parish Council may wish to support with

this money. It was resolved that the Parish Council is minded to provide funding of around £500. *Power Local Government Act 1972 s133.* This will be reviewed once the village hall committee has sought other grant funding and decided on the works to carry out.
Leigh Jamieson and one member of the public gave their apologies and left the meeting.

87/26 Review The Bell Inn listing as an Asset of Community Value

The Parish Council registered The Bell as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) nearly 5 years ago. The listing expires on 4 January 2027 when the associated land charge will be discharged. There is no automatic renewal. The Parish Council resolved that The Bell continues to be an important community asset and it should be re-registered as an ACV. New nomination forms can be submitted on 10 November 2026 to ensure there is no gap between the old and new listing. It was agreed that Penny Calnan, who worked on the previous nomination, would start collaging evidence for a new application.

88/26 Respond to the Babergh Local Plan Scoping Consultation

Babergh is preparing a new local plan that will guide decisions on housing, jobs, infrastructure, town centres, the environment, transport and community facilities, helping to ensure that Babergh and Mid Suffolk remain attractive, sustainable and thriving places to live, work and visit. The scoping consultation is an opportunity to gather views from residents, businesses, and other stakeholders on key challenges, opportunities and priorities for the future. This information will then help to inform later stages of plan preparation, including draft policies and public engagement. The consultation closes on 31 July 2026. All residents are encouraged to respond. It was agreed that the People and Place Plan steering group was delegated to respond, drawing the responses from the People and Place Plan public consultation evidence.

89/26 Consider progress with the People and Place Plan (P&PP)

The P&PP document is being drafted from all the evidence collected during the various stages of public consultation, which is a lengthy process. The Steering Group will review the document before it is shared with the Parish Council.

90/26 Agree content for the newsletter articles 'Pride in our Parish' and Community Organisation Spotlight

Pride in our Parish – an article about fly tipping and how to report it will submitted. Community Organisation Spotlight – Andrew will try to find time to talk to Kevin for a Footpath working group Spotlight. John will try to meet with a KVG volunteer to draft an article

91/26 Training

SALC continues to offer a variety of training as published on their website and circulated to Councillors. The Clerk attended a webinar on AI use in local government and will attend a networking session in July.

92/26 Reports from other meetings

Police and Parish forum – 10 June notes circulated as they become available
Enhanced Bus Partnership Passenger Group – Richard Walker attended. SCC has £28m available for improved services across Suffolk. The Brett Vale Digi Bus service is still being investigated. The water

main replacement and road closure between June and November in Bildeston will cause significant disruption to bus services using the A1141 between Hadleigh and Stowmarket.

93/26 Forthcoming meetings

SALC AGM 9 July 7pm Zoom Liz and Sarah booked to attend

94/26 Any other business – Councillors' opportunity to bring matters to the Council's attention

Liz had contacted the NFU about the poor mobile phone signal in rural areas. They acknowledge the need for improvements. Another note will be put in the newsletter reminding residents to report any connectivity issues with their service providers. Sky mobile mapping shows excellent coverage across Kersey, this is not the reality, so unless they are told they won't try to improve their signals.
Fibre to the property (FTTP) continues to be rolled out and will eventually get to Kersey. The rollout is based on demand, so residents are encouraged to register their interest in FTTP to get Kersey moved up the priority list. A note will be put in the newsletter and on the WhatsApp group to highlight these points.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42pm.

Appended to these minutes are 12 pages:
Suffolk County Council report from Simon Dowling
Babergh District Council report from Leigh Jamieson
Kersey Parish Council finance sheet
Budget v actual comparison
Fixed Asset Register

Signed ……. Date …….

July 2026

Parish Report

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Post-16 Travel Policy agreed for 2026-27

At Cabinet on Tuesday 16 June, the council considered the proposed Post-16 Travel Policy for the academic year 2026-27. The council is required to publish an annual policy to set out the charges for students over 16, as it receives no funding from the government to provide travel for them, despite it now being a legal requirement for young people to be in education or training until they are 18. The council consulted on the new policy in March 2026, with no changes to charging proposed for the second year in a row. The charges therefore remain:

- £1,050 for a mainstream seat
- £780 for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- The 50% discount remains in place for:
    - Students from low-income families receiving Free School Meals
    - Students with an EHCP or SEND (including those without an EHCP but unable to travel independently due to disability) who also receive Free School Meals

There are currently 30,471 pupils in Suffolk who are eligible for Free School Meals, a 91% increase since 2020.

Some post-16 education providers also provide bursaries which can assist families on a low income with travel costs, and cheaper travel may also be possible via public transport in some cases, so parents and carers are recommended to look into these options too.

Funding agreed for A140 Major Road Network planning

Cabinet on Tuesday 16 June also agreed funding of up to £1.35m for the council to develop a business case for improvements to the A140/A1120 junction in Earl Stonham. The Department for Transport has indicated it would be willing to pay 85% of the project's cost, with the council providing the rest. The council's Cabinet voted to approve the proposal, although my group and other opposition councillors pointed out that the ability of the council to fulfil its financial obligations were far from certain,

particularly if the works were delayed and the costs increased, as the government's financial contribution would remain at 85% of the cost set out in the business case with the council liable for any extra spend. The proposed works are also close to an ecologically sensitive parcel of land which contains rare orchids. The next step will be for a full business case to come back to Cabinet in mid-2027, with work predicted to start at the site in 2028.

Increased support for apprenticeships

Businesses in Suffolk will now benefit from extra support to recruit and train their workers because of the expansion of the Levy Support Scheme, which will now enable large employers to transfer levy funds to other businesses. Major employers such as East Coast College and Suffolk County Council have already pledged or are planning to pledge unused levy funding so that micro-businesses and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) can train up their employees at reduced or no cost to them. The scheme was started by Apprenticeships Norfolk, who oversaw more than £6 million transferred to over 280 businesses. Businesses who are interesting in pledging unused levy funding can find out further information on the scheme here: https://www.apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org/article/71670/Levy-Support-Scheme Businesses in Suffolk who want advice on apprenticeships and skills can contact Apprenticeships Suffolk by email on apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk

£3.6 million investment in new fire engines

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has invested in a new fleet of fire engines across the county. The eleven new fire engines are in addition to the existing fleet and have been bought as part of the service's ongoing fleet renewal programme to make sure fire engines are up to date and reliable. The new engines will be delivered later this year and will be active at fire stations from November. The fire service is also celebrating the first anniversary of its new fire control room, which is based in west Ipswich. The new control system was recently shortlisted in the International Critical Communications Awards, the leading awards in the sector, in the category 'Best Use of Critical Communications in Public Safety'.

Suffolk Against Fraud partnership launched

Suffolk Trading Standards has teamed up with Suffolk Constabulary and businesses in the county to launch Suffolk Against Fraud. This means they will work together to investigate, share information and prepare campaigns to raise awareness and protect vulnerable people and small businesses from the effects of fraud, which now accounts for over 40% of criminal offences in Suffolk. Residents who think they may have been a victim of fraud should report it at www.reportfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040. If money has already been transferred, they should contact their bank immediately. In addition, Suffolk Trading Standards are very active on social media and will post information regularly about current scams that local communities and businesses should be aware of.

Fourth annual NSIP Conference held in Ipswich

Suffolk County Council welcomed representatives from councils all over the country to its fourth annual conference on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), which was held at The Hold in Ipswich on 17 June. There were speakers from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, legal experts and industry organisations. The government was questioned on its plans to reform the NSIP system, as it is currently

consulting on reducing the role of councils in the delivery of energy transmission projects. Other topics included how communication by project promoters can improve relations with host communities, what local authority good practice looks like in dealing with NSIPs, and an update from Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council on the challenges so far with Sizewell C. Suffolk County Council is recognised as a NSIP Centre of Excellence in the UK, following experience of around 20 large scale projects in the county including offshore wind, solar developments and National Grid reinforcement projects.

Adult Social Care service again rated 'Good' by Care Quality Commission.

Following an assessment by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Suffolk County Council has again been awarded an overall rating of "Good" for the quality of its Adult Social Care services. CQC's assessment looks at how councils meet their duties under the Care Act 2014 and focuses on how local authorities work with people, provide support, ensure safety, and demonstrate leadership. In its report, CQC highlights a number of areas of strength in Suffolk, including "committed and compassionate staff", strong partnership working with health colleagues, and "good multi-agency working to keep people safe." The report also recognises a "positive culture of learning and continuous improvement", alongside the council's strengths-based approach, its focus on helping people remain independent, and its use of digital technology to support people safely in their own homes. Whilst the report is very positive overall, CQC has identified some areas where improvements are needed, including reducing waiting times in parts of the system and ensuring reviews are consistently person-centred. The council is already taking forward work to address these areas and will continue to strengthen services.

Social Media and Helpful Links

Follow us on:

Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/scc.green/

Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/suffolkgreens/

Group Website - https://suffolkgreens.org.uk/

Cost of Living help and advice:

https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6

Benefits advice and support:

https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0

Flood preparation advice: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/what-to-do-in-a-flood

https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/get-prepared/risk-advice/flooding/

Flood recovery advice and support: http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk

District Council Report June

New Waste Collections

The weather was favourable for the waste crew's week, and they operated at an average 99.8% of food waste collections being made on the same day across both councils.

The team planning for earlier starts again this week as the weather heats up again. It is worth noting that the Council have not at any stage since the commencement of the new service taken any frontline resources from other services e.g. Public Realm, which has protected delivery of other essential environmental services.

The new food service collected 180.83 tonnes of food waste across both districts, an 11.7% increase on the previous week.

However, we are still working through and improving on:

- Delivering the final new bins and food waste caddies
- Starting to process more requests to downsize bins
- New food collection drivers and loaders
- Maintaining the food waste daily completion rates
- Further reducing the causes which are driving the high volumes of calls and e-mails (missing or missed bins)

If residents are still missing bin, please report to the district council via email to recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk advising that they have not received their new bins/caddies, include the full address – if they have no internet access, they can call the council on 0300 1234 000 (option 4). Meanwhile,

- Continue to use your existing bins until the new bins arrive.
- If the new green-lidded bin has not been received, continue to put paper and card into your blue bin, along with glass, plastics, metal, and cartons.
- Until the new food waste bin is received, continue to put food waste into the black refuse bin.
- Put out bins for collection as per the new schedule Babergh / Mid Suffolk
- Change over to new system once bins arrive.
- The mixed materials in your blue recycling bin, and green-lidded paper and card bin, will still be recycled.

If residents have reported missing bins to the council but are still waiting after a few days, please tell them to let me know.

New Chair appointed to Council

Cllr Lee Parker, Liberal Democrat member for Assington ward, was elected as the new council Chair at Babergh Annual Council meeting held on 12 May 2026.

Cllr Lee Parker's chosen charity is Sudbury Defibrillators, a charity who launched a mission to ensure nobody in Sudbury is more than 2 minutes away from their nearest defibrillator.

Joint Local Plan Consultation

The Scoping Consultation, which opened today (5 June) and runs to 31 July 2026, marks the beginning of an important conversation about how the districts should grow and change over the coming years.

The Joint Local Plan is an important planning document that will guide decisions on housing, jobs, infrastructure, town centres, the environment, transport, and community facilities, helping to ensure that Babergh and Mid Suffolk remain attractive, sustainable, and thriving places to live, work and visit.

The consultation seeks views on the key issues and opportunities facing both districts and will help inform the evidence gathering and plan-making process.

At this stage, decisions are not being made about specific development sites. The consultation is asking for views on the key issues facing the area.

It also seeks views on how the Councils should engage with communities and stakeholders throughout the process.

Locality Funding

I am pleased to say that I have £2000 locality funding that I am happy to use to help projects in the village. However, I have already had a couple of requests from Elmsett so if there is anything in the village that needs assistance, please let me know.

Heating Oil support

The councils are now writing to residents who heat their homes with oil and may be eligible for help but have not yet accessed it. Residents struggling with essential costs or heating oil may be eligible for a crisis payment or a specific heating oil payment.

The councils' targeted approach, in partnership with local Citizens Advice, reflects growing evidence that many households nationally are missing out on financial support they are entitled to.

Healthy start support

Families across Babergh are being encouraged to check if they are eligible for the Healthy Start Scheme. Healthy Start is a national programme which provides vital financial support to pregnant women and families with young children to help them access healthy food, milk, and vitamins.

The scheme is open to those who are at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four, and who are receiving certain benefits such as Universal Credit, Income Support, or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance. Some groups, including pregnant under-18s, may also qualify regardless of benefits.

Kersey Parish Council
Finance

Details for Parish Council Meeting on 6 July 2026

Transactions from 1 May 2026 up to 30 June 2026

Bank Balances at 30 June 2026

	Current account	£376.10
	Instant access savings account	£20,175.01
	95 day notice account	£20,444.96
		£40,996.07

Internal transfers between accounts

None

Income received

30-Jun-26	Credit bank interest Instant access a/c	£93.33
30-Jun-26	Credit bank interest 95 day notice a/c	£144.82

Payments made between meetings

Bank debit	Monthly current account service fee @£7.00	£14.00

Payments for approval at the meeting

Pear Space (Suffolk.Cloud) - email and .gov web domain	£130.00
S Partridge - Clerk home working allowance	£78.00
St Mary's PCC - Contribution churchyard, newsletter & clock	£1,000.00
	£1,208.00

Expenditure Agreed ……

Prepared by the Clerk for Kersey Parish Council

Budget and Precept approved 26 Jan 26 min 16/26

Kersey Parish Council budget versus actual Receipts

Printed on 06/07/2026

Actual at 31/03/24	Actual at 31/03/25	Actual at 31/03/26	Receipts	Budget yr ending 31/03/27	Actual to 30 June 26	Estimate at 31 Mar 26	Budget yr ending 31/03/28	
£ 11,420.00	£ 14,322.00	£ 15,677.00	Precept	£ 16,230.00	£ 8,115.00	£ 16,230.00		
	£ 2,472.76	£ -	Babergh Neighbourhood CIL	£ -		£ -	£ -	
£ -	£ 100.00	£ 150.00	Filming donations	£ -		£ -	£ -	
£ 330.66	£ 493.33	£ 534.00	Bank interest	£ 300.00	£ 238.15	£ 300.00		
£ 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	£ -		£ -	£ -	
£ 1,056.74	£ 1,026.46	£ 957.18	Footpath working group	£ 956.00		£ 956.00		
£ 3,345.81	£ 1,820.00	£ 1,835.85	KCPC working group	£ 1,200.00		£ 1,200.00		
£ 819.02	£ 814.46	£ 679.54	VAT repayment	£ 473.73		£ 473.73		
£ 19,370.18	**£ 21,449.01**	**£ 19,833.57**	**Total receipts**	**£ 19,159.73**	**£ 8,353.15**	**£ 19,159.73**	**£ -**	
Actual at 31/03/24	**Actual at 31/03/25**	**Actual at 31/03/26**	**Reserves (Cash at bank)**	**Estimate Spent from reserve**	**Estimate Added to reserve**	**Estimate at 31/03/27**		
£ 3,514.08	£ 3,624.25	£ 4,092.46	Footpath working group	£ 680.00	£ 956.00	£ 4,368.46		
£ 5,732.84	£ 5,346.34	£ 5,968.52	KCPC working group (ring fenced)	£ 2,025.00	£ 1,200.00	£ 5,143.52		
£ 210.00	£ 210.00	£ 210.00	Audit reserve			£ 210.00		
	£ -	£ 180.00	gov.uk website & emailboxes			£ -		
£ 800.17	£ 1,040.05	£ 1,040.05	Training reserve			£ 1,040.05		
£ 694.06	£ 1,344.06	£ 1,761.11	Defibrilator reserve			£ 1,761.11		
£ 681.08	£ 846.08	£ 1,011.08	Election expenses reserve		£ 165.00	£ 1,176.08		
£ 2,340.00	£ 2,470.00	£ 2,600.00	Church Walk future maint reserve		£ 130.00	£ 2,730.00		
£ 583.50	£ 658.50	£ 733.50	Footpath map printing reserve		£ 75.00	£ 808.50		
£ 2,128.41	£ 3,587.08	£ 4,841.42	Fixed asset reserve	£ -	£ 1,600.00	£ 6,441.42		
£ 1,524.95	£ 1,481.67	£ 1,331.67	Filming donations reserve		£ -	£ 1,331.67		
	£ 2,472.76	£ 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	£ -	£ -	£ -		For one off contribution towards safety signs on A1141
£ 5,061.75	£ 5,690.00	£ 6,752.38	Unmarked General PC reserve	£ -	£ 773.73	£ 6,463.73		(Less VAT spent. Plus VAT repayment and bank interest)
£ 23,270.84	**£ 30,270.79**	**£ 32,994.95**	**Reserves**			**£ 33,947.30**		

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 31/03/2027 precept £16,230 approved 26 Jan 26 Min ref 16/26 tax base 199.79 = £81.24/yr for a band D property 7.66% increase (note tax base decreased)

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 (note tax base decreased)

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

Precept and Budget approved 26 Jan 26 Min 16/26

Kersey Parish Council budget versus actual Payments

Printed on 06/07/2026

Actual to 31/03/24	Actual to 31/03/25	Actual to 31/03/26	Payments	Budget yr ending 31/03/27	Actual to 30 June 26	Estimate at 31 Mar 27	Budget yr end 31/03/28	Notes (Estimated Increase in CPI 2025 3.2%, 2026 2.1%)
£ 222.17	£ 106.92	£ 155.75	Post/stationery/printing/MS365	£ 220.00		£ 220.00		MS365 £85
£ 312.00	£ 312.00	£ 312.00	Clerk's homeworking allowance	£ 312.00		£ 312.00		£6/week
£ 68.00	£ 68.00	£ 68.00	Hall hire for meetings	£ 120.00		£ 120.00		Village hall cttee room £7 main hall £12
£ 203.94	£ 205.20	£ 208.69	SALC/NALC subscription	£ 230.00	£ 211.03	£ 230.00		Dec 25 286 electors
		£ 5.00	Bank charges	£ 100.00	£ 21.00	£ 100.00		Bank current a/c charges £7/month
£ -		£ -	External audit	£ -		£ -		Fees to year ending 2027 £210 unless exempt (£210 in reserve)
£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 47.00	Data protection - ICO reg	£ 52.00		£ 52.00		ICO reg currently £5 discount for DD payment
£ 120.00	£ 120.00	£ 120.00	Website hosting	£ 130.00	£ 120.00	£ 130.00		PearSpace (was suffolk.cloud)
	£ 230.00	£ -	gov.uk website & emailboxes	£ 180.00		£ 180.00		Ensures regs & data protection compliance
£ 961.11	**£ 1,077.12**	**£ 916.44**	Administration sub total	**£ 1,344.00**	**£ 352.03**	**£ 1,344.00**	**£ -**	
£ 7,034.74	£ 7,854.84	£ 9,104.63	Staff costs	£ 9,150.00		£ 9,150.00		SCP24 inc Employers NI and overtime
£ 232.67	£ 10.12	£ 22.05	Training and external meetings	£ 250.00		£ 250.00		Whole Council 2hrs £250, Cllr £70, others approx £50 mileage £100
£ 165.17	£ 121.14	£ 121.44	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
£ 441.99	£ 476.58	£ 548.02	Insurance (PC & Glebe)	£ 675.00		£ 675.00		PC lta ends Sept 28 - £600 (Glebe approx £75)
£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	Glebe hedgecut	£ 120.00		£ 120.00		
£ 250.00	£ 250.00	£ 260.00	Mowing the Glebe	£ 270.00		£ 270.00		
£ 96.00	£ 102.00	£ 104.00	RoSPA inspection	£ 110.00		£ 110.00		
£ -	£ 11.65	£ 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)
£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£ 1,000.00	St Mary's PCC	£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00		Split:Churchyd £500 Nletter £450 Clock £50 (last increased Nov 2024)
£ 135.00	£ -	£ 142.95	Defibrillators	£ 460.00		£ 460.00		Consumable supplies £150/yr plus build reserve for replacement unit
£ -	£ -	£ 117.64	People & Place Plan			£ -		
£ -	£ -	£ -	Section 137	£ -		£ -		
£ 9,916.68	**£ 10,503.45**	**£ 12,448.82**	**General PC payments**	**£ 13,959.00**	**£ 352.03**	**£ 13,959.00**		
£ 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 Nov 25
	£ -	£ -	Fixed asset reserve	£ 1,600.00	£ -	£ 1,600.00		Build up reserve for replacements and repairs
	£ -	£ -	General Parish Council reserve	£ -	£ -	£ -		
	£ -	£ -	Contingencies	£ 301.00	£ -	£ 301.00		
£ 10,050.31	**£ 10,503.45**	**£ 12,448.82**	**Total Precept**	**£ 16,230.00**	**£ 352.03**	**£ 16,230.00**	**£ -**	
£ 1,805.00	£ -	£ -	Defib reserve spend	£ -	£ -	£ -		
£ 1,628.67	£ -	£ 684.22	Fixed asset reserve spend	£ -		£ -		
£ 730.00	£ 143.28	£ 300.00	Filming donation reserve spend	£ -		£ -		
		£ 1,500.00	Highway safety sign reserve spe	£ -		£ -		
			General PC total budget	**£ 16,230.00**			**£ -**	
£ 1,678.49	£ 916.29	£ 488.97	Footpath working group	£ 680.00		£ 680.00		
£ 1,348.35	£ 2,206.50	£ 1,213.67	KCPC working group	£ 2,025.00		£ 2,025.00		
£ 17,240.82	**£ 13,769.52**	**£ 16,635.68**	**Total Budget**	**£ 18,935.00**	**£ 352.03**	**£ 18,935.00**	**£ -**	
£ 814.46	£ 679.54	£ 473.73	VAT on payments					
£ 18,055.28	**£ 14,449.06**	**£ 17,109.41**	**Total PC & WG payments plus VAT**		**£ 352.03**			

Divide total precept £16,230 by tax base of 199.79 to calculate band D council tax. £81.24 = 7.66% increase (Mar 2025 £75.46)

Kersey Parish Council Fixed Asset Register

Date of acquisi-tion	Acquisition cost	Description	Replacement/ reinstatement cost	Location	Additional details - supplier, serial no, maintenance, disposal	Wood treat ment	Approx useful life	Condi tion (good / fair/ poor)	Guessed end of life
Jan-95	£2,030.00	Embankment slide (2.5m high 6.55m long) castle and ramp	£6,325.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall Rd	Remodelled July 2011 by Norfolk Games & Frames, incorporated into castle with timber ramp, safety grass rubber mats laid around slide, castle and mound. Following damage by fallen tree, insurance claim, slide replaced and fort repaired by NGF May 2014. Ramp grips replaced May 2024. 2024 some timber showing signs of rot, monitor and replace as necessary.		see next item		
Jul-11	£3,000.00	slide remodel (castle & ramp)					20	fair	2031
Jul-11	£950.00	Seal see-saw	£1,350.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall Rd	Supplied & installed by Norfolk Games & Frames safety grass rubber mats under		25	good	2036
Jan-95	£1,650.00	Balance Beam (was part of adventure trail, tram tacks, swinging steps & log walk removed due to wear)	£575.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall Rd	Tram tracks and swinging steps removed 2019 due to rot in tall posts. Log walk removed due to wear 2023. 2024 monitor loose balance beam post, replace when necessary.		30	fair	2030
May-14	£950.00	Junior swing with steel foundation feet (1 flat, 1 cradle seat) 45m² playsafe rubber chippings	£2,050.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall Rd	Swing seats & chains replaced July 2011 Timber swing frame replaced May 2014 by Norfolk Games & Frames. 2017 laid playsafe rubber chippings under 45m². 2023 rubber chips topped up. May 24 one swing leg replaced due to rot, steel foundation feet fitted to all swing framelegs by NGF, flat seat replaced. Cradle seat replaced 2026.		20	good	2034
Jan-95	£1,110.00	Mini playframe/climbing wall with steel foundation feet with 35.5m² playsafe rubber chippings	£3,450.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall Rd	Remodelled July 2011 by Norfolk Games & Frames, scramble net replaced with timber climbing wall. 2017 laid playsafe rubber chippings under 35.5m². Steel foundation feet fitted May 2021. 2023 rubber chips topped up. Monitor shakes in the timbers. Tyre swing shackles replaced 2026		35	fair	2030
May-21	£5,952.00	Basket swing with 21m² wetpour rubber safety surfacing under	£6,900.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall Rd	Supplied and installed by Redlynch Leisure May 2021		25	good	2046
Jul-16	£20.00	Metal rubbish bin with lid	£25.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall			15	poor	2031
May-07	£100.00	Mower hutch	£195.00	KCPC (The Haven)	Showing signs of age, monitor and replace when necessary.		20	poor	2027
		Playground equipment total	£20,870.00			KCPC usually look for grant fu			
2011	£100.00	Chestnut fencing (100m)	£1,000.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall			25	fair	2036
2021	£200.00	Pedestrian gate into playground	£200.00	Playground, The Glebe, Hall			15	good	2036
		Playground fencing & gate total	£1,200.00						
Jun-11	£937.00	Air skier	£1,250.00	The Glebe, Hall Road	Supplied & installed by Fresh Air Fitness. Safety grass rubber mats under		20	fair	2031
Jun-11	£1,262.00	Self weighted rower	£1,665.00	The Glebe, Hall Road	Supplied & installed by Fresh Air Fitness. Safety grass rubber mats under		20	fair	2031
Jun-11	£1,207.00	Elliptical X trainer	£1,600.00	The Glebe, Hall Road	Supplied & installed by Fresh Air Fitness. Safety grass rubber mats under		20	fair	2031
		Outdoor fitness equipment total	£4,515.00						
Dec-08	£4,460.00	Cricket practice net	£2,645.00	The Glebe, Hall Road	July 26 netting will require repair or replacement soon.		20	poor	2028
Oct-22		LED Street lamp No6	£500.00	Top of The Street next to Pump	All street light brackets mounted on electricity/BT poles.		20	good	2042
Oct-22		LED Street lamp No1	£500.00	The Street outside Cresslands	All street lights are black units with LED luminaires Suff 03 15w E950		20	good	2042
Oct-22		LED Street lamp No2	£500.00	Church Hill half way up the hill	Telensa telecell nodes T2E1N-G-3		20	good	2042
Oct-22		LED Street lamp No3	£500.00	Outside Vicarage, Church Hill	All street lights maintained by SCC under a contract		20	good	2042
Oct-22		LED Street lamp No5	£500.00	Vale Lane outside No 9			20	good	2042
Oct-22	£2,450.00	LED Street lamp No7	£500.00	Vale Lane outside No 2			20	good	2042
1995	£80.00	Parish Council Large noticeboard	£250.00	The Splash	Made by Bryn Hurren. Oak, 1/2 open 1/2 glass door. Showing signs of age, monitor	17	35	fair	2030

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Dec-00	£85.00	Community Large noticeboard	£250.00	The Forge	Made by Bryn Hurren. Oak, 1/2 open 1/2 glass door, showing signs of age, monitor. Not used, PC agreed not to replace	19	35	fair	2030
1995	£15.00	Community Wooden noticeboard	£40.00	The Row	Made by B Hurren. Small open noticeboard on single post. Showing signs of age, monitor. Not used PC agreed not to replace	15	35	poor	2030
1995	£15.00	Community Wooden noticeboard	£40.00	Vale Lane	Made by B Hurren. Small open noticeboard on single post. Showing signs of age, monitor, PC agreed not to replace can use telegraph pole for occcasional notices	23	35	poor	2027
1995	£15.00	Community Wooden noticeboard	£40.00	Wickerstreet Green	Made by B Hurren. Small open noticeboard on single post. Showign signs of age, monitor. PC agreed not to replace can use footpath post for occasional notices	15	35	fair	2030
1995	£15.00	Community Wooden noticeboard	£40.00	The Tye	Made by B Hurren. Small open noticeboard on single post. Showing signs of age, monitor. Not used PC agreed not to replace	15	35	poor	2027
Nov-01	£86.00	Wooden bench seat (34"55"34")	£200.00	Bildeston Road Corner	Bench with no back in 3 sections, made by Bryn Hurren. Repaired 2020.	23	30	fair	2031
1992	£300.00	Wooden bench (65" long)	£500.00	Top of The Street next to Pump	Made by Bryn Hurren. 'KERSEY' carved in back rail and brass plate 'In Memoriam Richard B Kersey 13 July 1915 - 17 April 1989 Muriel Kersey 18 June 1913 - 31 May 1993'. Showing signs of age, monitor	23	30	poor	2026
1997	£310.00	Wooden bench (71" long)	£500.00	The Splash	Brass plate 'Village of the Year Competition 1997'	23	30	fair	2032
Dec-09	£358.00	Wooden bench (68" long)	£500.00	Church Hill next to village sign	Made by Bryn Hurren. Plaque 'Donated by Lewis Mowles Trust 2009'	23	30	fair	2039
May-23	£488.00	Wooden bench (1700mm)	£500.00	Church Walk outside Church Lych Gate	Made by Bryn Hurren.	23	30	good	2053
1993 & Oct 09	£705.00	Wooden seat around Oak Tree (bench sections each 40" long)	£1,600.00	Vale Lane Triangle	6 sided bench with back rests around the tree. Plaque 'Donated by Lewis Mowles Trust 1993'. Repaired & enlarged 2009. Repaired 2019 & 2023	23	30	fair	2039
Feb-07	£635.00	Wooden top seat on white brick base (52" long)	£250.00	Vale Lane Triangle	Rebuilt by Mark Mansfield Feb 07. Cast metal plaque 'Commemoration of the Coronation of King George VI May 12 1937' Timber top replaced Dec 11.	23	30	fair	2037
Jun-20	£448.00	Wooden bench (66" long)	£500.00	Children's playground, Glebe	Made by Bryn Hurren. ('20 KERSEY 20' carved in back rail.)		30	good	2050
Jul-11	£320.00	Flat backless timber bench (2m long)	£420.00	The Glebe, Hall Road	Supplied & installed by Norfolk Games & Frames		30	good	2041
pre 1990	£795.00	Village pump	£800.00	Top of The Street	Cast Iron water pump workings (probably Victorian) covered by oak shuttering. Tony Farnish replaced timber frame and shuttering & hand rail Sept 2007.	23	20	fair	2027
1987	£2,500.00	Village sign	£3,500.00	Church Hill	Made by Phil Darby (gifted to PC). Decorative carved Oak sign, box section top on solid post. Oak carved plaque added Sept 2003 'Designed and Made by Phil Darby 1 Nov 1917 - 12 Nov 2002'. Brick plinth constructed around the base April 2012. Oak weatherboard top with lead strip replaced by Bryn Hurren July 2013 & 2025 & treated and oiled	25	50	good	2037
pre 1990	£1,000.00	8 Oak bollards surrounded by granite sett paving (now only 7) (Probably SCC highways asset as on the	£1,000.00	Church Hill	Oak bollards replaced and Granite Setts repaired by Tony Farnish June 2006. 2020 Oak bollards showing signs of age, monitor. 2021 one bollard removed bySCC. 2022 SCC patched missing setts with mortar.	23		fair/poor	
pre 1990	£1.00	Well Head (Probably SCC highways asset as on highway)		Church Hill	As part of a Millennium Project July 2000 Babergh surveyed the well & agreed works to repair brickwork & safely cover wellhead with steel mesh.		50	good	2050
2004	£100.00	Metal plaque	£50.00	Oak Tree at Williams Green	Cast metal plaque on stand.'Commemoration of the Coronation of King George VI May 12 1937' (gifted to PC)		100	good	2104
Nov-10	£1.00	Oak street sign 'Kedges Lane'	£50.00	Entrance to Kedges Lane, fixed to wall outside Kedges End	Made by John Maltby (gifted to PC)		50	good	2060
2003	£80.00	Oak street sign 'The Street'	£50.00	The Street, fixed to wall outside Cresslands	Made by John Maltby	23	50	good	2053
2003	£80.00	Oak street sign 'Church Hill'	£50.00	Church Hill, fixed to wall near Park Place	Made by John Maltby		50	good	2053
2008	£50.00	Street signs x 2 'Cyclists please dismount')	£60.00	Fixed to either side of the foot bridge over the Splash	Made by John Maltby		50	good	2058

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2021 & 2023	£606.00	Historic highways warning signs x 3 - torch of education, junction with fruit pastel glass reflectors. Warning triangle with fruit pastel glass	£1,200.00	Post mounted on Church Hill outside Woodbine Cottage	Road signs mounted on steel post erected in 1920's -1940's. Junction to village hall & children, red warning triangle mounted above. (Original triangle stolen 2018 prior to being inc on PC asset register, Junction sign stolen April 2023) Replacment Triangle and Junction sign purchased July 2023.		50	good	2073
Mar-08	£53.00	Metal litter bin	£60.00	Wall mounted near The Splash	Starting to rust, monitor and replace as necessary		30	poor	2038
May-09	£144.00	Dog Litter Bin	£144.00	Post mounted in Kedges Lane			30	good	2039
Mar-19	£75.00	Dog litter bin	£100.00	Post mounted in Priory Hill			30	good	2049
Mar-19	£75.00	Dog litter bin	£100.00	Post mounted in Vale Lane			30	good	2049
pre 1990	£50.00	Wooden/metal litter bin	£100.00	Bildeston Road corner	Lid repaired 23	23	30	poor	2030
Oct-13	£15.00	Timber grit box with lid	£50.00	Vale Lane	Box constructed for PC by Councillor Repaired 23	23	20	fair	2033
May-17	£1.00	Timber grit box with lid	£50.00	Bildeston Road corner	Box constructed for PC by Councillor Repaired 23	23	20	fair	2037
Sep-20	£1.00	Timber grit box with lid	£50.00	Church Hill	Box constructed for PC by Councillor Repaired 23	23	20	poor	2040
		Street furniture total	£16,044.00						
1995	£260.00	Strimmer	£275.00	Footpath Working Group - KP	Zenoah Komatsu G23L		35	fair	2035
May-23	£525.00	Weibang 50SVP HD Mower	£695.00	Footpath Working Group - KP	Varispeed mower serial number W506SCV3/P013B&230119160 (WB506SC/WGMP105)		10	good	2033
May-23	£973.00	Stihl Brushcutter, charger & batteries	£1,000.00	Footpath Working Group - KP	Brushcuter sn 455633560, quick charger sn 710801618, batteries sn 916750509 & 916750513		10	good	2033
Jul-24	£819.00	Weibang Velocity 56 WTV	£850.00	Footpath Working Group - KP	Wheeled trimmer model WBLT567 SLC sn WLT567SLC051/240208078		10	good	2033
Apr-13	£510.00	KCPC Lawnmower	£25.00	KCPC - JM	Husqvarna R153SV mower, PNC 953 876 509 Serial No 0350. 2022 has had multiple repairs, motor works but unreliable.				
Jul-22	£246.00	KCPC Lawnmower	£350.00	KCPC - Mower hutch	John Deere R435 4 wheeled self propelled 17" mower s/n: 1SA1765XTG0000135		10	good	2032
		Mowers and machinery total	£3,195.00						
Dec-01	£250.00	Canon FC224 Photocopier	£250.00	Clerk's office (Inc in core cover)	Serial Number UUE 13142. Old but functional		25	fair	2027
Oct-15		ASUS X555LA OLD Laptop	£0.00	Clerk's office (Inc in core cover)	Serial Number F8N0CV14380033F also keyboard and mouse. Laptop obsolete Oct 25 as no security updates Acquisition value £346				
Sep-25	£350.00	ASUS Vivabook Laptop	£500.00	Clerk's office (Inc in core cover)	Model X1504VA-NJ1617W Serial Number TIN0CV12U17403E		7	good	2032
		Office equipment total	£750.00						
	£39,813.00	**Total acquisition value**							
		Total replacement/reinstatement value of assets owned by Kersey Parish Council							
		Playground equipment & surfacing	£20,870.00						
		Playground fencing & gate	£1,200.00						
		Outdoor fitness equipment	£4,515.00						
		Cricket net	£2,645.00						
		Street furniture	£16,044.00						
		Mowers and machinery	£3,195.00						
		Office equipment	£750.00	Plus sundry folders and files					
		Total current value of PC assets	**£49,219.00**						

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Date of acquisi-tion	Acquisition cost	Description	Replacement/ reinstatement cost	Location	Additional details - supplier, serial no, maintenance, disposal	Wood treat ment	Approx useful life	Condi tion (good / fair/ poor)	Guessed end of life
					Defibrillators (cPAD View Semi Auto Defib + Rotaid Cabinet unlocked) **owned by CHT** with 10 year warranty. CHT provide public liability & insurance cover for theft/vandalism from unlocked cabinet which our insurance co will not provide				
					Bell Inn defib near outside bar installed Sept 2016, replaced under warranty with new defib Aug 22		10	good	2032
					Uplands defib on farm building at West Sampsons Hall Farm installed April 24 donation to CHT £1555		10	good	2034
		3 x Table tennis tables	£2,238.00	Kersey Village Hall	2x Cornlleau ITTF 610 purchased Jan 26 £1581, replacement value £1798. 1x Blue Indoor Butterfly Compact purchased Feb 20 £279, replacement value £440. **Owned by Kersey TT Club** insured by PC				
		Total value of assets insured by Parish Council	**£51,457.00**						
		Acquisition values used for audit asset valutation purposes. 2011 recorded acquisition values for all assets following change in audit requirements							
		All items on this asset register are covered for public liability							
		Policy excess £250.00 Insurance company do not need to see the fixed asset register - assets are specified values within categories							
		Assets inspected, register & valuations reviewed by PC July 2026, min ref 85/26			**Document updated July 26**				