

## **The Chairman's Annual Report of Kersey Parish Council 2012-2013**

### **Kersey Parish Meeting, 8 April 2013**

I present herewith my third annual report as Chairman of the Parish Council. I would like to record my thanks to my fellow Councillors and also our Parish Clerk who yet again have provided another year of invaluable service to the Parish Council. I would also like to thank the many members of our Parish for their dedicated service to our community and for all the hard work they have done much of which goes unrecognised.

Kersey Parish Council is an elected body which reflects local views. It functions as the first tier of government for the Parish of Kersey. The Parish Council is committed to working together with the residents of Kersey for the benefit of all those who live in the Parish. All Kersey Parishioners are encouraged to raise matters which concern them with the Council and to attend Parish Council meetings.

The highlight of the year I feel for the village was the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations that took place in the village on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. This was a wonderful opportunity for our entire community to get together and celebrate a tremendous event. From a personal point of view I am very grateful to members of the Parish Council and the village who organised such a wonderful event with such brilliant efficiency. The day was an enormous success much enjoyed by many and even better was the fact that the sun came out and the rain stayed away. My thanks again to everyone involved.

Over the past year the Parish Council have not only dealt with the usual planning applications but have also dealt with a number of other matters some which I list below:

We have carried out a review of the street lighting and moved to an Intelligent Street Lighting system.

We have adopted the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct.

We have adopted new Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

We have published a new Footpath map.

Despite the year starting with a hose pipe ban, the weather has been very challenging and as a result a number of potholes have appeared on our roads. In the main these have been dealt with efficiently by Suffolk Highways however some unsurprisingly still remain. Suffolk Highways have though repaired the sets at the Splash to improve the appearance and safety.

Suffolk County Council Highways have completed all the agreed safety works at the A1141 crossroads.

We are reviewing the Kersey Village Organisations booklet.

We are also carrying out a considerable amount of due diligence about how best to improve the scruffy appearance of the village at Cherry Hill and looking towards putting in some "Jubilee Steps" from the church down into the village. These plans are still in their infancy although I suspect that the plans will come to fruition towards the end of this calendar year.

The Parish Council remains strong with funds in the bank, however we were disappointed to report the precept for 2013/ 2014 had to be increased by £4.27 this year.

I am of course grateful to those in the Parish who attend the Parish Council meetings however as I have said before I would welcome wider participation from members of our community, so that the Parish Council can have the benefit of their views and opinions also.

Cllr Andrew Cumming  
Chair, Kersey Parish Council

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## Kersey Parish Council Precept and Budget

	2012/13	2013/14
	Budget/ Precept 2012/2013	Budget/ Precept 2013/2014
Post/Tel/Stationery	£100.00	£100.00
Allow £100 for copier cartridge	£100.00	£35.00
Clerk's computer/working from home	£110.00	£110.00
Hall Hire:Parish Council 9 @ £5	£45.00	£50.00
Annual Parish Meeting @ £10	£10.00	£10.00
Footpath Group 3 @ £5	£15.00	£15.00
SALC subscription	£150.00	£154.00
Suffolk ACRE subscription	£25.00	£25.00
Suffolk Preservation Society subs	£25.00	£0.00
Local Council Review Magazine	£17.00	£17.00
Audit	£135.00	£100.00
<b>Sub total for Admin</b>	<b>£732.00</b>	<b>£616.00</b>
Clerks Salary	£3,413.00	£3,515.00
Training/Meetings	£200.00	£200.00
Street Lighting	£334.00	£265.00
Street Light ILS conversion repayment		£75.00
Suffolk ACRE Insurance	£575.00	£575.00
Glebe Insurance	£50.00	£50.00
Hedge Cut - The Glebe	£65.00	£70.00
Playground Safety Inspection	£81.00	£83.00
Dog Litter Bin emptying charge	£41.00	£41.00
St Mary's Church	£380.00	£380.00
Chairman's Allowance	£0.00	
Election costs	£0.00	£25.00
Church Walk future maintenance	£130.00	£130.00
Footpath Map printing reserve		£50.00
Contingencies:	£150.00	£300.00
	<b>£6,151.00</b>	<b>£6,375.00</b>