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Affordable Housing	<p>PP 2008. Wish for carefully planned expansion identified (18 households stated that someone would want affordable in the next 5 years)</p> <p>R2014. As 2008</p>	Monitor need for affordable housing and carry out further survey as necessary	Parish Council	Medium	<p><u>October 2011</u> Scheme abandoned as no residents attended the information event to express an interest in affordable homes in Kersey.</p> <p><u>October 2014</u> There may be a need for affordable housing but PC still not aware of any current need from residents in Kersey.</p> <p><u>November 2015</u> Parish Council to investigate idea of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Kersey.</p> <p><u>December 2015</u> During discussions about a planning application for new housing, which included an element of affordable homes, the PC acknowledged there was support from residents for affordable housing in Kersey which the Parish Council would need to address.</p>
Market Housing	<p>PP 2008. Wish for carefully planned expansion</p> <p>R2014. To survey all residents about their wishes relating to planning and development in the parish</p>	To carry out a further survey of residents specifically asking about building and development in the parish	Parish Council	Medium	<p><u>November 2015</u> Parish Council to investigate idea of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Kersey.</p> <p><u>January 2017</u> The Parish Council decided not to embark on a Neighbourhood Plan, it is too big a project compared to the possible benefit to the Parish. Alternative community led planning options are being considered by the Parish Council.</p>

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Planning and Development	<p>R 2014. Improve the knowledge of residents about the planning system, powers of the Parish Council and the responsibilities of property owners.</p>	<p>Produce information for residents about the planning process, conservation areas and listed buildings</p>	<p>Parish Council and Babergh DC</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p><u>March 2017</u> A new web page (Planning and Development Management), a sub-page under the Parish Council tab, on the Kersey website has been created giving information and links to Babergh District Council website which covers planning applications, planning policy, heritage, Conservation Areas and listed buildings. ACTION POINT COMPLETED no further action.</p>
Cultural, Sporting and Recreational Facilities	<p>PP 2008. Desire for more planned social and sporting activities, including activities for young people to be achieved by creating a Kersey Sports and Social Club</p> <p>R2014. Clubs and groups enjoyed by members of the community but tend to be run by same few generally older volunteers. Younger people need to be encouraged to join in and volunteer to help</p>	<p>Monitor.</p> <p>Ensure website is up to date with contact info for all the various clubs.</p> <p>Encourage new volunteers to get involved in running clubs and societies.</p>	<p>Community members and Parish Council</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p><u>October 2014</u> No committee established for a Kersey Sports and Social Club; a variety of social and sporting activities take place in Kersey. See the Kersey newsletter and Kersey website for information on all the clubs, societies, events and activities in the parish.</p> <p><u>September 2016</u> A drop in event was held to showcase all the village organisations to the whole community.</p> <p><u>December 2016</u> Members of the community are organising one-off community social events such as a Christmas Party and erected a Christmas Tree in the centre of the village.</p>

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Voluntary and Community Activity	<p>PP 2008. Desire for a Good Neighbour Scheme and a Volunteer Driving Scheme</p> <p>R2014. Support is offered on an informal basis. The community may support a formal scheme in future if the need arises</p>	Monitor possible future desire for schemes	Community members, Church and Parish Council	Low	<p><u>April 2011</u> Following further investigation Good Neighbour Scheme not pursued because residents did not wish for a formal scheme. Informal community help and support is evident in the parish.</p>
Public Transport	<p>PP 2008. 80 people would use public transport</p> <p>R 2014. There is still a need for some public transport from and to Kersey</p>	Monitor provision	Parish Council and public transport users	Low	<p><u>March 2017</u> Hadleigh Community Transport Connecting Communities operates a pre booked service covering Kersey and the Babergh area. The 112 service bus stops in Kersey on Tuesday and Thursday morning on a return trip to Sudbury.</p>
Traffic Management	<p>PP 2008 Wish for 20mph speed limit in Kersey village and 30 mph speed limit in the rest of the parish</p> <p>R 2014. There are still concerns about the speed vehicles travel through centre of the village</p>	Monitor and investigate 20 mph limit for the centre of the village	Parish Council and SCC highways	High	<p><u>November 2015</u> Parish consultation in Sept 15 showed residents wished for 20 mph limit in existing 30 mph area in centre of village.</p> <p><u>January 2016</u> Parish Council met with SCC highways to discuss road safety and 20 mph limits. SCC agreed to carry out speed monitoring.</p> <p><u>May 2016</u> Speed monitoring data showed traffic speeds on Church Hill were quite low and indicated speeding was not an issue. A change in speed limit is therefore deemed not necessary.</p>

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Parking	<p>PP 2008. Concern about too many cars parked in the centre of the village and inconsiderate parking.</p> <p>R 2014. Lack of car parking and inconsiderate parking is still a problem</p>	Monitor and ask Police for support, liaise with school, explore car park options	Parish Council, police and school	High	<p><u>November 2015</u> Police carried out regular visits to Kersey at school drop off and collection times to remind parents of the need to park safely. School sent letter to parents.</p> <p><u>May 2016</u> The Parish Council has worked with the police and school to encourage more considerate parking by parents. Residents are encouraged to use off road parking as much as possible.</p>
Road Safety	<p>R 2014. To improve the footpath links between Vale Lane and the centre of the village</p>	Progress Jubilee Steps and Vale Lane Footpath Link Project	Parish Council and SCC Rights of Way	High	<p><u>January 2014</u> Stage 1 Jubilee Steps –proposal put to SCC Stage 2 Vale Lane Footpath Link – arrange to meet with landowner to discuss options</p> <p><u>November 2015</u> Parish consultation in Sept 15 showed residents wished to keep the grass path up beside the Church from the village sign to the Church lych gate. PC agreed to abandon plans for Jubilee Steps but continue working on finding a safe pedestrian route around the corner from Vale Lane to Church Walk. Working Group set up.</p> <p><u>May 2016</u> The working group met a couple of times after discussions with the landowner no progress could be made on a safe pedestrian route around the corner from Vale Lane to Church Walk. Working Group dissolved.</p>

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Natural Environment	<p>PP 2008. Requirement for Dog litter bins</p> <p>R 2014. Dog fouling still a problem</p>	<p>Monitor and publicise the issue.</p> <p>Put note in newsletter reminding owners of their responsibilities. Investigate need for more dog bins.</p>	Footpath Working Group and Parish Council	Low	<p>Dog litter bin installed in Kedges Lane in 2009</p> <p><u>March 2012 update</u> Installation of a dog bin in Water Lane not possible as Babergh would not be able to empty the bin in this location. New 'no dog fouling' signs put up in Water Lane and around the parish.</p> <p><u>April 2016</u> Note put in newsletter reminding owners to clear up after their dogs and to keep dogs under control or on a lead.</p> <p><u>March 2017</u> Dog fouling still a problem in some parts of the village, particularly Bell Fields footpath near the allotments. Noted at PC meeting & newsletter.</p> <p><u>April 2017</u> New signs to be put up and another note in the newsletter.</p>
Natural Environment	<p>PP 2008. An appetite for working groups to tidy village.</p> <p>R 2014. As 2008</p>	<p>Invite residents to take on areas they would like to keep tidy throughout the year.</p> <p>Encourage residents to join the Footpath Working Group to help keep paths walkable.</p>	Parish Council, Footpath Working Group and community members	Medium	<p><u>January 2014</u> There is a group of volunteers who have tidied areas of the parish, in particular the area of Cherry Hill next to the footpath. PC to continue organising annual spring litter collection, promote widely to encourage participation. The Footpath Working Group maintains the footpath network in the Parish.</p> <p><u>March 2017</u> Appeal in newsletter for more Footpath Working Group volunteers.</p>

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Access to Information	<p>PP 2008. Creation of Website</p> <p>R 2014. Existing website is good but needs promoting</p>	Promote the website and continue to improve content	Parish Council	Medium	<p>Website created and launched Feb 2010. www.kersey.suffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>March 2017 Website promoted in the newsletter and updated regularly.</p>
Access to Information	<p>R 2014. Improve Broadband speed and provision in the parish</p>	To continue to highlight the issue with SCC	Parish Council and SCC Councillor	High	<p>March 2014 BB speeds variable but very slow in some areas. No fibre technology available in Kersey yet which would enable high speed BB.</p> <p>January 2017 Most homes in the parish can access fibre. Residents need to contact their service provider or seek an alternative provider who offers the high speed fibre service.</p> <p>ACTION POINT COMPLETED no further action.</p>
Access to Information	<p>R 2014. Improve mobile phone reception in the parish</p>	To investigate ways to boost the signals	Parish Council and SCC Councillor	High	<p>March 2014 Some areas, particularly near the Splash have very poor mobile reception.</p>
Local Democracy	<p>PP 2008. Keeping the Parish Plan alive in the community</p> <p>R 2014. As 2008</p>	Monitor	Parish Council	High	

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