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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 current need 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> <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> <p><u>April 2017</u> The PC agreed not to work on any formal community led planning policies. The PC will investigate carrying out a housing needs survey.</p>

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					<p><u>November 2017</u> The PC decided not to carry out a housing needs survey because the benefit did not outweigh the considerable cost of £3,000 for a survey which would be valid for only 5 years. Professional advice was that a survey would identify a small need for affordable housing.</p> <p><u>January 2019</u> The Parish Council are considering whether Kersey should complete a Neighbourhood Plan. This will be an enormous task with a separate steering group and community consultation.</p> <p><u>September 2019</u> The Parish Council resolved there was not enough support to complete a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><u>February 2020</u> The Parish Council resolved not to carry out a Housing Needs Survey – the community benefit did not outweigh the significant cost and it would only be valid for 5 years.</p>
Market Housing	<p>PP 2008. Wish for carefully planned expansion</p> <p>R2014. To survey all residents about their wishes relating to planning</p>	To carry out a further survey of residents specifically asking about building and	Parish Council	Medium	<p><u>November 2015</u> Parish Council to investigate idea of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Kersey.</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> <p><u>March 2020</u> Welcome pack put together to be given to new residents which highlights events and gives details of the Kersey website to find more info.</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> <p><u>March 2018</u> Investigations are being made into the idea of setting up a volunteer driver scheme. May 18 agreed not to pursue as no appetite for scheme.</p> <p><u>March 2020</u> It is planned to set up a Village Emergency Telephone System which can support lone rescuers in the event of a medical emergency. A new volunteer group was set up to support residents during the Covid-19 pandemic. A flyer with contact details was hand delivered to every house in the Parish.</p> <p><u>February 2021</u> Kersey residents are now included in the Hadleigh and Boxford Community Car Scheme for lifts to medical appointments. The Nightingale Trust will provide financial help to those in need.</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 2020</u> Hadleigh Community Transport Group operates a pre-bookable service covering Kersey and the Babergh area.</p> <p>There are no timetabled public transport services for Kersey.</p>

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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> <p><u>March 2019</u> Concerns raised with the Parish Council about speeding in the parish. SCC have been contacted to request speed monitoring in the Parish.</p> <p><u>Summer 2019</u> Continued concerns raised about poor visibility at the A1141 crossroads as you leave Kersey. The new landowner carried out some work to improve visibility. The PC is in communication with SCC to press for improvements.</p>

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					<p><u>November 2019</u> Speed data from a number of locations in the parish were reviewed. This data indicated speeding was not excessive and the areas would not meet the SCC criteria for reduced speed limits. Any reduced speed limits would require additional signage and infrastructure such as speed humps or bollards paid for by the Parish Council. The PC agreed not to pursue a change to speed limits.</p> <p><u>March 2020</u> The police had carried out speed monitoring in Wickerstreet Green. This identified low levels of traffic with a few high speeds but not enough to trigger further action. Average speed 25.9 mph.</p> <p><u>November 2020</u> Interest registered for Quiet Lanes initiative.</p>
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>

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					<p><u>March 2019 & 2020</u> The school contacted. School parents are regularly reminded to park considerately. Parents are able to park in The Bell carpark and walk up to the school.</p>
Road Safety	<p>R 2014. To improve the footpath links between Vale Lane and the centre of the village</p>	<p>Progress Jubilee Steps and Vale Lane Footpath Link Project</p>	<p>Parish Council and SCC Rights of Way</p>	<p>High</p>	<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>
Natural Environment	<p>PP 2008. Requirement for Dog litter bins</p>	<p>Monitor and publicise the issue.</p>	<p>Footpath Working Group</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Dog litter bin installed in Kedges Lane in 2009</p>

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	<p>R 2014. Dog fouling still a problem</p>	<p>Put note in newsletter reminding owners of their responsibilities. Investigate need for more dog bins.</p>	<p>and Parish Council</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> <p><u>March 2019</u> 3 new dog poo bins erected in the Parish. Kindly sponsored by The Bell, Kersey Mill and The Miller’s Kitchen café at Kersey Mill. Regular items put in the newsletter and signs on problem footpaths to encourage dog owners to clear up after their dogs.</p>
<p>Natural Environment</p>	<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</p>	<p>Parish Council, Footpath Working Group and community members</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<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.</p>

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		<p>throughout the year. Encourage residents to join the Footpath Working Group to help keep paths walkable.</p>			<p>PC to continue organising annual spring litter collection, promote widely to encourage participation. The Footpath Working Group maintains the footpath network in the Parish. <u>March 2017</u> Appeal in newsletter for more Footpath Working Group volunteers. <u>March 2018</u> The Footpath Working Group has several new members helping to keep footpaths well maintained. The Annual litter collection was well supported and the PC is to discuss an idea to organise regular litter collections throughout the year. <u>March 2019</u> Successfully annual litter collection again. Footpath Working Group continue to maintain footpath network. <u>March 2020</u> Successful annual spring litter collection. Kersey school joined in again. Kersey Volunteer Group launched. Members will collect litter on a regular basis as well as reporting other problems such as potholes. Footpath Working Group continues to maintain footpath network. More volunteers would be welcomed.</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 2018 Website promoted in the newsletter and updated regularly. A new Local History page has been created.</p> <p>March 2020 Website continues to be developed. New events calendar added. Kersey Newsletter published on the website.</p> <p>November 2020 Website regularly promoted via the newsletter.</p>
Access to Information	R 2014. Improve Broadband speed and provision in the parish	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. ACTION POINT COMPLETED no further action.</p>
Access to Information	R 2014. Improve mobile phone reception in the parish	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>

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Local Democracy	PP 2008. Keeping the Parish Plan alive in the community R 2014. As 2008	Monitor	Parish Council	High	
Local Democracy	R 2014. Vacancies for Parish Councillors. Low public attendance at Parish Council meetings.	Encourage residents to engage with the Parish Council and review 'Parish Time' engagement at meetings.	Parish Council	Medium	<p><u>June 2015</u> Both vacancies for Parish Councillors now filled</p> <p><u>April 2016</u> PC considered ways to improve engagement with parishioners at PC meetings. It was agreed to keep 'Parish Time' at the end of meetings to give residents the opportunity to raise matters with the PC. The PC welcomes residents to all meetings and the Chair ensures the public present have the opportunity to comment during meetings, particular before discussion about planning applications.</p> <p><u>March 2019</u> A small number of residents regularly attend Council meetings. Their attendance and relevant contributions are appreciated by the Parish Council. 'Parish Time' moved to near the start of Parish Council meetings to enable engagement earlier in the meeting. Public participation guidance published on the website.</p> <p><u>May 2019</u> Contested Parish Council election with 9 candidates standing for 7 seats.</p> <p><u>March 2020</u> A very small number of residents continue to attend PC meetings regularly.</p>

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This document now needs to be reviewed by the Parish Council and a new action plan written setting out the priorities for Kersey for the next few years.