

**KPC 129-08**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**  
**HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, ARMS LANE, KEDINGTON**

- Present:** Cllr Ann Naylor (Chair)  
Cllr Terry Wheeler (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Ross Standeven  
Cllr Jeffery Potter  
Cllr Lynda Woodward  
Cllr Dean Willett  
Cllr Eleanor Bull
- In attendance:** John Boxall (Parish Clerk)
- Also in attendance:** Suffolk County Councillor David Roach, West Suffolk Councillors Marion Rushbrook and Karen Richardson.

**1. Acknowledge agenda items of interest to members of the public present.**

None.

**2. Welcome and Apologies.**

Cllrs Woodley and Brooker are unable to attend due to work commitments. Apologies accepted by all Councillors present.

Clerk advised that he attended a Clerk's Networking meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at which one of the matters discussed was transparency. It became apparent that other Council's include the following or similar within the minutes of their meetings regarding recording, filming, photographing or broadcasting their meetings. This is dealt with in section 3 of our Standing Orders.

"The Chair welcomed everyone present and advised that the Council, members of the public and press may audio record, film, photograph or broadcast the meeting, when the press and public are not lawfully excluded. Any member of the public who attends the meeting is advised that the Parish Council cannot control 3<sup>rd</sup> party recordings. The Parish Council will audio record the meeting."

Clerk advised that an oral commentary cannot be given on the meeting as it is taking place.

Clerk advised that it is his intention to ask the Chair to read this out as part of this agenda item starting at the next meeting, and for it to be recorded within the minutes. All Councillors present agreed with this.

Chair expressed condolences on behalf of the Parish Council to Sharon Eames regarding her husband Brain Phillips who passed away over the Christmas period and to the Starling family regarding Margaret Starling who also passed away recently.

**3. To receive members' declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Registerable Interests in accordance with the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct (and section 106 of the LGFA 1992) and receive any applications for dispensations on agenda items.**

None declared.

**4. Councillors who were present to agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of Kedington Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Councillors confirmed they had received a copy of the minutes that was emailed to them on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and had read them. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Bull and seconded by Cllr Potter to agree the minutes of the meeting of Kedington Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 as a true record. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. Chair signed the minutes outside the meeting.

**ACTION**

**5. Receive visitor's reports and reports from District and County Councillors.**

Chair confirmed that Councillors had received the District and County Councillor's reports that were emailed to them earlier today (ANNEX 1).

Cllr Roach advised that Suffolk Highways have advised him that they are going to reinstate the single yellow line on Mill Road near to the school entrance. He further advised that Cllr Clarke is going to contact the enforcement team and request they attend at school drop off and pick up times.

Cllr Roach advised that the budget for County will be set in February.

Cllr Roach advised that the NHS are going to start bringing back services into the premise on Camps Road, Haverhill, once the issue with RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) is resolved. The services are yet to be determined but amongst other things may include mental health services and paediatrics.

With regards to the District Councillor's report and the section on Homelessness and Investing in temporary accommodation, Cllr Potter asked what the numbers of homelessness are like. Cllr Richardson isn't aware of the exact numbers in West Suffolk but will find out.

Clerk also asked what is discussed at the West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum. Cllr Roach advised that the agenda is very varied and sometimes will be based on a theme i.e. transport, and there have been guest speakers.

Cllr Roach asked and was advised that the Cllrs aren't aware of any properties in the parish being flooded in the recent heavy rains.

ANNEX 1

**6. Financial Statements: Receive budget statements and any other financial reports and consider action.****6.1 Review and verify budget statements.**

Chair confirmed that Councillors had received the relevant documents that were emailed to them on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Cllr Willett asked why the bank reconciliation records the receipts as £91,015.69 yet the net position report records receipts as £85,946.00 and why the bank reconciliation records the payments as £67,303.07 yet the net position report records payments as £63,256.91. Clerk advised that as far as he is aware the net position report does not include some code transfers or bank transfers because they are not recorded as payments or receipts on Scribe.

Cllr Willett also asked why we don't have a budget for receipts. Clerk advised this is because apart from the precept we don't have budgeted receipts.

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Woodward and seconded by Cllr Potter to verify the bank reconciliation, the list of payments and receipts and the net position (ANNEX 2). There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

ANNEX 2

**6.2 Precept application for financial year 2024/2025.**

Clerk advised that the precept application for £88,746.00 was submitted to West Suffolk Council by email on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and safe receipt was acknowledged by email the same day (ANNEX 3). The application was emailed to Councillors on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Clerk advised that the budget for 2024/2025 is on the Parish Council website.

Following a query from Cllr Potter regarding the population of the application form, Clerk confirmed that the only figures he enters are the precept application amount itself and any contribution to/from the reserves, if any. The remainder of the form is populated automatically once "Kedington" is entered in the "Parish Council of" box.

ANNEX 3

**6.3 PAYE quarterly payment.**

Clerk advised that the 2023-2024 Quarter 3 PAYE payment totalling £3,277.02 was made on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This is for the Clerk and the Village Cleaner's PAYE and Employee National Insurance contributions and the Parish Council's Employer National Insurance contributions.

**6.4 VAT quarterly refund claim.**

Clerk advised that the 2023-2024 Quarter 3 VAT claim totalling £1,040.41 was submitted on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and was received into the Barclays account on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**6.5 Regular payments; approve for financial year 2024/2025**

Chair confirmed that Councillors had received the regular payments list for the financial year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, that was emailed to them on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (ANNEX 4). A resolution was put forward by Cllr Willett and seconded by Cllr Woodward to approve the regular payments. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

ANNEX 4

**6.6 Approve payment to Andy Lyle for work on Silver Street Park.**

Chair advised that in June 2023 with her permission, parishioner Andy Lyle spent time tidying up the raised bed and the area in the corner by the green bench on Silver Street Park. He was asked to submit an invoice for this work but declined saying he would do it voluntarily.

In the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, with permission of the Chair, Andy cleared the footpath of a fallen tree by cutting a gap into it to allow passage along the footpath. The following week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, he cut the tree up and moved it all away from the footpath area. Chair asked him to submit an invoice for this and also the work in June 2023.

On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Andy submitted to the Clerk an invoice for £110.00 for this work, this is 10 hours work at £11.00 per hour.

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Standeven to pay £110.00 to Andy Lyle for the work on Silver Street Park. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

**7. Grants.****7.1. Uptake. NONE****7.2. Applications. NONE****8. Clerk's report: Discuss and agree action on Clerk's Report and correspondence received.****8.1 Parish Council email.**

Clerk advised that Nick Rutter has set up the email accounts in individual Councillor's names i.e. ann.naylor@kedingtonpc.org.uk. Clerk has these details and the random passwords currently allocated to them. The passwords can be changed once logged on. For the Clerks emails to transfer to the new email address Nick needs to have the computer and the Clerk is dropping that off to him tomorrow morning.

Nick has also registered the domain name as kedingtonpc.org.uk and will forward this to our website. This means that if anyone looks for the website through the domain name on the end of the email addresses, they will connect to the correct website.

**8.2 Service of Parish Council computer.**

Clerk advised that when he started to do the minutes for the December meeting he discovered that the Parish Council computer wouldn't play the old or the new SDHC memory cards. The Clerk was able to play the new card on the Parish Council lap top and his own computer, confirming it was a problem with the Parish Council computer.

Clerk contacted Nick Rutter and he accessed the Parish Council computer remotely but was unable to resolve the issue. It seems the computer is recognising the card but not playing it. Nick suggested having the computer serviced and said he can do this at the same time as transferring the Clerk's emails to the new email account. This will be at a cost of £50.00 inc VAT.

Cllr Wheeler proposed and Cllr Bull seconded to have the Parish Council serviced at a cost of £50.00. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

**8.3 Removal of legal restriction on expenditure on Church buildings.**

Clerk advised that as per the email from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils that he forwarded to Councillors on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024, S.82 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 came into effect on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023. This removes the restriction the Local Government Act 1894 previously had on Parish Councils from incurring expenditure on buildings, grounds etc. relating to the Church or ecclesiastical charities.

It should be noted that the change will only remove the restriction. Expenditure can still only be incurred when;

- a council has the general power of competence; or
- a specific statutory power exists; or
- where the council decides the expenditure will benefit the area/inhabitants, using s.137, Local Government Act 1972.

What the amendment does is allows councils that wish to, to contribute towards maintenance of churchyards, new lead roofs, repairs to church bells/clocks etc.

Clerk also confirmed that section 137(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows expenditure to assist with insurance and electricity costs, the Church being a charitable body.

## 9 Play Equipment.

### 9.1 Receive defect reports (if any); agree action.

Clerk confirmed that no current reports have been received since those conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### 9.2 Playground and Play Areas Risk Management Policy.

Clerk confirmed that the draft Policy and the current Service Level Agreement were emailed to Councillors on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Clerk confirmed that the Service Level Agreement is the current one despite the dates on it. Cllr Willett commented that he thought it was a very good Policy. There were no further questions.

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Willett to adopt this Policy. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

### 9.3 Maintenance of play equipment and outdoor exercise equipment.

Clerk advised that he has spoken to Peter Sander at Playquip who has said that it would be very difficult to quote for a maintenance contract as the value of the work required would vary so much. He said that it might be an idea to have a contract that is a 10% discount on whatever needs doing. However, he also said that it may not be economic for them to travel from Alresford on the other side of Colchester, to Kedington to carry out the work required.

Following a discussion amongst Councillors it was decided to carry on as we are; dealing with what the monthly play inspection reports reveal.

## 10. Environmental / Grounds Maintenance matters.

### 10.1 Bird boxes.

Chair advised that the RSPB will only accept payment by bank card. Following a discussion amongst Councillors, a resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Bull for the Clerk to purchase six bird boxes using his personal debit card and to be reimbursed from Parish Council funds. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

### 10.2 Maintenance of planting areas in Silver Street Park.

Clerk advised that the raised bed area and the area near the green bench need tidying and then maintaining. Andy Lyle has advised that he would only be able to do this on a very ad hoc basis. This needs more regular attention.

At Chair and Clerk's suggestion, Clerk contacted Shawn Winters by phone on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 regarding the initial tidying up and then regular maintenance. Shawn felled the trees on the Cut and on the Silver Street Park bridge recently. Shawn will have a look to give an idea as to what he thinks could do with being done. Nothing heard back yet.

Suggestions welcome for what to plant in these areas bearing in mind the raised bed was originally a sensory area.

All  
Councillors

**11. Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters.****11.1 Speed Detection Radar traffic survey.**

Chair advised she has sent another email chasing a Speed Detection Radar traffic survey being conducted by the Road Safety Camera Team on Mill Road but as yet has had no reply.

**11.2 Parking on West End Lane grass verge.**

Clerk confirmed that the Chair has had an email from Matthew Fox, the Suffolk County Council Community Liaison Engineer stating "As we discussed, we would not generally support "No Parking" signs as these carry no power of Enforcement without a relevant Traffic Regulation Order and in reality amount to little more than a request and can often lead to more issues than they solve. Whilst it is possible to apply for parking restrictions here (Double Yellow Lines), these are an extremely expensive undertaking. A far cheaper option is to install wooden posts with reflective plates on the verges in the areas that you wish to prevent parking – and is a measure that numerous Parish Councils have taken to protect verges and other pieces of green-space. These can only be installed on highway land with permission from us and a valid street works license. There is usually a one-off fee of £150 for these but in some instances this is waived for PC funded works depending on type and location etc.

Cllr Wheeler suggested the posts are 500mm below ground and at least 600mm above ground with pyramid shaped tops.

Clerk advised he has looked into roughly how many posts may be required; fence posts and oak posts, and the costs. Following a discussion amongst Councillors it was decided that Clerk should contact a second timber merchants regarding oak posts and for it to be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk

**11.3 Speed Indicator Device spare battery.**

Chair advised that the Speed Indicator Device has two batteries, one of which is not now working. She has been in contact with Westcotec who can provide a replacement Maxi Lifepro 12Ah Lithium battery at a cost of £196.50 + VAT including delivery.

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Potter and seconded by Cllr Bull to purchase a second battery for £196.50 + VAT including delivery. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

**12. Outstanding estimates awaited or work ordered.****12.1 Queens Platinum Jubilee bench.**

Clerk advised that the fitting of the bench has been pencilled in for the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, weather depending.

**12.2 Playground equipment repair/maintenance.**

Clerk advised that on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 he sent an email to Playquip regarding their successful quote as discussed at the December meeting. Clerk has since been sent a copy of their Public Liability Insurance Certificate.

The Clerk also asked Playquip if they would be able to replace the quick links on the cross scales seats. Playquip have advised that they carry these on the vans "so there is no problem with changing them for you, it does depend on the size and material of your chains in respect to cost, we stock mild steel and stainless steel, it is not advisable to mix the metals as it creates wear to the softer metal very quickly, the quick links vary from £8.25 each to £12.85 each depending on material, I will let you know a cost once the men have told me what is required."

### 13. Any other reports or on-going matters.

#### 13.1 Office Lease.

Clerk advised he has contacted Adept Property Lawyers following a recommendation from Cllr Standeven. Clerk has asked for their advice regarding a lease for the Kedington Parish Council office and meeting room and whether or not Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) would need to be paid.

Clerk advised that in relation to checking the SDLT liability and providing initial advice the cost will be £200.00 +VAT. If a complete review of the lease is still required they will advise then on a cost of a full lease review.

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Bull and seconded by Cllr Standeven to obtain initial advice at a cost of £200.00 +VAT. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

#### 13.2 Community Emergency Plan.

Chair confirmed that all Councillors present had received and read the draft Plan. Councillors agreed that the Plan should now be submitted.

Chair suggested purchasing two St Johns Ambulance First Aid kits at £46.80 inc VAT each.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Chair would source 20 blankets.

Cllr Roach agreed to provide funds from his locality budget for the purchase of the First Aid kits and blankets.

Clerk

Chair

Cllr Roach

#### 13.3 Children's Sports and Wellbeing Day.

Chair advised she would like the Council to organise another Day for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Community Centre and on the Meadow.

Clerk to obtain quotes to run and staff the Day. All Councillors were in agreement with this course of action and organising this event.

Chair will contact the Friendship Club to enquire if they are happy to use other facilities as they have done in the past.

Last year Cllr Rushbrook kindly granted £230.00 from her Locality Budget towards the 2023 event that wasn't able to take place. This currently sits as a receipt in the Grants budget and she is happy for this to be used.

Clerk

Chair

#### 13.4 Gospel Hall, School Road

Chair advised that she was contacted recently regarding assistance to re-home two organs from the Gospel Hall as it's being sold by Cheffins at auction in March. Chair put this on Facebook and there followed comments from people about how the Hall might be preserved. Chair has had contact from two parishioners, Kevin Betts and Kirk Pearson, and as a result has left it with them to progress.

Chair advised that the Parish Council couldn't apply for the Hall to be an Asset of Community Value as it couldn't be evidenced to be one. It's completely different to the Royal British Legion Hall that is used regularly by the community for various functions; the Gospel Hall hasn't been used for 3 to 4 years and it was used by a small minority of the community. Chair tried to contact Heritage Calling about it but has not received a reply.

Cllr Standeven mentioned letting the Salvation Army know, if they don't know already.

Chair advised that if any Councillors had any thoughts on it they could contact Kevin or Kirk direct.

Cllr  
Standeven  
All  
Councillors

#### 13.5 D-DAY 80 celebrations.

Chair advised that she has been in contact with Kirk Pearson of the Royal British Legion and they are happy to work together on the celebrations.

On the Friday night, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024, there is a talk about it that Cllr Wheeler thinks Kevin Betts is arranging.

There is nothing currently planned for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 so the organisations will work together on something for this day. Chair advised the Community Centre is booked in readiness for this.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed the Royal British Legion has a meeting next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, and he assumes it will be on the agenda.

Chair advised she can't attend the Royal British Legion meetings and so will meet separately with Kirk.

It was agreed the beacon should be used for the celebrations, for lighting at 9.15pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

It was agreed there was no need to purchase any Lamp Lights Of Peace as we already have the beacon.

#### 14. Housing/Planning.

##### 14.1 Applications for discussion at meeting - NONE

##### 14.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed by Parish Council.

- a. **DC/23/1940/VAR - Land West of Haverhill Road, Kedington – Planning application - variation of conditions 2, 5, 17 and 22 of DC/22/0336/FUL to allow use of amended plans and for delivery times to be amended to between the hours of 04.30-20:00 on Monday to Saturday for one retail unit (class E) and associated vehicular and pedestrian accesses.**

Clerk advised that comments regarding this application were submitted on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023. These being "Kedington Parish Council has no objections to this application on the condition that the variation of the delivery time application is restricted to only allow a small VW Caddy sized van to deliver newspaper/magazines and that every other delivery is restricted to the original condition of 0700hrs to 2000hrs"

##### 14.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received from District Council.

- a. **DC/23/1097/TPO - Dane House, Haverhill Road, Kedington - TPO 275 (1999) tree preservation order - two Yew (T5 and T6 on plan and on order) lateral crown reduction by up to two metres on northern, southern and eastern aspects**

Clerk advised that this application was approved on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

- b. **DC/23/1740/HH – 15 Mill Road, Kedington - Householder planning application - single storey rear extension.**

Clerk advised that this application was approved on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

- c. **DC/23/1772/FUL – Land rear of Dane Lodge, Haverhill Road, Kedington – Planning application - change of use from agricultural land to garden land.**

Clerk advised that this application was approved on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### 15. Events: Please bring your diaries.

##### 15.1 Meeting dates for 2024.

March meeting changed to 26<sup>th</sup> March at Chair's request and agreement by emails from Councillors.

Clerk advised that the meeting dates are on the Parish Council website.

##### 15.2 Date and location of next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room.

The meeting closed at 8:17 p.m.

Signed .....

AE Naylor -

..... Date.....20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.....

# ANNEX 1

**Kedington Parish Council – Tuesday 16 January 2024**

**Report from Nick Clarke, Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook, West Suffolk District Councillors**

## **West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum - Save the date**

Please save the date for the next Parish and Town forum, the meeting will be held in person at Mildenhall Jubilee Centre, Recreation Way, Mildenhall, IP28 7HG from 7pm to 8.30pm on Monday 18 March 2024. Further information regarding the forum along with an agenda for the evening will be sent through closer to the date.

## **Homelessness and Investing in temporary accommodation**

Over this past year, West Suffolk Council (WSC) have invested more than £1.2 million both to improve their existing temporary accommodation as well as to increase the amount that can be accessed. It means a better quality of accommodation for the people who we are looking after during an extremely challenging time in their lives. And it also means that we can accommodate more people.

Part of that money has been spent on major works to improve the living conditions of temporary accommodation in Bury St Edmunds used predominantly to support families. Here, we have carried out work to improve the bedrooms, kitchen and garden. We've also improved access for people with mobility issues, including a wet room, larger bedroom and a wide door entrance with wheelchair access. It's about ensuring that people's stay, however temporary it may be, is as pleasant and welcoming an experience as it can be under the circumstances.

We've also made buildings more sustainable through solar panels and an air source heat pump, so it is both cheaper to run and has less of an environmental impact.

## **Locality Budget**

The 3 of us have funds remaining – we need to spend these by the end of the financial year. Please email us or ask us for details.



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A column by Councillor Richard Rout, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment.

### **More public money for adult and children's care, but difficult decisions are needed to balance the books**

As part of financial plans to prioritise those in greatest need, an additional £42.7 million for children's services and £29.9 million for adult care are being proposed. However, inflation and rising demand for services have meant that the council will have to make £64.7 million in savings over the next two years.

## **National Grid could cause unnecessary disruption to Suffolk communities**

Suffolk County Council remains concerned at the lack of coordination between huge energy projects which would affect coastal communities in Suffolk.

In particular, the council believes National Grid should be taking more collective responsibility for its projects, such as with the Sea Link and LionLink schemes. If left unchallenged, these projects could have a significant impact on Suffolk communities.

Sea Link is a proposal for the development of a new 2 gigawatt electricity connection, approximately 140km in length and predominately offshore.

LionLink aims to connect multiple offshore wind farms in the North Sea, instead of individual wind farms connecting one-by-one to the shore.

**Councillor Richard Rout, Suffolk County Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment, said:**

"The east coast of Suffolk is seeing a continual stream of proposed energy projects. It's therefore essential that where they proceed, they are coordinated, and our communities are treated fairly.

"For example, the Sea Link and LionLink projects both propose to connect to the same converter station site near Saxmundham. Yet they do not currently share a proposed landing point or cable route to the converter station site. So as it stands, we would see two lots of disruption for essentially the same goal.

"While the Sea Link team has worked hard to enable their scheme to coordinate with other projects, their colleagues working on the Lion Link proposals have utterly failed. If these projects are to go ahead - and we do have wider concerns - then it's essential they share a landing point and cable corridor to minimise their impacts."

These are points which will be presented at the council's Cabinet meeting on 12 December, as it looks to formalise its response to the current Sea Link consultation, which closes on 18 December.

The council's response will explain that the two projects must share the landing point and cable route and that National Grid Group must coordinate the projects of its subsidiaries so that the projects can be consented to at the same time and be fully coordinated.

Also, if agreed at the Cabinet meeting, Cllr Rout will write to both the National Grid Group and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, asking them to align both the Sea Link and LionLink projects. It will be requested that should the projects apply for Development Consent Orders, the Planning Inspectorate considers both projects simultaneously, using a single panel of examiners, so there is co-ordination.

**Cllr Rout continues:**

"The council has long been calling for an offshore approach to manage as much of the energy transmission as possible. It's important to note that one of the key alternatives to the Sealink project, would mean more pylons across Suffolk - something which we utterly oppose.

"I can't see how National Grid can be a genuine leader in delivering Net Zero infrastructure unless it improves harmonisation across its projects. It would be wholly unacceptable for the technicalities of

different branches of National Grid, or for the regulator Ofgem, to stand in the way of effective coordination.”

Residents and businesses still have the opportunity to have their say on the [Sea Link proposals](#), the non-statutory consultation closes on 18 December.

## **Father Gritmas, Gritty Gritty Bang Bang and Spread Sheeran prepared for county's cold snap**

An article by Councillor Paul West, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Ipswich, Operational Highways and Flooding.

As temperatures plummet, highways teams have now switched their main focus to ensuring the county's roads are treated and kept free from snow and ice. Despite experiencing mild temperatures in the autumn, our highways teams have been carefully planning our winter gritting operation for months to ensure we are prepared for whatever the weather throws our way.

Over the past week, our 39-strong gritting fleet, named by the Suffolk public, including Father Gritmas, Gritty Gritty Bang Bang and Spread Sheeran went on multiple treatment runs across half of the entire local road network in Suffolk.

The gritting treatment of our roads in Suffolk is vital to ensure people can continue to travel and do so safely during winter. During the 2022/23 winter season, Suffolk used around 12,989 tonnes of salt to treat a total distance of 177,983 miles – which equates to travelling the circumference of Earth over seven times! Suffolk Highways currently has a stock of around 17,000 tonnes of salt across the county for the season ahead and is well prepared for any further drop in temperatures.

Our highway teams are responsible for gritting 36 Priority 1 (P1) routes, which amounts to around 1,259 miles, including all A and B roads, roads to fire stations, hospitals, main bus routes and rail stations. They also have 34 Priority 2 (P2) routes, which amounts to around 843 miles of the network, this includes other bus routes, roads leading to rural villages and access to schools. The P1 routes are completed when road surface temperatures are forecast to drop below 1°C and P2 routes are carried out when the forecast predicts there to be a longer period of cold weather conditions.

This entire operation requires extremely careful pre-planning and running throughout, every single decision to grit or not is based upon forecasted road surface temperatures, whilst also considering the impact of other factors, such as wind and heavy rain.

But gritting the priority network isn't all that the teams do to prepare our county for wintry weather; Suffolk Highways has also refilled 2,100 grit bins across the county at registered locations, such as the bottom of hills, or on junctions of minor roads. Grit bins are owned by [parish and town councils](#) and to ensure that the contents of grit bins are used to make roads safer, our communities are encouraged to monitor how and where the grit is used and if more is required to report it via the reporting tool.

Suffolk's residents can also do their part to support us with our gritting efforts by parking considerately and leaving enough room so that our vehicles can grit the road – if we can't fit, we can't grit!

Anyone who would like to know when and where we are gritting over the coming months, all gritting activities will be posted to Suffolk Highways' X (formerly known as Twitter), Facebook and Instagram

accounts – so I encourage you to give us a follow and keep abreast of all our team's movements this winter season.

More information on gritting can be found on the county council website, and details of which roads are gritted can be found on [one.network](#), by selecting the 3 lines on the search box, then data layers, driver information then winter gritting routes.

Suffolk Highways' winter gritting efforts form part of the county council's wider 'Winter Matters' campaign, which launched last week, and offers advice to help Suffolk residents stay warm, safe and well this winter.

From stopping the spread of winter illnesses, to heating your home for less, residents can find advice at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/wintermatters](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/wintermatters) to help you and your loved ones look after your money, health, wellbeing and safety during the colder months. Information will be regularly shared on the council's social media channels throughout winter, follow Suffolk County Council on Facebook or @SuffolkCC on X, using the hashtag #WinterMatters.

## **Suffolk County Council response to local government finance settlement**

The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities yesterday (18<sup>th</sup> December) announced its funding package to support councils in England to deliver frontline services.

Responding to this, **Councillor Richard Rout, Suffolk County Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment, said:**

"Yesterday's council funding announcement presents more challenges than we, and many other County Councils, expected. It means next year we will have no choice but to consider changes to some of the services we provide.

"The Government is facing considerable financial pressures and requests for funds from all corners of society, not least from councils across the country. We have consistently lobbied for more funding in Suffolk.

"We fully understand this position as we too have increasing demands on our services and rising costs to provide them – but the money we receive is not keeping pace with this need.

"Despite being a financially well-run council, we have significantly less funding than we need – especially in services like SEND, home-to-school transport and children in care. To prioritise these areas, we will have to make difficult decisions about the services we deliver, how we deliver them and council tax."

## **Why we have not objected to Sea Link energy plans at this stage**

A column by Councillor Richard Rout, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment.

Everyone in Suffolk is now becoming aware of the many energy projects being proposed in our region, from the Sunnica solar farm in the west, pylon projects through the centre of the county and a myriad of schemes along our coastline.

Even if you don't live on the coast, many people will still be affected by the impact of these schemes, whether that's proposals for substations that are further inland, or pylons which would carry around much of the extra power that is being produced.

Last week, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet considered Sea Link, which is a proposal for the development of a new 2-gigawatt electricity offshore energy connection between Suffolk and Kent.

This isn't a project which has been granted permission, nor is it at the final planning stage, which we expect to start in the second half of 2024. However, it is at an important phase, which is a statutory consultation.

This has been an opportunity for residents, stakeholders, and local councils to share thoughts about the plans as they currently stand. As the county council, we have staff who put together a comprehensive response, taking into account all aspects of the proposal – from the impact it would have on your community, wildlife, the environment, traffic, tourism, and the list goes on.

At last week's cabinet meeting, we agreed on what the council's position should be on Sea Link. We heard both sides of the argument – the need to support the country's energy security and a future for clean energy, but also the need to protect our communities and environment.

We agree with all these points, but we did not make a formal objection to Sea Link at this point. Let me explain why.

It is true that we think the proposal is not currently satisfactory. There are many pieces of information missing from the current plans, which makes it very difficult to make an informed decision. For example, at this stage the extent of the scheme is unconfirmed, access arrangements are speculative, design and mitigation measures are unformed, and we've yet to see details of how the impact on tourism will be addressed.

But this lack of detail is not a reason to object at this moment. I can't recall any infrastructure proposal presenting all the necessary information during these consultation stages. To object now, on lack of detail, would set a precedent that would see the county council object to all similar applications at the statutory consultation stage. This stance is neither credible nor effective. Furthermore, if the required detail were to be produced, the council would have to withdraw its objection.

I see these consultations as a way for all parties – you, me, the council, residents, and communities – to work together to shape the proposals put forward for the Planning Inspectorate to examine. It's at that point when we can all make an informed decision on whether to object.

In parallel, the county council plays an important role in trying to influence strategic energy issues. By this, I mean ensuring the energy produced in and around Suffolk is transmitted to where it is needed with the least possible impact on our area.

To this end, we have been at the forefront – with the region's MPs – of calling for an offshore grid in East Anglia. Such an approach could remove much of the strain on our county.

So what did the cabinet agree on regarding Sea Link?

We noted that the LionLink project has shown no attempt to coordinate with Sea Link. This means the council would likely recommend an objection to LionLink further down the line. The council expects National Grid to better manage projects under their umbrella to minimise the harm to our environment and the communities.

In addition, the outcomes of the Offshore Coordination Support Scheme and the review of connections in East Anglia, which is due to be undertaken by the National Grid Electricity System Operator, are unknown. Therefore, we cannot come to a reasonably informed conclusion about the Sea Link project at this stage.

We have, therefore, written to National Grid saying they must assess two things: the coordinated connection of windfarms and interconnectors at Bradwell and the Isle of Grain and to determine exactly what a coordinated offshore network would need to look like.

I hope that helps to explain why we have not objected to the Sea Link project at this stage. We will continue to work with local communities to see the best possible final proposal, and then we can make our final decisions.

### **More public money for adult and children's care, but difficult decisions are needed to balance the books**

In the next two years, Suffolk County Council needs to pump almost £74 million extra into protecting the county's most vulnerable residents.

- £74 million extra needed to protect most vulnerable over two years
- £64.7 million savings to be made over two years
- Council set to reduce workforce, services and use savings

As part of financial plans to prioritise those in greatest need, an additional £42.7 million for children's services and £29.9 million for adult care are being proposed.

Along with local authorities up and down the country, the council has been hit hard by inflation and rising demand for services such as children's care, special educational needs and disabilities and home-to-school transport. It means having to make difficult decisions about the services it provides, including £64.7 million of savings in 2024/25 and 2025/26.

The two-year savings proposals, which have been published on the council's website, include:

- £11 million of staffing costs through changing the way services are delivered and restructuring across the council.
- £30.6 million of additional savings from an extension of the council's hugely successful Adult Social Care Transformation programme, which has focused on reducing demand for more expensive social care options by boosting people's independence and ability to stay well for longer through innovative methods including cutting edge care technology. This transformation programme has already saved £30.7 million over the last six years
- £0.5 million of savings by stopping core funding to Art and Museum sector organisations. To assist with the transition, £528,000 of COVID recovery money will be made available to Arts and Museum sector organisations for 2024/25 which will fully cover the funding reduction for one year.
- £140,000 of savings by centralising Suffolk Archives to The Hold and closing the branches in West and East Suffolk. In February 2023, the council committed £3.4m to relocate the West Suffolk Archives branch to the proposed Western Way development. Remaining at its current location would have required over £5 million to protect the historic records and meet modern archive standards. West Suffolk Council has since decided not to progress with the Western Way development, ending that opportunity. Centralising the three branches

into one brings Suffolk in line with the majority of archive services across the country and is better value for taxpayers' money.

- £15.9 million of reserves will be used to balance the 2024/25 budget.

**Councillor Richard Rout, Suffolk County Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment, said:**

"This is the most challenging budget-setting process the council has faced for many years. But once again, we are putting adult and children's care at the heart of our plans.

"However, in order to ensure appropriate levels of funding for these key services, and those most in need in Suffolk, we must make difficult decisions about all the other services we deliver, and how we deliver them.

"This is necessary because the demand on council services for those most in need in Suffolk is at an all-time high. The cost of providing many of those services is significant, but the funding that we need is not keeping up. Across the country, councils are having to make similar tough choices.

"Our proposed budget next year will be around £752 million, of which £105m alone is down to these cost pressures from inflation and increased demand.

"We are a well-run council and over the last five years, we have saved £66 million by working smarter and leaner. But we now need to go even further.

"We have spent months scrutinising all the council's spending. There is competition for every pound across all our services, and I understand that each service means something to someone."

Following the recent funding announcement from the Government, Suffolk County Council will not receive enough funding to keep pace with inflation or the level of demand for services. The council has joined national calls for additional funding, and lobbied the Chancellor of the Exchequer direct.

Full details of Suffolk County Council's financial plans for 2024/25 will be presented to its Scrutiny Committee meeting on 11 January.

The proposals would give the council a budget of around £752 million for 2024/25, made up of funding coming from Government, business rates, charges for services and council tax. The proposed budget would require a 4.99% increase in council tax in next year. This would be made up of a 2.99% increase in general council tax and a 2% increase dedicated to funding adult care.

This means the costs for a household would be:

- Band B property: £23.50 per week (£1.12 per week increase from 2023/24)  
(Band B properties are the most common in Suffolk)
- Band D property: £30.21 per week (£1.43 per week increase from 2023/24)

**Cllr Rout continues:**

"We understand the financial pressure facing the Government with public services everywhere asking for more money. This is money that simply isn't available at the moment, especially after the vital financial support made available during and following the pandemic. This means it is up to local authorities like us to find savings to balance the books.



“I would like to thank the record number of people who completed our online budget consultation, and those who took part in our focus groups.

“Although the majority of people said that they would rather not see council tax being increased next year, I hope they can understand why - for the first time in years - we must ask for the maximum amount possible to help support those most in need.

“Our commitment to make the best possible use of every pound of public money made available to us is absolute.”

The budget proposals will be discussed at the council’s Scrutiny Committee and then presented at the Cabinet meeting on 30 January. At the Full Council meeting on 15 February, the proposals will be debated, with a vote taking place on the budget for 2024/25 – the first year of the two-year budget proposals.

The Scrutiny Committee meeting will be available to stream on Suffolk County Council’s YouTube channel, and public questions can be submitted in advance, details are available at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk).

# ANNEX 2

12 January 2024 (2023-2024)

## Kedington Parish Council

Prepared by: John Boxall (Clerk/RFO) Date: 12/1/24  
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: Ann Taylor (Chair) Date: 16/1/24  
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Bank Reconciliation at 12/01/2024			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2023		85,326.40
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2023 - 12/01/2024		81,015.89
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2023 - 12/01/2024		176,344.12
			67,503.07
<b>A</b>	Cash in Hand 12/01/2024 (per Cash Book)		109,041.05
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 12/01/2024	0.00	
	Barclays - Kedington Parish Council 12/01/2024	25,303.56	
	Netwest Bank - Kedington Parish 12/01/2024	82,737.47	
			109,041.05
	Less unpresented payments		
			109,041.05
	Plus un-presented receipts		
<b>B</b>	Adjusted Bank Balance		109,041.05
<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>			

12 January 2024 (2023-2024)

**Kedington Parish Council**  
**PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST**

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
134 Email	27/12/2023	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - TalkTalk email	TalkTalk	S	-4.17	-0.83	-5.00
133 Telephone and Broadband	29/12/2023	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - Telephone and Bro	Onecom Ltd	S	-57.03	-11.41	-68.44
131 Clerk Salary	29/12/2023	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - Wages John Bowll	John Bowll Clerk	Z	-1,939.32		-1,939.32
132 Village Cleaner	29/12/2023	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - Wages Dennis Brow	Dennis Brownlow - Village Cl	Z	-133.32		-133.32
135 Amenity Cleansing	02/01/2024	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - Dog bins emptying	West Suffolk Council	Z	-1,430.15		-1,430.15
136 Grounds, Contract A (Inc Clu	04/01/2024	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - Grass cutting	M D Landscapes (Angla) Ltd	S	-707.20	-141.44	-848.64
136 Grounds, Contract B (Old Sc	04/01/2024	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - Grass cutting	M D Landscapes (Angla) Ltd	S	-72.25	-14.45	-86.70
136 Grounds, Contract E (Great I	04/01/2024	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - Grass cutting	M D Landscapes (Angla) Ltd	S	-115.60	-23.12	-138.72
136 Grounds, Contract D (Callfor	04/01/2024	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - Grass cutting	M D Landscapes (Angla) Ltd	S	-63.35	-8.67	-72.02
137 Clerk Salary	11/01/2024	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - HMRC Payment	HMRC	Z	-2,325.26		-2,325.26
137 Village Cleaner	11/01/2024	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - HMRC Payment	HMRC	Z	-100.00		-100.00
137 National Insurance Contribut	11/01/2024	KPC 128-08 7-2:	Barclays - Kedington I	Routine Payment/Dire	Payment - HMRC Payment	HMRC	Z	-851.76		-851.76
10 Reclaimed VAT	12/01/2024		Barclays - Kedington I		Receipt - VAT Reclaimed	HMRC	R		1,040.41	1,040.41
<b>Total</b>								<b>-7,779.41</b>	<b>840.49</b>	<b>-6,938.92</b>

**Kedington Parish Council**  
**Net Position by Cost Centre and Code**

Cost Centre Name

<u>Administration</u>		<u>Bal. B/Pwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>	
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
7	Clerks Expenses				100.00	43.65	56.35	
8	Councillors Expenses				100.00		100.00	
9	Clerks and Councilor Trail				1,000.00	555.00	445.00	
10	Insurance				3,000.00	1,836.48	1,163.52	
11	Scribe Accountants Softw				561.60	561.60		
16	Website				130.00	120.00	10.00	
19	Elections		-3,000.00		3,000.00			
38	Subscriptions				750.00	654.32	95.68	
50	Dropbox				100.00	79.90	20.10	
52	Hall Hire				200.00		200.00	
54	Audit				607.00	605.50	1.50	
55	Electricity				2,000.00	394.49	1,605.51	
56	Telephone and Broadband				700.00	612.53	87.47	
57	Post				20.00		20.00	
58	Stationery				175.00	161.23	13.77	
60	Email				60.00	37.53	22.47	
61	Office Cleaning				250.00	96.00	154.00	
62	Protect and Detect - Fire e							
67	Shared Office Costs with I				360.00		360.00	
					<b>£-3,000.00</b>	<b>13,113.60</b>	<b>£6,768.23</b>	<b>4,366.37</b>

Asset Register

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Pwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
39	Community Asset						
40	Infrastructure Asset						
41	Vehicle, Plant, Furniture E						

Earmarked Reserves

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Pwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
48	War Memorial	3,500.00				2,310.00	1,190.00
49	Recreation Equipment	10,571.90					10,571.90
63	Legal Fees	4,000.00					4,000.00
64	Training	300.00					300.00
66	2021-2022 Underspend	2,379.47		-1,118.87		1,050.50	210.10
71	Elections			3,000.00		81.91	2,918.09
		<b>£20,761.37</b>		<b>£1,881.13</b>		<b>£3,442.41</b>	<b>18,180.00</b>

General Parish Requirements

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Pwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
46	Asset Maintenance				3,500.00	1,844.59	1,655.41
59	Pest Control				600.00	600.00	
70	King's Coronation	350.00		370.00	1,000.00	1,720.00	
		<b>£350.00</b>		<b>£370.00</b>	<b>£,100.00</b>	<b>£4,164.59</b>	<b>1,655.41</b>

General Reserves

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Pwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
45	Reserve	45,761.86		1,118.87		1,298.25	45,582.48
		<b>£45,761.86</b>		<b>£1,118.87</b>		<b>£1,298.25</b>	<b>45,582.48</b>

Grants and Donations

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Pwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
36	Grants and Donations - Be	230.00			5,000.00	2,500.00	2,730.00
51	Poppy Appeal - Sec 138B				100.00	100.00	

Current Balance = Balance B/Pwd - (Receipt Budget - Actual Receipt) + (Payment Budget - Actual Payments)

12 January 2024 (2023-2024)

**Kedington Parish Council**  
**Net Position by Cost Centre and Code**

<u>Cost Centre Name</u>		Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		£280.00		5,100.00	£2,800.00	2,780.00
<b>HMRC VAT</b>						
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>				
44	Reclaimed VAT					
<b>PRECEPT</b>						
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>				
43	Precept					
			85,575.00			85,575.00
			£85,575.00			85,575.00
<b>Salary</b>						
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>				
1	Clerk Salary			29,400.00	24,282.57	5,117.43
3	Village Cleaner			2,100.00	1,594.48	505.52
4	National Insurance Contrib			3,000.00	2,803.58	196.32
				£34,500.00	£28,680.73	5,819.27
<b>Village Maintenance</b>						
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>				
20	Grounds, Contract A (Inc C			8,485.40	5,354.80	2,121.60
21	Grounds, Contract B (Old I			857.00	650.25	216.75
22	Grounds, Contract E (Grez			1,387.20	1,040.40	346.80
23	Grounds, Contract D (Calf			520.20	390.15	130.05
24	Silver Street Park			500.00		500.00
25	Grounds - Extras			1,000.00	419.99	580.01
26	Grounds - Strimming			4,000.00	2,250.00	1,750.00
28	Equipment New			1,000.00	355.45	634.54
30	Contingencies / Sundries			1,000.00	390.20	609.80
31	Recreation Equipment					
32	War Memorial					
33	Tree Maintenance			3,000.00	1,150.00	1,850.00
35	Amenity Cleansing			6,000.00	4,290.45	1,709.55
68	The Cut Peppercorn Rent			1.00	1.00	
69	Office Extension Pepperc			1.00		1.00
				£27,782.80	£17,312.70	10,460.10
<b>NET TOTAL</b>		<b>£87,083.23</b>	<b>£85,848.00</b>	<b>85,678.40</b>	<b>£83,268.81</b>	<b>175,368.72</b>

Current Balance = Balance B/Fwd - (Receipt Budget - Actual Receipt) + (Payment Budget - Actual Payments)

# ANNEX 3

Supplier ID:  
501812



## Application for Parish/Town Council Precept 2024/25

Please complete the following and return to the Chief Financial Officer by 22 January 2024

PARISH COUNCIL OF:

Kedington

Please select your Parish Council from drop down list

Date of Parish/Town Council Meeting, approving the precept

19th Dec 2023

Contact details of the Parish/Town Clerk

Name: Mr John Boxall

Address: c/o NISA Village Stores, 17 Silver Street, Kedington, Suffolk, CB9 7NA

Tel No: 01440-708577

E-Mail: clerk.kedingtonpc@tiscali.co.uk

### Bank Details:

Sort Code: 20-17-20

Account Number: 20671908

The amount requested by the above mentioned Parish/Town Council by way of precept from West Suffolk Council for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 is as follows:

The 2023/24 figures below are those submitted by Parishes in January 2023 and are included for information purposes only.

	2023/24	2024/25
Expenditure (excluding contributions to reserves)	£ 85,576	£ 88,746
Contribution to (+ve)/from(-ve) Reserves	£ -	
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>A</b> £ 85,576	£ 88,746
Parish Precept	<b>B</b> £ 85,576	£ 88,746
Tax Base (see explanatory note)	<b>C</b> 684.09	688.77
Parish Band D Council Tax	<b>B÷C</b> £ 125.09	£ 128.85
Increase/-Decrease		£ 3.76
Percentage Increase/-Decrease		3.01%

Signed by:-  
Chair of Parish Council:

A E Naylor

Date: 5th Jan 2024

Parish Clerk:

Date: 5th Jan 2024

# ANNEX 4

## KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR PAYMENTS @ 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 KPC 129-08

FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025

1. Clerk's monthly salary
2. Village Cleaner's monthly salary
3. Ana Lopes (office cleaning)
4. Bloomfield Electrical Services (Portable Appliance Testing)
5. Dropbox (yearly subscription paid by Clerk and refunded to him)
6. HMRC (PAYE and National Insurance)
7. Information Commissioner's Office (Registration fee paid by Direct Debit)
8. Kedington Community Association (electricity)
9. MD Landscapes (grass cutting)
10. MD Landscapes (strimming)
11. Nicholas Leonard Pest Control Services (mole control)
12. One Com (telephone and broadband paid by Direct Debit)
13. Scribe (yearly subscription)
14. Suffolk Association of Local Councils (yearly subscription)
15. Suffolk Cloud (website)
16. Suffolk Local History Council (yearly subscription)
17. TalkTalk (email paid by Direct Debit)
18. Thurlow Estate Management (yearly rent of the Cut)
19. TV Licensing (TV Licence for Community Hub)
20. West Suffolk Council (emptying of dog and litter bins)