MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 APRIL 2014 IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL AT 9 PM

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, John Maltby, Veronica Partridge, Giles Hollingworth, Yvonne Martin, 7 members of the public and the Clerk – Sarah Partridge

53/14 APOLOGIES - None

54/14 CO-OPTION TO FILL THE VACANCIES FOR TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

No one has expressed an interest in the vacancies. The Parish Council must continue to actively promote the vacancies and encourage members of the community to consider becoming a councillor.

55/14 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

56/14 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received

57/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2014 were signed and dated as being correct.

The following agenda items were not discussed; they will be discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council - CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE, FINANCE

58/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No progress about applications had been received and there were no new planning applications to consider.

59/14 TO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS WITH A TURNOVER NOT EXCEEDING £25,000

Councillors had all seen a copy of this consultation. Kersey is already complying with most of the main criteria which encourages openness and publicity. Most Kersey Parish Council documents are available online via the website. If this new code was introduced it would involve some additional work and the need for an archiving facility to store information online which is more than 12 months old.

60/14 TO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATION ON BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILS NEW JOINT LOCAL VALIDATION LIST FOR PLANNING

Parish Councillors had all seen a copy of this consultation. Councillors felt this validation list seemed to be aimed at larger more detailed housing developments, for which it seemed to be appropriate, rather than individual householder applications for individual properties or extensions.

61/14 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS -10 April KCPC working group meeting at The Bell

62/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

The meeting was adjourned for 'Parish Time'

Members of the public present commented about the number of potholes around the Parish. The Clerk had already reported most of these to highways.

The meeting was reconvened.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.