

# KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Action Plan group [REDACTED] on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7pm.

### Attending

Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Claire  
Buttle (CB), [REDACTED] Kirsten Hecktermann (KH, Minutes).

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Chris Burslem (CRB)

### 2. Notes and Actions from meeting on 4 October 2017

- There were no changes to the minutes.
- It was noted that until we get a separate area on the new Parish Council web site we would use Dropbox to store information and results. It was also noted that Dropbox was only accessible to BAP Group members and so could be used to store more confidential information (such as surveys of sites which are not publically accessible). Once information was put on the PC web site it would be available to the general public and so should not be used to store any information that had been provided in confidence. The PC web site should be used to provide advice and guidance on management of gardens and other areas to encourage biodiversity. **Action: KD**
- CB had purchased two trees for the Recreation Ground: Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*) and Alder Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*). Susan Major had purchased one of these in memory of Dave Darton, and [REDACTED] had purchased the other in memory of Dougie Ruth. CB would ask that the next edition of the New OASIS include that one remembrance tree is still available. **Action: CB**
- Gen Broad had not yet sent information on the criteria for designation as a Roadside Nature Reserve.
- The local bat surveyor had sadly passed away but CC would find out if there were records of bat sightings kept. **Action: CC**

- JB said that he would upload a file of recorded wildlife collected by [REDACTED] to the BAP Dropbox folder. This includes plants and mosses amongst the wildlife recordings which is held in Ipswich museum. **Action: JB**

### 3. Findings from biodiversity survey at Church View, Bridge Street (1.5 acres)

42 species were recorded.

History: the site had at one time been allotments and fields.

The owner, [REDACTED] was keen to receive advice on management going forward. [REDACTED] had offered to cut and remove the grass once the Ragwort is removed.

[REDACTED] was advised to add Yellow Rattle to reduce the density of long grass. This can be bought from Chiltern Seeds (<https://www.chilternseeds.co.uk/search?q=yellow+rattle+seed>). UK grown seeds are available from Emorsgate (<https://wildseed.co.uk/home>).

The species recorded and photographs will be added to the BAP Dropbox folder.

**Action: JB, KD**

### 4. Findings from biodiversity survey at Mill Farm, Rosemary Lane

48 species were recorded.

Noteworthy plants: *Hippuris vulgaris* (Mare's Tail) only plant seen growing in Kelsale by JB but may have been introduced.

The hedgerow was interesting and quite diverse.

There were orchids on the site.

The species recorded and photographs will be added to the BAP Dropbox folder.

**Action: JB, CRB**

### 5. Review of draft list of Biodiversity Action Plan species

Additions:

- Thick Kneed Flower Beetle (*Oedamera Femoralis* - right) - one sighted underneath JB's seed tray and one caught in CC's moth trap. The first recorded sightings in Kelsale(?) in 100 years.
- Pepper-saxifrage (*Silaum silaus*) - two sightings in Tiggins Lane, also the meadow next to the Colchester's (Curlew Green).
- Sulphur Clover - seen in Kelsale
- Dyers Greenweed – seen in Middleton
- Greater Butterfly Orchid – seen in Middleton



### 6. Review of draft list of sites with Biodiversity value

CC will put the species list from the surveys of KD's and CB's meadows on Dropbox.

**Action: CC**

JB had marked more ponds on the Definitive Parish map.

JB had added all trees with TPOs to a new enlarged map, marked as:

- Green = area is a whole field of TPOs
- Red = occasional trees.

The group discussed accrediting new trees with TPOs as they felt more should be included. A collection of ~10 trees would be identified. Initial recommendations were:

- some trees on Tiggins Lane
- JxB showed images of a Wych Elm (*Ulmus glabra*) near the railway line
- Frank Rowe's veteran Oak

**Action CB to contact** [REDACTED]

JB proposed moving to shorthand codes as the Definitive Parish map is getting too full. We should have one master map, then other maps with finer details.

It was agreed that an A4 data sheet would be drawn up for each site that we have surveyed, containing:

- Name (as known by the group)
- Map + Grid Reference
- Overview photograph
- Summary of survey findings
- Highlights of Biodiversity value

The following sites will be added to the list to view/survey:

- The wild area at the end of the Recreation Ground including identifying the boundary and clearing.
- Site 570 at junction of Main Road and Curlew Green. An initial survey had revealed that there was nothing outstanding but a very good range of plants, diverse and also a good habitat for birds plus potentially a very good place for Turtle Dove breeding grounds.
- Field next to The Walnuts in Curlew Green including offering advice, a management proposal and a working party to help carry out some of the work. It is the only site recorded with Adder's Tongue Fern.
- The Old Manor House Kelsale.
- Site 239 between Main Road and Millview (Kennels).

## **7. Sites for surveys in 2017/18**

The previous list of sites that have been suggested for survey are:

- Farriers House, Bridge Street, Kelsale
- Cherry Tree Cottage, Curlew Green
- By the Crossways, East Green, Kelsale
- Thornlands, Curlew Green
- Maple Farm (ponds), East Green, Kelsale
- Simpsons Fromus Reserve, Kelsale

Surveys would re-start in Spring 2018.

Some of these surveys can only be carried out by viewing from footpaths or with the consent of landowners. For the time being, these will be kept within the group and not published on the PC web site.

## **8. Next Steps**

It was agreed that it would be helpful to publish advice in the Spring edition of the New Oasis on amenity mowing and plants that would encourage biodiversity specific to this area.

## **9. Report back to Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council**

CB agreed to do this in the absence of KD.

**Action: CB**

The meeting closed at 9pm, the Chair thanking KH for her hospitality.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 19.00hrs at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

KH to contact [REDACTED] to see if he would come to a BAP meeting as a landowner and to discuss his knowledge on farming and biodiversity.