

# KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group  
held at [REDACTED] on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7pm.**

## Attending

Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), [REDACTED]  
Claire Buttle (CB).

## 1. Apologies

Kirsten Hecktermann (KH), [REDACTED]

## 2. Notes and Actions from 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

- There were no changes to the notes.
- It was agreed that we would use the minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> Biodiversity Group meeting for the new PC web site. Other minutes should not be published in full but if needed we can summarise and publish them. **Action: KD**
- JB met with Gen Broad in Tiggins Lane and had identified over 100 species. It was agreed that 200m of verge would be designated as a Roadside Nature Reserve (RNR) and marked with posts with instructions to SCC Highways to only cut once a year.
- JB had informed SCC Highways of the sites of Sandy Stiltball fungus so they are aware when it comes to maintenance.
- KD suggested designating the verge on the left side of Main Road just before the Curlew Green turning (Site G19) as a RNR. We will carry out a biodiversity survey of this site at 7pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May. **Action: JB, CB, KD**
- CB reported that a work party at the Recreation Ground (CB, JB, CC) had put in posts to define the meadow area. Another work party (KH, CB, JB, C Bowdrey and Edwina Galloway) had planted corn flowers, clover, yarrow, poppies and ox-eye daisy which we had grown from seed. KD to ask PC for payment of £15.50 to cover the cost of seeds). **Action: KD**

### **3. Review of outcome of recent surveys**

Over the last 2 months we had completed surveys of ponds at:

- The Old Manor House,
- By the Crossways,
- Simpson Fromus Valley Reserve.

Species list will be put in the appropriate site folders on dropbox. **Action: KD**

We had also carried out a survey of the Primary School playing field which had some notable trees and shrubs. Keith will approach the PC to ask if it would fund an owl box for the school. **Action: KD**

### **4. Articles for New OASIS Summer Edition (1 June deadline)**

JxB to write an article on how to manage your garden for biodiversity. **Action: JxB**  
CB to write an article to explain the recent activity on the Recreation Ground.

**Action: CB**

KD to write an article on the 10 best (notable) trees in Kelsale-cum-Carlton.

These should include: **Action: KD**

- Oak near boundary with Sibton - need grid ref and photo. **Action: JB**
- Avenue of limes in Kelsale churchyard.
- Oak on school playing field.

All to suggest other notable trees. KD suggested that the list be limited to 'mature' trees but to also add new/young trees as "trees of possible interest in the future" including the Midland Hawthorn and Alder Buckthorn that we had planted at the end of the Recreation Ground. **Action: All**

An article should also go in the New OASIS asking if anyone would like their property surveyed for its biodiversity potential. **Action: KD**

### **5. Comments on draft Kelsale Conservation Area proposal**

There will be an exhibition in the Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> June to present the proposal for a Conservation Area and invite comments from parishioners.

It was agreed that the Biodiversity Group would suggest that KD's meadow (Site G1) and the allotments are added to the Conservation Area. We should reply both as the Biodiversity group and individually. **Action: All**

### **6. Review of draft list of Biodiversity Action Plan species.**

The Stiltball fungus has been added. Cuckoo flower has appeared on the Recreation Ground since the new maintenance plan was started, which could be an idea for an article in next New OASIS. **Action: JB**

JB to send lists of species found in ponds so far to Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service<sup>1</sup> **Action: JB**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.suffolkbis.org.uk/>

## **7. Review of draft list of sites with Biodiversity value.**

No changes at present.

All to update the BAP Site Register on dropbox with new information and species lists.

**Action: All**

## **8. Site Surveys to end of 2018**

The following were agreed:

- Farriers House at 6pm on 4 June **Action: JxB**
- Edwina Galloway's pond at East Green Cottage on 11 June (tbc) **Action: CB**
- Thornlands, Curlew Green in mid June (tbc) **Action: KH**
- Re-survey of the field behind Church View, Bridge Street in mid June (tbc) and so we can remove the Ragwort prior to cutting. **Action: KD**
- Curlew Green meadow (Site G3) **Action: CC**
- Frank Rowe's old oak tree at Rubblestone Farm **Action: JxB**
- Robin Potter's ponds at Dennys Farm, East Green **Action: KD**
- The pond at Carlton Meres **Action: ?**

KD would create folders on dropbox for all the new sites.

**Action: KD**

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

KD would report back to the PC on 30 May. He would ask for views on the inclusion of a small pond at the end of the Recreation Ground.

**Action: KD**

## **10. AOB**

KD to ask John Pulham who owns Whale Mouth Meadow.

**Action: KD**

**Next meeting:** [REDACTED] 7pm on 30 July 2018.