

# KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Action Plan group held at [REDACTED] on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm.

### Attending

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

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Chris Burslem (CRB)

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

- There were no changes to the notes and all actions had been carried out.
- JB has added further sites to the list of sites to be surveyed.
- CB to talk to John Pulham about putting a piece in the New OASIS saying that we still have room for one more small tree in the recreation ground if anyone would like to donate a tree in memory of a late resident of Kelsale cum Carlton.

**Action: CB**

### 3. Recommendations for further TPOs

- CB had spoken to Nick Newton at SCDC about the criteria needed to get a TPO put on a tree and would forward the email to everyone for their information (attached to these notes).
- CC suggested a veteran oak in Tiggins Lane that should be protected.
- JXB suggested a large Oak at [REDACTED] owned by [REDACTED] which could be the largest in Suffolk (Note: the largest oak in Suffolk is over 12m in girth so we should measure this).
- JB suggested a pear tree of interest at the top of Tiggins Lane.
- CC suggested an oak tree behind his property [REDACTED] on land that has just had planning permission granted, CB to contact Nick Newton about suggesting having a TPO put on it.
- JB suggested a Wych Elm (near the railway line) as of interest.
- KH suggested a tree at the junction of Main Road and Dorleys Corner. CC and JB will try to identify it.

**Action: CB**

**Action: CC, JB**

- CC said that any tree of interest, decent size, native or exotic/introduced, good shape, etc should be noted but it would be a huge job to compile a list with locations.

It was agreed that we should all identify trees to include in an article “10 best trees in Kelsale” to be published in the New OASIS. Residents could then add trees they see of interest and subsequently we could designate a trail for people to follow to view the chosen trees.

#### **4. Management of Simpsons Fromus Valley Reserve**

The Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust had held their 2018 AGM in Kelsale Village Hall on 20 January. KD suggested we do a survey of Simpsons Fromus Valley Reserve, possibly on one of their open days on 16 June or 29 Sept. KH to contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for permission. The pros and cons of grazing by cattle were discussed.

**Action: KH**

#### **5. Article for New OASIS Spring edition**

CC and JB will put together an article for the New OASIS in each edition with suggestions about seasonal habitat, needs, etc informing residents of how they can make wildlife habitats in their gardens with the possible title “CONTACT WITH NATURE”.

**Action: CC, JB**

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

JB suggested a moth count in the churchyard or on the recreation ground (as we have a generator already on site) overnight. We could then monitor the wildlife as the new meadow area matures over the years. KH suggested her garden, Thornlands, could be surveyed for moths too.

CC suggested carrying out a bat survey and that there were 4 or 5 species in Kelsale churchyard. Suffolk has good records of bats with 13 identified species.

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

6 sites had been surveyed in 2017. The following sites will be surveyed for their BAP interest in 2018:

- Farriers House, Bridge Street, Kelsale
- Cherry Trees, Curlew Green
- By the Crossways, East Green
- Thornlands, Curlew Green
- Maple Farm (ponds), East Green
- The Old Manor House, Kelsale
- Simpsons Fromus Valley Reserve
- the wild area at the end of the Recreation Ground,
- the field next to The Walnuts in Curlew Green.

The land along Main Road and Curlew Green (Site 570) had been surveyed in 2017 but will need doing again in Spring.

Site 239 is now not considered at risk of development as it has been purchased for grazing horses. The parcel of land alongside Site 239 has been purchased by 3 owners in Belvedere Close.

JB suggested surveying 2 sites per month and that all sites under threat should be surveyed as soon as possible.

KH suggested surveying David Darton's old orchard (off Sandy Lane?).

KH to contact [REDACTED] to ask for permission to survey By the Crossways.

**Action: KH**

### **8. Priorities and schedule for biodiversity surveys in 2018**

The best time to survey ponds is March and April so we will prioritise surveying ponds to check water quality, plants, newts, etc.

KD to speak to Tim Roberts about surveying the moats at the Old Manor House, Kelsale.

**Action: KD**

CB to speak to David Baker about surveying the pond at Cherry Trees in March or April.

**Action: CB**

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

CB suggested a work party to lay pathways with wood chip on the recreation ground. JB, CB and CC will meet at recreation ground on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. CB to bring trailer.

**Action: JB, CB, CC**

CB to ask for additional volunteers from PC members at PC meeting on 31 January.

**Action: CB**

KD to ask about Web site progress at PC meeting.

**Action: KD**

### **10. AOB**

JB asked if the strawberry clover on the churchyard grass could be left un-mown.

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

**Next meeting:** [REDACTED] 7pm on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

There are three ways trees can be protected in law.

In open countryside, the removal of trees may require a Felling Licence under the terms of the Forestry Act, but that needs the removal of 5 cubic metres of utilisable timber per quarter to trigger the threshold.

Otherwise, trees are protected by being in a Conservation Area (not applicable to Kelsale at present), or for them to be the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

For a new TPO to be served there are three tests that need to be satisfied:

- That the tree has significant public amenity value
- That the tree is healthy and in a sustainable position
- That there is a risk that the tree may be felled.

TPOs are not served on declining trees, trees that are of risk to property, trees that are on private land and not significantly visible from points of public access, and nor just because they may be 'nice' trees. A TPO is a fairly heavyweight piece of legislation that restricts the use of a landowner's land and so there has to be a compelling justification for serving one including public benefit because every new TPO places a burden on the public purse for its ongoing administration. Trees on private land where the landowner has no wish to fell them are fully safeguarded by virtue of being in the custody of a benevolent landowner.

Your Group's interest in trees in the village is of valuable local importance, but it does not necessarily justify the TPO process unless the above criteria are met.

I hope that helps,

With regards,

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