

# KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group held at [REDACTED] on 30 July 2018 at 7pm.

### Attending

Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Kirsten Hecktermann (KH, Notes), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Claire Buttle (CB), [REDACTED]

### 1. Welcome and apologies

[REDACTED] was welcomed to the group.

### 2. Notes and Actions from 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on 29 May 2018

- KD will put the notes into a form required for the web site.
- KD to discuss with Edwina Galloway how the notes of the meetings could be published on the KCCPC web site. **Action: KD**
- Members of the BAP group had submitted 4 articles for the Summer edition of the New OASIS which had all been published.
- Extensions to the proposed Kelsale Conservation Area had been proposed by JB and KD. These included Site G1 and the allotments to the South. Overall feedback from the parish had been positive to the idea of a Conservation Area.
- JB and Gen Broad had walked Tiggins Lane following which Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Wildlife Trust have agreed that the site should become a Roadside Nature Reserve. JB to supply a grid reference. **Action: JB**

### 3. List of Biodiversity Action Plan species for publication on PC web site

JB to send Edwina Galloway the list of BAP species for publication on the PC web site, both for Suffolk and any BAP species specific to the parish (e.g. Sandy Siltball).

**Action: JB**

#### **4. Outcome of recent surveys.**

JB has sent the species lists from our pond surveys to Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service<sup>1</sup>.

CC to complete the species list from Edwina Galloway's pond (Site G18) **Action: CC**

The survey of Curlew Green Verge (Site G19) had identified 53 species and grasses [REDACTED] had agreed to cut no more than 1m for the sightline in the future.

Biodiversity Group to identify other roadside verges as possible wildlife sites and suggest sites where cutting could be delayed. **Action: All**

#### **5. Ecology Report on Site 884 (Ambleside)**

It was agreed that this report was adequate from a biodiversity perspective with the following comments:

- All new houses on new developments should contain nesting boxes.
- There was concern regarding the run off of water into the proposed pond as this would be unable to contain the amount of water which would then spread across the Main Road.
- It was suggested that we should meet the developer to discuss biodiversity issues.

It was also suggested that the Parish should purchase some new homes to maximize the availability of affordable homes for local people.

#### **6. Proposal for Pond at end of Recreation Ground**

Due to public safety concerns and the likely cost of construction, it was agreed not to propose a pond at the end of the recreation ground. PM proposed to create a herb garden on the recreation ground instead and this will be proposed to the PC on 29 August. **Action: CB**

It was agreed the herb garden should be delineated with sleepers. Paul will take images of the herb garden in Halesworth so we could apply for a grant or sponsorship for the costs. **Action: PM**

#### **7. Management Plan for St Mary & St Peter's Churchyard**

It was agreed that the churchyard should be managed as a meadow in the future. CB to speak to Fran Cousins (Conservation Works), to identify the cost of a management plan. £300 per annum is currently available from the PC. **Action: CB**

JxB to ask Suffolk Wildlife for a copy of other church management plans. JxB to also identify the present keepers of the churchyard grounds. **Action: JxB**

#### **8. Articles for New OASIS Autumn edition**

The following were proposed:

- An article on the transformation of By The Crossways (Site G13) from a large quite formal garden into a biodiverse one.

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

- A double page spread on [REDACTED] oak to be drafted by KD with surrounding images and notes of the species that depend on it. It is the 10th largest in Suffolk with a girth of 8.4m and to note the oak on the primary school playing field has a girth of 7.7m. JB and CC to submit images with the need to show the importance of the many oaks within our parish. **Action: KD, JB, CC**
- An article on the importance of road verges for wildlife.
- An article on village ponds including the fact that nearly all are biodiverse and every pond surveyed had contained great crested newts.
- Perhaps some poetry?

## 9. Review of BAP sites register

KD has extended the BAP Site Register on dropbox. JB to restructure this to identify ponds separately from grassland and woodland and to edit the dropbox folder names appropriately. **Action: JB**

## 10. Schedule for further surveys in 2018

- Curlew Green Meadow (Site G3): This was about to be purchased by Chris Colchester (The Walnuts). CC to contact the owner to carry out a survey and draft a management plan. **Action: CC**
- Whales Mouth Meadow (Tiggins Lane): the site has been a meadow since the 1841 tithe map. We will carry out a preliminary survey now and follow up in May/June 2019. JB had drafted a letter to the owners. KD will send on behalf of the PC. **Action: KD**
- Dennys Farm ponds (Site G21): KD had surveyed one of these but there are 2 large 1½ m deep ponds and several shallower ponds (remains of a moat). We will carry out a follow-up survey in the Spring for amphibians and perhaps later for plant species.

## 7. Report back to Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council.

CB later agreed to report back to the PC in the absence of KD. **Action: CB**

## 8. AOB

[REDACTED] have owned Tiggin's Field (Site G6) for over 10 years and have developed it as a private nature reserve. They would be happy to host an open day for Parish Council and Biodiversity Group members to show what they had achieved. This was proposed for 2nd half of August or September.

[REDACTED] agreed to join the Biodiversity Group.

**Next meeting:** [REDACTED] at 7pm on 24 September 2018.