

# KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group held at [REDACTED], Curlew Green on 24 September 2018 at 7pm.

### Attending

Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Charles Cuthbert (CC, Notes), Kirsten Hecktermann (KH), Jerry Bowdrey (JB), Janet Barnes (JxB), Claire Buttle (CB), [REDACTED].

### 1. Notes and Actions from previous meeting held on 30 July 2018

- Extensions to the proposed Kelsale Conservation Area had been approved and the Conservation Area would be confirmed formally in late autumn.
- The Tiggins Lane Roadside Nature Reserve has now been approved by SCC and Suffolk Wildlife Trust.
- 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 Stiltball), had been sent to Edwina Galloway. CC and JB had also provided a selection of photographs.
- Review of BAP sites on Dropbox to be checked and updated (KD and JB)
- JB has sent the species lists from our pond surveys to Suffolk Biological Information Service (SCC)
- David Baker had agreed to cut back the roadside verge at Curlew Green by no more than 1 metre width during the growing season
- BAP Group to identify other roadside verges as possible wildlife sites and suggest sites where cutting could be delayed. Suggestions received included Butchers Road, the A12 at Dorleys Corner (west side?), West View Village sign area, village centre cross-roads around Rosemary Lane junction
- Churchyard Management Plan: CB to arrange a meeting with [REDACTED] to agree management priorities for Parish Council grant, with reference to the agreed Churchyard Management Plan. BAP group members to be invited to attend if available.
- Proposed Herb/Sensory Garden on village recreation ground: CB agreed to prepare a scheme with Edwina Galloway, including water feature (?) within an area to be defined by timber sleepers. The proposed pond is not now being pursued.

- New Oasis Autumn edition: Possible articles agreed including Tiggins Meadow now 10 years since its purchase and management as a nature reserve (CC), the importance of oaks (KD), road verges, village ponds and newts (JB?)

## **2. Outcome of recent surveys 2018**

- The meadow adjoining the [REDACTED] at Curlew Green has recently been purchased by [REDACTED]. It will be managed as a meadow following essential scrub control. The flora has been surveyed by JB but more information is required and a visit to discuss management details is planned.
- An open day on 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Tiggins Meadow was well attended and a visit by the BAP group is planned in Spring/early Summer 2019 to survey the flora when at its best.

## **3. Sale of grassland BAP site at Main Road, Kelsale**

The site was recently sold at auction despite a local attempt to raise funds for purchase in order to ensure its conservation. KD agreed to seek help in identifying the new owner. It was agreed that the site should be maintained as a valuable grassland habitat and future development resisted if at all possible.

## **4. Wildflower meadow at Carlton Church**

KD raised the idea of providing help and advice to the proposed wildflower meadow in the churchyard. JB offered to help survey of the site and its potential.

## **5. Review of BAP Sites Register**

The current list is available on Dropbox but KD felt that it needs updating. It was suggested that there may be potential grassland sites within the Carlton Industrial Site and Carlton Park area (JB). Laurel Farm on the A12 was also suggested (JxB).

## **6. Biodiversity Surveys 2019**

We would focus on ponds again in the early Spring (March/April). The following survey visits were suggested, dates to be agreed:

- Tiggins Meadow (June)
- Farm ponds at East Green, likely sites to be discussed
- Sites at Dorleys Corner/Curlew Green adjoining Main Road
- Laurel Farm (organic herbs)
- Others?

## **7. Report back to Parish Council meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September**

KD agreed to report on progress including the Sensory Garden at the Recreation Ground, Churchyard Management Plan, and Tiggins Meadow Open day.

## **8. Other Business**

CC reported on the recent publication of a draft "Peoples Manifesto for Wildlife" coordinated by Chris Packham and agreed to forward a copy to members.

CB reported on the public meeting and defibrillator training to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November when poppy seeds to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1 would be given to all those attending.

**9. Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at [REDACTED] at the kind invitation of Janet Barnes.