

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



Chairman: Cllr Alan Revell

Parish Clerk: Elizabeth Flight, 31 Kings Road, Leiston, Suffolk, IP16 4DA

Tel: 01773 355657, E-Mail: clerkkelsalepc@gmail.com/www.kelsalecarlton.org.uk

Minutes of the 10th Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group held at [REDACTED], Bridge Street, Kelsale on 3 December 2018.

Attending

Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Charles Cuthbert (CC, Notes), Janet Barnes (JxB).

Apologies from Claire Buttle (CB), Kirsten Hecktermann (KH), Jerry Bowdrey (JB), [REDACTED] (PM) and Chris Burslem (CBm)

KD reported that [REDACTED] (PM) had resigned from the group. It was agreed that he would invite Simon Ransome to join the group.

1. Notes and Actions from previous meeting held on 24 September 2018

The minutes of the meeting on 24 September were agreed following the correction of the date of the previous meeting.

- KD and Edwina Galloway had agreed to post redacted minutes of the Biodiversity Group meetings on the PC website subject to the individual agreement of members for their names to be published.
- KD reported that he would be setting up a meeting of the Village Centre Enhancement Group in order to progress actions related to the recommendations from the Conservation Area Appraisal.
- Kelsale Churchyard Management Plan: CB to set up a further meeting with CC, JB, [REDACTED] (contractor) regarding the annual mowing regime. JxB passed CC a copy of an advisory note from SWT on this subject.
- CC to arrange a meeting with CB and [REDACTED] (Suffolk Fungi recorder) prior to proposed footpath and hedge works adjacent to the site of the Sandy Stiltball¹ in Main Road.
- Sensory Garden project on the Recreation Ground: ongoing, details still awaited subject to the approval of a budget (CB).

¹ The Sandy Stiltball is generally found on dry sandy banks and is probably associated with elms (including decaying stumps). I would not expect it to grow on hard surfaces such as concrete or tarmac unless there is a thick layer of decaying wood built up on top over many years. This is a very distinctive species but tends to appear mostly in the winter months - CC.

- Cutting of verges: the Biodiversity group had advised that it would be desirable to delay the cutting of certain verges until mid-July or later. KD confirmed that this would require a formal letter from the Parish Council to the relevant persons and that the verges identified should be surveyed prior to the new cutting regime being implemented. The initial list of sites included parts of Butchers Road, the A12 at Dorleys Corner (west side), West View village sign area, and the Village Centre crossroads around Rosemary Lane junction.
- Wildflower Meadow at Carlton Church: the creation of a species-rich meadow habitat around Carlton Church had been proposed and this required further investigation, survey of the potential area, and advice (JB).

3. New OASIS Christmas 2018 edition

The following articles are to be contributed:

- Holly and Ivy wildlife value and benefits (CC)
- Weasels Snout and the BAP (JB)
- Planning issues and biodiversity in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan (KD)

It was also intended to submit a further article about the wildlife species supported by Oak trees locally. CC to provide photos of the Merveille du Jour (moth), Purple Hairstreak (butterfly) and bat species (if available!)

4. Review of BAP sites register

KD reported that there was a need to check the accuracy and details of the various categories (Grassland/Woodland/Ponds etc.) and individual BAP sites listed on Dropbox (Action: All). There may be potential additional grassland sites within the Carlton Industrial Site and Carlton Park area (JB). Laurel Farm on the A12 was also suggested as an additional site (JxB).

5. Biodiversity Surveys in 2019

The following surveys were proposed in 2019:

- Farm ponds at East Green to be surveyed in March-April (JB to confirm sites).
- Whales Mouth Meadow (subject to landowner consent).
- Laurel Farm (JxB to confirm) subject to consent by owner [REDACTED].
- Carlton Park grassland (JB).
- Tiggins Meadow in early June (CC).

6. Report back to Parish Council meeting 12th December

KD will report on recent progress.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.00 pm to be hosted by Charles Cuthbert at [REDACTED], Kelsale.