

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the 11th Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group held at [REDACTED], Kelsale on 4 March 2019.

Attending

Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Claire Buttle (CB, Notes), Charles Cuthbert (CC), Jerry Bowdrey (JB), Janet Barnes (JxB), Chris Burslem (CRB).

Apologies from Kirsten Hecktermann (KH).

1. Notes and Actions from 10th meeting on 3 December 2018

The minutes of the 10th meeting on 3 December were agreed with the following matters arising:

- Redacted minutes of all Biodiversity Group meetings had been published on the PC web site. JB, CC and JxB to sign a form giving permission for their names to be published and KD will pass these to the Parish Clerk. **Action: JB, CC, JxB**
- Kelsale Churchyard Management Plan: CB to set up a further meeting with CC, JB, [REDACTED] to agree an annual mowing regime. **Action: CB**
- Sandy Stiltball and Main Road Hedge Works: The footpath had been cleared by hand in December in the presence of [REDACTED]. The site had been marked with white stakes prior to the contractors starting work which will be finished on 6th March. The site needs to be monitored and photographed now so that we can compare at a later date. **Action: JB to photograph ASAP**
- KD to contact [REDACTED] to ask if he had made any further progress re: landscaping the proposed Sensory Garden project on the Recreation Ground **Action: KD**
- KD to formally request the Parish Council to mark certain verges and ensure that they are not cut until mid-July or later. Sites suggested included Dorleys Corner, Main Road / Bridge Street turning, Main Road / Curlew Green turning. It was agreed that driver safety was important when deciding how far to mow. **Action: JB to mark sites on a map**
KD to write to Highways to remind them not to mow Tiggins Lane – the site has not yet been marked by posts and needs chasing up. **Action: KD**
- Wildflower meadow at Carlton Church: JB suggested that the rabbit population was too high to create a wildflower meadow next to the church. However, the field around the churchyard could be used. JB and CC to visit and photograph the

proposed site. KD to then approach the owner, [REDACTED], suggesting that the site could be used for this purpose. **Action: JB, CC, KD**

2. Objectives for 2019

KD had suggested that, as the UK had signed the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in 2000 and that the UN Biodiversity Conference in Sharm El Sheikh in 2018 had committed the 196 signatory countries to get over 17% of land managed for biodiversity by 2020 (see <https://www.cbd.int/>) we should set an objective to reach this target in Kelsale-cum-Carlton. However, it was felt that it would be difficult to persuade landowners to sign up to a firm commitment.

It was agreed that we should identify the purpose of the Biodiversity Group, how the information we have gained can be used i.e. in a Neighbourhood Plan, to provide information for planning applications, etc. CC suggested a village event to engage residents, possibly held on the Recreation Ground. CRB suggested a village trail of wildlife sites, a circular walk possibly using the Recreation Ground, the 2 nature reserves in the village, the [REDACTED] meadow, the conservation area and the churchyard. **Action: CC to draw map**

The following objectives for 2019 were agreed:

- a) To continue to identify land to be surveyed for its biodiversity potential,
- b) To continue to add to the biodiversity species list.
- c) To create a footpath trail.
- d) To produce a leaflet on local biodiversity.

3. Proposed Policy on Moles on Recreation Ground

It was decided that the Biodiversity Group would draft a policy on the optimum way to control moles on the Recreation Ground so that the Parish Council would not need to employ a pest controller. The mole hills would be regularly raked flat on a rota basis. This approach would be trialled for 1 year. **Action: JB to draft policy**

4. Hedgerow Management in Rosemary Lane

CB reported that she had been in touch with [REDACTED] regarding the work carried out on the hedges in Rosemary Lane. NN will go back in the summer and assess the growth, if there is growth then no offence has been committed legally. CC suggested writing to NN through the PC to suggest that the owner is contacted and asked to manage the hedge in a more appropriate way in the future.

Action: CC to contact PC

5. Proposed Swift breeding survey and conservation measures

CC reported that he is attending a swift course on 8th July. CC has permission from [REDACTED] (East Suffolk Conservation Officer) to attach 4 swift boxes to the Village Hall. **Action: KD to ask PC for £100 to buy the swift boxes**

6. Biodiversity Surveys in 2019

The following surveys were proposed in 2019:

- JxB to contact [REDACTED] at Laurel Farm west of the A12
- Edwina Galloway to contact Fir Tree farm and ask if we could survey it.
- KD to contact Rob Potter to ask for contact details of new owners of Denny's Farm to see if they would like the ponds surveyed.
- The pond at Pond Cottage (CB) - early May.
- Oak Tree Farm.
- Simpsons Fromus Valley – general survey early May.
- Tiggins Lane reserve has an Open Day 15th/16th June

It was agreed that we *should* include independent surveys drawn up for planning purposes in our sites register provided these were adequately carried out.

7. New OASIS Easter 2019 edition

The following articles will be contributed:

- Swifts (CC)
- "Don't mow let it grow" (CC)
- Species found on an old oak tree (KD). CC and JB to send photos that could be used.
- Hedgerow Management in Rosemary Lane (CC)

8. Trees on Recreation Ground

CB reported that the two replacement trees for the Recreation Ground were ready to be planted. It was suggested that the prunus should go in the wooded wildlife area and the Norway maple on the northern boundary. **Action: CB to plant**

9. Parish Tree Warden

CB asked if someone from the Biodiversity Group would become the Parish Tree Warden. CC volunteered to do this in conjunction with CB's role on the PC.

Action: CB to report to PC

10. Report back to Parish Council on 27th March

KD to report on recent progress and get feedback.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 29th April 2019 at 7pm to be hosted by CB at Pond Cottage, Curlew Green preceded by a pond survey at 6pm.