

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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15th Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 2 September 2019 [REDACTED], Kelsale

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chairman KD opened the meeting, welcomed those present and introduced new members Chris and Martin [REDACTED]

Attending: Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Jerry Bowdrey (JB), Charles Cuthbert (CC), Kevin [REDACTED] (KA, Minutes), Janet Barnes (JxB), Chris [REDACTED] (CCol), Martin [REDACTED] (MC).

Apologies: Chris Burslem (CRB).

KD to identify the replacement for Carolyn [REDACTED] and potential interest in the BAP group.

2. Notes and Actions from 14th Meeting on 8 July 2019:

- a) **Moles on Recreation Ground:** Mole traps are still being used on Kelsale Recreation Ground despite the PC having adopted our policy on this. KD to raise with the PC at their next meeting.
- b) **Swift Boxes:** 9 new swift boxes had been erected so far and there are an estimated 15 pairs in Kelsale. CC had submitted an article to the New OASIS asking if anyone else would like a swift box. This edition is only available on-line on the PC web site at <https://www.kelsalecarltonpc.org.uk/about/community-resources/>
- c) **Roadside Verges:** The Parish Council had approved the proposal for late cutting of specific roadside verges. KD to check implementation at next PC meeting.
- d) **Carlton Church Wildlife Meadow.** JB had taken photographs of the area of interest for biodiversity (not the Churchyard itself but next to it). KD to identify and approach the landowner regarding possible creation of a wildlife meadow.

4. Results of Biodiversity Surveys and Notifications to SBIS:

- a) (Site G6): JB visited recently and is compiling a species list.
- b) (Site G21): Survey was carried out on 26 June and a species list provided to the owners for discussion with their architect.
- c) (Site G28): Partial survey had been carried out by CC and JB. This is a rich and unimproved meadow with Green-winged Orchid and Adder's tongue Fern. Managed by owner since the 1950s. We will prioritize a visit next May. CC/JB to add photos to dropbox. CC to complete species list and notify SBIS.
- d) (Site G24): JB to type up plant species list from survey carried out on 16 May and add to dropbox. We will revisit next year to look for evidence of stag beetles.
- e) (Site G29): JB had carried out an initial survey. KD to add to site register.

JB suggested publishing a guide to the sites we have surveyed identifying their current biodiversity and potential. This would be useful for our Neighbourhood Plan. All the sites are documented in our sites register on dropbox. However, some of the information is confidential and has been obtained

on the understanding with the site owner that it would not be published, and so would have to be carefully considered before publication

5. Circular Footpath Trail(s): CC to draft a short walk around the village centre / conservation area featuring the church, historic buildings, ruins, mill and the associated wildlife and biodiversity. CC to produce a draft for comment by the Group which is intended for publication next Spring. KD to draft a longer walk in the North-West of the parish and send to the group for comment.

6. Biodiversity Leaflet: JB gave an outline of the structure and sections of the proposed leaflet. Options for format, presentation and delivery were discussed including printed and electronic copies and a possible exhibition. KD to raise with the PC including the possibility of the Biodiversity Group making a presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting next May.

7. Further Biodiversity Surveys:

- (G26): CC to contact Janet Seagon to arrange a survey.
- KD to contact [REDACTED] to investigate possibility of a survey.
- (G25): KD to agree date with Jeremy at [REDACTED]. The pond and ancient oak tree are of interest.
- [REDACTED] Survey next Spring.
- (W5): JB to try to identify owner to investigate possibility of a survey.
- Site (G7): This is the one with the [REDACTED] in the middle.
- (G24) to be re-surveyed next year to look for evidence of stag beetles.

8. AOB: KD to finish [REDACTED] article for New OASIS.

A desire was expressed to consolidate and publish our work now rather than continually expanding our list of sites with biodiversity potential. We will now focus on completing and publishing the sites register and publishing the Biodiversity and footpath trail leaflets.

9. Next Meeting: 7pm on Monday 11 November at [REDACTED], Curlew Green