

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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17th Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 27 January 2020 Farriers House, Bridge Street, Kelsale

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies: [REDACTED] (MC), Chris Burslem (CRB).

2. Notes and Actions from 15th Meeting on 2 September 2019:

- a) **Kelsale CEVCP School:** KD to arrange meeting with [REDACTED], headteacher. Also involving JB and CC. We should view/re-measure the ancient oak tree in the playground and request the schoolchildren's involvement in planting bank of car park with wildflowers (see below).
- b) **GDPR:** CC, MC and KA to sign permission forms.
- c) **Dropbox:** Due to difficulties some people were having with dropbox, KA will look at Googledocs as a possible alternative.
- d) **Swift Boxes:** CC to provide drawings to MC.
- e) **Tree Warden:** CC to draft scope for post of Parish Tree Warden and send to PC for agreement. CC to compile directory of significant trees in Parish (note pinetum at The Old Manor House).
- f) **Carlton Church Wildlife Meadow:** KD to approach landowner regarding possible creation of a wildlife meadow based on JB's photos.
- g) **Village Car Park:** KD to ask PC for £100 towards seeding (or planting) south bank of village car park. We should also try to involve the schoolchildren in growing plants for this. We should also propose to KVCEG to gradually replace the current Sycamores with native species (Rowan, Birch, Hawthorn, Field Maple, Spindle, Buckthorn, etc).
- h) **Kelsale Churchyard:** KD to ask PC for £300/year to carry out maintenance.
- i) **Verge Cutting:** KD to arrange meeting with Paul Tynan around end February also involving CC and JB.

3. Biodiversity presentation to Annual Parish Meeting on 22 April

Presentation will be divided into 4 parts with suggested presenters below:

- Introduction (5 mins - KD)
- Biodiversity sites of interest – highlights from our BAP sites register (10 mins - JB)

- Biodiversity species present in the Parish - with focus on what Parish residents could do themselves to improve biodiversity. Examples: Replace lawns with wildflowers (JxB), [REDACTED] Meadow (10 mins - CC)
- Case study on [REDACTED] Farm or [REDACTED] Reserve (10 mins). KD to contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Maple Farm) or [REDACTED] (SFPT).
- It was also suggested that a young person could give their perspective on biodiversity in the parish.

Drafts of presentations should be provided for next meeting.

The Biodiversity and Footpath Trail leaflets (see below) should also be available for this meeting.

4. Biodiversity Leaflet

JB provided a draft of the proposed leaflet. KA to look at layout and source final images by next meeting.

KD to request funding from PC for publication of leaflet.

5. Circular Footpath Trail(s)

CC had provided draft text (v3) of a leaflet for a short walk around the village centre/conservation area featuring the church, historic buildings, ruins, mill and the associated wildlife and biodiversity. All to comment by next meeting.

KD to draft longer walk in the North-West of the parish and send to group for comment.

KA to find out about use of maps and check if we can use Suffolk CC license?

KD to request funding from PC for publication of leaflets and explore possibility of putting up information boards.

6. Results of Biodiversity Surveys and Notifications to SBIS

[REDACTED] Lane Reserve (G6): JB had sent species list to owners.

Land behind The [REDACTED] (G28): CC to complete species list and notify SBIS.

Railway Triangle: KD had added this to dropbox as Site G29. JB to add initial survey.

7. Further Biodiversity Surveys to be carried out in 2020

[REDACTED] (G26): CC to contact [REDACTED] to arrange survey.

[REDACTED] Farm (G25): KD to agree date with Jeremy at [REDACTED] Farm. The pond and ancient oak (3rd largest in Kelsale-cum-Carlton) are of interest.

10 [REDACTED] (Kevin Allenby's): KD to add this site to the BAP sites register and dropbox. Survey next Spring.

[REDACTED] Wood (W5): JB to identify owner to investigate possibility of a survey.

Site next to [REDACTED] (G7): This will now refer to the field with the pillbox in the middle to the west of the industrial estate.

[REDACTED] Farm (G24) to be re-surveyed next year to look for evidence of stag beetles.

[REDACTED] Cottage: KD to contact [REDACTED] to investigate possibility of a survey.

[REDACTED] Park: KD to add this site to the BAP sites register and dropbox.

██████████ (G17): We had not done a survey of this site yet. Identify the appropriate time of year for moth trapping.

██████████: CC to contact owner to investigate possibility of a survey.

Carlton Green: Is there anything of interest?

All sites are documented in our sites register on dropbox with a separate subfolder for each site containing photographs, species lists, etc. All to provide any updates to this.

AOB:

CC proposed to mark up a number of wildflower sites around the village to create a wildflower/biodiversity trail as part of the Open Gardens event on 14 June. This would link the featured gardens with wildflowers that should be out at that time and could be observed on the way from one garden to the next.

Roadside Nature Reserve (RNR) marker posts have been put up on Main Road and Tiggins Lane.

KD to finish Oak Tree article for New OASIS.

Next Meeting: 7pm on Monday 2 March 2020 at 10 Church Close, Kelsale.