

# KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## 19th Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 18 May 2020 Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85950613209>

### Welcome and Apologies

Attending: Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
([REDACTED], Minutes).

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

### Notes and Actions from 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 2 March

- a) **Kelsale CEVCP School:** KD, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met [REDACTED], headteacher, and [REDACTED], Environmental Studies teacher, at the primary school on 10 March including viewing their multi-award-winning garden. We received commitment from the school to participate in the APM originally planned for 22 April (with videos being made so the children themselves did not have to attend). We also measured the veteran oak tree in the school playground, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest oak in Kelsale-cum-Carlton by girth although by volume it is a lot smaller than [REDACTED] [REDACTED] oak at Rubblestone Farm.
- b) **Village Car Park:** KD had asked for £100 towards seeding (or planting) the south bank of village car park. However, the PC had asked for grants to be applied for instead. [REDACTED] to apply to Woodland Trust.
- c) **Railway Triangle (Site G29):** It would be worth approaching Network Rail (the owners) offering to put a management plan in place.

### Biodiversity Surveys

Although no formal biodiversity surveys had been carried out due to the lockdown, several informal biodiversity surveys had been done:

**Peak Hill Farm:** [REDACTED] had identified around 150 spikes of early purple orchid together with great butterfly orchid and 2 other species. There was also a hornbeam coppice.

**Bridge Farm (Lowes Hill):** [REDACTED] had found rare Smiths Pepperwort.

**Footpath across Railway Line:** [REDACTED] had identified 2 Nationally notifiable species of weevil.

**Tiggins Meadow:** Green hairstreak butterfly.

The sandy stiltball fungus had also been found in Benhall.

## **Management of Spinney Pocket Park**

KD presented a range of photos showing the state of Spinney Pocket Park in March and May. These showed that there are a good range of native tree species but these are overcrowded and many are tall and thin and liable to wind throw. There is a lack of a significant shrub layer beneath the trees and it would benefit from coppicing. From the photographs we identified green alkanet, bluebell, coppiced trees, hawthorn, cow parsley, germander speedwell, greater stichwort, garlic mustard, ground ivy, arum lily. ■ will survey Spinney Pocket Park and draw up a species list.

The local residents want to keep the paths clear and the bins empty. Perhaps worried about drug use if becomes too dense? We should involve local residents in decisions on the management plan and draw up a questionnaire.

KD will present a draft Management Plan to PC for discussion/agreement/funding.

## **Biodiversity Leaflet**

KD to request funding from PC for publication of Biodiversity leaflet.

## **Circular Footpath Trail(s)**

■ and ■ had visited Leiston Press to discuss the production of leaflets and use of maps and to obtain quotes. KD to request funding from PC for publication of leaflets based on these quotes. Information boards will be discussed at a future meeting.

## **BAP Sites Register**

KD ran through the BAP sites register on dropbox. KD will help ■ use Zoom and dropbox effectively.

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to identify scrub areas separately from grasslands, woodlands and ponds in the BAP Sites Register.

We should use data to estimate the proportion of biodiverse areas in Kelsale-cum-Carlton.

**Next Meeting:** TBA to run through APM presentations.

## Annex: CEVCP Multi-award winning garden design

