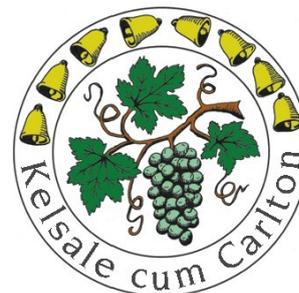


KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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26th Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 7 March 2022 4, Cloutings Close, Kelsale

1. Welcome and apologies

Attending: Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Jerry Bowdrey (JB, Minutes), Charles Cuthbert (CC), David Edgerley (DE), Sarah Courage (SC).

Apologies: Janet Barnes (JxB), Chris Colchester (CCol), Martin Colchester (MC), Louis Ewart (LE)

Apologies were also given by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who had hoped to meet the group. The [REDACTED] have bought [REDACTED] Bungalow with 8 acres plus another 51 acres off Butchers Road and have plans to re-wild part of the land. [REDACTED] is a member of the Green group on Saxmundham Town Council and would like to see how the BAP group is run.

2. Notes and Actions from 25th meeting on 18 January 2022

The minutes of the 25th meeting were approved.

- **Land at Curlew Green.** KD had contacted [REDACTED] who was clearing scrub land at the end of Curlew Green. He was assured that this was to increase biodiversity by enlarging an existing pond, creating a new pond and opening up wooded areas to promote tree growth.
- **Recreation Ground.** KD had raised the group's concerns with the PC who had assured him that the management plan would be followed from now on with a new way of marking the wildlife area now that the posts had been removed.
- **Footpath trails.** It was suggested that a footpath trail round the village centre could form a centre spread in Community News. There were still issues with copyright of O.S. maps. DE offered to assist CC with developing this idea. **Action: DE, CC**
- **Town Farm Solar Park.** The planning application has been submitted. The PC objected on grounds of insufficient information with KD being the only member voting to support the scheme.

3. APM presentations on 6 April

It was agreed that KD would make a similar introduction to the group's work to the presentation made on Zoom last year. As CC will be unable to give his presentation due to a prior commitment, JB will add key species into his habitats presentation. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had also agreed to give 10 minute presentations. Total talk time to be c.40 minutes.

4. Queens Green Canopy - sites for trees and hedges

Following his article on hedgerows, KD had written a piece for Community News on trees asking readers for suggestions of sites where more might be planted. He had identified and mapped 12 oaks >5.5 metres in diameter in the parish. Suggestions for hedge planting included the edge of the horse paddock near the churchyard (CC), replacing dead growth at Tiggins Field and replacing a hedge on the frontage of the Main Rd development (SC). It was felt that a new hedge by the recently erected fence adjacent to the Recreation Ground (LE) might struggle to establish due to nearby trees.

5. Spinney Pocket Park

KD had drafted an article "Friends of Spinney Pocket Park" for the next issue of Community News and we will set up a community group based on the responses. [REDACTED] from CEVCP was suggested as a potential member. If we set up this group, grant funding might be available from bodies such as Tesco Community Grants or the National Lottery Community Fund. Traci Weaver from the PC had offered to help obtain grant funding.

Rather than (or as well as) a meeting at the primary school, a guided walk for locals was suggested for Monday 25th April.

Action: All

6. Information Board for Recreation Ground

It was agreed an information board would help explain the management of the area. It would need to be durable and vandal-proof. DE suggested etched stainless steel might fulfil this requirement. CC volunteered to draft a proposal. An example of a durable information board used at Behall is attached

Action: CC

7. Register of notable trees in Kelsale-cum-Carlton

JB had sent his spreadsheet to KD who would add more trees and photos. All oaks over around 4 metres girth should be listed. Suggestions for additional trees were made. JB to send him picture of DE's Beech for Ancient Tree Inventory.

Action: KD, JB

8. Schedule of surveys for 2022

- Ponds: Tiggins Field, Godfrey Huddle's and Carlton Meres ponds March-April JB to arrange dates and notify members. **Action : JB**
- Pear Tree Close for orchids: Mid June;
Kelsale Court: end June.
- Fromus hedge survey: end June-July (probably more than one session).

13. Report to KCC Parish Council

KD to report back to the Parish Council on 30 March.

Action: KD

14. AOB

- Kelsale church has joined the Eco Church scheme covering both the building and churchyard. JB had made some log piles, and a beetle pyramid. A bee hotel made by local school children has been erected. There is currently an excellent show of spring flowers.
- Discussion over the Sandy Stiltball hedge at the recreation ground led to a suggestion to ask Suffolk Fungus Recorder [REDACTED] for advice. CC will approach him.

Action: CC

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 4th April 2022 at 7pm in Kelsale Village Hall to run through APM presentations.

