

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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29th Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 20 June 2022 Farriers House, Bridge Street, Kelsale

1. Welcome and apologies

Attending: Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Jem Adams (JA, Minutes), Charles Cuthbert (CC), David Edgerley (DE), Sarah Courage (SC), Janet Barnes (JxB), Chris Colchester (CCol), Martin Colchester (MC), Marie Adams (MA), Sam Hanks (SH).

Apologies: Jerry Bowdrey (JB), Louis Ewart (LE)

2. Notes and Actions from 28th meeting on 16 May 2022

The minutes of the 28th meeting were approved.

- **Advice to landowners.** There was more discussion on the three key issues for advice to landowners and farmers. The conclusion was that more 'untidiness' is needed to give a wider range of species the opportunity to survive. See also "The Garden Jungle or Gardening to Save the Planet" by Dave Goulson, Dewey 635.484 (available from Saxmundham Library). JB and CC to write a half page article for the October issue of Community News. **Action: JB/CC**
- **Footpath trails.** CC had provided the editor of Community News with a footpath trail around the village centre. However, the June edition was oversubscribed so this will be held over to the September/October issue. **Action: CC**
- **Queens Green Canopy.** Approximately 1 mile of new hedging is required in total on 8 sites. If we applied to the Woodland Trust for this then we would be limited to 300m and have to plant a standard tree every 6m. [REDACTED] site at [REDACTED] View, Carlton Park should be investigated further and a survey carried out so that more detailed plans could be provided to the PC. KD and JB to meet to draw up a map of agreed and potential hedge sites to clarify locations so that funding can be applied for. SH suggested that 1:10,000 Google Maps (Satellite view) would have sufficient resolution to plot the required hedge sites. **Action: KD/JB/JA**

3. Plans and future surveys for Nonsuch Farm

SH outlined the plans for Nonsuch Farm and to plan some joint biodiversity surveys with the BAP Group. [REDACTED] Farm consists of around 50 acres of arable fields S E of Butchers Road and 8 acres of wood pasture near [REDACTED] Bungalow. SH will manage the site on behalf of the owners, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are working to provide an exemplar of how

rewilding could be incorporated into an agricultural site and still make it commercially viable. Grazing would be used and new ponds created (starting in October) together with more hedgerows and additional access and footpaths across the site (see attached plan). The red lines on the plan are proposed new species-rich hedges following the old field boundaries on the tithe map. The blue hatched areas are agroforestry strips. Some areas would be left to rewild to improve biodiversity as shown on the plan. The ancient pear tree next to Corner Bungalow will be protected. The poplars next to the railway line may have to be removed because they are reaching the end of their life and might cause a hazard to the railway line.

The BAP Group will meet SH at [REDACTED] Farm (opposite the track to The Vineyard) at 1pm on Monday 27 June. Following this visit it was agreed that the most important biodiversity surveys were to survey the hedges for their current species and to carry out a lepidoptera survey of the field next to [REDACTED] Bungalow (subject to a power supply being available for the moth trap) where it was hoped to create a flower-rich hay meadow. **Action: All**

4. Request from Saxmundham Town Council to help survey the Memorial Field and Fromus Green

It was felt that we had more than enough biodiversity surveys to do at present (see Item 6). However, we would consider this request at the next meeting.

5. Attendance at Saxmundham Green Market on 10 September

In principle KD and JB would attend. The item was held over until KD could discuss with JB. **Action: KD/JB**

6. Biodiversity surveys

Prior to the meeting, a follow up survey had been carried out on Site G16 the garden of Farriers House. JB to draw up a species list for this and send it to those present for any additions. **Action: JxB**

Carlton Meres: JB and CC had carried out a quick survey before [REDACTED] left Carlton Meres in June. There were lots of birds, insects and orchids. A species list is being produced. The site manager, [REDACTED], would welcome further visits by the BAP Group and JB/CC would return in July to survey the ponds. **Action: JB/CC**

- Tiggins pond (Site G36): JB and CC to set a date and notify group. **Action: JB/CC**
- Spinney Pocket Park: JxB or CC to contact with [REDACTED] to arrange date for a survey and a (possibly separate) meeting with school/local residents. **Action: JxB/CC**
- [REDACTED] Farm: [REDACTED] had suggested 2pm on 23 June. This was agreed. **Action: All**
- Field between Pear Tree Close and Tower Plants, Carlton: CC will visit to record the orchids on 24 June. **Action: CC**

[REDACTED] Fromus Reserve: KD to agree a date with JB after the end of June to survey the hedges **Action: KD/B**

- [REDACTED] Farm: 1pm on 27 June (see Item 3). **Action: All**

7. Report back to KCC Parish Council on 29 June

JA/CC to report to the PC at 7pm on 29 June. KD will draft the meeting report by the end of the week so it can be used as the basis of this report. **Action: KD/JA/CC**

8. AOB

Sam Hanks was welcomed as a new member of the BAP Group.

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm on 11 July at Tiggins (6pm to survey the pond). KD to check with JB.



