

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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21st Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 12 July 2021 Farriers House, Bridge Street, Kelsale

Welcome and apologies

Attending: Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), [REDACTED] (JB, Minutes), [REDACTED] (CC), [REDACTED] (JxB), [REDACTED] (CCol), [REDACTED] (MC), [REDACTED] (DE).

Apologies: [REDACTED] (KA), [REDACTED] (SC)

KD announced that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had joined the BAP Group and welcomed David to the group.

KD to clarify whether [REDACTED] wanted to remain a member of the Group.

Notes and Actions from the 20th meeting on 20th February 2021.

The minutes of the 20th meeting were provisionally accepted, subject to a one week extension to notify any changes due to the length of time that had elapsed.

- KD reported that the shared BAP folder was in the process of being transferred from Dropbox to Google Drive and he would share the link with the new members.
Action: KD
- Biodiversity leaflet, jointly produced by KA and JB in 2020, had now been printed and distributed to every house in Kelsale-cum-Carlton (paid for by the PC). This had resulted in six biodiversity-related enquiries to the Parish Clerk.
- The APM presentations on Zoom had been well received and there is a possibility of repeating them face-to-face at the next APM in 2022.
- Planning Application for Pitfield. JB and KD had undertaken a baseline Biodiversity survey and concluded that partial infilling and landscaping could produce a net gain for biodiversity. SCC require evidence of biodiversity net gain from the project. If the project goes ahead DE will follow the advice of the BAP Group when re-populating the restored and partially filled pit.
Action: DE and JB
- Sandy Stiltball CC expressed concern that no fruiting bodies had been seen in 2020 and that the management of the hedge had made it too dense. He would consult with Suffolk Fungus Recorder, [REDACTED], on the best way forward. Signs for the marker posts had been produced and were ready to erect.
Action: CC/KD
- JB and CC reported that the Tiggins Reserve Open Day on 13th June had been a great success.

- Several additional species had been added to the Parish BAP species lists to bring it in line with the County list. Additional images are needed for the Parish Council website Biodiversity page. **Action: All to provide**
- CC and JxB reported that swifts were in abundance this year and most of the nest boxes in the village centre seemed to be occupied.

Queens Green Canopy

This Nationwide project (see <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>) had been postponed from 2020 due to COVID. New tree plantings are being encouraged in appropriate places and for these to be entered on an interactive map (after October) at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>. Please log any new tree plantings in the Parish and send details to KD. **Action: All**

Lord Cranbrook had suggested identifying key specimens of trees on Simpson's Fromus Reserve with a view to issuing TPO's. It was agreed that the group could assist with this.

CCol raised concerns over proposals for scrub clearance at Curlew Green on land recently acquired by [REDACTED]. Further details could be obtained from Claire Buttle. KD and CC to contact Claire and do an initial survey. **Action: KD/CC**

Recreation Ground Management

JB, endorsed by CC, raised concerns that the management by Norse of the conservation areas on the Recreation Ground had deviated from the original intentions with excessive mowing occurring. Additionally, a new path had been cut through scrub on the north side. It was agreed that the BAP Group would draft a formal management plan for Norse to follow and get this endorsed by the PC. **Action: JB/CC**

Footpath Trail Leaflets

CC reported that he had produced a revised text for the footpath leaflet around the historic centre of the village. The leaflet now needs to be designed and laid out in a similar manner to the Middleton footpath leaflets. A license is needed to use any OS-based map and we would need funds from the Parish Council to help with the design and layout, although a donation towards this had been offered by a member of the BAP Group. DE will assist CC with producing a suitable map. CC will provide the latest version to KD to forward to DE. **Action: CC, KD, DE**

[REDACTED] had approached Edwina Galloway with a view to producing a footpath trail of the historic part of Kelsale. KD to contact NS to assess whether it would be useful to cooperate with her to produce a footpath trail leaflet. **Action: KD**

ESC Verge Cutting

Advances had been made in relaxing the cutting of verges in the parish and many more verges could be nominated for late cutting. Please suggest any verges you consider are cut excessively (where road safety is not an issue) for KD notify to SCC. **Action: All**

CCol raised the matter of the cutting of public footpaths. Wild flora such as Tansy had been cut unnecessarily. SCC are responsible for footpaths are passable, but NORSE carry out the actual work. Please send examples of 'over-cutting' of footpaths to KD to raise with [REDACTED]. **Action: All**

Tree Inventory

JB showed an outline Excel file to document the most notable trees in KCC. JxB queried why only large trees were included. JB explained it would be logistically impossible to include all trees in the parish (there would be tens of thousands) but we should include 'notable' trees whether large or small. JB to circulate a draft to the group for comment, then to put it on Google Drive where additional trees can be added. KD to include details of the "Grand Oak" on the Fromus Reserve

Action: JB/KD

Biodiversity Surveys

Following the Biodiversity leaflet and presentations to the APM, requests had been made for surveys at Tiggins Field (ponds), Kelsale Court, land behind Pear Tree Close (orchids) and Church Close (ponds). KD to approach the owners and agree a date for each survey to be carried out. He will then ask the BAP Group for volunteers to help with these.

Town Farm and Carlton Industrial Estates are subject to planning applications (including a solar PV farm at North Green) and KD asked the group to do an initial survey to record the biodiversity present in advance of any changes. JB advised that, from his experience, carrying out a survey without permission from the owner might prejudice the validity of any findings of significance that we might make in the eyes of the planning authority.

Report to KCC Parish Council

KD to report back to the Parish Council on 28 July and ask for funding for the Footpath Trail leaflets.

Action: KD

A.O.B.

██████████ who works at Carlton Meres Caravan Park had invited the group (via JB) to accompany her around the site to see the Biodiversity present. She might also be able to extend the visit to access Lonely Wood, one of the few areas of ancient woodland in the Parish and a County Wildlife Site. Monday or Wednesday am are her preferred times.

Action: JB

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd August, 7pm at ██████████ – Pitfield (off Butcher's Road).