

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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32nd Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 20 February 2023 Farriers House, Bridge Street, Kelsale

1. Welcome and apologies

Attending: Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Janet Barnes (JxB), Jerry Bowdrey (JB)

Apologies: Jem Adams (JA), Sarah Courage (SC), David Edgerley (DE), Charles Cuthbert (CC), Chris Colchester (CCol), Martin Colchester (MC), Sam Hanks (SH), Marie Adams (MA)

2. Notes and Actions from 31st meeting on 17 October 2022

The minutes of the 31st meeting were approved.

KD has still to update JB's Register of Notable Trees with 10 largest oak trees in KcC.

Action: KD

The deadline for articles for the Spring issue of Community News is now Friday 10 March.

Action: JB/CC/JxB

3. Results of BAP in 2022

We had achieved a lot in 2022. Our presentations to the APM on 6 April had raised our visibility (in both KcC and surrounding parishes) and promoted the message about biodiversity. We had also carried out surveys including Garden House, Parkgate Farm, Nonsuch Farm, Kelsale Court and the Fromus Reserve.

Outstanding species list included Carlton Meres, Parkgate Farm, Tiggins Pond and Pear Tree Close. JB to check status with CC and re-send species list for Parkgate Farm to KD.

Action: JB/CC/KD

4. Planning our activities in 2023

Our vision for 2023 should be to complete a first version of the Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Action Plan and carry out the additional biodiversity surveys necessary to fill any gaps. This should contain an appraisal of the habitats present in KcC (including the proportion of land being managed for biodiversity) and as complete as possible a list of the species present. It should also contain a set of recommendations to improve the biodiversity in KcC. JB will draft a one-page outline of what will be required.

Action: JB

See also the note from Cllr Richard Smith highlighting the importance of Parish Biodiversity Action Plans & Ecological Assessments and the example of what is required from Lavenham.

We should therefore put a priority on carrying out the following Biodiversity surveys in 2023:

- Nonsuch Farm – we should carry out more detailed surveys including an entomological (moth trap) survey. Note also the apple, pear and plum tree planting days on Friday/Saturday 24/25 February.
- Fromus Reserve – to carry out any additional surveys required to complete the article on the hedges that we are drafting for Edition 9 of the Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust Adult Education Series.
- Carlton Meres – complete the survey started in 2021.
- Garden House, Carlton Park – a very interesting site which we should resurvey in May.
- Brightmere – the two large oak trees had been measured but there were also some interesting woodland and pond features.
- The Old Manor House – resurvey in June/July as the biodiversity has improved over the last couple of years.
- Land behind Buskie Farm, North Green – grassy scrub surrounded by mature hedges.
- Field to North East of Town Farm, North Green with a linear moat.
- Woods between Well House and the border with Saxmundham (labelled Ash Ground and Oak Ground on O.S. map).

Action: All

To help with this we should:

- Complete the BAP Sites Register on Google Drive at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1N_fijmimNfd7LR4PvsOBprrS_NAdteT3?usp=sharing. This is a useful source of information about biodiversity in KcC all in one place.

Action: All

- We are working effectively with Julian Cusack at Nonsuch Farm (via SH) and William Kendal at Maple Farm but we should work with more local farmers to improve biodiversity, including Nathan Finbow.

Action: KD to initiate

5. Update to Annual Parish Meeting on 5 April

The BAP Group have been asked to give an update on our activities to the APM during the reports from village organizations starting at 7pm on 5 April. For the main presentation we would also recommend a talk from Eddie Bathgate of Save our Swifts (SOS) assisted by JxB.

Action: KD to propose to PC

6. Report back to KCC Parish Council

KD to report back to the next PC meeting at 7pm on 22 February.

Action: KD

7. AOB

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm on 20 March at Acorn Cottage, Main Road, Kelsale (arrive at 6.30pm for a visit to the new scrub/woodland that JA/MA have purchased behind Acorn Cottage).