

# KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 22 May 2023 The Cottages, Bridge Street, Kelsale

### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Attending:** Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Jem Adams (JA), Jerry Bowdrey (JB), Chris Colchester (CCol), Marie Adams (MA)

**Apologies:** Janet Barnes (JxB), Martin Colchester (MC), David Edgerley (DE), Charles Cuthbert (CC), Sam Hanks (SH)

Sarah Courage had resigned from the group.

JxB had participated in the survey of Site G1 "Bell with Half Gull (Meadow behind The Cottages) Bridge Street" prior to the meeting and is drafting a species list.

**Action: JxB**

### 2. Notes and Actions from 34<sup>th</sup> meeting on 17 April 2023

The minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

KD reported on the Maple Farm wildlife walk held on 20 May. This had been very interesting and provided a possible way of achieving zero carbon farming considering that 80% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from farming arose from the production and application of the fertilisers used. The Maple Farm double crop method will also increase the amount of carbon in the soil rather than reduce it. KD to write up the article including photographs of each field, and consider submitting it to a future issue of Community News (possibly in conjunction with District Councillor Julia Ewart who had been on a separate farm walk).

**Action: KD/JE**

The deadline for the next issue of Community News is Friday 16th June. JB intended to submit an article on glow-worms.

**Action: JB**

### 3. Updates to Biodiversity Action Plan

KD had transferred the Tithe Map (provided by JA on a memory stick) to the BAP area on Google Drive.

**Action: KD**

To amend the 17 April minutes, the best place to put a wildlife corridor linking Sites G3 and G39 would be to plant a hedge between lines a and b between the pond at the south of G3 and Acorn Wood (see map and photo). However, the same caveats apply to this.



We should investigate other proposed wildlife corridors that could be included in the BAP including the hedges proposed in 2022 (see Agenda Item 4 below). A prominent wildlife corridor could be the “funnel” between Site G4 Simpsons Fromus Valley Reserve and Site G40 Parkgate Farm. Mike Lynch owned this but it was not in production. Another wildlife corridor could link Kelsale with Yoxford via Rookery Park which could be especially important if the Sizewell Link Road goes ahead.

JB to send species list template to JA to use for Acorn Wood.

**Action: JB/JA**

To fill any gaps in the BAP, we will carry out the following Biodiversity surveys in late spring/summer:

- Early May and September: Carlton Meres. JB/CC to complete survey begun in 2021.  
**Action: JB/CC**
- Late May: Garden House, Carlton Park. KD to contact Michael Ball to set up. **Action: KD**
- End June-beginning of August: Nonsuch Farm. Entomological (moth trap) survey. JB to set up to coincide with hornet moths emergence.  
**Action: JB**

Access to be investigated for the following sites:

- Land behind Buskie Farm, North Green (IP17 2RJ) – grassy scrub surrounded by mature hedges.  
**Action: KD**
- Field to North East of Town Farm, North Green with a linear moat. **Action: KD**
- Woods behind Well House (labelled Ash Ground and Oak Ground on O.S. map). MC to ask new owner of Well House.  
**Action: MC**

#### 4. Funding for Hedges

As described in the 17 April minutes, lack of funding is severely hampering the ability of the BAP Group to make further progress. This applies particularly to the sourcing of hedging plants for the hedges we had planned in 2022. These could be important wildlife corridors and include (for full list see notes of 27<sup>th</sup> BAP Group meeting on 26 April 2022):

- Along Western boundary the village car park. PC have permission from the East Suffolk District Council to plant a hedge to replace the conifers felled earlier this year.
- The Vineyard (off Tiggins Lane) 70m of hedge along Eastern boundary.
- Meadow behind Church View, Bridge Street (Site G9).

- Garden House, Carlton Park (new Site G41) 300m of new hedgerow along Northern boundary next to large field with sheep in it
- Meadow behind The Cottages, Bridge Street (Site G1) 50m of new hedge along Western boundary.
- KCC Recreation Ground (Site G15) 100m of new hedge along area cleared for ditch works.
- Carlton Industrial Estate: New hedges will be required along Southern boundary and Western boundary if planning permission is received for an extension to Industrial Estate.
- North Green Solar Park various new hedges as part of deal to improve BNG if planning permission is received.

KD to raise funding with PC (again).

**Action: KD**

## 5. Replacement of Platinum Jubilee Oak on Recreation Ground

The Platinum Jubilee Oak planted at the end of the Recreation Ground in Spring 2022 had suffered during the extended drought last year and was not showing any signs of re-growth this Spring.

CCol offered a suitable replacement oak (see photo right) growing on his land at The Walnuts (Site G3) for planting in October/November.

KD to raise with the PC.

**Action: KD/CCol**



## 6. Report back to KCC Parish Council

KD could not attend the next PC on 24 May but would report back to the following PC meeting 29 June and ask for a regular source of funding for the BAP group. KD to seek another member of the PC (e.g. TW) to regularly attend the BAP group meetings and support our efforts to raise funds. Others to come along at 7pm to support KD.

**Action: KD/All**

If we were not successful in getting an allocated 'pot' of funding from the PC then we should consider setting up an environmental group independent of the PC along the lines of Transition Woodbridge or Greener Sax. We could even consider joining with Greener Sax. JB to talk to Environmental rep on Sax Town Council.

**Action: JB**

## 7. AOB

CCol had spotted fallow deer at The Walnuts (Site G3).

JB reported that Red Deer had found the new ponds at Nonsuch Farm (Site G42).

JB had found a glow worm larva at North Green.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 7pm on 10 July TBA.