

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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40th Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 16 September 2024 Acorn Cottage, Main Road, Dorleys Corner, Kelsale

1. Welcome and apologies

Attending: Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), Laura Gwynne (LG, notes), Jerry Bowdrey (JB), Jem Adams (JA), Chris Colchester (CCol), Martin Colchester (MC), Marie Adams (MA)

Apologies: Janet Barnes (JxB), David Edgerley (DE)

2. Notes and Actions from 39th meeting on 17 June 2024

The minutes of the 39th meeting were approved with no changes.

The BAP Group agreed with the proposal of the PC that they should look after the RNR section of the hedge next to the Recreation Ground.

3. Biodiversity Action Plan

KD had updated the BAP to V5 but this is still not complete. To address the PC actions, the following should be added/corrected:

- Throughout: Italicize the Latin names. **Action: JB**
- Page 9: Replace Map 1 with OF Map. **Action: KD**
- Page 10: Add % of land in Kelsale-cum-Carlton which is devoted to farming. **Action: KD**
- Page 14: Complete Box 1 "How to Plant and Grow a Natural Biodiverse Hedge". **Action: KD**
- Page 14: Rewrite the paragraph in the section on Grasslands to indicate that what we objected to was the removal of the field margins, not to the ploughing up of designated agricultural fields to plant a new crop. **Action: JB**
- Page 15: Revise actions and targets to address PC comments. **Action: JB**
- Page 15: Complete Box 2 "How to Create a Wildflower Meadow". **Action: JB**
- Page 19: Does anyone have a photo of the pond at the northernmost corner of the woodland south of Town Farm that has the agricultural surplus dumped into it? **Action: All**
- Page 21: Complete Box 3 "How to Create a Wildlife Pond". **Action: JB**
- Page 23: Complete Box 4 "How to regulate the flow of river naturally". **Action: KD**
- Page 24: Consider where we could put a Parish Community Orchard? **Action: All**
- Page 24: Rewrite the actions under "Built environment and developments". **Action: JB**
- Page 32: Add specific detail on target for Adder's Tongue Fern. **Action: JB**

- Page 35: Add a section on “Grasses”. **Action: JB/MC**
- Page 35: Complete Box 6 on “Orchids in Kelsale-cum-Carlton”. **Action: KD/CC**
- Page 38: Need habitats which provide protection for leveretts. **Action: JB**
- Page 38: Insert number of bird species in Suffolk. **Action: CC**
- Page 52: Complete the Glossary. **Action: JB**

In addition, we should add recommendations on:

- Turtle Doves: We should include actions that will increase the number of turtle doves in the parish. This will mean recommending changes to land management practice that will make land more suitable for turtle doves as had been done at Brick Kiln Farm, Westleton. To attract turtle doves requires a combination of mature scrub (at least 10 years old), availability of a seed-based food source at ground level and access to water.
- Swifts: KD had arranged for John Backhouse to put up another 7 swift nest boxes in the village (with another 4 to follow). We should set targets for the increase in the number of swift nest boxes over the next 5 years. LG to ask Sam (?) for his/her house number at Artillery Meadow so KD can ask if s/he wants one.

We have shared interests in the River Fromus with Saxmundham, KD to invite Amy Rayner and Laura Bonnet to our next meeting to discuss cooperation. **Action: KD**

At the next meeting we should examine each BAP recommendation and check it is specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound. **Action: All**

4. Kelsale-cum-Carlton Wildlife Group (KADWAG)

KD and JA are currently the only signatories for the Lloyds bank account. KD to add JB as a 3rd signatory to the account. **Action: KD**

The group had decided not to become a charity due to the extra work needed to register with and submit annual reports and accounts to the FCA. This means that we will not be able to claim tax relief on subscriptions or donations.

KD should request the following items from Richard Smith’s SCC budget:

- A license so we can include OS maps in our publications – likely to be around £50 if 1:10,000 maps are included.
- The cost of publishing the Biodiversity Action Plan document. JA to get a quote from Leiston Press for printing it. **Action: JA**
- Setting up a website for KADWAG – possibly with Malbek.
- Access to Land Registry searches. **Action: KD**

5. Biodiversity Surveys since last meeting

Nonsuch Farm: JB reported that there is no longer any evidence of Hornet Clear Wing Moths since the poplars along the railway line had been pollarded which is a loss. However, they do have dung beetles, kestrels (feeding), small heath butterflies, yellowhammers and slow worms so it is likely that there has been a considerable increase in biodiversity since the changes in management were introduced.

JB has revised the species list for Acorn Wood following his visit in August. JA to apply for Acorn Wood to become an official County Wildlife Site.

To enable us to investigate the trapezoidal area of land, the spong and the ‘ghost pond’ (see map included in the 39th minutes), LG will try to obtain contact details of the ‘Carp lake man’ who now owns the land. **Action: LG**

6. Wild About Kelsale-cum-Carlton event

LG will go ahead with a 'Wild About' event in Kelsale-cum-Carlton in Spring 2025.

Action: LG

8. Report back to KcC Parish Council

Report back to the PC on 25 September and bring PC views to next meeting. LG should also encourage PC to adopt the BAP report (when published), put it on the PC website and to reference it when commenting on planning applications.

Action: LG

9. AOB

Meet with Sally Noble, Cabinet Member for the Environment on East Suffolk Council, who is eager to network and spread the word about our BAP report and follow up improvements to the River Fromus and Alde catchment areas.

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm on Monday 21 October at The Walnuts.