

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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41st Meeting of Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Group 7pm on Monday 21 October 2024 The Walnuts, Curlew Green, Kelsale, IP17 2QZ

1. Welcome and apologies

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

Apologies: Laura Gwynne (LG), David Edgerley (DE)

2. Notes and Actions from 40th meeting on 19 September 2024

The minutes of the 40th meeting were approved subject to the change that JA had been asked to look at the cost of obtaining a license to include OS maps in our publications rather than getting a quote from Leiston Press for printing the BAP. However, JA offered to do the latter task as well (see Section 4). **Action: JA**

LG had encouraged the PC to adopt the BAP report (when completed/published) and put it on the PC website. The PC will do this if they agree with the content.

Query on whether Tiggins Meadow is a designated County Wildlife Site or a Private Nature Reserve? Could it be designated (to protect it) if not?

3. Biodiversity Action Plan

KD had updated the BAP to V6. All changes requested by the PC had now been made by JB. Boxes had also been included on "How to Plant and Grow a Natural Biodiverse Hedge", "How to Create a Wildflower Meadow", "How to Create a Wildlife Pond" and "How to regulate the flow of river naturally". We had decided not to create a box on "Orchids in Kelsale-cum-Carlton" but to expand the section on Orchids (Page 40) instead.

JB had reworded the recommendation on Community Orchids to "We should work with the Parish Council to create a Parish Community Orchard". It was agreed that a good site for this could be Nonsuch Farm.

It was decided not to add a section on "Grasses" as no notable species had yet been identified in the Parish. MC and JB to look at JxB's species list for the grasses in KD's meadow (Site G1) to check if there were any unusual/notable grasses, and with the Suffolk Ornithological Records Committee (SORC) to see if there were any rare grasses recorded in Suffolk/KcC.

Recommendations on Turtle Dove habitat and Swift Boxes had been added. There were now 52 Recommendations which was considered acceptable.

Actions to complete the BAP:

- KD to correct the Table of Figures and add a Table of Boxes. **Action: KD**
- For consistency, JB to put the Latin name (in brackets) after the common name in all cases (e.g. subsection headings on pp35-39). **Action: JB**
- JB to supply a photo of the pond at the northernmost corner of the woodland south of Town Farm that had had the agricultural surplus dumped into it. **Action: JB**
- KD to ask CC to insert the number of (breeding) bird species in Suffolk (Page 43). **Action: KD**
- KD to go through all the recommendations, remove all instances of “We” and put in the real owners, and make them smarter if possible. **Action: KD**
- JB to complete the Glossary. All to suggest new words that need explaining. **Action: All, JB**

We should also consider putting a colour photo (or group of colour photos) on the cover instead of the current black and white photo. **Action: All to suggest**

KD to provide a copy of BAP V7 to JA to proof read by 11 November. **Action: KD, JA**

When the BAP was ready to be published (after sign-off by the PC) we will put a summary in KcC Community News and hold a launch event in the Village Hall.

Action: KD, LG

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

KD to add JB as a 3rd signatory on the KADWAG Lloyds account. **Action: KD, JB**

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. However, we did want to become a group independent of the PC with our own terms of reference and ability to fundraise – this would be equivalent to a club or society. KD to go to the next meeting of the PC to clarify our position. **Action: KD**

KD had been waiting for more detail and had not yet requested the following items from Richard Smith's SCC budget:

Action: KD

- A license so we can include OS maps in our publications – likely to be around £50 if 1:10,000 maps are included. **Action: JA**
- The cost of publishing the Biodiversity Action Plan document. JA to get a quote from Leiston Press for printing 50, 100, 250 or 500 copies with colour photos. **Action: JA**
- Setting up a website for KADWAG – possibly with Malbek. **Action: KD**
- Access to Land Registry searches. KD to find out how much these would cost. **Action: KD**

Action: KD

5. Report back to KcC Parish Council

KD will ask for an agenda item to report back to the PC on 30 October. He will clarify the status of the KADWAG group and present the new version of the BAP with revised recommendations according to the PC's wishes. **Action: KD, LG**

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6. AOB

We should meet with Sally Noble, Cabinet Member for the Environment on East Suffolk Council to follow up improvements to the River Fromus and Alde catchment areas.

LG to invite Amy Rayner and Laura Bonnet to our next meeting to discuss cooperation on the Fromus.

Action: LG

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm on Monday 18 November at The Cottages, Bridge Street, Kelsale.