## KLAW Committee Meeting 16 June 2025 – Minutes v1

The meeting was held using Teams, arranged by Rory Harding (KWT).

**Present:** Rory Harding (Chair); Genny Maskell; Keith Dugmore (Secretary); Jenny Dugmore (Treasurer).

**Apologies:** Dave Casey; Julia Brant.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction	
	Rory welcomed members of the committee.	
2.	Membership	
	Paul Wilson, who has 15 acres of grazing at Aldington Frith, had joined as our 42 <sup>nd</sup> Landholder. Paul is keen to start rewilding. Keith to contact.	Keith
	Raymond Lee had decided to unsubscribe as a Supporter, believing that "in many cases it is better for conservation to leave things alone."	
3.	Grants & other financial support	
	Biodiversity Net Gain	
	An ecological consultancy (Native Ecology), based near Faversham, had been in contact. Details were sent to members in May's KLAW News Update.	
	Mitchell Rae (a KLAW Supporter) had then got in contact about his work at <a href="https://www.environmentbank.com/">https://www.environmentbank.com/</a> and it was agreed that we should see if he would like to make a Teams presentation in the winter.	Keith
	Stour Valley Restore	
	Will Hirstle (a KLAW Supporter) had sent details of this new initiative, which had been forwarded to members in May's KLAW News. There had been positive support from Rebecca Smith, Ed Kyrke-Smith, and Dave Casey. It was agreed to tell Will that KLAW supports the project, and to encourage members to contact Will directly.	Keith
	Local Wildlife Sites	
	Dave Shenton had recently joined KWT as LWS Officer, and was seeking to recruit and support more landowners. Details would be sent to members in the forthcoming KLAW News.	Keith
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help	
	Rory would seek to provide the original full file videos of the following talks for KLAW's website. (Jenny has already posted links).	Rory
	<ul> <li>Dan Tuson (11 December) "Wild flower grasslands".</li> <li>Neil Coombs (9 January) "Surveying and Monitoring Wildlife".</li> <li>Nicole Khan (26 February) "Saving Turtle Doves in Kent".</li> <li>Dr John Puckett (10 March) "Bats in Kent".</li> </ul>	

5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW)	
	Planned visits:	
	<ul> <li>22 June AM. Dormouse Hunt at Dunkirk. Nicola Smith.</li> <li>22 June. Ellen Wilson had invited KLAW to be involved in an Open Farm Garden Safari at Shadoxhurst.</li> <li>[10 July. Glow worms. Dan Tuson – if there is space]</li> <li>18 August. Equine ecology workshop at Aidamora, hosted by Julia.</li> <li>September. Ponds and Boreholes. Jenny and Keith are planning to host an event at Mystole Orchard, and will invite Nicola Smith (whose ponds have not needed to be lined) to participate.</li> <li>21 September AM. Dormouse Hunt at Dunkirk. Nicola Smith.</li> </ul>	Keith to publicise in the News Update
	Possible future visits:	
	<ul> <li>KWT's Ham Fen reserve – a private visit for KLAW members.</li> <li>Hedge Laying course (in the autumn / winter), e.g. Michael White. Julia to investigate.</li> <li>Sheep event. Rory to discuss with Rob Graham.</li> <li>Scything. Sally Edge had provided information about Mary Ellis, who runs courses. Genny and Rory will investigate the idea of holding an event next year, and possible sources of funding.</li> <li>Lichen walk with an expert (e.g. Ishpi Blatchley, Keith Palmer). Jenny &amp; Keith to seek advice from Lesley Mason.</li> </ul>	Rory Julia Rory  Genny & Rory Jenny & Keith
	Possible winter online presentations / discussions:	
	<ul> <li>Grazing, &amp; the possibilities of co-operation.</li> <li>Chalk to Coast.</li> <li>Hazel Ryan from Wildwood (e.g. dormice).</li> <li>Lee Brady (Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group).</li> <li>Mitchell Rae of <a href="https://www.environmentbank.com/">https://www.environmentbank.com/</a></li> </ul>	
6.	Publicity	
	KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 20 May, and another would be sent after this meeting. It should include encouragement of members to hold an event, or give an online presentation.	Keith
	KLAW's website was being kept up to date by Jenny.	
7.	Any Other Business	
	Genny raised the topic of enhancing sea and river habitats, but hitherto all our Landholders are inland.	
8.	Dates & times of future committee meetings	
	The next committee meeting was scheduled for 21 July at 10.00.	