

KLAW Committee Meeting 17 November 2025 – Minutes v1

The meeting, arranged by Dave Shenton (KWT), was held using Teams.

Present: Keith Dugmore (Secretary, and acting Chair); Julia Brant; Jenny Dugmore (Treasurer); Genny Maskell; Dave Shenton, plus Ed Kyrke-Smith.

Apologies: Rory Harding; Dave Casey.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Keith thanked DaveS for starting the meeting, and welcomed members of the committee, plus Ed Kyrke-Smith, a founder member.	
2.	Membership The number of Landholders remained at 42. It was agreed that Keith should write some publicity about KLAW for the forthcoming Local Wildlife Sites newsletter.	Keith, DaveS
3.	Grants & other financial support Biodiversity Net Gain. DaveS would ask Nicky Britton-Williams (now Nicky Carter) if she might give an update of her earlier talk (see Item 5 below), focussing on examples of case studies in the last two years. This could provide a springboard for members (including Nicola Smith and Paul Wilson) to meet for detailed discussion. Making Space for Nature. The MSN strategy is expected to be published by KCC shortly. Stour Valley Restore. DaveS reported that KWT and KCC had formally become supporters. Ed had been in contact with Will Hirstle about having walks along the Stour to build community engagement. Chalk to Coast. DaveS was liaising with this initiative about Local Wildlife Sites. Idox. Ed drew attention to the https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/ funding database and portal, which includes a grant finder. Ed had received a grant for a biochar kiln, and was planning to arrange a workshop event.	DaveS
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help Local Wildlife Sites. DaveS reported more good news about designations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DaveC & Judy's meadow – acceptance is imminent. • Genny's Bow Meadow – citation progressing. • DaveC & Judy's Eleven Acre Wood – to be progressed. Dave's online talk 6 November had attracted more leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Davis's Honeywood • Jack Highwood's Crow Plain Farm 	

	<p>Videos of KLAW talks. DaveS would seek to provide the original full file videos of three earlier talks for KLAW's website. (Jenny had already posted links).</p> <p>Jenny would seek to edit the audience's faces from the recording of DaveS's LWS talk.</p>	<p>DaveS & Rory</p> <p>Jenny</p>
5.	<p>Events (organised by, or involving KLAW)</p> <p>Recent events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 November. DaveS's talk on Local Wildlife Sites had attracted a good and appreciative audience. <p>Winter online presentations / discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nightingales and Turtle Doves. Jenny & Keith for KOS. 17 Dec. BNG, Nicky Carter. DaveS to seek a date in January. Lee Brady (Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group), to include animals' geographical isolation / possibility of spreading. [Feb/March] Hazel Ryan from Wildwood (e.g. dormice). [A possible] Chalk to Coast. [A possible] <p>Potential events in 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equine ecology workshop at Aidamora. Julia was seeking possible dates in January or February. KWT's Ham Fen reserve – private visit for KLAW members in the spring. Sheep event. Rory to discuss with Rob Graham. Scything. Sally Edge had provided information about Mary Ellis, who runs courses. Genny and Rory will investigate the idea of holding an event, and possible sources of funding. Lichen walk with an expert (e.g. Ishpi Blatchley, Keith Palmer). Jenny & Keith to seek advice from Lesley Mason. Micro moths with DaveS in the autumn (recommended by DaveC). Hedge Laying course (in the autumn / winter), e.g. Michael White. 	<p>[Keith to publicise in the News Update, and send invitations]</p> <p>Jenny & Keith DaveS</p> <p>Keith</p> <p>Julia</p> <p>DaveS Rory</p> <p>Genny & Rory</p> <p>Jenny & Keith DaveS Julia</p>
6.	<p>Publicity</p> <p>KLAW News Updates had been emailed to members on 27 October, and another would be sent after this meeting if there were sufficient items.</p> <p>KLAW's website was being kept up to date by Jenny, who always welcomes photos from our events.</p> <p>KLAW on Instagram: Ed will investigate.</p>	<p>Keith</p> <p>Ed</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Having started his new job in South-East Water's environment team, Rory would be able to continue as Chair, with our meetings being switched to the third Tuesday every month at 10.00.</p> <p>Rory would set up new links using Google Meets, and seek to delete (perhaps with DaveS's help) the redundant KWT Teams links.</p>	<p>Rory, DaveS</p>
8.	<p>Dates & times of future committee meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 16 December at 10.00.</p>	