

KLAW Committee Meeting 15 September 2025 – Minutes v1

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

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

Apologies: Julia Brant.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Rory welcomed members of the committee.	
2.	Membership Jerry Whitmarsh had withdrawn due to ill health. Tricia Lawrence of Kier Meadow Nature Reserve at Blean had joined as a Landholder, having been encouraged by Michael Walter. The number of Landholders therefore remained 42.	
3.	Grants & other financial support Biodiversity Net Gain. BNG is of real interest, and it was agreed that Rory should ask Nicky Britton-Williams if she would give an update of her earlier talk, 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 in November. Stour Valley Restore. Will Hirstle had sent news of progress: an Overview, and a questionnaire for landholders. These would be added to the forthcoming KLAW News Update, which would also seek the names of the subset of members in the catchment area who might want to be involved in the future. Rory would check whether KWT will be responding to the questionnaire. Chalk to Coast. Pledges by farmers continued to be gathered. National Trails Nature Recovery Programme. Dave thought that Walmer Castle might be a candidate, and would raise this with them.	Rory Keith Rory Dave
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help Local Wildlife Sites. Dave Shenton was in contact with KLAW members (Janet Upson, Judy Heiser, Genny, and the Dugmores) who were interested in their landholdings being designated as Local Wildlife Sites. Videos of KLAW talks. Rory would seek to provide the original full file videos of the following talks for KLAW's website. (Jenny has already posted links). • Dan Tuson (11 December) "Wild flower grasslands". • Neil Coombs (9 January) "Surveying and Monitoring Wildlife". • Nicole Khan (26 February) "Saving Turtle Doves in Kent". • Dr John Puckett (10 March) "Bats in Kent".	Rory

