

KLAW Committee Meeting 20 January 2026 – Minutes v1

The meeting, arranged by Rory Harding, was held using Google Meet.

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

Apologies: Dave Casey.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	<p>Chair’s introduction</p> <p>Rory welcomed the members of the committee.</p>	
2.	<p>Membership</p> <p>Annabel Falcon had joined as a Landholder, having 20 acres of grazing (sheep), small areas of old orchard, hedgerows and woodland shaves at Selling. The number of Landholders was now 44.</p>	
3.	<p>Grants & other financial support</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain. Nicky Carter had given an excellent online talk on 15 January, and Jenny would post the recording on our website.</p> <p>Making Space for Nature. DaveS offered to seek a speaker at our AGM on 14 (NB) March to focus on how KLAW members can help it work. Rory highlighted https://webapps.kwtg.uk/public/app/lhrs_measures_webmap/</p> <p>Stour Valley Restore. News of the expression of interest in lottery funding was expected in March, hoping to pave the way for a bid for 2029.</p> <p>Chalk to Coast. DaveS was continuing to liaise with this project about Local Wildlife Sites.</p> <p>Successful Grant Applications. Jenny had added Jo’s (Tree of Life Veganics) list of successful grant applications to KLAW’s website (which now refers to “Funding to Help Members”).</p> <p>Sustainable Farming Incentive. DEFRA had announced news: https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/2026/01/08/the-new-sfi-offer-for-2026/</p>	DaveS
4.	<p>Recording baseline data, and getting expert help</p> <p>Local Wildlife Sites. DaveS related the latest news of designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genny’s Bow Meadow – citation ready. • DaveC & Judy’s Eleven Acre Wood – progressing. • Carol Davis’s Honeywood – DaveS to visit in February. • Jack Highwood’s Crow Plain Farm – Dave to fix a baseline survey. • Richard Coleman’s Wouldham rewilding – in progress. <p>Keith to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email Annabel Falcon to encourage her to contact DaveS about registering as a LWS. [This might perhaps lead to holding an event]. • Alert members in KLAW News about LWS baseline surveys. 	Keith / DaveS Keith

5.	<p>Events (organised by, or involving KLAW)</p> <p>Rory had contacted Young Wilders https://www.youngwilders.org/ again about a walkabout at Mystole Orchard, and was also seeking news of their contacts with landholders in Kent.</p> <p>Potential events in 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola Smith’s Dormouse Hunts: 19 April; 21 June; and 20 Sept. • KWT’s Ham Fen reserve – private visit for members in the spring. • Boughton Monchelsea with Caroline Jessell. Keith to discuss with Rory potential dates in April or May. • Marden for green-winged orchids – Rory to agree a date (probably in May) with Lou Carpenter. • Sheep event. Rory to discuss with Rob Graham. • Scything. Genny will contact Mary Ellis to discuss running a course at Bow Meadow in August. • Lichen walk with an expert (e.g. Ishpi Blatchley, Keith Palmer). Jenny & Keith to seek advice about timing from Lesley Mason. • Micro moths with DaveS in the autumn (recommended by DaveC). • A walk at Hothfield in October, led by Fungi Phil. • Hedge Laying course (in the autumn / winter), e.g. Michael White. • Online in November: Lee Brady (KRAG), to include animals’ geographical isolation / possibility of spreading. • Kent Wildlife Conference. To publicise when the date is set. 	<p>[Keith to publicise]</p> <p>Rory</p> <p>DaveS</p> <p>Keith / Rory</p> <p>Rory Rory</p> <p>Genny</p> <p>Jenny & Keith DaveS DaveS [?]</p> <p>Keith</p>
6.	<p>Publicity</p> <p>KLAW News Update. To be sent to members.</p> <p>KLAW Website. Videos of KLAW talks had been posted by Jenny, who would also seek to edit the audience’s faces from the recording of DaveS’s LWS talk.</p>	<p>Keith</p> <p>Jenny</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AGM. To be held on Saturday 14 March, kindly hosted by Sally Edge again at Langdon Court, and including discussion of Making Space for Nature.</p>	<p>Keith, SallyE</p>
8.	<p>Dates & times of future committee meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 10.00.</p>	