

## KLaw Committee Meeting 16 June 2026 – Minutes v1

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

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

**Apologies:** Dave Casey.

| Item | Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action         |
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| 1.   | <b>Chair's introduction</b><br>Rory welcomed members of the committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |
| 2.   | <b>Membership</b><br>Two new Landholder members had joined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosie Cullen with Priests Meadow and part of Den Grove Wood, at Broad Oak, Canterbury. Four acres of ancient woodland and two acres of a former field. Rewilding since 1970.</li> <li>Steve Martin at Biddenden Green Farm, Smarden, with 3 acres of grazing, and half an acre of woodland, plus ponds.</li> </ul> We now have 47 Landholder Members and 14 Supporters. Richard and DaveS were encouraging <a href="https://woodsell.co.uk">https://woodsell.co.uk</a> to join.                                                                                                                                                             | Richard, DaveS |
| 3.   | <b>Grants &amp; other financial support</b><br><b>Biodiversity Net Gain.</b> Details of DEFRA's Landscape Recovery grants were awaited. There had been no recent news from the <b>Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Stour Valley Restore, or Chalk to Coast.</b><br><b>Kent Strategic Water Plan.</b> Rory reported that this was being developed.<br>DaveS reported progress with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Species Recovery Fund</b> support for KWT, + other organisations.</li> <li><b>Farming in Protected Landscapes</b> 3-year funding for High Weald, including surveys.</li> <li><b>Species-Rich Grassland:</b> a new pilot enabling Trusted Advisors from KWT (c.f. Natural England) to progress projects.</li> </ul> |                |
| 4.   | <b>Recording baseline data, and getting expert help</b><br><b>KLaw WhatsApp Group.</b> Genny's idea of reporting sightings had been publicised, and its use would be further encouraged.<br><b>Local Wildlife Sites.</b> DaveS updated news of designations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DaveC &amp; Judy's Eleven Acre Wood – in progress.</li> <li>Richard's Wouldham rewilding – in progress.</li> <li>Carol Davis's Honeywood – in progress.</li> <li>Jack Highwood's Crow Plain Farm – joining the Greensand Farm Cluster.</li> <li>Pluckley Nature Reserve – a recent designation, the 495<sup>th</sup> LWS.</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |                |
| 5.   | <b>Events (organised by, or involving KLaw)</b><br>Members had enjoyed another recent event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crow Plain Farm, hosted by Jack Highwood, on Saturday 6 June.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |

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|    | <p>Planned events this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KWT's Ham Fen reserve, on Saturday 20 June.</li> <li>• Scything training with Mary Ellis, hosted by Genny at Bow Meadow, on Wednesday 1 July, with 6 free places for members.</li> <li>• Lichen walk. Ishpi Blatchley is to visit Upper Mystole on 22 June to discuss options for arranging an event.</li> <li>• Annual Naturalists' Picnic at Upper Mystole on Sunday 9 August: invitations would be extended to KLAW members.</li> <li>• Micro moths with DaveS in the autumn (recommended by DaveC).</li> <li>• A walk at Hothfield in October, led by Fungi Phil.</li> <li>• Kent Wildlife Conference. Now fixed for 24 October, with DaveS as one of the speakers.</li> <li>• Hedge Laying course (in the autumn / winter), e.g. Michael White.</li> </ul> <p>Online talks in the autumn &amp; winter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countryside Partnerships, by Jon Shelton, who manages the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership – a date in November.</li> <li>• Lee Brady (KRAG), to include animals' geographical isolation / possibility of spreading.</li> </ul> <p>2027 possible events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A visit to Chris West's land at Frittenden.</li> <li>• Ponds being proposed at Godmersham Estate with possible help from Natural England.</li> <li>• A visit to the Woodsell rewilding project.</li> <li>• Bee Walk. Keith to discuss with DaveS.</li> </ul> | <p>DaveS &amp; Keith</p> <p>Genny</p> <p>Keith &amp; Jenny</p> <p>Jenny &amp; Keith</p> <p>DaveS</p> <p>DaveS</p> <p>[?]</p> <p>Keith</p> <p>Keith</p> <p>Keith</p> <p>Rory &amp; Keith<br/>[Awaited]<br/>Keith, DaveS</p> |
| 6. | <p><b>Publicity</b></p> <p><b>KLAW News Update.</b> To be sent to members, including dates of future events.</p> <p><b>KLAW Website.</b> Jenny had successfully migrated our website to a host that does not charge fee.</p> <p><b>A new sign advertising KLAW.</b> Postcard size, &amp; laminated, for fences.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Keith</p> <p>Jenny</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7. | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Kent Wildlife Conference, 24 Oct:</b> an opportunity to publicise KLAW?</p> <p><b>"For Medway":</b> Richard to send info to Keith.</p> <p><b>Wouldham Common:</b> Richard to send info to DaveS.</p> <p><b>Map of members' locations – update?</b> To discuss at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Marden and Greensand Ridge Farm Clusters:</b> DaveS is taking on the role of facilitator for both, and has a small team.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Rory &amp; DaveS</p> <p>Richard</p> <p>Richard</p> <p>All</p>                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8. | <p><b>Dates &amp; times of future committee meetings</b></p> <p>Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 10.00.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |