

**LINCOLNSHIRE BIRD CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 21 February 2012**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Andrew Chick, Robert Carr, Roy Harvey, John Clarkson, Phil Espin, Grahame Hopwood, Ian Macalpine-Leny and John Watt. James Siddle, by invitation.

**Apologies for absence:** Phil Hyde, Colin and Sheila Jennings, John Badley, Bill Sterling, Mike Harrison, Janet Eastmead

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Agreed to be a true record except the attendee Bill Harvey.

**Matters arising:**

**LCCP:** Nest boxes erected, grant received of £3,450 to cover the cost and erection of the Barn Owl nest boxes; APC's travel costs funded by LBC.

**Coastal Grazing Marshes:** see later item.

**2010 Bird Report:** 500 copies are being printed; hoped that they will be available to distribute at the AGM. The cost will be covered in part by subscription income and also by sales to non-members.

**BAP:** Some e-documents had arrived from Anne Goodall but were too late to be considered at this meeting. They will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

**Honorary Membership for the Heaths:** APC apologised that this had not yet been done.

**Rare and Scarce Birds:** see later item.

**AGM:** see later item..

**Officers' reports:**

**Treasurer:** Annual statement prepared for AGM. Subscription income has increased, as has Sales and a dramatic increase from Data Searches: from £790 to 4,059. As indicated at the last meeting, £20,000 has been invested in a 1 year bond at Barclays. We have sufficient funds in the current account to meet the costs of printing the Bird Report and setting up the Direct Debits with LWT, where 148 members have so far signed up. The majority of deposits for the Atlas have now been refunded where we have an address: only 16 remain.

**Sales:** Not present, but report circulated. A good start to the new year, including Data Searches.

**Secretary:** Nothing noteworthy.

**Membership secretary:** Not present; no report received. Agreed that it would be a good idea to put a DD form on the website; John Watt will look into this.

**County recorder North:** The new system is working well: John is inundated with emails giving sightings and asking for help with identification. It would be very helpful if observers were to submit reports using the template on the website. It is hoped to submit a summary to the LNU.

**County recorder South:** not present and no report received.

**Rarities committee:** Currently working on 2011; the problem of a lack of descriptions from some observers continues. Also slowed down by some of the Committee members being slow to vote.

**Chairman and Webmaster:**

1 Membership of Committee: agreed to accept the resignation of Steve Routledge; Phil Espin to be co-opted as BTO representative.

2 Garden Bird Survey: Anne Goodall had been approached and had agreed to produce reports on a 3 yearly basis. A future target might be to see whether the data can be integrated with the BTO Garden Survey.

4 BAP: See earlier item.

5 Rare and Scarce Birds: AC had received a draft from SK; it was agreed that this now be taken over by AC and the two recorders to form a temporary committee who would oversee completion as soon as possible.

6 2010 Report: see earlier item.

7 Coastal Marshes Project: Grant application now finished. P Espin had had discussions with ELDC personnel who indicated that a grant of up to £2000 could be available for a suitable project involving active conservation. Any ideas to PE as soon as possible as the deadline for submission is imminent.

**AOB:**

PE raised the possibility of LBC members undertaking BBS type surveys on LWT reserves. Dave Bromwich, Reserves Manager at LWT, had supported this in principle. G Hopwood mentioned that some of the larger reserves already carry out extensive monitoring, but it might be worthwhile for the medium sized reserves. Ian Macalpine-Leny made the point that any co-operation between the BTO, LWT and LBC was to be welcomed – all agreed.

Meeting closed at 21h20.