



Minutes of meeting held at 18:30 on Sunday 4th March 2018 at the house of GJ.

Present

County Recorder: Tom Francis (TF)

Editor: Graeme Joynt (GJ)

Compilers: Geoff Icton (GI), Mark Rowbottom (MDR), Ian Kendall (IK)

Ordinary Members: Mark Askew (MRKA), Graham Megson (GM) [minutes]

1. Apologies

Ringing Officer: Chris Brown (no votes)

Ordinary Member: Ian Foster (voted by email)

Compiler: Chris Bell (voted by email)

2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1 The minutes (review of Taiga bean geese) for 10/01/2018 were accepted.

3. BBRC decisions

3.1 Outstanding at BBRC.

SPECIES	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	TBC RSC Decision
Macaronesian Shearwater	07/08/2005	Hartlepool Headland	RC. Taylor, T. Francis, J. Regan	Supported
Desert-Lesser Whitethroat	09/11/2000	South Gare	DA. Money et al	-
Caspian Tern	14/08/2017	Seaton Snook	C. Sharp	-

3.2 Accepted by BBRC

SPECIES	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	TBC RSC Decision
Spotted Sandpiper	16/06/2017	Scaling Dam	MA. Blick et al	-
Pied Wheatear	06/11/2017	Skinningrove	A. Thornton	-

3.2 Not Accepted by BBRC

SPECIES	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	TBC RSC Decision
Rustic Bunting	20/10/2016	South Gare	-	NP

4. Assessment of Cleveland records

4.1 Records assessed.

2017	Vote	Decision
Crane - over Cowpen and Saltern 10 May 2017	9-0	A
Night Heron - RSPB Saltholme - 19 Aug 2017	9-0	A
Great white Egret - South Gare - 29 Sept 2017	9-0	A



Great white Egret - Dormans - 2 July 2017	9-0	A
Great white Egret - RSPB Saltholme - 14 Oct 2017	9-0	A
Great white Egret - Scaling Dam - 23 Dec 2017	9-0	A
Marsh Warbler - RSPB Saltholme - 2 June 2017	9-0	A
Marsh Warbler - Bowsfield Marsh - 4 June 2017	9-0	A
Cattle Egret - Back Saltholme - 27 Oct 2017	9-0	A
Great white Egret - over RSPB Saltholme - 7 Nov 2017	9-0	A
Grey Phalarope - South Gare - 8 Nov 2017	9-0	A
Grey Phalarope - South Gare - 1 Dec 2017	9-0	A
Green-winged Teal - West Saltholme - 29 Dec 2017 into 2018 (Returning bird)	9-0	A
Great White Egret - Haverton Hole – 18 March 2017	8-1	A
Great White Egret - Haverton Hole - 10 April 2017	9-0	A
Black Guillemot - South Gare - 24 June 2017	9-0	A
Caspian Gull - Windermere Rd Hartlepool - 12 Feb 2017	9-0	A
Caspian Gull - Longnewton Resv - 10 Jan 2017	9-0	A
Crane (3) - Billingham - 21 May 2017 - Geoff Icton	9-0	A

Cory's Shearwater – Cowbar – 22 July 2017	9-0	A
Cory's Shearwater – Cowbar – 24 July 2017	9-0	A
Cory's Shearwater - Cowbar – 15 Sept 2017	9-0	A
Cory's Shearwater - Old Nab - 22 July 2017 (same as above)	9-0	A
Cory's Shearwater - Old Nab - 24 July 2017 (same as above)	9-0	A
Cranes (4) - RSPB Saltholme - 20 April 2017	3-6	NP
Dusky Warbler - Warsett Hill Brotton – 18-19 Oct 2017	9-0	A
Great White Egret - Scaling Dam - 21 June 2017	9-0	A
Great White Egret - Seaton Snook - 20 Oct. 2017	9-0	A
Honey Buzzard - Coulby Newham - 31 May 2017	9-0	A
Nightingale - North Gare - 5 May 2017	9-0	A
Raven - Errington Wood - 4 Oct 2017	0-9	NP
Raven - Sleddale - 27 March 2017	9-0	A
Rose-coloured Starling - Billingham – 11-13 June 2017	9-0	A
Tundra Bean Goose (6) - 13 Feb 2017	9-0	A
White-rumped Sandpiper - Greatham Creek - 14 Aug 2017	9-0	A
Great White egret – Wolviston – 16 Dec 2017	9-0	A

2018		Decision
Grey Phalarope - South Gare - 24 & 25 Jan 2018	9-0	A

4.2 **Action:** GM to send colour ring details of the 21 June 2017 Scaling Reservoir Great White Egret to TF, for added interest in the 2017 Bird Report. Left leg: white over red; right leg: yellow over white; ringed in France in 2016.

4.3 Discussion on Old Nab Staithes sea-watching view point and agreed that birds flying southwards have been observed in the county.



5. Chough review

5.1 GJ led on a review of Chough, which was undertaken via email discussion and voting. It was felt that Chough was the only species on the county list which lacked modern scrutiny. All available historic information was circulated and discussed. The five records were marked **CH1 to CH5**.

5.2 Records assessed.

Date	Site	Count	Photo	Currently accepted by TBC?	Review	Verdict
Early 19 th Century CH1	Breeding at Boulby	Breeding	No	No	No. 0-10	Not accepted
April-May 1957 CH2	Hunt Cliff	1	No	Yes	Yes. 9-1	Accepted
March 1969 CH3	Hartlepool garden	2	No	Unclear	No. 0-10	Not accepted
18 th September 1969 CH4	Seal Sands	1	No	Unclear	No. 4-6	Not accepted
16 th January 1978 CH5	Marske	1	No	Unclear	Yes. 9-1	Accepted

5.2 Following the review, Chough remains on the County list with two accepted records.

6. Cleveland Bird Report 2017

6.1 Sections for compilers are as follows:

MDR - Brent Goose to Black-necked Grebe

GI - Spoonbill to Grey Phalarope

IK - Common Sandpiper to Short-eared Owl

CB - Nightjar to Nuthatch

GJ - Treecreeper to escapes

6.2 **Action:** TF and GJ to send out report sections and 2017 records. GJ to write accounts of the Taiga Bean Goose and Chough reviews for the Bird Report.

7. AOB

7.1 Neil Ley manages the bird record database. Agreed that TF will email NL and cc Brian Clasper in regarding approval from this sub-committee to send records to ERIC North-East (local environmental record centre). BN to also request someone else has the password to access the database.

7.2 **Action:** GJ to speak to CBN regarding the fact that Ruddy Shelduck is mistakenly on the updated County list but Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler is missing. Jamie Duffy puts the list on the website.

8. Date of next meeting

8.1 To be scheduled.

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