



Minutes of meeting held at 6.30pm on 15th January 2020 at the home of CBr.

Records sub-committee members.

County Recorder: Alan Crossley. Bird Report Editor: Chris Brown. Other Members: Chris Bell, Ian Foster [Minutes], Ian Kendall, Ian Boustead, Graham Megson [amends].

1. Attendance

Present - Alan Crossley (AC), Chris Brown (CBr), Chris Bell (CB), Ian Foster (IF), Ian Kendall (IK) and Mark Askew (MRKA) for his last meeting.

2. Apologies

Ian Boustead and Graham Megson.

3. Changes to the sub-committee

This was MRKA's last meeting as an ordinary member of the sub-committee. The sub-committee would like to thank him for all his hard work, including his expertise in proof reading the draft Cleveland Bird Reports. With Geoff Icton and Mark Rowbottom finishing as ordinary member in 2019, this leaves only seven sub-committee members. A short list of potential members was discussed. Three new members are required for the ten-person sub-committee. A change to membership rules is required. Previously four or five of the Ordinary members were Bird Report compilers and remained on the sub-committee until they resigned. It has now been agreed that all members will share the compiling (in addition to several volunteer non-members) – see item 8.

Seeing as membership of the sub-committee is no longer a pre-requisite of being a compiler, the membership situation regarding the TBC constitution needs to be checked, to see how this needs to be dealt with.

Action: AC to ask the main committee for advice.

Action: Members are asked to submit suggestions for new members to AC, so that they may be approached and asked to consider serving on the sub-committee.

4. Review of recent records

County records already voted on (by email circulation) appear in the table below. As only six serving members were present the meeting was not quorate and it was agreed that the outstanding records would be circulated and voted on by email. These are shown in the table below.

Action: AC to circulate records and members to vote using the 'reply all' function.

Species	Date	Site	Notes	Vote
Black kite	20/04/2019	Wilton Lane		10-0
White-rumped sandpiper	26/08/2019; 28/08/2019	Greatham Creek		10-0
Kentish plover	18/10/19 +	South Gare; Redcar		10-0



Cattle egret	23/10/2019	RSPB Saltholme		10-0
Willet	31/10/2019	Greatham Creek		0-10 NP
*Petrel sp.	07/09/2019	Cowbar		10-0
Dusky warbler	05/10/2019	South Gare		10-0
Common crane (2)	05/10/2019	New Skelton		10-0
Sooty tern	09/07/2019	Cowbar	To go to BBRC	10-0
Eastern black redstart	09/11/2019	Loftus Alum Quarries	To go to BBRC	10-0
Red-flanked bluetail	03/10/2019	Hunley Hall Golf Course		10-0
Black guillemot	01/10/2019	Hartlepool Headland		10-0
Pallas's warbler	09/11/2019	North Gare Bushes		10-0
Greenish warbler	02/09/2019	Hunley Hall Golf Course		10-0
Grey-headed wagtail	13/05/2019	Hummersea		10-0
American golden plover	21-28/10/2019	RSPB Saltholme & Cowpen Maarsh		10-0
Raven	29/09/2019	Roseberry Common	No description of call	Pend
Siberian chiffchaff	05/10/2019	Hartlepool Headland		10-0
Siberian chiffchaff	06/10/2019	Old Cemetery Road Scrub, Hartlepool		10-0
Siberian chiffchaff	23/10/2019	Hunley Hall Golf Course		10-0
Siberian chiffchaff	09/11/2019	Hunley Hall Golf Course, Brotton		10-0
Siberian chiffchaff	10/11/2019	Hazel Grove, Saltburn		10-0

Key:

BBRC – British Birds Rarities Committee

NP – Not proven

*Will be published as a Storm petrel in the Cleveland Bird Report 2019 with the proviso 'was thought to be this species'.

5. The Cleveland County List

IF tabled the subject of Siberian stonechat, which is counted on the Cleveland County List. However, as no past Cleveland records are now accepted by BBRC, following the split of Siberian and Stejneger's stonechats, it was agreed that Siberian stonechat is to be removed from the Cleveland County List with immediate effect. The minutes of this meeting can be used as the announcement to TBC members and a comment will be made in the 2019 Cleveland Bird Report.

Action: AC to arrange for the removal of Siberian stonechat from the official Cleveland County list posted on the TBC website.



6. Species requiring a submitted description

After several recent occurrences of Great white egret, it was agreed that this species is now removed from the list of species requiring a description to be submitted.

Action: CBr to amend the list in the Cleveland Bird Report 2019 when it is prepared.

7. BBRC Outstanding

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24/09/1984		1	Barolo shearwater	Hartlepool Headland
07/09/1990		1	Barolo shearwater	Hartlepool Headland
07/08/2005		1	Barolo shearwater	Hartlepool Headland
09/11/2000		1	Desert-lesser whitethroat	South Gare
1 day in June 2017		1	Slate-coloured junco	Guisborough
09/07/2019		1	Sooty tern	Cowbar
Three Barolo shearwater records 'In Circulation', Desert-Lesser Whitethroat 'Waiting for Information'.				

8. Changes for the 2019 Cleveland Bird Report

It has been agreed that all members will share the compiling (in addition to several volunteer non-members) and AC explained that he has a list of approx. 20 potential compilers. The list of species will be divided in to smaller and more easily achievable sections. AC is to allocate each compiler with guidance notes and a list of species, plus a spreadsheet showing their 2019 records (once all the records have been submitted for 2019). GM has previously circulated the original compiler guidance notes. A deadline for records to be submitted will be set for the end of February 2020 and AC will aim to have the records sent out and give the compilers till the end of April 2020 to return their species accounts for editing by this sub-committee.

Action: AC and CBr to create the sections and send out to compilers.

9. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.