



**QTNWG: MEETING OF TRUSTEES 04/04/24**  
**via Zoom 7pm-8.30pm**

Attending: Kim Creswell (Chair), Emma Etherington (Treasurer), Rowan Duffy (Trustee)

Amendment to previous minute: date error - should be 17/01/24. Note we have had informal contact since then, so here is the chance to get up to speed.

**1. Group structure :**

Continuing to look for an office/ water test space in the parish - possibly garage. converted shed, need electric and mains drains in order to carry out photometer testing.

**ACTION: ROWAN TO CONTACT A TRUSTEE OF DWT FROM SHERBORNE TO SEE IF ANY LOCAL SPACE IS KNOWN; KIM TO ASK AT VILLAGE AGM.**

**2: RULES:**

To be added to rules on website: confidentiality rules should be covered by GDPR

**ACTION: ROWAN TO ADD: social media code of conduct, trustees code of conduct, GDPR policy statement, add consent to forms ; NWG's financial RULE: BANK ACCOUNT SHOULD NEVER DROP BELOW £100 CREDIT.**

**3. BANKING :**

Balance £882.17 on 31/3/24

Website domain to be paid, to be approved.

Request form photometer team for new 50ml vial... CG to purchase online and then submit expense form and receipt.

NWG is using 45ppm for future travel expense, to be logged on Fuel expenses form. Expenses forms to be submitted by 20th each month and paid by 28th each month.

**ACTION: EMMA TO ENQUIRE WITH CC RE. ACCEPTED EXPENSES FOR PRINTING PER PAGE.**

Gift Aid -

**NWG is now registered with HMRC for Gift Aid. ACTION: TO AMEND MEMBERSHIP FORM TO INCLUDE PERMISSION FOR CLAIMING GIFT AID ON DONATIONS; TO SEEK PERMISSION FROM FORMER DONORS WITH TEMPLATE LETTER.**

**ACTION: ROWAN TO SET UP SPREAD SHEET FOR ACCOUNTS AND THEN NOTIFY KIM AND EMMA for tax return**

**ACTION: KIM TO INCLUDE IN NEWSLETTER**

Just Giving - Active page, which is ready for when we need it.

**4. FUNDING:**

- Rowan has fund potential grant for core funding £2-10K 1-3 years Newby trust
- Emma has compiled a list of potential funders and sent to Rowan
- We now have a list of potential funders for projects as they arise

**5. MEMBERS:**

- AGM required - will aim for end tax year, in March
- Plotgate jolly 13 April 2024 for members of NWG and other environmental groups (also to include MPCAN) 2pm Plotgate... NWG members to meet at the Barton Inn, Barton St David, 1.30pm and then go together

**ACTION: ROWAN TO SEND ANOTHER E-MAIL WITH THESE DETAILS**

- Riverfly event March 23rd , 4 NWG went, very interesting, we have been offered 4 spaces on subsidised training, we will offer to members (mailchimp shot) and to other interested parties.

**ACTION: KIM TO INCLUDE IN NEWSLETTER**

- Members' mailchimp newsletter: Kim to summarise last year and give plans for this year, including members jolly and possible other events, call out for active members and donations, skills/ time for village AGM, run by trustees and Rowan to include in mailchimp.

**ACTION: KIM TO DRAFT AND SEEK APPROVAL FROM TRUSTEES . ROWAN TO SEND MAILCHIMP SHOTS TO MEMBERS.****6. PLANS FOR 2024**

- WATER TESTING EITH PHOTOMETER IS UP AND RUNNIN GBUT NEW PREMISES ARE REQUIRED. RIVERFLY TESTING TO RESUME IN MAY.

- NWG PARISH WIDE NEWSLETTER

**ACTION: TEMPLATE FROM GEORGE AND ROWAN; KIM TO DRAFT CONTENT READY FOR TRUSTEE APPROVAL**

- QUEEN THORNE STATE OF NATURE SURVEY - WE WILL WATCHHOW THE MARNHULL GREEN TEAM GET ON WITH THEIRS

- HEDGEROW DEROGATION LETTER AND PETITION: **ACTION: KIM TO DRAFT LETTER TO DEFRA AND MP LODER ABOUT DEROGATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF HEDGEROW PROTECTION.**

- BADGER CULL : NWG HAS REQUESTED QTPC TAKE PART IN CONSULTATION AND RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

**ACTION: KIM TO RESPOND TO CONSULTATION ON BEHALF OF NWG ACTION: ROWAN TO DO POST ON BADGER CONSULTATION - KIM TO SEND INFO**

- SANDFORD ORCAS VILLAGE SUNDAY 30TH JUNE KIM AND EMMA TO DO FUND RAISING, DISPLAY PICS AND GIVE OUT FLYERS,,, IF WE CAN RECEIVE CONFIRM THAT OUR CHARITY RECEIVES 100% OF OUR TAKINGS.

**7. NETWORKING:**

- LNP- our previous meeting with Maria was postponed

**ACTION: ROWAN TO ARRANGE A MEETING**

- Wildlife and Countryside Link : AWAITING RESPONSE

- MP Loder - we are disappointed that MP Loder has failed to engage positively with us following our meeting, only emailing to ask for confirmation that we did not record the meeting (which we didn't, as requested). MP Loder has not yet sent the photos he took of us with his 'phone, or confirmed that he has read the state of nature report. NWG trustees are concerned that his parliamentary voting record shows a lack of concern in environmental protection, favouring business interests over the environment.

**ACTION: KIM TO WRITE TO MP LODER FOR CLARIFICTION**

EVENT AT PLOTGATE, HAVE INCLUDE MP CAN

- SWIFTS OVER SHERBORNE FREE EVENT AT THE ABBEY 7.30PM: ROWAN TO POSSIBLY CONTACT

**8. WEBSITE , SOCIAL MEDIA, MEDIA:**

QT Parish Magazine

**ACTION: KIM TO WRITE 200 words on RIVERFLY TRAINING FOR 15TH APRIL**

Abbey Radio: NWG HAS BEEN INVITED TO TALK AT OUR CONVENIENCE

QT Parish Council: May 13 in Nether Compton.