

**QTNWG: MEETING OF TRUSTEES 06/07/2023**  
**by Zoom, 7pm - 8.30PM**

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

**1. Queen Thorne Parish Council:** Monday 3rd at Trent, attended by Kim and Emma, as items of concern were 1/- QTPC declaration of biodiversity action and 2/ funding application for reagents for the water testing.

Emma reports: council discussed biodiversity action, installing an environmental champion was suggested - the whole PC seemed extremely unenthused, it appeared no-one had read the documents and links sent by NWG. No action by the PC was decided, the PC agreed to add it to next agenda. Kim spoke in public forum thanking PC for adding this important matter to agenda, and encouraging environment champion.

Re. Funding application, PC declined on the grounds of NWG not having received a decision from Charities Commission (which NWG suggested was a choice of the PC, rather than a necessity), despite having presented evidence of independent banking facilities. NWG is concerned that proper procedure as to declaration of interest may not have been followed and it may be perceived that the PC's decisions are being influenced by Cllrs with a pecuniary interest: trustees vote unanimously to write to Chair and two SO Cllrs with concerns. **ACTION: KIM TO DRAFT LETTER AND CIRCULATE TO TRUSTEES FOR APPROVAL BEFORE SENDING.**

**2. CIO** - Emma reports receipt of request for further information to progress application, to be sent no later than 27th July. YRT have offered support. Can not register with HMRC to claim gift aid until acceptance by CC. **ACTION: EMMA AND KIM TO DO FURTHER INFO AND SEND TO LORNE THOMPSON BEFORE SUBMITION.**

**3. WATER TESTING:** fri 14th July, Fri 28th July - with a view to fortnightly and with community engagement at village cafe beginning 12th August. 10.30am start

**4. BANKING** - We all have to register for on-line access. **ACTION: EMMA AND KIM TO LINK UP JUST GIVING ACCOUNT**

**5. MEMBERSHIP:** members to contacted directly with bank account details - **ACTION: KIM AND ROWAN TO COMPLETE AFTER 17TH JULY**

**6. PARISH MG:** have included write up , next on 15th each month **ACTION: ROWAN TO SEND COPY OF LAST MONTH AND KIM TO SUBMIT SIMILAR THIS MONTH BEFORE 15TH JULY**

**7. SOCIAL MEDIA:** clarity in posting on Instagram, yes to sharing posts , but make sure remain in our remit and aren't political

**8. NEWSLETTER** - when .... asap - **ACTION: KIM AND ROWAN TO DRAFT NEWSLETTER**

**Matters outstanding from last meet:**

**9: Centralised Log of Reports:-** Same status as last meetings (see minutes from 13/04/23). **ACTION: Add to website pages of different works the NWG group are doing with different sub pages for each group of animals/habitats e.g Skylarks, Amphibians etc.**

**10. Networking:-**

**Kim to organise agenda and meeting date with local farmer and NWG trustees**

**Kim to respond to letters from two local farmers and circulate for approval.**

Kim to e-mail Tom M with the evidence regarding glyphosate use that he did not previously receive.

Kim to arrange visit to Plotgate for NWG Trustees.

NWG to attend all future PC meetings with updates, so they include local ecology reports in the open forum minutes

Rowan to email Viv a NWG paragraph for parish mag, by 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**NEXT TRUSTEES MEETING: THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST, 7PM VIA ZOOM - PLEASE CONFIRM**