

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

The Town Hall, Market Hill, ORFORD, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 2NZ

**Minutes of the 260th meeting of the New Orford Town Trust held on
Wednesday 15 February 2023, at 6.30pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs I Thornton (Chairman), C Ambury, M Green, J Howard, M Iliff, K King, A Macro, R Mallett, P Smith and G Wingrove. Clerk in attendance.

Before the start of the meeting David Robinson attended on behalf of Orford Sailing Club to speak with the Trustee about extending the decking area at the Clubhouse.

Cllr M Iliff welcomed Mr Robinson to the meeting and invited him to address the Trustee. He produced a plan of what OSC was proposing. They wish to make better use of their outside space and extend their decked area on the side of the building nearest Aldeburgh. They are approaching NOTT as landlord in the first instance, before applying for planning permission and engaging engineers etc. The new decking would not extend any further forward than the current decking, and will be level with it. It is proposed that the decking will go further back than the existing deck to allow for a BBQ area. The extended decking would have a retractable awning above. It is hoped that the decking area would be useful during busy periods to keep people off the path and give an additional viewing area. Additional planting would be put in between OSC and The Pavillion. Rob Orford would be the overseeing engineer, and they would engage an independent structural engineer for a structural survey. Assuming NOTT agreed and planning consent could be obtained, the work would begin as soon as possible. OSC would apply for all necessary consents (including from the Environment Agency).

Mr Robinson left the plans with the Trustee and said that either he or Rob Orford would be happy to answer any questions, which could be directed to him via the NOTT Clerk, and Rob Orford would be happy to attend the next NOTT meeting if the Trustee wished as he was not able to be present that evening.

At 6.42pm David Robinson left the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr N Addy (holiday) and the Treasurer (unwell).

2. Acceptance of Apologies

These were accepted by the Trustee.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr C Ambury: mooring holder, plot holder and river user; Cllr M Green: allotment holder, supplier to Orford Country Market; Cllr J Howard: member of Orford Sailing Club, plot holder, mooring holder and river user; Cllr M Iliff: member of Orford Sailing Club; K King: plot holder, dinghy licence holder and river user; A Macro: allotment holder, supplier to Orford Country Market, Chairman of the Recreation Ground Charity, Chairman of the Orford Good Neighbour Scheme, and married to a quay user (fisherman); Cllr R Mallett: relative of an allotment holder, partner of an NOTT employee; Cllr P Smith: mooring holder, river user and member of Orford Sailing Club; Cllr I Thornton: river user; Cllr G Wingrove: boatyard user, river user, and married to an allotment holder.

4. Minutes of the 259th meeting held on 18 January 2023

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the 259th meeting held on 18 January 2023

The Clerk reported that there was no update on the electric charging points.

6. Treasurer's report

- Cheques and balances from 1-31 January 2023
These were accepted and signed by the Trustee.

7. Committee reports

- Minutes of an Estates/Highways meeting held on 26 January 2023
 - It was reported that after the last NOTT meeting the Clerk had emailed Robert Scrimgeour about the windows, and he was happy with the proposed solution that NOTT had come up with with Metwin.
 - At the last highways meeting the Clerk had reported that Norse had given notice that from the end of June they would no longer be supplying a daily cleaner for the toilets in the Quay Street car park. The Clerk has since spoken to Ray Herring about this, and on his advice has emailed Norse to ask that they continue to clean the toilets as they have done for many years. She is waiting to hear back from Norse about this.

At 18.49 Cllr I Thornton entered the meeting with apologies for being late.

- Minutes of a Riverside meeting held on 2 February 2023
 - Cllr G Wingrove reported that the Quay Warden is coming to the end of his first year in post and is doing a good job.
 - The committee is in the early stages of looking into the possibility and costings of putting in a floating pontoon.
 - The Committee has received two quotes to redo part of the pathway in front of the riverside sheds, to make a better and easier surface for wheelchairs and buggies.
 - There will be a new website specifically for the Quay and riverside, and it is hoped that visitors can be directed to this so the Quay Warden doesn't receive so many phone calls.
 - Cllr I Thornton had calculated that if NOTT were to switch to using red diesel for Chantry, there might be an annual saving of around £100. At the moment the Quay Warden gets fuel for Chantry at Caulfields (where NOTT has an account), along with fuel for the strimmer and other bits including paint. It was agreed that this arrangement worked well, so NOTT will keep working this way.

8. General Trust business

- Deregistration of village green: after discussion with the Parish Council at the last meeting the Chairman reported that he had spoken with the Clerk and it looked like this would not be possible. The PC Chairman reported that the ice cream concession would be discussed at the next PC meeting as no reply had been received from Peters.
- Orford Sailing Club: the Trustee discussed the plans which David Robinson had presented at the beginning of the meeting. After discussion those trustees who were not members of OSC agreed unanimously that they were happy for OSC to proceed with their plans.

9. Correspondence

- Email from parishioner re possible delivery of VV to Sudbourne Hall and Sudbourne village. It had been reported to the Clerk that some residents of Sudbourne Hall had commented to a parishioner that it would be good if Village Voice was delivered there

and in Sudbourne with The Link magazine, as is the case in Orford and Gedgrave. The Clerk has got costings for this from Leiston Press, and found that it would cost an additional £25 to produce 200 extra copies for Sudbourne. The trustee felt that this money should not come from Parish Council or NOTT funds as it is not of benefit to Orford residents. If Sudbourne Parish Council would pay the additional £25 per month, and if those people who deliver The Link would be happy to deliver VV as well, then this might be possible. The Trustee emphasised that VV would remain as the newsletter of Orford and Gedgrave. The Clerk will email the Sudbourne Parish Clerk about this.

10. Items for next meeting: usual items

The meeting ended at 7.05pm

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 6.30pm