

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

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**Minutes of the 261st meeting of the New Orford Town Trust held on
Wednesday 15 March 2023, at 6.30pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs I Thornton (Chairman), N Addy, M Green, M Iliff, K King, A Macro, P Smith, and G Wingrove. Clerk in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from C Ambury (work commitment), Cllr Howard (holiday), R Mallett (illness) and Treasurer (family commitment).

2. Acceptance of Apologies

These apologies were accepted by the Trustee.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr N Addy: river user; Cllr M Green: allotment holder, supplier to Orford Country Market; 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 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 260th meeting held on 15 February 2023

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the 260th meeting held on 15 February 2023

The Clerk reported that the Estates Committee would be meeting the following day, and would be discussing progress with the dormer windows.

6. Treasurer's report

- Cheques and balances from 1-28 February 2023

These were accepted and signed by the Trustee. It was commented that there had been a substantial increase in the electric bills for the Town Hall. The Clerk reported that a fixed-price deal had come to an end on November, and that some of the electric costs were being passed onto Town Hall users, who were being charged for electric at cost.

7. Committee reports

- No Estates/Highways meeting
- No Riverside meeting: the Clerk reported that the Riverside Committee had accepted a quote to re-do part of the path at the riverside to make it easier for wheelchairs/buggies etc to use, and it was hoped that this work would be completed before Easter.

8. General Trust business

- Figgs Shelter: this was brought up at the last Parish Council meeting. It is owned and maintained by the Parish Council despite its location on the Quay. After discussion Cllr K King proposed that the Parish Council should retain ownership of the shelter, but that NOTT should take on responsibility for repairs and maintenance. This was seconded by

Cllr I Thornton and agreed unanimously.

- Ice cream: the Parish Council has agreed not to proceed with any contracts re ice cream concession, leaving NOTT to deal with the current site opposite the Jolly Sailor as it wishes. After discussion it was agreed not to try to find someone new for the pitch, but to leave it, dealing with any requests if they are made.
- NOTT insurance for 2023-24: the Clerk informed the Trustee of the quote received from its broker, Scrutton Bland. This comes in at £7867.22, which is a rise of 9.2% on the current year. The Clerk reported that Scrutton Bland have been very helpful in the past, particularly when dealing with claims. Cllr A Macro proposed that this quote should be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr K King and agreed unanimously.
- The Clerk reported that the new Orford Quay website was up and running and that she would put a short article in Village Voice to let people know about it, and to give the Quay Warden's email address.

9. Correspondence

- Email of thanks from Orford School for grant from Village Fund
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10. Items for next meeting: usual items.

The meeting closed at 6.47pm.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19 April 2023, at 6.30pm.