

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 264th meeting held on
Wednesday 21 June 2023, at 6.30pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Howard (holiday) and R Mallett (unwell).

2. Acceptance of Apologies

The above apologies were accepted by the Trustee.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr N Addy: river user; Cllr C Ambury: mooring holder, plot holder and river user; Cllr M Green: allotment holder, supplier to Orford Country Market; Cllr M Iliff: member of Orford Sailing Club, and in item 9 in particular as correspondence from OSC comes from a relative; 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 I Thornton: river user; Cllr G Wingrove: boatyard user, river user, and married to an allotment holder.

4. Minutes of the 263rd meeting held on 24 May 2023

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the 263rd meeting held on 24 May 2023

There were no matters arising.

6. Treasurer's report

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

7. Committee reports

- No Estates/Highways meeting
- Minutes of a Riverside meeting held on 6 June 2023
 - The Riverside Chairman is continuing to try and make contact with the person who can give some advice about a possible pontoon on the river, and the Quay Warden has made some enquiries about who might be able to carry out piling.
 - National Trust use of slipway: there is a meeting next week with representatives of the National Trust and NOTT (Riverside Chairman, NOTT Chairman, Quay Warden and Clerk) and it is likely that this will be discussed then. NOTT needs to make sure that it is clear how often the slipway can be used by NT, and clarify where the landing craft will go between trips.

8. General Trust business

- Consideration of small grants/donations
Cllr A Macro proposed that donations should be agreed as follows, seconded by Cllr K King and agreed unanimously:

Orford Recreation Ground Management Committee	£200
Orford Methodist Church (Quay Service)	£50
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£50
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£200
The Fire Fighters Charity	£200
Leiston, Saxmundham and District Citizens' Advice Bureau	£100
League of Friends of Aldeburgh Hospital	£300
Fresh Start – new beginnings	£50
RNLI (specifically for Aldeburgh, if possible)	£100
East Anglian Children's Hospice	£200
St George's flag for church	agreed ongoing annual donation

It was agreed to hold back on a donation for the Orford Lay Responders until the situation with them is clearer.

9. Correspondence

- Notification from East Suffolk Council of a planning application relating to the Old Smokehouse, Bakers Lane (NOTT being consulted as a near neighbour): NOTT had no comment to make on this.
- Letter from Orford Sailing Club re lease: NOTT's lease with OSC for the Clubhouse and foreshore comes to an end in September 2026 and OSC had written to the Clerk to ask that NOTT considers addressing this matter. The Clerk will look out the lease.
- Email from Sudbourne Parish Council: at a previous meeting NOTT had considered a request to deliver copies of Village Voice to residents at Sudbourne Hall. Village Voice is jointly funded by NOTT and Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council and neither body can fund the newsletter outside of Orford and Gedgrave. The Clerk had emailed Sudbourne Parish Council to see if they wished to pay for additional printing for copies for their parishioners, but they had replied that they did not want to fund this additional cost.
- Email from Sudbourne Parish Council re allotments: the Estates Committee had asked the Clerk to email Sudbourne Parish Council to let them know that 2 parishioners from Sudbourne currently had allotments in Orford and that a further 5 residents were on the waiting list. Residents of Orford and Gedgrave have absolute priority for allotment plots in Orford, however, if there is no one on the waiting list then occasionally someone from Sudbourne will be allocated one at the Committee's discretion. The Clerk had asked Sudbourne Parish Council to consider providing some allotments in the village, but they had responded that they felt there was no land in the village to provide any.

10. Items for next meeting

Pontoon

The meeting closed at 7.07pm

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