

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 276th meeting held on
Wednesday 16 October 2024, at 6.30pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs I Thornton (Chairman), N Addy, C Ambury, V Dunlop, J Howard, M Iliff, A Macro, S Moss and S Stoker. Clerk in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor S Stoker to the NOTT meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A Greenwell (unwell), M Green and G Wingrove (work commitments).

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, member of Orford Sailing Club and river user; Cllr J Howard: member of Orford Sailing Club, plot holder, mooring holder and river user; Cllr M Iliff: member of Orford Sailing Club; Cllr A Macro: allotment holder, supplier to Orford Country Market, Chairman of the Recreation Ground Charity, Chairman of the Orford Good Neighbour Scheme; Cllr S Moss: has a relative who lives in the Bakers Lane cottages; Cllr S Stoker: allotment holder; Cllr I Thornton: river user

4. Minutes of the 275th meeting held on 11 September 2024

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the 275th meeting held on 11 September 2024

- The Clerk reported that she was progressing matters re electric charging points in the Quay Street car park.
- Cllr N Addy confirmed that the work on the external decoration of the Town Hall windows and Bakers Lane cottages was now complete. Some of the woodwork at the Town Hall windows was in a worse state than had been anticipated, but repairs had been made. Cllr N Addy stressed the importance of ensuring that the windows had regular redecoration to ensure their longevity.
- Cllr V Dunlop brought up the subject of the NOTT websites. She felt that there was an information gap regarding events happening in Orford (ie Slow Living Market), and wondered if this was something which might be put on the NOTT website. It was commented that the NOTT and Quay websites were set up with the intention of providing information regarding NOTT's assets (ie Town Hall regarding bookings, information for sailors and those visiting the Quay) and not for the advertising of events. It was commented that promotion for events such as the Slow Living Market was down to the organisers and not NOTT. It was felt that the Orford Business Association or Parish Council websites might be better places for this. The Clerk will ask the Parish Clerk to add this to the agenda of the next PC meeting.

6. Treasurer's report

Cheques and balances from 1 August to 30 September 2024

These were accepted and signed by the Trustee.

The Chairman commented that there had been some expense regarding the purchase of telegraph poles to be used as sacrificial boards on the Quay. These poles are being split by Mr D Murphy and put in place by the Harbour Master, aided by Mr Benstead. By doing the work this way NOTT has saved a considerable amount of money when compared to the potential price of an external contractor. The Trustee wished to thank all those involved in this.

7. Committee reports

- No Estates/Highways meeting
Cllr M Iliff wished to thank Cllr N Addy on behalf of the Trustee for the work he had done regarding the external decoration of the Town Hall and Bakers Lane cottages.
- No Riverside meeting

8. General Trust business

- Children's Christmas party: the Trustee agreed unanimously that there would be no charge for the Christmas party in the Town Hall.
- Parking outside Pinneys: it had been reported that some cars were parking in the small 'layby' near Pinneys which was really intended to be used as a pathway for pedestrians. After discussion it was agreed that there was nothing that could be done about this at this time of year, given that the single yellow line markings are not in operation from October until April.

9. Correspondence

Letters of thanks for donations, received from: Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital: noted.

10. Items for next meeting: policies

The meeting closed at 7.03pm.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 November 2024, at 6.30pm