

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST  
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 280th meeting held on  
Wednesday 19 March 2025, at 6.30pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

**MINUTES**

Present: Cllrs I Thornton (Chairman), C Ambury, V Dunlop, M Green, J Howard, M Iliff, A Macro and G Wingrove. Clerk in attendance.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Addy (holiday), A Greenwell (prior commitment) and V Dunlop for late arrival.

**2. Acceptance of Apologies**

The above apologies were accepted by the Trustee.

**3. Declarations of interest**

Cllr C Ambury: mooring holder, plot holder, member of Orford Sailing Club and river user, and in item 8, docking licences; 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 I Thornton: river user; Cllr G Wingrove: married to an allotment holder.

**4. Minutes of the 279th meeting held on 19 February 2025**

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

**5. Matters arising from the 279th meeting held on 19 February 2025**

- The Clerk reported that the lamps on the Quay will be replaced by Matheson Electrical on Friday 21 March.
- The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the pest control contractor re rats at the allotments and he will concentrate the bait boxes in those areas where there is a problem rather than covering all of the area as he felt that this would work better.
- The Clerk reported that the Harbour Master has cleared the blocked drain on the Quay.
- Re concrete at the top of the slipway, two quotes had been received which were very far apart price wise. Once the Clerk returns from annual leave she will contact both contractors to ensure that the quotes are of a comparable specification.
- Re byelaw regarding trawling in the river: the Chairman had spoken with a representative from IFCA who is going to get some more information and send it on.

**6. Treasurer's report**

- Cheques and balances from 1 to 28 February 2025  
These were accepted and signed by the Trustee.

**7. Committee reports**

- No Estates/Highways meeting
- No Riverside meeting

**8. General Trust business**

- NOTT insurance for 2025-26: details of the renewal were circulated to the Trustee and it was agreed to accept the quote of £8933.16 for the year 2025-26 from One Broker Insurance.
- Request from Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council for funding contribution to VE Day memorial event on 8 May: the Parish Council had asked for a contribution of £500 towards this. After discussion the Trustee agreed unanimously to give £500 from the Village Fund towards this event.
- Docking licences for Orford Quay: the Clerk had received a request for a docking licence from someone wishing to run river and fishing trips from Orford Quay and this was discussed by the Trustee. The Harbour Master had expressed concern that the Quay was already congested in the summer with current docking licence holders and people using the slipway. After discussion Cllr M Iliff proposed that NOTT should not grant any more docking licences, but to stick at the current number of five. This was seconded by Cllr A Macro and agreed unanimously.

At 6.50pm Cllr V Dunlop entered the meeting.

**9. Correspondence**

- Email from Rust and Stardust puppet theatre company re use of the Town Hall for production with Orford Primary School: the company had previously done a project with the School and is hoping to do another one in the autumn, and asked if NOTT would consider letting them use the Town Hall free of charge for two days for this. After discussion the Trustee agreed that they should be allowed to use the Hall for 2 days free of charge, on dates to be confirmed.

**10. Items for next meeting:** usual items.

The meeting closed at 6.54pm.

**11. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 16 April at the new time of 7.00pm