

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 283rd meeting has been called for
Wednesday 18 June 2025, at 7.00pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Addy, J Howard and G Wingrove (all on holiday).

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 9, complaint; Cllr M Green: allotment holder, supplier to Orford Country Market; 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 282nd meeting held on 16 April 2025

After one amendment (amend 'A Moss' in list of attendees to 'S Moss') these were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the 282nd meeting held on 16 April 2025

- It was suggested that any work to dig up the area close to the QSCP entrance/exits should be timed, if possible, to coincide with the work to the footpath. The Clerk had heard back from City Fibre with responses to the Trustee's queries, and it was agreed to see what Cllr N Addy felt when he returns from holiday.
- The Clerk reported that she has not yet contacted a third contractor re concrete slab at the top of the slipway, but will do so before the next meeting.

At 7.07pm the Treasurer entered the meeting.

6. Treasurer's report

- Cheques and balances from 1 to 31 May 2025
These were accepted and signed by the Trustee.

7. Committee reports

- No Estates/Highways meeting
- No Riverside meeting

9. General Trust business

- Tree inspection and work to be carried out: the Clerk reported that a survey of trees had been carried out on NOTT's land, and that there are 3 trees which need to be removed: one is a dead birch in the car park, one is a dead willow stem at the far end of the car

park, and the last is a dead scots pine tree next to the pond. Paul Bush, who carried out the inspection, has quoted a total of £650 to do the work, and has had this work approved by East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer. The trustee agreed that he should be asked to complete the work.

- Progress with Village Fund purchases for Orford School: the Clerk reported that work on the decking was not yet complete as the contractor was waiting for some items to come into stock at the supplier. Re work to the school boiler room door, the Chairman reported a second quote had been received for work to repair the door, with Mr P Benstead quoting £500 for the work. He would take the door away over the summer period (putting up temporary boarding in its place), splice in new wood to the bottom of the door and put a metal kick plate on it. The Trustee agreed to ask Mr Benstead to complete the work.
- Use of NOTT telegraph pole off cuts by Parish Council: NOTT has some telegraph pole off cuts left over from work to the wooden straking at the Quay. These are currently in the Quay Street car park. The Parish Council wishes to replace the dragon's teeth around the Castle knoll, and the Trustee agreed that the PC could use these off cuts as they wish.
- It was commented that the hedge along the track into the Gedgrave Road allotments was in need of being cut back. It was agreed that the Clerk should talk to Ian Castle about this.

10. Correspondence

- Electric charging points in Quay Street car park: no further progress.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

11. Items for next meeting

12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 7pm