

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 287th meeting held on
Wednesday 19 November 2025, at 7.00pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr M Iliff (Vice Chairman), N Addy, B Corris, V Dunlop, M Green, J Howard, A Macro, S Stoker.
Clerk in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor B Corris to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Ambury and I Thornton (holiday), S Moss and G Wingrove (prior commitments) and Treasurer.

2. Acceptance of Apologies

The above apologies were accepted by the Trustee.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr N Addy: river user; Cllr B Corris: member of Orford Sailing Club; Cllr M Green: allotment holder, supplier to Orford Country Market; 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 Stoker: allotment holder.

4. Minutes of the 286th meeting held on 8 October 2025

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the 286th meeting held on 8 October 2025

- The Clerk reported that JJS had finished work to the concrete at the top of the slipway.
- The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the School to clarify the work to be carried out to remove and cap off the toilet, and the School also wished for the sink and water heater to be removed and capped off. The Clerk has requested an updated quote from Suffolk Plumbing and Heating as NOTT originally agreed to pay just for the capping off of the toilet.
- The Clerk reported that she had emailed the former employee re email address but had not yet heard back from him.

6. Treasurer's report

Cheques and balances from 1 July to 31 October 2025

These had been circulated to all members of the trustee but it was agreed to delay approval until the January meeting to enable people to go through them and ask any questions if they wished.

7. Committee reports

There were no meetings.

8. General Trust business

- Highways: QSCP ticket sales figures: the Clerk apologised that the QSCP income and parking numbers were not yet complete, but that she would email them round once they were.
- Christmas trees: in previous years NOTT has paid for the Christmas trees on the Town Hall and village green outside the shop. Cllr J Howard proposed that NOTT should do the same this year. This was seconded by Cllr S Stoker and agreed unanimously.
- Update to works on 4 Bakers Lane: after getting in quotes for work needed at 4 BL and discussing the works needed with the Estates Committee it had become apparent that the budget for works would need to be increased to around £20K. The Clerk had emailed round the trustee, who had agreed this. Work is underway to the cottage; Curles are currently undertaking electrical work, a quote for carpets has been received (and is awaiting approval of the Estates Committee), and the decorator will begin work next week. Cllr N Addy reported that two quotes had been received to replace the bathroom and it was agreed to accept the cheaper quote from Billy Dodwell. Mr Dodwell is not able to fit in the work until after Christmas and the Trustee agreed to proceed on that basis.

9. Correspondence

Email from Edward Impey asking for permission to include an image owned by NOTT in his book about English castles. This was agreed by the trustee.

10. Items for next meeting: Eezybike, accounts

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 January 2026