

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 288th meeting held on
Wednesday 21 January 2026, at 7.00pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Green (unwell).

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; 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 I Thornton: river user; Cllr G Wingrove: married to an allotment holder.

4. Minutes of the 287th meeting held on 19 November 2025

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the 287th meeting held on 19 November 2025

- It was commented that the Christmas trees at the Town Hall and on the village green had looked lovely.
- The Clerk will chase Suffolk Plumbing and Heating for an updated quote to remove the toilet and sink at Orford School.

6. Treasurer's report

Cheques and balances from 1 July to 31 October 2025

These were accepted and signed by the Trustee.

7. Committee reports

No Committee meetings

8. General Trust business

- Highways: QSCP ticket sales figures: these were distributed to the Trustee.
- Update to works on 4 Bakers Lane: the Clerk reported that all internal works had been completed and that the new tenant had moved in the previous week.
- Progress with appointment of new Treasurer: the Clerk reported that there had been a reasonable response to the adverts, and that she and the Vice Chairman had conducted two interviews over Zoom, with one more to take place on Friday.
- Former newspaper kiosk: the kiosk is currently being used by the Candle Yard, and that it has been agreed that they can stay until the end of February. The Estates Committee will discuss what happens after this at their next meeting.

9. Correspondence

Request from owners of the Riverside Tea Room re replacement windows: the Trustee was happy to agree to the request re windows.

10. Items for next meeting

Village Fund

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18 February 2026, at 7pm.