

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

Minutes of the 238th meeting of the New Orford Town Trust held on
Wednesday 25 November 2020, at 6.30pm, via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs I Thornton (Chairman), C Ambury, M Green, J Howard, M Iliff, R Mallett, P Smith, M Smy and G Wingrove.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Backhouse (work commitment), F Barnwell (attending another meeting on behalf of the Parish Council), and A Macro (technical difficulties connecting to the meeting).

2. Acceptance of apologies

The above apologies were accepted by the Trustee.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr C Ambury: mooring holder, plot holder and river user; Cllr M Green: allotment holder, and Secretary and 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 R Mallett: relative of an allotment holder; Cllr P Smith: river user and member of Orford Sailing Club; Cllr M Smy: allotment holder, plot holder, mooring holder; Cllr I Thornton: boatyard user and river user; Cllr G Wingrove: boatyard user, river user, and married to an allotment holder.

4. Minutes of the 237th meeting held on 21 October 2020

These were agreed by the Trustee.

5. Matters arising from the 237th meeting held on 21 October 2020

- Cllr M Smy reported that the planned drilling of drainage holes on the Quay had not been possible, but he was looking into alternatives.
- Cllr M Smy reported that Chantry was now out of the water and under its new cover.

Cllr R Mallett entered the meeting.

6. Treasurer's report

- Cheques and balances from 1-31 October 2020
These were agreed and accepted by the Trustee.

7. Committee reports

- No Estates meeting
- No Riverside meeting

8. General Trust business

- Update on the village stocks: the Clerk reported that English Heritage had agreed to have the stocks on display in the Castle. This is good news as the Church has decided that they cannot be placed there, and there is nowhere suitable for them to be displayed in the Town Hall. A representative from Orford Museum has met with Pooleys removal company to get a quote for moving the stocks from Sudbourne, where they are currently being stored after repair and restoration work, to the Castle. As the stocks are

quite fragile they need to be moved carefully. English Heritage has said that if the stocks are to be on display then they must have a protective Perspex case. Once the quotes for removal and case are back the Clerk will share the information with the Trustee. Orford Museum has said that it may be able to contribute towards the cost of this, and the Trustee has previously agreed in principle to cover some costs of enabling this village asset to be displayed in the Castle. It was commented that parishioners would then have to pay to see the stocks. The Clerk recalled that there used to be a system in place whereby parishioners had access to the Castle free of charge for one weekend a year, and she will look into this.

- Update on electric car charging points in Quay Street car park: after the last NOTT meeting the Clerk submitted an expression of interest, and has heard back that this was successful. The next step is for a survey to be carried out on site to determine if the site is suitable. The Clerk is waiting to hear about a date for this.
- Defibrillator on the Quay: following the last riverside meeting the Clerk had been in touch with the supplier, who had confirmed that the price quoted earlier this year would stand until Christmas. As the company has been taken over, there may well be price increases next year. The Clerk reported that she had arranged to Curles to go to the Quay Office next week just to check everything out re electrical connection before placing the order. It is likely that the defibrillator will have to be placed on the gable end at the National Trust end as the brick pillar on the front of the office is not big enough to fit the cabinet. Curles had suggested putting a dusk-to-dawn light by the unit, but it was felt that this might encourage vandalism.

9. Correspondence

- Letter from parishioner re free school meals and possible NOTT support: a parishioner had emailed the Trust before the school October half term to see if NOTT might support those families entitled to free school meals and who might struggle during the school half-term holiday. At that point Pump Street Bakery had stepped in to offer free lunches to anybody who might need it. It is understood that the take-up for this was quite low. Regarding the Christmas school holiday, the government has now said that it will provide meals for those entitled to free school meals, so NOTT will not need to help on this occasion. The Trustee agreed to keep this in mind for future school holidays.

10. Items for next meeting: usual items

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13 January 2021, at 6.30pm.