

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 239th meeting of the New Orford Town Trust held on
Wednesday 13 January 2021, at 6.30pm, to be held via Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs I Thornton (Chairman), C Ambury, S Backhouse, F Barnwell, M Green, J Howard, M Iliff, A Macro, R Mallett, P Smith, M Smy. Treasurer and Clerk in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Full Trustee in attendance.

2. Acceptance of apologies: n/a

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr C Ambury: mooring holder, plot holder and river user; Cllr F Barnwell: member of Orford Sailing Club, mooring holder and river user, allotment holder; 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; A Macro: allotment holder, Manager and supplier to Orford Country Market, Chairman of the Recreation Ground Charity, Chairman of the Orford Good Neighbour Scheme, and married to a quay user (fisherman); 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 238th meeting held on 25 November 2020

These were agreed by the Trustee.

5. Matters arising from the 238th meeting held on 25 November 2020

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator for the Quay Office had been ordered and paid for, and she just needed to sort out delivery.

6. Treasurer's report

- Cheques and balances from 1 November-31 December 2020
These were agreed by the Trustee.

7. Committee reports

- No Estates meeting
- No Riverside meeting

8. General Trust business

- Update on Village Stocks: the Clerk reported that Mrs Spinney (Orford Museum) had got a quote from Pooleys to move the stocks from their current location in Mr Murphy's workshop to the new location in the Castle. This quote had come in at £260. She had also obtained a quote from Leiston Press to make an appropriate Perspex case for the stocks to be housed in when on display. (This is something which English Heritage insisted on to protect the stocks.) This had come in at £907, making a total of £1167. The Trustee had agreed at the last meeting that in principle that it would be happy to contribute towards these costs. After discussion Cllr P Smith proposed that NOTT should

pay half of the cost, with Orford Museum paying the other half. This was seconded by Cllr G Wingrove and agreed unanimously.

- Draft accounts for 2019-20 from Scrutton Bland for approval. The Treasurer reported that the figures included in these accounts are the same as those previously agreed by the Trustee for NOTT's own end-of-year accounts, and the Clerk reported that the Trustee's report included in it had already been agreed by the Trustee. Cllr A Macro proposed that the accounts should be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr J Howard and agreed unanimously.
- Update on electric charging points in QSCP: the Clerk reported that someone had come out to do a survey at the Quay Street car park to check that the site would work. Underground cabling would need to be put in from the Quay Street car park toilets to the location of the parking spaces. The Clerk had suggested that the best place for the designated spaces would be the first 2 spaces on the right hand side, just after the entrance to the boatyard. The surveyor will now price this up and send it on to Suffolk County Council who arrange the grants. If the spaces were put in, any electric used to charge cars would be paid for by those charging their vehicles, so there would be no increase in electricity charges for the toilets. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if the installation would have any insurance implications.

9. Correspondence: there was none

10. Items for next meeting

Budgets for 2021-22: Cllr I Thornton explained that there had been a meeting earlier in the week of the Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee. The Committee had agreed that it did not wish to increase the precept this year given the current circumstances, and that the budget was tight. Cllr I Thornton suggested that at the next meeting NOTT should consider giving the Parish Council a 'refund' of £150 as, due to COVID restrictions in place, it was not able to use the Town Hall for its usual meetings. The PC also gives an annual grant of £600 to the Church for the clock, and Cllr I Thornton suggested that when looking at its annual donations, NOTT could consider giving the Church this donation, the Treasurer then suggesting that this might be a general donation, perhaps towards the fabric of the church.

Village car parking (Cllr P Smith).

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 6.30pm.