

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 248th meeting of the New Orford Town Trust held on
Wednesday 17 November 2021, at 6.30pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs I Thornton (Chairman), M Green, J Howard, M Iliff, A Macro, R Mallett and M Smy.
Treasurer and Clerk in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Backhouse and C Ambury (work commitments), M Green and M Iliff (late due to work commitments), P Smith (illness), G Wingrove (prior engagement).
Treasurer and Clerk in attendance.

2. Acceptance of Apologies

The above apologies were accepted by the Trustee.

3. Declarations of interest

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, partner of an NOTT employee; Cllr M Smy: allotment holder, plot holder, mooring holder; Cllr I Thornton: boatyard user and river user.

4. Minutes of the 247th meeting held on 20 October 2021

The minutes were approved with one amendment (adding to the list of apologies: S Backhouse (illness)).

5. Matters arising from the 247th meeting held on 20 October 2021

- Cllr J Howard reported that for a number of reasons EFM had delayed the start of the work to the outside of Pinneys and to repair the potholes in the QSCP. They have now started work outside Pinneys, but this is only part finished as an error had been made with the layout.
- The Clerk reported that Cllr P Smith had the swift boxes in hand.

Cllr M Iliff entered the meeting at 6.35pm.

6. Treasurer's report

- Cheques and balances from 1-31 October 2021
These were approved by the Trustee.

7. Committee reports

- No Estates meeting
- No Riverside meeting

8. General Trust business

- Update on the stocks: the Clerk reported that the restored stocks had finally been moved from Mr Murphy's workshop to the Castle, where they will be on display for

everyone to see in the Museum's area. Mrs Spinney has worked hard to get to this stage.

- Christmas tree: it was agreed that Cllr A Macro would source the Christmas Tree for the Town Hall
- Allotment hedge: it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Elite Tree Services to get a quote to cut the hedge at the top end of the Gedgrave Road allotments. It was reported that the allotment hedge bordering Malletts Lane needs to be cut back. It was agreed that J Backhouse should be asked to give a quote for this (Cllr Mallett did not take part in this discussion or decision).

9. Correspondence

- Letter from UK Power Networks re permission to lay electricity cable under NOTT land to residential property: NOTT considered the request to lay a power cable under the allotment track at the Gedgrave Road allotments. After discussion Cllr A Macro proposed that NOTT should not agree to a long-term agreement as proposed (15 years) and that the owners of the property and UK Power Networks should explore other avenues. This was seconded by Cllr R Mallett and agreed unanimously.
- Letters/emails of thanks for donations from: East Anglian Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice, Firefighters Charity, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, East Anglian Children's Hospice

10. Items for next meeting: quarterly accounts to 31 December 2021

The meeting ended at 7.02pm.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 6.30pm.