

**NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY 1053729**

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

**Minutes of the 272nd meeting held on
Wednesday 17 April 2024, at 6.30pm, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs I Thornton (Chairman), N Addy, C Ambury, M Green, J Howard, M Iliff, K King, A Macro and G Wingrove.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Green (late due to work commitment) and A Greenwell (work commitment).

2. Acceptance of Apologies

The above apologies were accepted by the Trustee.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr N Addy: river user; Cllr C Ambury: mooring holder, plot holder and river user; 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 K King: plot holder, dinghy licence holder and river user; Cllr A Macro: allotment holder, 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 I Thornton: river user.

4. Minutes of the 271st meeting held on 20 March 2024

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the 271st meeting held on 20 March 2024

- Cllr J Howard reported that he had had a revised quote for the QSCP potholes, for £900. However, having taken another look, he felt that as the Car Park Attendant is filling the potholes with shingle from time to time, NOTT could reasonably leave these until next year. This was agreed.
- The Clerk has received a draft contract for the electric charging points and she will look at this, along with the Chairman and Cllr A Greenwell.
- The Clerk reported that Hollins had completed the property valuation required for insurance purposes, and that this has been forwarded to Scrutton Bland who will send it on to the insurer.
- The Clerk reported that she had received an up-to-date valuation of the Town Hall paintings from Bonhams, who had made no charge for this.

6. Treasurer's report

There was nothing to report.

7. Committee reports

- No Estates/Highways meeting
- No Riverside meeting

8. General Trust business

- Quay Warden responsibilities: the Chairman pointed out that when a Quay Warden was first appointed it was on a part-time basis, and at that time there was a part-time

Harbour Master. The current Quay Warden works on a full-time basis and has taken on more responsibilities.

Cllr M Green entered the meeting at 6.30pm.

The Chairman suggested that changing the current Quay Warden's job title to Harbour Master would acknowledge this. After discussion Cllr I Thornton proposed that the Quay Warden should now be known as the Harbour Master. This was seconded by Cllr K King and agreed unanimously.

9. Correspondence

- Request from Alde and Ore Association for a financial contribution towards water testing in the river: Cllr G Wingrove reported that the Alde and Ore Association currently carries out regular water testing in the whole of the river, and they have asked if NOTT might be able to give £300 which would cover testing in NOTT's area of the River Ore. After discussion Cllr G Wingrove proposed that NOTT should give £300 to cover this. This was seconded by Cllr J Howard and agreed unanimously. Cllr G Wingrove reported that the Alde and Ore Association would be happy to share test results with NOTT, and that once regular testing has been carried out over several years then this might help to put pressure on external organisations to make improvements to water quality if necessary.

10. Items for next meeting: usual items

The meeting closed at 6.47pm.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15 May 2024