

Lowestoft Town Council

Arnold's Bequest Charity Board

**Lowestoft Town Council (Hamilton House Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk,
18:00 on Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Nasima Begum (Mayor), Wendy Brooks, Neil Coleby, Christian Newsome, Andy Pearce, Deborah Ray, Nick Webb, Elise Youngman and Sonia Barker.

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Town Clerk) and Chris Meek Acting Clerk to the Charity Board

Public: There were no members of the public in attendance

46 Welcome

The fire evacuation and public right to report were explained, and the meeting was welcomed.

47 To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jones, Paul Page, John Pitts and Bernie Rappensberger, with reasons provided. Cllr Coleby proposed approval of the apologies received; seconded by Cllr Pearce; all in favour.

48 To note declarations of interests and consider any dispensations

None received

49 To consider the draft minutes of the meeting on 28 October 2025

This item was deferred until next meeting.

50 To consider future governance arrangements and development of the Trust

Cllr Brooks agreed in principle with what was presented in the briefing paper but noted concerns around the logos. The Trustees agreed to remove the logo proposal from the briefing paper and use that for the newly formed trustee committee members to take forward. Cllr Brooks proposed acceptance of the briefing paper minus the logo Cllr Pearce seconded all in favour.

51 To receive a legal update (confidential)

Cllr Pearce proposed to move the meeting into confidential session; seconded by Cllr Barker; all in favour.

The Trustees received a verbal report from the Town Clerk regarding lease arrangements affecting land at Arnolds Bequest.

52 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28 April 18:00. To be confirmed pending decision on meeting schedule.

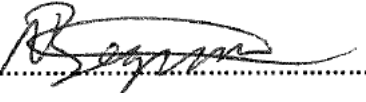
53 Items for the next agenda and close

Cllr Coleby requested planting and bulbs to be added as a discussion point.

54 Admission to meetings

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any employment matters and legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda

The meeting was closed at 18:20.

Signed: 
25 March 2026