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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Owletts

We refer to the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held in November and January which include paragraphs on the management of Owletts. We would like the opportunity to clarify a number of points to correct any misunderstanding.

It is not appropriate to give details of negotiations regarding a private lease within published Minutes, however the Trust is still in discussion with the tenants Mr. and Mrs. Baker who manage the opening as a required part of their tenancy, of this National Trust house and collection.

Although the house was not open to the public during 2020 and 2021 because of Covid restrictions, it reopened on a monthly basis last year with the full involvement of the Trust, including administrative support.

There has never been an intention to close the house and it will again be open regularly this year, on the first Sunday of each month, between April and September, as well as being available for group bookings in advance, throughout.

Perhaps you could correct the information at your next meeting and if you can let us know the source of the inaccuracies, we will be happy to follow up.

If you have any future queries regarding Owletts, please do contact us direct.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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