



## MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council  
at 1:10pm on Tuesday 26 January 2021*

There were present by video conference: The Master, The Vice-Master, the Bursar, the Senior Tutor, Dr Beauregard, Professor Cant, Professor Ellis, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Dr Meer, Mr Nicholson, and the Revd Canon Shilson-Thomas. The JCR President, the JCR Treasurer, the MCR President were present by video conference for the Unreserved Business, for which the MCR Treasurer was also in attendance. Dr Woodford was in attendance as Secretary.

### UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- cc2021.7 Statement of Conflicts of Interest*  
There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- cc2021.8 Apologies for Absence*  
There were no apologies for absence. Professor Ellis left the meeting at 2.00pm and Dr Meer at 2.33pm.
- cc2021.9 Minutes of the Unreserved Council meetings held on 1 December 2020 and 12 January 2021*  
The minutes were agreed and signed.
- cc2021.10 Matters arising*  
There were no matters arising.
- cc2021.11 Covid Recovery Plan Update*  
The Bursar gave a verbal report on the current health emergency, noting the welcome news that in the period until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January neither testing for returning students, nor the asymptomatic testing of live-in students, nor testing of students in private accommodation in Cambridge had returned any positive results. Symptomatic tests on a small number of students in residence were also negative. The College will be participating in a limited pilot of 'Lateral Flow' testing for some staff whose role brings them into regular contact with others. A positive result from a 'Lateral Flow' test would be followed up with a PCR test. Council expressed appreciation for the way all members of the College have complied with the guidelines in order to keep residents safe.

Council noted with thanks the work of the Senior Tutor and the Fellow for Rooms on the revised household arrangements which have been welcomed by the residents. Households are smaller and fewer in number; the bathroom arrangements in Old Court have been revisited to minimise as far as possible the risk of infection from students sharing bathrooms. The Bursar presented to Council for information the revised Covid-19 risk assessment (CP2021/002). In line with University guidance, the capacity in the communal study spaces has been revised to allow for increased social distancing: 8 students can be accommodated in each of the bar and the Diamond, with 3 in the Walters room and 5 in the MCR. The Diamond will be opened if there demand in the other study spaces evidences the need for it.

The Senior Tutor thanked Tutors and the Tutorial Office staff for their work in managing the return of students into residence and reported on the smooth running of the process.

cc2021.12

*Risk Register*

The Bursar presented the risk register (CP2021/003) and noted that the two Brexit-related risks been removed from the headline risks now that the deal at the end of the transition period had been agreed. He noted that this did not mean there would be no challenges arising going forward. Council agreed to constitute by circulation a working group to conduct the annual review of risks before the next meeting of Council.

cc2021.13

*Health and Safety Policy – Annual Approval*

The Health and Safety Policy (CP2021/004) was approved.

cc2021.14

*Phase III Committee*

Council received the minutes of the Phase III Committee held on 3 December 2020 (CP2021/005) and noted that a supply issue has slowed progress of the paving in Ann’s Court. The paving stones to be engraved have been received.

cc2021.15

*Naming of Buildings*

Council wholeheartedly endorsed a proposal to name the Ann’s Court administration block the ‘Christopher Dobson Building’ after the court’s principal benefactor.

cc2021.16

*Accommodation Committee*

The minutes of a meeting of the Accommodation Committee held on 20 January 2021 were received (CP2021/006a). The Bursar presented a paper on rents for 2021-22 (CP2021/006b). Council approved a 2% rise on rents, the joint lowest rise over the last 18 years, and to no increase in the live-out IT communications charge. Council noted that the undergraduate room ballot will not take place at its usual point in Lent Term. The JCR and MCR Committees will take the lead on reporting how the available digital images and floorplan information about student rooms could be improved to help with the ballot.



cc2021.17

*Any Other Unreserved Business*

The Council noted that a detached house in Selwyn Gardens was on the market for £2,500,000 and the Bursar agreed to investigate further its potential for acquisition and use as a hostel.

