

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

**MINUTES**

A Stated General Meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 2.00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

**Present:** The President, Professor C. J. K. Batty, Professor S. J. Whittaker, Professor A. Grafen, Professor A. R. Weidberg, Professor A. J. Parker, Professor F. A. Armstrong, Professor S. Elston, Professor M. Cannon, Professor K. Nation, Professor P. Maini, Professor C. A. Larrington, The Revd. Professor W. Whyte, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor N. P. Harberd, Professor A. Wright, Ms. S. Layburn, Professor M. Omri, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor C. Newton, Professor G. Gottlob, Dr. G. Kantor, Professor J. Bray, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert

**Apologies:** Professor R. G. Compton, Professor P. P. Craig, Professor W. Mattli, Professor B. Murnane, Professor K. Southwood, Professor I. Klinke, Professor G. Rose, Professor A. Srinivasan

**In attendance:** Mr S. and Mrs. C. Wright, Wright & Wright (Item 2), representatives from Ridge and Partners (Item 3), Dr. S. Campbell, Mr R. Crow, Dr. M. Nicholls, Ms. D. Cripps, Mr I. Stokes

**ACTION****AGENDA 'B'**1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were **approved**.

A question was raised about access for Governing Body to all committee papers via the new College intranet. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed at General Purposes Committee.

The Principal Bursar reported that Oxford City Council had sent a note about the amount of affordable housing proposed for the Oxford North scheme. He noted that communications on this matter would be for TWO to deal with at this point.

2. Wright & Wright presentation: Phase III of the Library

Clare Wright presented the plans for Phase III of the works on the Library. These included retention of the current (Victorian) beams and ceiling in the Laudian Library, a new furniture fit-out, a secure glass screen to the Old Library, secondary glazing, improvements to the insulation and heating of the building for energy efficiency and upgrades to the lighting. The Paddy Rooms would be reinstated as teaching rooms and issues around their accessibility would be explored further. The areas under the colonnades of Canterbury Quad would be repaved, with damaged columns also repaired.

Certain of the Victorian pine bookcases (just 5% of the shelving space in the Laudian Library) would be removed, being mainly those that were additions to earlier woodwork, which would be restored. Once complete, the Library and Study Centre would provide 150 reader spaces (compared to 70 currently); most other colleges offered between 100 and 120 spaces.

It was estimated that the project would start in December/January and would be completed in mid 2021. Access to the Holmes Building and Gardens during the works would be planned carefully.

The Governing Body **agreed** the budget for the project [].

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR**

3. Ridge presentation: Lodge refurbishment

Jamie Williamson and Matt Richards from Ridge and Partners briefed the Governing Body on their revised proposals for the Lodge and overall entrance to the College. These took into account feedback from users, Oxford City Council and Historic England after two rounds of pre-planning applications.

The revised proposals had a new position for the Lodge Manager's office, Fellows' pigeonholes near the front desk, parcel storage at the back and a meeting room. The plans also retained the existing window to Front Quad. Two options for access to the College were presented, one which retained the current passageway as a whole with the wooden double doors open, and the other with a centrally located barrier requiring visitors to enter the Lodge before proceeding through to Front Quad. Plans for the walled forecourt in front of College were also presented and included repairing the listed wall, releveling of the ground and relaying of the central pathway, new bespoke railings around the perimeter and bollards with information about the College. Work was planned to start on the project in early 2020.

The Governing Body **approved** the second option presented with further revisions to the plans for Fellows' pigeonholes and the space available for visitors to congregate. The revised plan would therefore be submitted for planning approval and Listed Buildings Consent.

The final plans and tender for the works would be presented to Governing Body in October for a final decision, with a view to commencing in early 2020.

**PRINCIPAL BURSAR**