

*The Ex Camera Minutes of*  
**THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Wednesday 29th January 2025, Mansfield College

**Present**

**The President** (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*); **The Vice President** (Vee Kumar, *Worcester College*); **The Treasurer** (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*); **The Social Secretary** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*); **The Director of Communications** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*); **President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **The Returning Officer Emeritus** (Oliver Jones-Lyons, *Christ Church*).

**Apologies**

**The Returning Officer** (Julian Wang, *University College*);

**Absent without Apologies**

None.

**Attending**

**The Chief Whip** (Felix Mottram, *St Edmund's Hall*); **The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*); **Liza Barkova** (The Chief of Staff, *Christ Church*) **The Ordinary Member** (Shermar Pryce, *University College*); **The Ordinary Member** (Prajwal Pandey, *New College*); **The Ordinary Member** (Matthew, *Oxford Brookes*); **The Ordinary Member** (Isaac Cusworth, *Brasenose College*).

*The President opened the meeting.*

**Discussion about Standing Order 20 - Make all events disability accessible unless requirement waived.**

**RO Em:** Main issue is that duties and obligations are dealt by emeritus committee. Wording isn't fit for purpose *should be 'best effort' not guarantee*. Giving closed council power over disciplinary matters isn't the appropriate way to deal with this

**Pres Em:** *Take it down to 10 pound fine instead of 30. Make it a simple majority of council*

**RO Em:** Closed council needs to be as close to unanimous as possible. *Accessible rooms should be duties alongside other duties nothing special. Automatic penalties are out of line*

**Pres Em:** 'Best effort' would be ignored. It is easy to make rooms accessible. Fine works because it shouldn't go for their position

**Treasurer:** Shouldn't be a fine. *Do a warning system* with 'strikes' to go to council

**RO Em:** Closed council isn't representative not very democratic. Can be abused for political reasons. Room bookings are not usually the President's fault

**President:** *Add it to the list of dereliction of duty* rather than as a separate thing

**Pres Em:** That requires someone to move against the president

**President:** There are some merits to making it a *separate thing* and giving some more power to council

**RO Em:** Make it '*suitable efforts*' to get an accessible room as part of derelictions of duties. *Leave it for the emeritus committee.* Most qualified body to deal with this. Remove the other societies bit

**Pres Em:** It is very possible to get access to accessible rooms, especially even when events are held in conjunction with other societies

**RO Em:** We don't have jurisdiction over other societies

**Pres Em:** We have jurisdiction over whether we go into events with other societies

**Treasurer:** *Should be reasonable duty* not mandatory duty. Everyone agrees bar Pres Em.

**President:** *It will be under the dereliction of duties* to be taken to emeritus council

Vote cast for whether it should be '*obligation*' or '*reasonable*'.

*Reasonable duty wins 9 to 1.*

Vote cast for standing order to pass with amendment. *Passes.*

## **Discussion around Standing Order 13c: changing Extraordinary Session to Disciplinary Session**

**RO Em:** Should the suspension be upon any disciplinary measures ie. major dereliction of duty for emeritus be 3 calendar weeks to removal from position. We're not going to end up registering with proctors so our disciplinary measures need to be airtight as we can't turn to them. Currently the options emeritus committee have is for motion of no confidence in council which isn't the right way as inter personal dynamics get in the way

**Social Secretary:** Why would they not have those dynamics in the emeritus committee

**Pres Em:** They'd be made up of ex officers who wouldn't be attached

**President:** Move the amendment to make it removal from position to suspension for 3 weeks

**Pres Em:** Gives the emeritus committee a lot of power. The cases this will come in play are dereliction of duty. Should matters like this be decided by the democratic bodies of society or the quasi judicial body of the society

*Vote on this amendment: Fails 3 to 2*

*The President Closes the meeting.*

Minuted by,

**Vee Kumar,**

The Vice President, *Worcester College.*