

Chair: Edward Hart  
Secretary: Emily Simpson  
Returning Officer: Hannah Taylor

1. Report from the JCR President

Attended lots of meeting, not much happened. Ball Committee, please apply. I want a ball to attend next year to be irrelevant at. Two people vomitted, thanks George Taylor and Bobby for cleaning it up.

*APPLAUSE for those two*

Also bought a pride flag, please pass the motion for me to be paid back

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2. Reports / Questions to Officers

none

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3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

My Silver Birch,  
You may besmirch.  
My Field Maple,  
Not your staple.  
The great Scots Pine,  
You consider fine.  
White or Hornbeam,  
Not you it seems.  
But I know my trees,  
My trees always please.

My English Elm  
Must underwhelm.  
My Black Poplar,  
Not so popular.  
Buck, Haw, or Black,  
Thorn in your back.  
My Wild Cherry,  
Treated unfairly.  
But I know my trees,  
My trees always please.

For Common Lime,  
You have no time.

My morbid Yew,  
At sight you spew.  
I like Dogwood,  
Reckon you should.  
Elder, Alder, Neither's cool, huh?  
But I know my trees,  
My trees always please.

What of my Beech?  
You, I beseech.  
Nutty Hazel?  
You're ungrateful.  
My many Willows,  
You'd leave to wallow.  
My Crab Apple,  
You think crapple.  
But I know my trees,  
My trees always please.

My Juniper,  
You think vulgar.  
At my Aspen,  
You seek aspirin.  
My measly Ash,  
You'd choose to slash.  
My Holly Bush,  
You've tried to shush.  
But I know my trees,  
My trees always please.

My Cornish Oak,  
You stop to smoke.  
My Plymouth Pear,  
You'd rather rare.  
You love no tree.  
That, now, I see.  
But you must know  
That they can't go.  
I know my trees.  
They don't always please,  
But if they were to cease  
The crisis couldn't be appeased.

## 4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

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### 5. Constitutional Amendments

#### **Creation of a third welfare rep and a class rep**

This JCR notes

1. In MT19 at the week 4 meeting the JCR passed new standing orders
2. These new standing orders involved provisions for the creation of two new positions: a third welfare rep and a class rep
3. It was agreed that the new standing orders would not come into effect until the new constitution was passed, which would include a reference to these new positions
4. Oxford is a busy place and as such there have been some delays to the new constitution

This JCR believes

1. Given the JCR have passed new standing orders and as such mandated the creation of these new positions, delay on their election is sub-optimal
2. However, rushing the passing of the new constitution is also sub-optimal

This JCR resolves

1. To update the existing constitution so that it contains references to the two new positions
2. This will allow the Returning Officer to run by-elections for these positions sooner rather than later, so they can take office at the end of this term/beginning of next term

Proposed: Florence Goodrich

Seconded: Sam Hazeldine

SFQ: None

Debate: none

For 23, Abstentions 2, none against - motion passes

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## 6. Motions of No Confidence

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## 7. Charities Motions

## 8. Monetary Motions

### Mascot for Uni Challenge

This JCR notes

1. That Corpus have got on TV for University Challenge this year!!!
2. That the team can bring a mascot
3. That no such suitable mascot currently exists

This JCR believes

1. This is very exciting news
2. That the Corpus team should most definitely have a mascot

This JCR resolves

1. To mandate the Treasurer, to spend up to £100, to buy such a mascot

Proposed: Tyron

Seconded: Florence

SFQ:

Ben L: what's wrong with the one in the boat club?

Flo: it's huge and a bit grim so we want a new one

Ben: have you thought of asking college as we are representing college

Flo: yes, might see if we can get reimbursed

Rhi: what are you buying for £100?

Flo: I just thought I'd ask for enough to get a nice one.

George: I've just searched and found some for £5

Ryan: does are group of 20 mascots act as one mascot?

Flo: yes

Grace: lets save money and bring on fox, we cold more environmentally friendly?

Flo: Is that more animal friendly

Debate:

George: I propose an amendment *to change cost to £10*

Ed: Taken as friendly?

Tyron: No. I want to put a crest on it and I think well probs spend about £20

*Random aside from Rhi: I was on tv 20 years ago, I was born on tv.*

Sam: I think it should be like £30/£40.

Hannah: shall we vote on that amendment

George: I'll withdraw it.

Matthew: I'll propose it then

Votes

7 for, 8 against, 10 abs

Motion fails

Sam: If I propose an amendment to be £30 will you take it as friendly?

Tyron: 40 and take it as friendly

Sam: 35

Tyron: 40

*More negotiation....*

Sam: fine if you will take it as friendly then lets *amend to spend up to £40*

Tyron: Amendment taken as friendly

Ben: move to vote

Rh.; seconded

15 for, 2 against, 8 abstentions

Motion Passes

### **Flag Reimbursement Motion**

This JCR notes:

1. Our current pride flag is broken
2. This means we are unable to fly the flag for LGBTQ History Month
3. The President has ordered a new Pride flag, paying £66.41 out of pocket

This JCR believes:

1. The Pride flag belongs to the JCR as a whole
2. As such, no individual should pay for it out of pocket

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the Treasurer to reimburse the President for the full cost of the flag, namely £66.41

Proposed: Zaman Keinath-Esmail

Seconded: Florence Goodrich

SFQ:

Tyron: what happens to the flag when it's not flying?

Rhi: it's kept in the lodge, it's kept there so that they can put it up whenever they want

Debate:

George I propose an *amendment to pay up to £100 instead to give more flexibility*

Ben: seconded

Taken as friendly

Rhi: what are we doing with the old flag?

Ed: think it went in the bin.

Flo: move to vote

Ben: Seconded

Overwhelming majority – motion passes

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## 9. Motions as submitted

### The “Support Direct Action for Divestment” Standing Policy Motion

This JCR notes that:

1. St John’s College currently has £8.1 million invested in Shell and BP, which are actively starting new fossil fuel projects that and finance misinformation campaigns.
2. Both the JCR and MCR of St John’s have passed motions in favour of divesting the endowment from fossil fuels, and a petition demanding that the college divest has been signed by over a third of the student body of St John’s. However, over a year since the petition began, the college has yet to divest the endowment.
3. Students from St John’s and the rest of the university have been occupying the front quad of St John’s college, demanding that the college move its investments out of fossil fuel companies immediately and declare a climate emergency.
4. The action has been peaceful.
5. In response to this action, college has deactivated the keys of several St John’s students involved in the occupation and cut off supply lines into the college, making it difficult for the occupants to access food.

This JCR believes that:

1. The climate crisis is a real existential threat, and an Oxford college has a duty to its members to not support companies which threaten the climate and fund misinformation campaigns.
2. St John’s effective punishment of students involved in the action is an abuse of power that is reactive to the threat that the activists present to an entrenched financial system.

3. (h)Members of the JCR support the action of members of Direct Action for Divestment in St John's College.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. (i)Mandate the President of the JCR to send a letter to Maggie Snowling, the President of St John's College, and Andrew Parker, the Principal Bursar, communicating support of the activists from the JCR and asking that St John's administration cooperate with the activists on their demands.
2. Add item (h) and (i) to standing policy.

Proposer: Zaman Keinath-Esmail

Seconded: Beth Jones

SFQ:

Flo: does the letter already exist?

Rhi: yes it does

Flo: when it say standing policy do you mean policy document?

Sam: does this need amendment then?

Rhi: no its general enough.

Arjun: can we read the letter?

Hannah: how we did it last time with a letter is we held a vote on the google form to decide whether or not we wanted the president to sign.

Sam: does corpus invest in fossil fuel?

Zaman: yes but I don't know the details.

Rhi: the bursar is trying to be carbon neutral and building a solar farm. We are divesting but it takes time

Debate:

Rhi: This is a bit of a gross exaggeration, they stopped 3 strangers come onto site. This action has occurred beyond there scope and this has worked against some of the president at Johns' work. She's been thanking people for proposing the letter in JCRs but doesn't want anyone else to sign it.

Zaman: they should be able to use there bod cards in

Rhi: they could still use them they just had to ask the porters when going into college.

Zaman: this motion has been passed at 5 other colleges including Wadham and St Catz. The protesters would respond that they have made progress because of this action. They have got more students on the committee

Rhi: I propose an amendment to the resolves: *To mandate Hannah to run a vote on a google form after publicising the open letter on Facebook. The adding of points (h) and (i) to the policy document will be subject to it being passed on the google doc.*

Flo: seconded

Hannah: in order for transparency I will have to get you to share your email so I can make sure we don't have multiple votes.

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## 10. Emergency Motions

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## 11. Any other Business