

Minutes

Present: Mr. J.E. Busfield (Chairman)

Mr. J. Collier

Mrs. L. Hardy

Mr. A. Hollander (Secretary)

Mr. N. Jones

Mr. J. Thompson

1. The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th July were confirmed and signed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. Jones.
3. Mr. J. Collier introduced Mr. J. Thompson, Landscape Architect for the Oxford City Engineering Department.
4. Matters Arising: Mr. Peter Nye had informed the Secretary that a Soil Map of the Marston Area was not available.
5. Raising Funds: Letters had been received from various Organisations. The C.P.R.E. and Corpus Christi College intended to consider a request for funds at their next meetings. Brasenose College regretted being unable to contribute due to their heavy commitment in the Marston area. The committee expressed interest in their Scheme and hoped planting of trees would begin soon.

The University Estate Agent passed our request to the Secretary and Curator of the University Parks (Dr. R. Lucas) See below.

The Chairman asked for an acknowledgment of donations to be submitted for publication in 'Interim'.

The Secretary had sent a list of species to Messrs. Carter Jonas on the suggestion of the Oxford Preservation Trust Secretary. A provisional quotation would be sent in due course.

Mrs. Harley replied to an enquiry about the Caucasian Elm which was apparently resistant to Dutch Elm disease. The species is *Zelkova carpinifolia* which is not an elm ( *Ulmus* ) and the Committee felt that other species already listed would be more suitable for this area.

The Secretary had also received advice for raising funds from the Civic Trust and the Countryside Commission which the Committee felt should be followed up.

6. Report on Tree Survey

This was postponed until, Mr. Alun Jones could report to the committee.

Mr. John Thompson told the Committee of the difficulties of meeting the requirements of the various bodies involved in the maintenance and conservation of the Cherwell Valley area with reference to amenity planting. He expressed particular interest in the work of the committee.