

**Minutes of the Worcestershire Medico-Legal Society AGM on Tuesday 1st November 2016
at 7:30pm at the Charles Hastings Education Centre, Worcestershire Royal Hospital**

1. Election of officers

The Chairman (Mr John Duddington) and the Secretary and Treasurer (Dr Lesley Ann Smallman) were re-elected for 2016-2017 (Proposed: Dr John O'Driscoll, seconded: Mrs Erica Burrows; Proposed: Dr John O'Driscoll, seconded: Dr Jonathan Leach, respectively).

2. Committee members

JD informed members and guests that the Committee members were - Mrs Erica Burrows, Dr Tony Cole, Mrs Susan Jarvis, Dr Kelvin Laidlaw, Dr Jonathan Leach, Mrs Gill Porter, Mr James Sommerville and Dr Helen Taylor. These members were re-elected.

3. Chairman's report (see attached)

JD stated that the objective of the Society was to cover not just medicine, as such, but to look at health care in the light of social care and education.

The talks were generally well attended, but there was a huge audience for the one given by Mr Tom Wheatley, Governor of Long Lartin Prison. JD thought the aim generally was for 20-25 attendees.

At the start of the year, the Society experimented with holding meetings at the University of Worcester(UoW) (Jenny Lind Chapel). Although this was a super venue, attendance was disappointing, so it reverted to holding the rest of the meetings at the Charles Hastings Education Centre, Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Nevertheless, the Society had continued to build up links with the UoW and the joint association held their second conference at the UoW on 'End of Life Care' in July 2016. This was extremely successful. The next one, to be held in July 2017, will be on 'Deprivation of Liberty'. JD thanked HT, one of the committee member and a member of staff at UoW, for her enthusiasm behind the collaboration.

JD reported that Worcestershire Law Society had taken out corporate membership of our Society and encouraged other organisations to do so. In addition, he encouraged individual membership to sustain the continuation of the Society.

5. Future meetings

The programme for the next academic year 2016-2017 can be seen on the Society's website - <http://www.worcestershiremedicolegal.com/>

6. Secretary and Treasurer's report (see attached)

There had been 31 members in the previous academic year and there were already 30 members in the current academic year. JD emphasised the value of becoming a member.

The accounts for this period were also presented (see attachment). The starting balance was £575.13. There has been an income of £810 against an expenditure of £729.89, giving an end balance of £755.24.

7. AOB

There was no other business.

Dr Lesley Ann Smallman
Secretary and Treasurer