

- c. Members were concerned about the ability of the PAs, and how they would be accepted.
- Assurance was given that the PA role has been endorsed by the BMA, after initial apprehension, as enabling senior staff to carry out more complex work.
 - PAs can carry out minor surgery, under the guidance of a consultant, but only when the patient is awake; they may not prescribe medicines nor undertake any radiation procedures.
 - At the present time PAs' contracts will be for 2 years, as in the USA.
 - Although initially the PAs will be paid more than junior doctors straight from training, they cannot progress further in the medical profession.

Valerie Mellor thanked Dr Jenkins for his interesting insight into this new and innovative project. He had allayed misconceptions held by some members. Audience applause endorsed her thanks.

PART II

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Unfortunately after the Minutes for 4th February 2016 had been circulated, a request for various changes was received from Shane De Garis. Copies of his request were discussed and agreed and the Minutes were then signed as a correct record. Copies of the agreed amendments are attached to these draft Minutes.

4. MATTERS ARISING : There were no matters arising

5. URGENT BUSINESS :

a. Subscriptions for 2016/2017: The Treasurer, Jon Spain, recommended that there should be no change in subscriptions for the coming year, which should remain at £10 for individuals, £14 for joint individuals, £22 for organisations. This was proposed by Mike Gordon, seconded by Carol Melvin and passed unanimously. Subscriptions fall due on 1st April and should be paid immediately.

b. AGM 2016: This was agreed as 2nd June 2016.

c. Northwood and Pinner Hospital site petition : 3383 signatures were currently being held. A meeting with Nick Hurd is being arranged to discuss the best way forward.

d. Posters for future meetings: These were available for members to collect and to circulate.

e. Urgent Business : There was no other urgent business.

6. OPEN FORUM :

a. February News Sheet items: There were no news-sheet items that members wished to discuss.

b. Community Voice recruitment: Members were asked to help by passing potential contact details to our Secretary or Chairman.

c. Suggestions for speakers ahead: The possibility of a forum on integration of NHS hospital services with community health and social services was welcomed and would be explored.

d. Issues to be addressed: End of life care was touched on briefly, also local ambulance services in Hillingdon, and difficulties in obtaining cataract referrals, and referrals between consultants. The Chairman agreed to explore these issues and to report back to members.

e. Ruislip Common Women's Institute: Following the death of Elsie Armstrong we have difficulty in contacting this member organisation. The Chairman appealed for help in obtaining contact details.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING : Thursday 7th April 2016 at 7.45 pm at the Post Graduate Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital when the guest speaker will be Christopher Geake, Director Hillingdon MIND, speaking on "Local mental health concerns and how they are tackled". Doors open 7.30pm.

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