



Cambridgeshire  
& District  
Law Society

**MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY**

Mills & Reeve, Botanic House, 100 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1PH  
5.30pm on Wednesday 6th March 2019

**Present:** Officers: Karl Dembicki (President), Michael Frape (Vice-President), Will Cowell (Hon. Treasurer), Clare Pilsworth (Secretary)

Committee Members & Representatives: Phoebe Osborne, Sarah Calder (Anglia Ruskin University), Ellen Cole (Greenwood GRM), Jaymi Thakrar (The Law Society) and Penelope Harrington (CDLS Administrator).

Later: James Marsh (Committee)

*The President thanked those present for attending.*

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from, Rebecca Austin (Cambridge Big Firms Representative), Chris Claxton-Shirley, Oli Worth, and Richard Lane.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 had been circulated to those attending that Meeting.

Their acceptance as a true record was proposed by Will Cowell seconded by Michael Frape, and passed *nem con*.

**3. Matters Arising**

No matter arising were reported.

**4. Elections:**

**4.1 – Officers presenting themselves for election under Rules 9 and 10:**

Karl Dembicki took the chair for the election of President.

Michael Frape was proposed for election of President by Karl Dembicki seconded by Rebecca Austin and elected *nem com*

Phoebe Osborne was proposed for election as Vice-President by Michael Frape, seconded by Karl Dembicki and elected *nem con*.

**4.2 – Officers nominated for vacant posts:**

No nominations received for Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer.

**4.3 – Re-election of Committee Members for the year 2018-2019 under Rule 11:**

The re-election to the Committee of Rebecca Austin, Richard Lane, James Marsh, Oli Worth, and was adopted *nem con*.

*Dembicki*

#### **4.4 – Election of Committee Members for the year 2018 – 2019:**

Ellen Cole, (Greenwoods GRM) was elected to the committee.

#### **4.5 – Committee Members standing down**

Lauren Coote, Clare Pilsworth, Will Cowell, and Jackie Jessiman. The President thanked them for their hard work and support throughout the year.

#### **5. Election of Honorary Members:**

The following had been nominated for Honorary Membership of Society: Ian Mather formerly Mills & Reeve. Ian was instrumental in getting the Society into the larger firms, and allowing use of their meeting rooms.

#### **6. Reports and accounts:**

**6.1 President's report** The President, Karl Dembicki presented a report to the meeting covering the effects of the CPD changes, the discharge of SPF (Administrator), the Lucy Frazer MP QC meeting, court closures, the EARLLS closure, the success of the Anglia Ruskin Law Clinic, ongoing website issues, social media, the Garden Party, Law Lecture and the Trainee & NQ evening.

#### **6.2 Hon. Treasurer's report and accounts**

The Accounts for calendar year 2018 were distributed at the Meeting by the Hon. Treasurer, who expanded on them. He noted an incurred loss of £5130.71 and added the SRA's decision on CPD became reality, and turned a traditional surplus of income of around £5-7,000 to less than £1,000 at best. The non-recurring expenditures of a new computer and software for the administrator costing £1000.00, and the cost of dispensing with SPF, the employer's liability insurance, and website costs amounting to £2120.00, all contributed to the loss. Will Cowell proposed migrating the accounts to the software package Xero, and this was seconded by Michael Frape and passed *nem con*.

#### **6.3 Administrator's report**

A Report had been circulated to members present and was noted.


#### **7. Annual subscription fees under Rule 6**

It was agreed that the new committee would review the membership fees. A new price plan would be introduced with the focus on engaging new members.

#### **8. Any other business**

Karl Dembicki was thanked for all his hard work during the year and special thanks was given to Will Cowell for his many years of service.

*The President thanked all who had attended, and closed the Meeting. A committee meeting followed.*

  
MICHAEL FRAPE  
VICE-PRESIDENT

