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Institution of Agricultural Engineers - Wrekin Branch Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty First Annual General Meeting of the Wrekin Branch IAgRE will be held online on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

7.30pm

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 To receive and confirm the minutes of the 50th AGM, which was held at 7.30pm on 9th June 2020, online.
- 3 To consider any matters arising from the 50th AGM not appearing on this agenda.
- 4 Chairman's Report for the year 2020 – 2021.
- 5 Treasurers Report for the year 2020.
- 6 Election of Branch Officers.
- 7 Presidential Address to be given by the president or their representative.
- 8 Any other business

Nominations are sought from individuals interested in joining the Wrekin Branch committee. All positions are available if anyone is interested in taking over a particular role. Please complete a nominations form and return this to the Secretary via email, or alternatively telephone the secretary, no later than 12:00 Tuesday 23rd March.

The Committee would welcome new committee members, particularly young engineers and students to give a broader age spread within the committee, and give a more representative view of the younger members.

Mr D Clare
Secretary Wrekin Branch

IAGrE Wrekin Branch AGM

Minutes of the Wrekin Branch 50th Annual General Meeting, held at 7.30pm on 9th June 2020, Online.



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Present:

Dave Clare (Sec)	Simon Cooper (Chair)	Bill Basford	Jim Loynes
Melvin Johnson	David White	Graham Higginson	Henry Thorpe
Adam Stephen	Tom Wellsbury	Kit Franklin	Paul Hemmingway
Denis Cartmel			

1	Apologies
1.1	Apologies were received from: Will Flitner
2	Minutes of the 49th AGM:
2.2	The minutes of the 49 th AGM were circulated before the meeting. The minutes were accepted as being a correct record of the AGM. (Proposed by Bill Basford, seconded by Jim Loynes).
3	Matters arising from the 49th AGM
3.1	None
4	Chairman's Report
4.1	The Chairman gave an overview of the year's technical meetings. The Chairman thanked the committee for their support and assistance in keeping an active and progressive branch for the future.
5	Treasurer's Report
5.1	The treasurer did not have much to report as all expenses are now payed directly by HQ. He did report that all expenses that have been submitted had been accepted and paid. The treasurer gave a verbal breakdown of the Wrekin membership.
5.2	David White asked what was the situation with the Wrekin Branch funds now that they had been transferred back to the HQ. Were they ring-fenced for future Wrekin branch activities? Paul Hemmingway said he would find out what the situation is.
6	Election of Branch officers
6.1	The election of branch officers was conducted by the Chair Only one nomination to be a committee member had been received. The nomination being Will Flittner. All existing committee members were happy to continue serving on the committee, including any specific roles held. It was proposed that if members had no objection, the existing committee and any specific roles held, would be re-elected en bloc. There were no objections. Proposed by Jim Loynes, seconded by Melvin Johnson. Will Flittner was elected. Proposed by Dave Clare, seconded by Henry Thorpe. In summary the committee is as follows: Chairman Simon Cooper Honorary Secretary David Clare Honorary Treasurer Graham Higginson Vice chairman John Gittins Information officer Bill Basford Immediate past chairman Jim Loynes Committee – D White, N Dodd, Richard Smalley, John Gough, Melvin Johnson, Jacob Smith, Henry Thorpe, Kit Franklin, Tom Wellsbury, Sam Scales, Adam Stephen & Will Flittner
7	Presidential Address – Presented by Paul Hemmingway
7.1	Highlights of the address were:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a new Landwards editor – Andy Newbold. • The IAGrE supported the national Engineering Policy Centre, National Food Strategy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful renewal of the Society for the Environment licence for a further 5 years, but need to push up membership numbers. • Biosystems Engineering goes from strength to strength, with typically 1,200 papers per annum, and an impact factor of 2.983, which is good. • We are looking for a new Editor. • 50% of IAgRE funding comes from Biosystems Engineering. • The IAgRE App is near to launch, and we are looking for members to test it.
8	Any Other Business
8.1	The question was asked of Paul Hemmingway why the CEO had resigned. Paul replied that the fit of Ed in the organisation was not ideal, and so Ed made the decision to resign. The next Executive meeting would be covering what the organisation should be doing with respect to a replacement CEO.
8.2	The question was asked, that with the current closure of the HQ, are IAgRE looking at not having a physical HQ in the future, and staff work from home? Paul replied, not at the moment. IAgRE still requires space for equipment and record storage. HQ is also a good place to meet. IAgRE only pay for building maintenance, no rent, so cost saving is not an issue. Physically manning the HQ part time may be a future option for staff.
9	Close
9.1	The meeting closed at 7:10pm

Chairman

Date