

# IAgrE West Midlands Branch

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21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Dear Member,

## **Notice Of The 69th Annual General Meeting.**

The 69th Annual General Meeting of the West Midlands Branch of the IAgrE will be held on Tuesday, 9th March, 2021, commencing at 7.30pm by Zoom. The Zoom meeting invitation will be sent out by HQs.

Charlie Nicklin will give the Presidential Address and take questions from the members present. After the AGM Charlie will give a short presentation about TBA.

If you are interested in joining the Branch Committee let me know please as new committee members are always welcome. It is not an onerous job and only involves one evening committee meeting a year in January. It also looks good on your CV and counts towards CPD. Give me a call (or e-mail) and I can appraise you of what is involved.

The committee also welcomes ideas from members for possible branch meeting topics, so don't hesitate to contact either myself, or one of the committee members, with the details any ideas you may have,

Yours sincerely,

Ian Moore  
Branch Chairman

## **A G E N D A**

1. Apologies for Absence
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3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Election of Branch Officers and Committee
6. Any Other Business
7. Date of Next Meeting TBC (Tuesday, 12th April 2022)

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### **Election Of Branch Officers.**

Please find enclosed the Notice of the 69th Annual General Meeting of the West Midlands Branch of the IAgrE, which will be held on Tuesday, 9th March 2021, commencing at 7.30pm, by Zoom.

The following Branch Officers and Committee have tendered their resignations but have offered themselves for re-election:

Chairman:	Position Vacant
Vice-Chairman:	Antony Johnson
Treasurer:	Position Vacant
Secretary:	Position Vacant
Information Officer:	William Waddilove
Immediate Past Chairman:	John Pedley
Representative on Council:	Ian Moore / Antony Johnson

Committee Members:

Andrew Blowey, John Fox, Tony Linfield, Stuart Martin, Ian Moore, Mark Moore, Mike Sheldon, James Wallace and David Williams.

Further or alternative nominations for the above positions are welcome and should be submitted, either in writing to me at any time up to the date of the AGM, or verbally at the AGM itself. Any two Members of the following grades: Corporate Member, Associate Member or Associate of the Branch, may nominate any other duly qualified person for adding to the list. All "Rules for Branches", as laid out by the IAgrE, will be followed, copy available at the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Moore  
Branch Chairman

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**INSTITUTION OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS**

**WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH**

**MINUTES OF THE 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2019 AT**

**THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, STRATFORD**

**PRESENT:** Antony Johnson (AJ) (in the Chair representing Ian Moore)  
Graham Higginson (GH) Presidents Representative  
William Waddilove (WW)  
Mike Sheldon (MS)  
Andy Blowey (AB)  
John Fox (JF)  
John Pedley (JP)  
James Wallace (JW)  
Stuart Martin (SM)  
Greig Farmer (GF)  
Howard Farmer (HF)  
G Browning (GB)  
Peter Ward (PW)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Ian Moore, Dan Mitchell, Bob Voss.

2. **MINUTES OF THE 67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, 10 April 2018, were summarised by AJ. No comments were received.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

4. **HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was noted that the branch currently does not have a treasurer as Bob Voss had now stood down from this role. If any committee member or member would like to volunteer for this post, they would be most welcome.

It is understood that any reasonable out of pocket expenses for example for meeting room hire or light refreshments could be claimed back from HQ.

It was noted that the need for a treasurer would need to be discussed by the committee.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Antony Johnson standing in for the Chairman (Ian Moore), commented on and reviewed the year's programme and also thanked Ian for his preparation for the meeting. He summarised the year and the excellent speakers.

Graham Higginson	Presidential Address / Specialist Machinery for Field Scale Trial Plots.
September 2018	Visit to the Frederick Lanchester Interactive Archive at Coventry
John Holland	Jaguar and Land Rover, iconic British cars and business for over 70 years'
October 2018	Visit to Mzuri's trial farm in Worcestershire to look at their innovative strip tillage system
James Wallace	The Reverend Patrick Bell and his great invention
Rob Clemas	The development of Gibbs Amphibians

He thanked Presenters and Committee members for all their hard work and commitment in making it happen, in particular Ian Moore who had prepared much of the AGM material.

## 6. ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

No new nominations have been received. All the people listed below have agreed to be nominated for a further year except Bob Voss who wishes to stand down as treasurer

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman & Branch Rep on Council	Ian Moore	) All the positions were voted en bloc	
Vice-Chairman	Antony Johnson	) John Fox	Mike Sheldon
Secretary	Ian Moore / William Waddilove	)	
Treasurer	Position Vacant	)	
Information Officer	William Waddilove	)	
Past Chairman	John Pedley	)	
Committee Members:	Andy Blowey	}	
	John Fox	}	
	Tony Linfield	}	
	Stuart Martin	}	
	Mike Sheldon	}	
	David Williams	}	
		)	
		}	

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

## 8. DATE OF 69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was proposed that the 69th Annual General Meeting would take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020, at the Friends Meeting House, Stratford-upon-Avon (TBC).

After the meeting, Graham Higginson was invited to give the Presidential Address. It was a very positive address. Antony Johnson thanked Graham for his informative presentation and questions were then taken.

Graham then gave a very interesting presentation entitled "Will robots eventually do everything?" giving examples of some of the research work being undertaken at Harper Adams.

December 2019