

# INSTITUTION OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS

## WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

### MINUTES OF THE 70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, 9 March 2021 By Zoom

**Special Note.** The 69<sup>th</sup> AGM was planned, but due to Covid restrictions was not held. The committee continued in their existing rolls until this AGM. The Chairman's report incorporates those activities that have occurred since the last AGM held in 2019.

**1 - PRESENT:** - A total of 12 were present including:-

Ian Moore (IM)	Chairman
Paul Hemmingway	President
Charlie Nicklin	CEO
Antony Johnson (AJ)	
William Waddilove (WW)	
Andy Blowey (AB)	
John Pedley (JP)	
Stuart Martin (SM)	
David Williams	
Antony Linfield	
Richard Barrowman	

### 2 - MINUTES OF THE 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, 10 April 2018, were summarised by IM. There were no comments or matters arising.

### 3 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman summarised activities over the last 2 years

**April 2019** - following the AGM, Graham Higginson from Harper Adams University, gave a presentation on 'Recent developments in agri-tech at Harper Adams' Looking at some of the project work they were under-taking including the 'hands free hectare'.

**May 2019** - Visit to Hill Close Gardens at Warwick, organised by branch member Mike Sheldon. A restored Victorian pleasure garden and saw his collection of garden tools.

**September 2019** - with a joint meeting with FOFH where Paul Henderson from Coventry University gave a talk on 'The Lanchester Archive'. How Frederick Lanchester was one great inventors at the start of the motoring and aviation era.

**October 2019** - again in conjunction with FOFH, Andy Southerton from Kubota Tractors gave an overview of the company's current range of equipment and developments.

**November 2019** - Eric Lawley, a trustee from 'Chedhams Yard' at Wellsbourne gave a presentation on the work done to preserve the blacksmithing and wheelwright premises that the trust looks after. Again this was in conjunction with FOFH.

**December 2019** - Professor James Brighton from Cranfield University gave a presentation in on 'Ground vehicle engineering research' which covered a diverse wide range of subjects that both James and Cranfield were involved with.

**February 2021** - Wayne Davey from Perkins Engines gave a presentation via Zoom on 'The History of Perkins Engines' from the very beginning to the current day.

Ian Moore concluded by thanking the committee for their support during his 12 years as chairman and that he was now retiring from that role.

#### **4 - ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

All the people listed below have agreed to be nominated for a further year and we welcomed as a new member to the committee.

All the positions were voted enbloc.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman	(Vacant)
Vice-Chairman	Antony Johnson
Secretary	(Vacant)
Secretary (acting)	Ian Moore / William Waddilove
Information Officer	William Waddilove
Past Chairman	Ian Moore
Committee Members:	Richard Barrowman
	Andy Blowey
	John Fox
	Tony Linfield
	Stuart Martin
	Mark Moore
	John Pedley
	Mike Sheldon
	David Williams
	Rep on Council

#### **5 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business, nor any matters arising.

#### **6 – PTSG MATTERS**

The Pioneering Technology Specialist Interest Group has sponsored a lunchtime lecture by Paul Henderson on the work of Frederick Lanchester. The talk is on the Institution Website.

#### **7 - DATE OF 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

No date was set for the next AGM but it would be arranged in conjunction with a branch meeting in March or April 2022.

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After the AGM, the president Paul Hemmingway gave the President's Address bringing us up-to-date with the state of the Institution and plans for the future.

This was followed by a talk by Charlie Nicklin on vintage ploughing.

*Minutes and notes drafted by WW - March 2021*

## PROPOSED BRANCH COMMITTEE

WEST MIDLANDS 2021-2022

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Position Vacant		
Vice Chairman	Antony Johnson		
Secretary	Position Vacant		
Treasurer	Position Vacant		
Programme Secretary	Position Vacant		
Information Officer	William Waddilove		
Immediate Past Chairman	Ian Moore	N/A	N/A
Member on Council	TBA	N/A	N/A
Committee Members			
	Andy Blowey		
	John Fox		
	Tony Linfield		
	Stuart Martin		
	Ian Moore		
	Mark Moore		
	Michael Sheldon		
	Davis Williams		
	James Wallace		
Newly Appointed	Richard Barroman		

It may be simpler if the entire committee stands down and then the committee be democratically elected.

I.M. 7/3/21