

# BURTON UPON TRENT AND DISTRICT ENGINEERING SOCIETY

COMMITTEE MEETING: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present:** Richard Farman – Chairman, Barry Gooding – Secretary, Colin Walton, Martyn Ralph

**Apologies received from:**

Ken Logue – President; Phil Brocklehurst - I MechE, Jim Jennings

**Minutes previous meeting held 16 October 2023 and actions arising**

Accepted as a true record. Actions as per Agenda items

**Correspondence**

None.

**Treasurer's report and membership of the Society**

Members are requested to inform the secretary of any changes to their contact details.

The membership list has been reviewed and updated.

The society bank balance is healthy

There are 6 members who have not paid their 23/24 annual subscription, and 4 members who have not paid subscriptions for over 2 years

The membership subscription was reviewed, it was increased at last years AGM, and it was agreed to the maintain it at its present level of £20pa. There is a printing error on the Programme Card for year 23/24. It states that the annual membership subscription is £15pa, which is incorrect.

The Lloyds Bank account has been opened with the Chairman, Secretary and Membership Secretary signed up, until a new Treasurer is appointed, Colin is the bank contact.

**Programme 2023/24**

**2024**

25<sup>th</sup> January – HS2 construction – Jim Richards. Joint meeting with I MechE

29<sup>th</sup> February – The Ecton Copper Mines – Ricard Shaw. Joint meeting with I MechE

21<sup>st</sup> March – Valley Forge & Bolt Mfg. – Barry Thomas

25<sup>th</sup> April – I MECHE AGM and talk “Tees Valley Industrial Cluster” by Ian Tarplee of Frazer Nash

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Special Brewery visit to Holdens Brewery at Tipton– Martyn Ralph

**Topics for meetings:**

Mill Meece Pumping Station – Phil Brockelhurst

Leicester Heavy Haulage – Richard

JCB – Richard

Hunslet Locos – Dereck Webb

Oil wells in Staffordshire

Derbyshire Industrial Archaeological Society

Statfold Barn Farm – talk/visit. Open days are: March 15/16<sup>th</sup>; June 11/12<sup>th</sup>; September 11/12<sup>th</sup>

### **Social and visits**

The 2024 President outing will be to the Space Centre at Leicester on **Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, meeting at 10.30am**. The visit will be limited to 20 persons and members will make their own travel arrangements.

A visit to the Stone Centre in Wirksworth is to be arranged – date to be confirmed - Richard progressing

A visit to the Ecton Copper mine is to be arranged – the number of members to visit is limited to 10 members. Richard progressing

A visit to Burton and South Derbyshire College Engineering Dept., Swadlincote site, is to be arranged during the day, to tour the engineering workshop. Richard progressing

### **Any Other Business:**

The committee wishes to remind members that all meetings will take place at the University Centre Burton College, Lichfield Street, Top floor Lecture Theatre – a lift is available for members use. Members need to be aware that there is NO car parking available in any of the college car parks. The public car park nearest to the college is in Fleet Street.

Society Programme Cards. Richard had located cards from 1950 to the present day. One card was missing, year 2011-2012, but has now been found. The programme cards are being scanned-in and available to view on the Society web site and some are available now

The Engineering Society Website has been run, since its inception, by society member Clive Baker with regular updates to keep it current. Clive has informed the Chairman that he is no longer able to continue with this task for technical reasons. The intent over the next few months to provide a new society website. The present website is still available but is no longer being updated.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 the Chairman and the Secretary were invited by Mark Zawisza to attend the DRES meeting and lecture at Derby Conference Centre, presentation by directors of Avanti West Coast Mainline. A brief discussion with Mark took place on the possibility of DRES and BES collaborating in the future. The presentation by Avanti directors was excellent and very professional, the discussion with Mark indicated that some form of collaboration could take place in the future. It was agreed that your society would invite Mark and members of DRES to the HS2 talk in February next.

The committee are sad to report of the death of Pat Partington on December 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Pat being the wife of the late member Alan Partington. Pat's funeral will take place **on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 commencing at 2.30pm, to be held at St Mary's church Rolleston on Dove**.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Date, time of next meeting: **TBA**