

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 61st meeting of the Executive Committee :
Thursday 14 October at 7.30 p.m. at the RCPYC.

Apologies : Chairman SS ML JeO KW

Present : Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer SC JL LG JO BA JC MR

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 60 of 9 Sep. 1993
with two corrections were passed and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising :

From 10 Sep. '92

Re-siting of the Rolls memorial. BA distributed copies of a letter he had sent to the Dover Express, not yet published. It raised a number of questions. LG reported from the IMPACT meeting that the statue is expected to be moved to the new DoT promenade. IMPACT were non-committal about the lawn site.

Vice-Chairman undertook to get written statement from the DoT contracting landscape engineer of the present position. Further action awaits this information. JG

From 11 Feb. '93

7(f) Cherry Tree Avenue car breakers' yard.

JC was warmly congratulated on his thorough and resolute progress through this maze. Letters, as agreed, will be sent to KCC and DDC officials and councillors. Although the missed opportunity cannot be reversed we may have made future lapses less probable.

The case has been reported to the Civic Trust, in reply to a questionnaire of theirs. (LG)

From 8 July '93

4(c) Information requested by JC for his contribution to the Garden History Society for their " Parks at Risk " survey.

From 9 Sep '93

3(a) Two letters (by AJW JG ML KW) sent to MP for DoT minister Key. re-A 20 delays. Only a formal acknowledgement so far.

3. Chairman's Report. (Presented verbally by Secretary, in absence.)

(a) DDC A-Z of Customer Services and DDC Annual Report described. Dover Film : Contact : Phil Heath 208282 noted, in case we have cinematic happenings.

(b) J. Peverley has asked after the publication. LW will try to ascertain if there is any movement. LW

(c) Daily Mail / Childrens Society's 'le Walk'through the Tunnel : Not for us.

(d) David Sturt retirement. Chairman to write a suitable letter. AJW

(e) Sir Richard Knowles as a future speaker ? What would be his subject ? Lord Ennals suggested as alternative.

(f) Proposed charity changes : tax concessions only for " service producers or campaigners ".

Letter to the Civic Trust asking for their opinion. LW

(g) From the Dover Express :

30 Sep. Terry Sutton retires in six months. Agreed to ask him to join this committee.

7 Oct Crabble Mill-pond clear-up : 21 Nov- 12 Dec.
JO will explore possibility of participation.

JO

14 Oct : Letter to the Editor, signed Gibbs.
Chairman will reply, chiefly for the gain in publicity.

AJW

Dover Castle Visitors' Centre.

LG

4. Secretary's Report

Various periodicals ; Copy of a letter from L. Sencicle to Extra (not so far published) : No action. ; Contact for W E A courses.

5. Treasurer's Report

As at 14 Oct. '93 : Credit Balance £1585

Grove Ferry 18 Oct. Account not yet to hand.

Project Fund : Purchase of Bench for Lydden Pond £246.80 will be re-imbursed by Civic Trust

Peverley Publication fund : Cr. Balance £ 850

Building Society interest : £85

Decisions were taken about some lapsed subscriptions.

6. Membership Secretary

Actual membership	Lapsed	New	Highest number issued
364	150	6	514

The drop is seasonal, reflecting un-renewed subscriptions.

Committee members will contact known defaulters where appropriate.

7. Planning

* The Planning Committee Chairman distributed a print-out of issues currently being examined/commented on.

* He is in possession of DDC Local Plan Strategy document and will study and comment.

(a) The successful first IMPACT Forum 15 Sep. was reported (LG JG) and LG will collate the Committee's assessment of priorities.

(b) Proposed Visitors' Centre : Langdon Cliffs.

Considerable Press interest.

Meeting with National Trust regional representatives : 21 Oct. LG JG LW MR

(c) There was discussion about the White Cliffs Hotel and Marine Court.

Central to opinions expressed is that we must try to ensure that any development is worthy of the site.

8. Social Secretary

25 Oct. Public Meeting:Local Government

Publicity snarl-up with DDC/DODS . LW will disentangle.

Additional dinner-guests invited : Brig. Atherton M.P. David Shaw.

Helpers needed for putting out chairs and with refreshments.

24 Nov. Conundrums and Conviviality. Information awaited from PK.