

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 71st meeting of the Executive Committee, held at 7.30 p.m.  
8 Sep. 1994 at the R.C.P.Y.C.

Apologies : Vice-Chairman JG Treasurer JO

Present : Chairman Vice-Chairman-JC Secretary MR LG SS JL  
TS SC BA KW MNcF ML

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of 14 July 1994  
were agreed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

From 9 May 1991

The Peverley publication

The Secretary summarised the changed situation arising from the withdrawal of Christine Waterman. In keeping with John Peverley's letter of July '92 a draft would be prepared by BA for John Peverley's approval, drawing on the suggestions of ML and PK, and with the agreed extra material.

Christine Waterman has expressed her willingness to act as consultant and to give all possible assistance with illustrations.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to BA for stepping into the breach.

From 10 Sep. 1992

Re-location of the Rolls Memorial

The legal ownership is reasonably secure. (The monument was donated to D.H.B. and the then Dover Borough Council.) The D.H.B. presently consider themselves to be the owners and D.D.C. would not disagree.

There remains the cost of removal. Dover Harbour Board estimate £2000-2500. BA will seek two independent estimates and has £750 already promised.

More financial support may be forthcoming from the Royal Aero Club and Rolls Royce, who promise a fly-past and a motorcade for the re-unveiling ceremony.

The Chairman, with Committee acclaim, expressed praise and thanks to BA for his successful perseverance in this matter.

From 11 Feb. 1993

Millenium Project update.

A paper documenting progress had been circulated.

Funding for the working group will be among earliest priorities.

A. Goodburn had suggested a car raffle. Agreed he should investigate possibilities.

From 13 Jan. 1994

Local government options for Kent.

Further to the documents circulated with the Agenda, the Chairman could see only two future possibilities :

Historic county councils may with few exceptions disappear  
OR

The project could be dropped completely.  
We can only wait and see.

3. CHAIRMAN

1. "Time and Tide" review copy circulation : to BA > MR > SS

2. Mayor and Smithen : LETTER sent. not acknowl. Reminder now called for.

3. 24 Oct. : to dine with Madge :

AJW KW MR President ? L.Kay ? Other V-Ps ?

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4. Wye Conference participants : BA/2 Goodburns

5. Rural Action Bridge PC Centenary Exhibition: Village Hall 8-11 Sep. Assessment for grant.

6. Request to Lord Berkeley for ET trip invitation : friendly but non-committal interim response. Final response awaited. TS will speak to Berkeley.

7. 26 Sep. Front Line : representation : AJW/ KW/ MR/(TS) (BA) (JO) TS leads a conducted walk : Start : Market Square : 2.30.25 Sep.

8. At very short notice A.Goodburn attended the public meeting called by DDC / MMcF re Edward Road area and N. London Road. Ill-attended and inconclusive.

4. VICE- CHAIRMAN

1. J.C. reported the threat of closure to Dover County Court. Agreed that he should write our objection to the Lord Chancellor, as requested by Peter Sherred. JC

2. The V-C also reported a " last word " on the Cherry Tree Avenue car breakers' yard controversy, with KCC. KCC will in future formally notify the Dover Society, and any amenity society which requests it, of any proposed sales of land. Unfortunately there could be no change re Cherry Tree Avenue. The Committee briefly considered possible sales now under discussion and JC was congratulated and thanked for his perseverance in this matter.

5. SECRETARY

From 5 May 1994

1. Shops survey requested by Town Centre Management Group of IMPACT : JG had approached V-P Lilian Kay and the task had been rapidly completed with D.S. helpers. Committee letter of thanks to Miss Kay. LW AJW

2. Poster Display Boards

Reply from John Clayton, Lesley Cumberland and John Moir less than helpful. A further letter to John Moir called for. LW JC

\* Invitations to the pre-view of PK's Deal exhibition 19Sep - 7 Oct were distributed and received with pleasure and thanks.

\* A lot of periodicals had been received. A few were taken. LG will comment on the Ministry/ Civic Trust consultation document. LG

6. TREASURER

Written accounts presented.

JC drew appreciative attention to the credit balance of the Social and Newsletter funds, thanks, respectively, to JL, BA and advertising.

7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

There were 7 new members, making a total of 399, with the highest membership number 569. A new member's suggestion for guides to local parks, while welcome, needed more clarification.

## 8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

17 Sep. Trip to Montreuil : 44 takers. Excellent.

15 Sep. Meeting of the Social sub-committee:

3.30 p.m. at No. 19 Castle Avenue.

To review the programme up to April 1995, as published and to consider the suggestion of a talk by the MEP and discussion : Dover and Europe and Europe and Dover and the Millenium.

Also the possibility of a talk by Keith Parfitt on the Anglo-Saxon cemetery. This could not be before Christmas.

It may be possible, as our contribution to the Dover Festival 1995, to offer something on the lines of Faversham's Open House Days - at least open gardens ?

## 9. EDITOR

Deadline for Copy, next Newsletter : 1 Nov.

Possible subjects : Local Government

An "obituary" for Marine Station. ? Member : A.H. Ashman ?

Consider new format, similar to Faversham Society's, for application form for membership.

## 10. PLANNING

There was some elucidation and discussion of items in the printed handout, which is to be a most welcome regular feature.

Notice given that the Danes Court rifle-range discussion may re-emerge.

## 11. A.O.B.

\* Proposed by SS, seconded by TS and carried that £25 should be given to the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation.

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\* KW drew attention to the now vacant Covered Market in Bench Street and reported that JO was willing to explore the possibility of a D.S. window display. Warmly approved.

## Date of next meeting :

Thursday 13 Oct. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

## FROM THE DOVER EXPRESS :

8.9 : Possible remedy for graveyard vandalism : house with family and dogs.

: Dover Coll sells PoW and Belmont Houses

: Pond Week '94 Sep 16 - 25

: W. Docks closure Sep 2/5