

THE DOVER SOCIETY

Minutes of 101st meeting of the Executive Committee

8th May 1997

Present: JW: JSG: JC: SC: JO: ML: BA: M McF: JL: SS: MW

Apologies: LW: MR: TS: JNG

The Chairman welcomed Capt Mike Weston to the committee.

1. Matters arising

Minutes of the 100th meeting were approved.

Newsletter: After lengthy deliberation it was agreed that ML/MMcF/BA and JW would liaise to agree the way forward and computer linkups/scanners etc. JSG advised that he would have no further involvement.

Unknown Warrior: JSG gave details of latest arrangements for the unveiling of the Unknown Warrior plaque. BA handed over a photograph of the original event for display at the ceremony. JSG advised that a buffet lunch was now being provided.

Jarrett Memorial: JSG showed the committee the latest art work for the Jarrett memorial. It was agreed that further changes were needed and JSG would furnish modified details at the next meeting.

Water supplies: JC gave details of his correspondence with OFFWAT. Ref to maintenance costs leading to increased charges and lobbying of FDWC. JC had written to John Clayton ref DDC grants for the Stour and not the Dour. DDC advised that they give support to the Dour via White Cliffs Countryside grants. In addition the Dour is not classified as a proper river. Lobby to get it classified? JC asked to write to FDWC and DDC about surprisingly high flows at this time.

J.Godden: JC has written to Clayton about the "Shop". MMcF referred to public meeting on 12th May at Bench Street. Is TS attending on behalf of Dover Society?

Connex litter: JG read positive response from Connex.

Dover Campaign: MMcF gave details of new scheme to help Dover shops.

2. Chairmans report

- 2.1 Ref to formal handover of Chair and Treasurer role at next AGM but informal transfer during the year prior to this.

*Footnote: BA unhappy with this suggested change.
Agreed that the formal change should take place at a
suitable meeting this Autumn and that appropriate
comments about outgoing officers could await the AGM.*

- 2.2 Art trail. Letter from DDC. Major changes, more emphasis on environment and nature conservation. Overton letter read out.
- 2.3 Peverley book. Castle sales? SS had visited Castle to chase up. Thanks to Sybil and chase up letter to Ken Scott from JW.
- 2.4 Adscene letter about Dov Express lack of interest in Dover's music. JW suggested not in our best interests to upset the Editor therefore no letter to be sent.
- 2.5 Agreed letters to David Shaw and Gwyn Prosser. (JW)
- 2.6 JW to attend annual Town meeting.
- 2.7 JW did not attend Town Centre AGM following injury.
- 2.8 JW to attend signpost meeting
- 2.9 JW to send letter of sympathy to Jim Hood.
- 2.10 ML asked for details of town meetings for the Newsletter.
- 2.11 Ref to miners statue. Still agreed that it should go to Aylesham.
- 2.12 Ref to inaugural walk at Samphire Hoe.

3. Secretary's report

LW unable to attend owing to unexpected sickness.

4. Treasurers report

JG read on JNG's behalf

Balance at 8th May £9752.04

£59 donations for Unknown Warrior plaque. Letter of thanks (JSG).

£64 for adverts from Bruce Lilley.

Subs coming in well. Total income for the month £1684.

5. Membership Secretary

Total membership now 444. Last number 689.

4 new members. Mr & Mrs J Evans,

Mr Peter Waelput (Belgian) and Mrs T Hirst. Ref to advertising the Society in the Carnival Programme.

Agreed to £20 payment limit. (SC to process)

Ref to Mr Brook wanting old newsletters. Agreed that BA would charge total of £15 for 19 numbers.

6. Planning

JC advised that no meetings had been held in the interim. We await Tim Ingleton for cycle route review. (within next two weeks)
Castlemount site ref to MR's objection.
Police Station - two weeks for our reply.
P & O railings. Letter sent.
Objection to J Ullman excavator.
Letter to DDC about parlous state of St James Hotel. (JC to send) MMcF concern about "residents" and vermin.
Mike Weston to take over MS's role. Ref to Farthingloe improvements by JO.

7. Social Secretary

JL advised that numbers currently low for summer trips. Only 11 for "World of silk". (Possible cancellation)
Swale trip over-subscribed.
Buckingham Palace only 8 so far.
Dick Bolton for November meeting

8. Projects

JO advised that BP contest not entered this year. Ideas wanted for National Tree week. Cadets Operation being arranged for 1998. Ref to need for Lydden PC to mend damaged railings at the pond. (JG to speak to Mr Hargrave)

9. Editor

Deadline advised as 23rd June. Early copy welcome. JG asked to provide article about the Jarrettt memorial. ML asked for copy from members relating to the "Dover Festival" Joan made reference to Arts input from Astor School.

10. Any other business

SC advised members of "Wastewater Treatment" exhibition at Townhall.

She also congratulated JW on the quality and brevity of his Chairman's address at the recent AGM.

11 Date of next meeting

12th June 1997