

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 126th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 09 09 99 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

PRESENT : Chairman, both Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary,
BA, SS, ML, GH, JO, MMcF, JL.

APOLOGIES : JW, LG and HG.

The MINUTES of the 125th meeting of the Executive Committee of 8 July
were signed and passed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING

* The Zeebrugge Bell information panel : further action had been deferred
in order to further the progress of the historic plaques.

* The historic plaques.

Considerable progress was reported by SC, after the delay caused by the
closure of the firm of first choice.

The layouts of the first four plaques were now agreed :

1. The Bronze-age boat : should be ready by the date of opening of its museum.
2. The memorial on the ex-Market Hall - Museum.
3. Taswell Street-Close : The first aerial bomb.
4. Camden Crescent : Dickens' association.

Costing : £ 157 each - with mounting and carriage : £237.

Given the anticipated grants, (DTC £75 per plaque) : Net cost to the Soc. : £162.35.

Agreed : to apply to the DDC Millenium Fund.

JC

Unveiling arrangements :

Museum/Zeebrugge : BA

Taswell Close : Peter Johnson

The next in line would be :

The Market Square : Instruments of Punishment.

Southern House : The Lord Warden Hotel

Agreed : Progress should be reported in the next Newsletter

ML

* Sea temperatures, Dover : The Chairman had written to DHB who will
look into the matter. No firm news yet.

* Newsletter binders. A possible supplier has been located in
Canterbury. No firm news yet.

* Proposed publications.

ML reported continued examination of a compilation of Memories of
Old Dover.

The Chairman introduced the publication of the Life and Times of Lillian Kay,
in conjunction with DL. Some 130 - 150 pages, it could be ready by November.

Agreed : Book-signing sessions by Lillian will be arranged.

: A loan of £500 will be made from the Publications Fund which will be re-paid if the publication is successful.

Crabble Publications (Doug. Welby) to be consulted about pricing, and financing generally

At this point, as arranged, Margaret Robson arrived with Ian Campbell and Richard Just of the Civic Trust, to address the Committee on the rejuvenation of London Road-Buckland Village-Cherry-Tree Avenue. Members of the Committee had accompanied the Civic Trust officers on a recce in the afternoon.

Ian spoke first. His focus was social and economic. Richard's approach focussed on urban design and conservation.

Discussion and questions followed. The Chairman requested a written precis of the views of the speakers (promised within about ten days) and when received this will be considered at a later meeting.

Both speakers were in favour of seeking listing for Crabble Papermill.

2. CHAIRMAN contd.

* The Victoria Crescent Award.

Arrangements for the presentation are in hand and will be announced shortly.

* Dover Regatta : The Chairman had written congratulations to DTC.

* The Chairman sought and received confirmation that ML and GH had begun collaboration on production of the Newsletter.

3. SECRETARY.

* A personalised invitation to attend meetings of the Rye Conservation Society had been received.

Agreed : Thank Rye C.S. and inform Committee when dates are fixed. LW

* JW had given a copy of the current number of the KFAS Bulletin.

It includes an article questioning the suggested listing of Buckland Papermill.

* Any takers for the 27th Autumn Conference of KFAS ? Sat. 2 Oct.
11.00 a.m. at Tonbridge. Names to AJW.

4. TREASURER

The Financial Statement to date (two months) was presented in writing.

Newsletter costs had increased by £50 but action by BA reversed this.

Newsletter advertising accounted for £185 and JL was congratulated on running all summer outings, with each making a surplus.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

One new member recruited: Mr. Robert Taylor : Priory Lodge, Effingham Street. (He restored the cemetery Chapel.) Introduced by GH.

4 Deaths of members : Tom Manton Hugh Bax Helen Williams John D oddart
Highest number allotted : 734. No new members recruited at the Pageant.
Eleven new members are needed to break even. Efforts to recruitment needed.

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

No changes to report on the proposed programme.

The Tonbridge excursion had to be cancelled for lack of support. Holiday season?

The Town Centre manager to address a meeting : to be arranged

TS JW

The proposed date for the AGM 2000 seems to be the Easter Bank Holiday. JW, JC.

7. KFAS, PLANNING and Local Government.

In the absence of JW, committee members were in posession of his Notes for this meeting and his Minutes of the 34th meeting of the Planning sub-committee of 1 Sep.99.

The Chairman explained and commented these, item by item.

It remained to decide whether to proceed to seek listing for Crabble Papermill.

Agreed : to ask Clive Alexander whether DDC has listed. If not, we will seek listing.

TS

Assisted by DL and JC

Agreed : Any comment on the Local Plan Report will be made by the Planning sub-committee, without further consultation.

Note was taken of the planning application, made by DHB, for change of use, the R.C.P.Y.C. to become office accommodation.

8. EDITOR

11 Oct. : deadline for Newsletter No. 36.

Contribution re Cruise Liner :

TS

The Essay Competition.

5 belated entries from DGGS (only) Not of high standard.

Winner chosen. The President will present the prize at an agreed date in Dec.

9. PRESS SECRETARY

No report.

10. PROJECTS

Congratulations and thanks to all concerned in the Pageant, (Surplus : £93.96.) Excellent photographs circulated.

MMcF reported that there was some pressure to advance the next Pageant from 1008 to 1002.

Projects : refurbishing the gooseneck crane and bollards will be organised .

There was no other business and the meeting ended at 10.08 p.m.

Date of next meeting : Thursday. 14 Oct. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.