

The Dover Society.

Minutes of the 159th meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday 12 Sept. 2002 at St Paul's Parish Room, Dover.

Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Mr & Mrs Gordon; Mr Leach; Mr Liggett; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton (Chmn); Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford; Mr Wraight.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Dr Hale; Dr. Lane; Mrs Lilley.

Minutes

Minutes of the 158th meeting held on 11th July. 02. had been circulated. and were agreed with minor amendments.

Matters Arising:

- a) The Treasurer pointed out that the agreement to pay the Editor a sum for repairing her computer was agreed to be without precedent.
- b) Mr Cope reported that inquiries have been made into the practicalities of such a project. Further informal discussions are to be held. *Riverside walk*
- c) The possible liabilities of the Society's involvement as a Trustee of the Corn Mill was discussed at length. It was agreed that the Corn Mill should be added to the agenda for future meetings.

The Chairman:

Mr Sutton reported that he had received a request from the Dover Express to use the Society's logo for one of their promotions. This was agreed.

The Chairman represented the Society at the following events:- The Refugee Art Exhibition; The dedication of the bells at St Mary's Church; and a meeting on dock pollution at the Town Hall.

He went on to say that both he as Chairman and Mr Leach as V/C have been invited to represent the Society at the Cinque Port Speakers event on Saturday 21st Sept.

He announced that the last of the ten millennium plaques was to be unveiled on Saturday 21st Sept. at the Eagle

Mr Woolford is to represent the Society at the first meeting of the DHB consultative committee on Sept. 26.

Mr Sutton concluded by saying that the Editor had informed him that she wished to relinquish her post after some twelve years of producing the New Letter. After some discussion it was agreed to defer any action until Mrs Lilley was present.

The Secretary:

Mr Naylor said that Mrs Lilley had been invited to represent the Society at a retirement party for a member of the DQC staff. It was agreed that she should go as requested.

The Treasurer:

Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to the following items:- £96 in subs. had been collected. £800 had been paid to the printers for the August edition of the News Letter; £25 has been paid to the CPRE and £10 to KFAS. The trip to the Globe theatre produced a surplus of £35. The French trip was currently short of bookings but could still break even.

Membership Secretary:

Mrs Cope reported that Miss R Matthews of Stanhope Rd. and Mr & Mrs Clive Batchelder of Alkham had joined the Society bringing the current number up to 415.

Projects:

Mr Gordon said that the records copied from the gravestones which were visible were now complete and indexing them was taking place. Mrs Gordon said that arrangements for

opening of the Unitarian chapel in Snaregate St would include a small table where publicity for the Society would be displayed. She asked for support during the two days of opening

Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the last planning S/C and pointed out that an application to build on the Western Heights had been rejected by the DDC planning committee.

He recommended that support be given to the Dover Express campaign to improve the town's public toilets, and said that the inhabitants of Capel were objecting to the erection of a telephone mast in the village.

It appears that a group called Dover Art Scope is campaigning to have pieces of sculpture placed upon the access roads to the port. Their progress will be watched with interest.

Social Secretary:

Mrs Liggett reported that the trip to Agincourt would go ahead but at the moment the numbers just covered costs. However there was the likelihood that more bookings would come in.

The entertainment for the Christmas feast was causing some concern, the Chairman suggested that this year we should confine our efforts to singing carols whilst this met with general approval, further inquiries would continue to be made.

Mr Woolford said that he would prepare a talk on Agincourt which together with quiz he would deliver during the 2003/4 season of talks.

The Editor:

As Mrs Lilley had been unable to attend it was decided to refer to the next meeting her request to stand down.

Publications:

Mr Leach said that £200 had been paid off the loan for publications and that half the total loan had now been repaid. The B. Adams collection had now all been transferred to a secure room in the town hall where cataloguing was taking place. The book plates for the collection have been produced.

A.O.B.

Mr Wraight reported that the Corn Mill was now on course to break even by the end of the current financial year. It was decided that a letter which had been proposed to send to the Charity Commission should be delayed.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21.25 hrs.

Date of next meeting Thursday 10 October 2002