

The Dover Society

The minutes of the 187th meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on Thursday 12th May 2005 in the Parish room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present:

Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr Leach (chmn); Mr Lee; Mrs Liggett, Mrs Lilley, Mr Naylor, Mrs Reidy, Mr Sutton, Capt. Weston, Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from:- Mrs Gordon, Mr McFarnell

3) Minutes:

The minutes of the 186th meeting held on 12th May which had been circulated were agreed.

4) Matters arising from the minutes:

Mrs Cope said that the donor of the picture offered to the society had agreed to our suggestion that it be sold and the proceeds placed in the Society's funds. Mr Sutton said that the question of a liquor licence for St Mary's Hall was being examined by the parish authorities

5) The Chairman

Mr Leach said that he had attended the Zeebrugge Day ceremony and had received several favourable comments on the D/S wreath. The Civic Trust had confirmed that the open days would be on 10th and 11th September 2005. To date five premises in Dover would be open to the public admission free

6) The Secretary

Mr Naylor said that he had received an E-Mail from a village in Yorkshire asking for information about Castlemount School. It appears that letters from a pupil to his mother written in 1894/6 had been discovered and the local History Society was intended to publish them. Mr Sutton volunteered to make the necessary inquiries.

7) The Treasurer

Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following points:-

- 1) during the last month £1,562 was collected in subs for the this financial year and £4 in donations
- 2) £150 was paid to the Civic Trust for our annual registration and £230 for insurance.
- 3) £54.51 was spent on postage and stationary. Most of this on printing of inserts for the Newsletter
- 4) The AGM costs have still to be completed but the profit from the raffle came to £118 possibly a Society record. The sale of refreshments was also high. The completed account will be in next months report.
- 5) Forward bookings for the summer outings are coming in except for France. Destination still to be announced
- 6) The auditors have written to say that the free issue of the Budge Adams Memorial Book does NOT prohibit us from claiming 'gift aid'. Good News!!!
- 7) The sub of £5 now due for the Western Heights Preservation Society. It was agreed we pay.
- 8) Advertising in the Newsletter brought in £137 and the sale of four Newsletter an additional £4.. The cost of the Newsletter amounted to £697.35. £650 for printing and £47.35 for postage to out of town subscribers

8) Membership Secretary:-

Mrs Cope said that there were twelve new members this month. They are :- Mr & Mrs Bates of Elms Vale Rd; Mrs Jean Baldwin of Tower Hamlets Rd; Mrs Catherine Denison of Maison Dieu Rd; Mr Simon & Mrs Claire Crowley of Tersons; Mrs D. Hearn of Temple Ewell; Mrs Langley of Durham Close;

Mrs Justine Laws Of Folkestone Rd (Dover College); Mr & Mrs Munday of Castle St; Mr Patrick Sharratt partner of existing member.

Total members now 456. Mrs Cope said that having organised the raffle for a long time she now wished to relinquish the post. Mr Leach thanked her for her long and very successful service, Mrs Reidy volunteered to take over the job.

9) Projects;

Mr Cope said that the Cowgate was looking well all neat and tidy, and sought permission to buy a new strimmer £180 this was agreed

Capt. Weston asked if the Tree project could be moved to the Project agenda. Agreed.

River Dour. Talks on the constitution were still taking place. The next meeting of the steering committee 23 May There is to be a meeting of interested parties concerned with the 'Precinct Trees' on 7th June.

10) Social Secretary.

Mrs Liggett said that the numbers required for the outings were coming in and that the numbers for the first outing to Chartwell covered the costs.

She said that there was a vacancy for a speaker for the January 2006 meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to invite suggestions from the committee for suitable speakers

11) Planning & Local Govt

Mr Woolford apologised for the lack of minutes for the last planning S/C meeting due to a fault on his computer. He said that a letter had been sent to the Municipal Charities seeking a meeting.

That a letter had been sent to Tesco referring to the litter around their Whitfield site. He also said that the former home for the elderly - Bushy Ruff - had received planning permission for conversion to 15 flats.

Finally he reported that an AMEC representative had spoken to the Planning S/C about further development at Whitfield

12) Web Site

In the absence of Mr McFarnell it was reported that the society's web site had received 487 'Hits' this year

13) The Editor

Mr Lee was introduced to the Committee and Mr Leach welcomed him and hoped that he would enjoy the post. Mrs Lilley said that she would be available to help in the production of the next Newsletter if required.

14) Publications

Mr Leach said that the invoice from the printers for the reprint of the B Adams memorial book had not yet arrived. The work on the slides was still on going.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.49 hrs.

Date of the next meeting Thursday 9 June..