

# The Dover Society

Minutes of the meeting of the E/C held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr & Mrs Hooper - Sherratt; Mr Leach ( Chmn); Mrs Morris; Mr Naylor; Mrs Rapley; Mr Sutton; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr Lee; Mrs Marsh; Mr McFarnell; Mr Sencicle; Capt. Weston.
- 3) Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July which had been circulated, were approved with minor amendments
- 4) Matters Arising: The Council had indicated that there were no plans for a Flag Pole at the Bleriot site. A letter to be sent requesting provision of tricolour. DHB confirmed that a speaker would be available for the November public meeting.. They also said that it was intended to re-site the Clock Tower. The DDC have approved funds for the pruning of Trees in Cowgate.
- 5) The Chairman. Mr Leach said that he had received a book about Dover from Mary Morrison a former citizen of Dover . After the general perusal by the members it was decided to ask if it was freely available Mr Leach said that he had attended a meeting with 'worthies' from Dover and reps. from Ostend which discussed memorials in Ostend. Support agreed. A letter had been received from a member suggesting that a record be made of the graves in St James Cemetery which were destroyed or damaged by enemy action. A discussion followed and it was agree that Mr Martyn Webster, a well known expert, on Dover's grave yards be asked to list those lost in St Mary's. The Rolls Centenary. Inquiries are taking place.. A letter had been received from the Mayor asking for a meeting to discuss changes to the Town Hall .
- 6) The Secretary: Mr Naylor said that he had received a letter from a member drawing our attention to the lack of cleanness of the Town and to the large screen in the Market Square. The letter had been discussed and answered by the Planning S/C. He then announced that he would be giving up his post as Hon. Secretary at the next AGM.
- 7) The Treasurer. In the absence of Capt. Weston the Chairman gave out the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following points left by the Treasurer.
  - 1) Subs received £84.00
  - 2) Received £ 40 in donations
  - 3) Newsletter advertising £31.50.
  - 4) Newsletter costs £695 for printing, £33.64 postage etc.
  - 5) Normal printing postage and stationery costs £16.37
  - 6) Groombridge Place outing profit £50Anonymous donation to the project fund of £250
- 8) Membership Secretary. Mrs Cope said that there were no new members and that the total stood at 422.
- 9) Projects: Mr Cope said that the mower had broken down at Cowgate and was being repaired. The River Dour Committee were holding a public meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- 10) Social Secretary: Mrs Hooper said that the Christmas Feast was proceeding satisfactorily. And the trip to Down House was in profit.. She said that she had found the summer outings a trial and would like to be relieved of them although she was prepared to continue with the winter events. This led to a discussion as to whether the summer trips were worth keeping. The outcome was that next year it was agreed that there .

would be only one. There was then a further discussion about future speakers for the winter events which culminated in agreement that Mr Tony Fielding should be invited to speak if there is a suitable free date.

- 11) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford gave out copies of the minutes of the last meeting of the planning S/C. and suggested that discussion on the 'Sea Change' proposals wait until after DHB's/S presentation which is to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> September. As it is expected that any changes to the original plans will be made known
- 12) The Editor. Mr Lee was not present but a suggestion was made that an item of 'what Dover was and what it is now' could be considered for perhaps a short series of articles. He left notice that he required an article on the trip to Down House for the next edition.
- 13) AOB. Mr Sherratt raised the question of Dover's eye sores and produced a lengthy report which he proposed to send to the Council. it is however available for perusal by any interested members .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15 hrs.