

The Dover Society

Minutes of the meeting of the E/C which was held on Thursday 12 November 2009 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr & Mrs Hooper - the posSherratt Mr Lee; Mr Leach (chmn) Mrs Marsh; Mrs Morris; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mrs Rapley; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies: For the first time for a long period there were no absentees
- 3) The minutes of the meeting of the ~~18th~~ November which had been circulated were agreed.
- 4) Matters Arising. St Mary's have agreed to a plaque being placed on the wall of the church hall Papers covering private property have been sent to Mr Sherratt. Mr Sherratt distributed copies of the proposed general principles and modus operandi of the newly constituted S/c. There followed a long discussion and final agreement of the proposals. *? letter to council*
- 5) The Chairman Mr Leach said that he had been unable to find a list of Listed Buildings in Dover the search to be continued. A questionnaire has been received from the police concerning illegal cycling and the possibility of the imposition of instant fines. An inquiry has been received seeking information about HMS Glatton Mr Sutton to reply. The Dover Library has announced that they wish to review their stock and have asked the Society to find a new home for their stock. (Mostly inherited from Budge Adams). A new home is being sought first choice East Kent Archives. A letter from the Civic Society set out the new rules for members after a discussion Mr Woolford is to draft a reply. Mr Wanstall, a member, drew attention to the removal of a 'listed' pillar box from the Sea Front. A discussion followed when it was pointed out that the box in question had been badly damaged and had been replaced by a current model.
- 6) The Secretary. Mr Naylor pointed out that the next meeting would be on the first Thursday in December and not the usual second. A letter from a S/C of the Council said that they are tasked with building a strategy to improve the town's appearance by dealing with empty private property and the opinion of the DOS is sought. The letter was passed to the new S/ C.
- 7) The Treasurer. Capt. Weston gave out the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following points.
 - Subs received in the past month £6
 - Advertising in Newsletter £29.00. £1 from sale of a Newsletter.
 - £50 paid out for Domain name and space on web site..
 - £9.99 paid for flowers to a member injured in road accident.
 - The Downs House outing produced a surplus of £151.
- The annual accounts which have been distributed were approved Proposed By Mr Sutton and Seconded by Mrs Rapley .
- 8) Membership Sec. Mrs Cope said that there were no new members and the total number stood at 422
- 9) Projects: Mr Cope said that the mowing of Cowgate is now complete and there had been a general clean up. was now complete and should be OK until Spring. *New Down*
- 10) Refurbishment Sub Committee. Mr Sherratt reported that the S/C had held two meetings and had produced a draft constitution. The E/C congratulated the the S/C on the progressed made in such a short time and approved the draft.

11) Social Secretary Mrs Hooper- Sherratt Said that 31 members had booked for the Christmas Feast After a short discussion it was agreed that the Mayor and Partner should be invited at our expense. Plans for the Wine & Wisdom were on track for February reminder to the members at the next public meetings

12) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford drew attention to the minutes of the 151st meeting of the S/C which have been distributed. He pointed out that the trees in the Precinct had not been replaced inquiries as to why, has been told because of the recession A comment from our Solicitor dealing with the land on Castle Rise has run into possible problems about the ownership of the land.

13). Press Officer. Mr Sutton reported that there had been an increase in the number of comments concerning the Society in the local papers.

14) Charles Rolls. Still in the early stages of discussion. Cleaning the Statue seems to be one of the first Jobs.

15)A.O.B. Mr Leach asked if he could offer books for sale at the open meeting approved.
Mr McFarnell reported that that there had been 909 visits to our web site during the month of October.
Mr Leach suggested that a leaflet could be prepared setting out the sites of Roman occupation in Dover which could be given out to interested tourists It was agreed that the possibilities would be examined. Some members thought that looking at pieces of asphalt in a busy road might not provoke too much excitement.
Mrs Rapley asked if a reply had been received concerning the inquiries made about Bulwark Mote Further inquiries to be made. The Wreath Layers at he War Memorials were congratulated. There was inquiries made about funds for Lydden Duck Pond. To be looked into

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25 hrs..