

**The Dover Society**  
Minutes of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday 8 April 2010  
at St Paul's Parish Room, Dover

**Attending:**

Derek Leach – Chair, Jeremy Cope, Sheila Cope, Dr Hale, Alan Lee, Mike McFarnell, William Naylor, Pat Sherratt, Jack Woolford

**Apologies:**

Patricia Hooper-Sherratt, Jean Marsh, Maureen Morris, Georgette Rapley, Alan Sencicle, Terry Sutton, Mike Weston,

**Minutes from the last meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held 11 March, which had been circulated by email, were agreed as correct.

**Matters arising:**

- **Castle Rise** - There had been a reply to our letter to the occupants of Castle Rise, but needless to say they do not agree with our proposals. It was agreed that we go ahead to having the piece of land officially recognised as a public right of way.. Discussion to continue with Mr Sherrad Solicitor about the way ahead. A resolution to this effect is on the agenda for the AGM.
- **Lydden Pond** - It was decided to take no further action.
- **The 'Big Screen'** - Inquiries regarding running costs have been unsatisfactory. It was agreed no further action.

**Chairman's Report**

Mr Leach said that a request to DTC from Lorraine Sencicle for refurbishment of the Charlton School plaque had been passed to The Society. It was agreed that the Chairman should seek views and possible financial support from Charlton School and Charlton Church.

Our support was sought for a Downing Street petition to ensure demolition of Burlington House. This was agreed.

An offer has been made by the magazine 'Dover Life' for The Society to provide free of charge a page of text in each edition. This was agreed. Suggestions for the August edition were invited by the Chairman.

Mr Leach then proposed that 'listing' be sought for the radar masts at St Margaret's before they are destroyed. This was agreed

Following the withdrawal of ASDA from the DTIZ scheme, David Hannent had resurrected his 'Lanes' piecemeal scheme requiring no lead developer. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to DDC supporting the general principle and urging public consultation about what they would like to see on the site. In the meantime the site should be improved with landscaping, parking and better access to town.

**Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of Capt. Weston, Mr Cope gave out the monthly Financial Report and drew attention to the following points:

- £780 received in Subs.
- £173.31 paid out for postage printing and stationary.
- £36 paid to the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day wreaths.
- The March meeting made a loss of £ 15.59.

**Membership Secretary's Report**

Mrs Cope said that there are seven new members this month. They are David & Joy <sup>Mayn</sup> ~~Mayn~~ of River; Harry & Molly Hutchison of the Gateway; David & Nancy Sheasby of the Gateway and Mrs Agnes Walker of Whitfield. The total number of members is now 431.

**Projects**

- Cowgate - Mr Cope reported that the Cowgate party had good weather and so the work had made good progress.
- Dour - Work on river litter clearance is due to start at the end of April.

#### **Sub-committee for the refurbishment of Dover**

Mr Cope said that they had been very busy. Contact had been made with Clive Alexander about the listed buildings in Dover and a reply is expected soon. A letter had been sent to Rail Track drawing attention to the amount of litter on their property. Inquiries have been made about the refurbishment of the pond in Connaught Park. It is expected to be expensive.

#### **Planning & Local Government**

Mr Woolford went through the minutes of the last meeting of the S/C and pointed out that advice on the Castle Rise case was provided by Mr Sherrad the Solicitor on a pro bono basis for which we are most grateful.

#### **Editor's Report**

There was a long discussion on how to encourage tourists to Roman Dover as most of the remains are underground. There are however a large number of artefacts discovered over the years which may provoke interest. It was agreed that a Roman trail leaflet should be considered with DTC when they take over responsibility for Tourism from DDC. It was also agreed that our Historic Plaque trail leaflets should be offered to the Cruise terminal (DAL), Cruise bus (MMcF) AND Castle Museum(AL). Future prints should include the Pattenden plaque and if printed on standard-sized paper could be printed free of charge by DDC.

#### **AOB**

Mr Sherratt asked why the crosses carried through the town on Good Friday were not erected on top of the Western Heights as usual. Mr Leach undertook to find out.

There being no further Business the meeting closed at 21.05hrs.