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3 (a) Matters arising from 9 May

Peverley/ Welby publication.

J.G. , J.C. , and P.K. were to report.

The Chairman reported that he anticipated an even larger sponsorship from the Harbour Board.

A revised title was being considered :
" Anti-Napoleonic Fortifications "

Roger Madge, Head of D.D.C Tourism and Marketing Unit approves the publication and would share in the launch. Suggests enlisting a military big-shot.

Peter Johnson had given his opinion that the publication is " unworthy of the Dover Society. "

J.G. being absent, his report is awaited.

J. Cope wanted to assess the publication in the light of the question : " What are the Society's aims in general and, in particular, with reference to the Western Heights ? "

He would like a second, professional opinion on viability and quality.

He saw possible problems concerning terms of business, financial risk, distribution and storage.

He recommended deferring decisions until the return of J.G.

P. Kennedy expressed herself as disappointed with the quality of the publication. She considers it not well written as it stands. Inaccuracies of detail could be corrected but, fundamentally, it needs re-writing.

The James A. Johnson controversy is of very limited interest today. The White Cliffs Project contribution will be quickly dated.

The Chairman countered all the criticisms. He re-iterated the genesis and purpose of the publication.

He said it was addressed to three publics :
Military Historians
Environmental Societies
Tourists/ General Public

Before discussion ended suggestions were made that Brig. Atherton or John Iveson or Barry Smith might be considered as possible consultants.

Resolution : To postpone the decision whether or not to proceed with publication until the next meeting, where this might be voted on. This awaits John Gerrard's report and enables all members to see the full text and the second mock-up.