

Meeting of The Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms 19 January 1897
At 7 pm

Mr Geo. Comey presided and there were also present Messrs. Fletcher, Deacon, Fowle, Mason, Beadle, Brazier, Burke, Hodgkinson, Godfrey, and Hawks.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence

Letters were read from.

1. C. T. Hook & Co Ltd ref gas lamp in the Holborough Road.
2. Malling Rural District Council.
Ref. 1. Cemetery Path.
2 Bramley Road.
3 Willow Walk.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the District Council that this Council had no objection to the diversion of the footpath in the Bramley Road.

3. South Eastern Railway Comp. Re 10.10 down train.
4. Basil Holmes (Victoria Open Spaces) Clerk instructed to acknowledge the receipt thereof.
5. Mr. Sharpe re. afternoon postal (3 o'clock) Delivery.
6. Birling Parish Council as annexation.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the new arrangement be acknowledged with thanks and that application be made for a later collection. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Reports of Committee.

Cemetery committees report read by Mr. Burke.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved that the following articles be supplied for the use of the Caretaker. Seeds to the value of 9/10 ½. Bodge; 1 qrt oil, Thermometer, small watering can, bracket and shelves, rough boards for potting shed and 3 chaldrons of Coke.

Report of Finance Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson read the report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved that the following account be paid.

1. Hayman. Coal & Coke	16 - 0
2. Hilder, T. Jr Brigade Drill Bks.	11 - 10
3. Hook C.T. & Co. 1 qrs gas account	31 - 17 - 6
4. Hilder T Land Tax	10

5. Draycon repairs to lamps.	1 - 11 - ?
6. Souter plans for greenhouse.	1 - 1 - 0
7. Mid Kent Water Comp' Stop Cock.	15 - 0
8. " Fire Ext' app ?	14 - 15 - 0
	<u>£ 51 - 8 - ?</u>

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Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the outstanding accounts of the Bridge Committee amounting to £5 - 9 - 0 be paid out of the Brook fund and that permission be asked of the parish meeting to be carried.

Testing the Lights.

The Clerk was instructed to make inquiries & report to next meeting re. Apparatus to testing the illuminating power of the gas used in the parish lamps.

Audit of Lighting acc[ount]s

Messrs. Hodgkinson & Godfrey were appointed to audit the balance sheet of the Lighting Committee which was found correct.

Mr. Burke proposed & Mr. Mason. Seconded that the balance sheet of the Lighting Committee be adopted as read & presented to the Parish meeting on the 26th next. Carried.

Sum to be asked for Lighting Purposes.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the parish meeting be asked to vote the sum of £215 for the purposes of the Lighting Act during the current year. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Geo. Comey.
Feb' 23rd. 1897.

Meeting of the Council Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday Feb 23rd 1897 at 7 pm

Mr. Comey in the chair and there were also present Messrs Deacon, Hollands, Godfrey, Mason, Fletcher, Fowle, Beadle, Brazier, Roberts, Hawks and Mr. Cobham surveyor to the Essex Land Co'.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Deacon proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that the standing orders be suspended in order to discuss the plans of the new building estate. Mr. Cobham being present to explain them and to consider any suggestion for their improvement which might emanate from the Council.

Mr. Roberts proposed that the Council express approval of the plans submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Mason & Carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed & Mr. Roberts seconded that this Council Having inspected the plans of the new building estate approved of them and recommend their adoption by the District Council. Carried unanimously.

Cemetery Committee

Reports of Committee.

Mr. Burke reported that the Cemetery Committee recommended the white washing and papering of the Caretakers House.

It was decided to request the Committee to inspect the house and report to the next Council Meeting what they recommended to be done.

Brook

Mr. Deacon proposed that about 25 Willow Trees be planted on the Brook by the Caretaker of the cemetery. This was seconded by Mr. Fowle and carried.

The Brigade Committee

Mr. Beadle reported that the Messrs Hook were prepared to give a lease of the Brigade Depot to date from Ladyday.

The requisites of the Fire Brigade equipment left over to future meeting.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the remaining eleven Hydrants be placed in at once. This was seconded by Mr. Deacon and carried unanimously

Letters from the Sub Fire Office submitted by Mr. Brazier stating that five guineas had been forwarded by that office for the Fire Brigade fund.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt with best thanks.

Correspondence

Letter from Mr. Sharp Postmaster at Rochester re. Late collections.

2. Letter from Ryarsh Parish Council re. Resolutions respecting public footpaths. It was decided to allow the letter to lie on the table.

3. Letter from the Water Co' re. the cock of the Cemetery water supply. Mr. Godfrey proposed that the charge of 30/- be paid. This was seconded by Mr. Hollands and carried.

4. Letter from the Local Government Board re. Election of the Parish Councillors for 1897.

Mr. Deacon proposed that all expression of disapproval of the present system of election by show of hands be sent to the Local Government Board.

This was seconded by Mr. Brazier and carried. Messrs Brazier, Deacon, Hollands, Roberts, Beadle, Godfrey, Mason & Hawks voting for such. Messrs. Burke, Fletcher & Fowler against it.

Mr. Deacon's Motion.

Mr Deacon in accordance with previous notice of motion re. Closing the Churchyard, stated that 4 out of every 5 funerals take place in the Churchyard and that he understood the Rector had no power to refuse to bury in the Churchyard. Moreover the ground used for burials at present in the Churchyard is liable to slip into the river and therefore unsafe for interments to take place there.

He proposed That application be made to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Home Affairs to close the Churchyard, and that a letter be sent to the Rector of Snodland stating what has been done.

This was seconded by Mr. J. Hollands.

Mr. Burke moved an amendment that the resolution stand over & in the meantime that the Council meet at the spot in the Churchyard and invite the Rector to attend and determine what had better be done in the matter. This was seconded by Mr. Mason & carried.

It was decided to meet on Tuesday next at 4pm March 2nd.

Mr. Beadle proposed & Mr. Mason seconded that a cheque for four guineas be drawn to pay the Caretakers wages. Carried.

Geo. Comey.
March 16th 1897.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday
March 16th 1897 at 7pm

Mr. G. Comey occupied the chair and there were also present, Messrs Hodgkinson, Brazier, Mason, Beadle, Fowle, Fletcher, Godfrey, Hollands, Deacon, Burke & Hawks.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of the Brook Committee.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Council recommend the Parish Meeting to turn Cattle on the Brook on the 1st of April. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that Edward Wray be appointed gatekeeper for the season at a salary of four guineas. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Brazier proposed and Mr. Holland seconded and it was resolved that Mr. Deacon be appointed to collect the said money this year.

Mr. Deacon stated that Mr. Hyde had offered on behalf of Col' Holland to put a fence by the ditch to prevent Cattle getting into the Allotments if the Council would pay one third of the cost.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that this offer be accepted.

Letter from Mr. Allison re. Repair of Willow Walk – stating that as the Council had repaired the path in the past they were liable to repair it in the future.

Mr. Burke proposed that application be again made to the District Council to repair the Willow Walk.

This was seconded by Mr. Fowle & carried.

Cemetery Committee

Mr. Burke reported that a Cemetery Committee meeting was held at the Cemetery on Monday Mar' 15th. It recommended the Council to have the whole of the Caretakers house whitewashed, papered, painted coloured and varnished. The mat in Chapel being too thick to allow the door to open & shut, the Caretaker was advised to take it into the house & use it for a time. It also recommended the purchase of 6 Casts of pots and that the ? be placed out in the Cemetery on the 1st April. Mr. Burke proposed that the report be adopted. This was seconded by Mr. Fletcher & carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed & Mr. Hollands seconded and it was resolved to invite Messrs. Draycon, Wilford, Norman & Langridge to tender for the work at the Cottage at

Report of Finance Committee.

Mr. Mason proposed that the following accounts be paid

Meetings in National School	7-6
Willfords Bill – work on Brook	3-13-4
Haymens Bill – Coke	1- 4-0
Langridges Bill – Greenhouse	25-13-9/30-7-61/2
do do - Notice Board	56- 1- 3 ½
Wrays Bill - Manure	1- 18- 0
Moores Bill – Cemetery Requisites	12-0
Water Rate -	10-6
Hawks Bill - Gravel	1-10-0
Hilders Bill - Stamps, Stationery	1- 8-0
Seeds	14-8
Meetings in Devonshire Rooms	9-10 1/2
Willfords Bill - Boards etc	3-17-6
	<u>1-10-0</u>
	<u>£73-16-81/2</u>

And that a receipt under the Burial Acts be issued on the overseers for £20. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the water supply to the Cemetery be discontinued the water being used by the Cottage only. Mr. Fletcher seconded & it was carried.

Fire Brigade Report

Mr. Beadle, Captain of the Fire Brigade read the report.

Its recommendations to the Council were the purchase of –

1. A “Metropolitan” hose cart. £13-10- 0
2. 12 belts with hatchet pouch & hammer and lifeline attached @ 12/9
3. 12 pairs of boots (Randells) @22/6

4. ½ doz' Canvas buckets	18/-
5. 1 doz' straps for hose	12/-
6. 4 blocks & straps & 120ft hose	26/-
7. Rich? Broom	1/6
8. Hair Broom	3/-
9. Scrubbing Brush	1/-
10. Felling Axe	7/-
11. Crowbar 4 1/2ft	5/6
12. Spade	3/-
13. Fire Shovel	1/6
14. Hand Saw	5/6
15. Oil Can & Bottle	3/-
16. Shifting Spanner 14" old type	14/-
17. Punch with 3 3/8 letter	4/6
18. 25ft Pole & Hook	10/0

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that all the items with the exception of the boots be purchased. Carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the Council empower the Brigade Committee to purchase boots leaving the fund from which payment is to be made open. Mr. Mason seconded & carried.

Correspondence

The letter from the Local Government Board in answer to letter of disapproval of election of Councillors by show of hands.

Adjourned Motion re. Closing of Churchyard

Mr. Deacon reported the result of the meeting in the Churchyard when the Rector was present.

The Rector expressed himself strongly in opposition to any interference by the Parish Council with his management of the Churchyard, and pointed out that there was room for about 20 more graves.

Mr. Deacon contended the Churchyard was full & that the digging of fresh graves disturbed the bones of old internments and moved that application be made to the Home Secretary to close the Churchyard on the grounds that it was full.

This was seconded by Mr. Hollands and carried.

Miss Gorham's Headstone

Mr. Davis, Monumental Mason of Strood submitted plan of Headstone & Kerb with proposed inscription.

Mr. Beadle proposed & Mr. Brazier seconded that the plan be accepted. Carried.

It was decided to have Parish Meeting on Thursday 25th next.

Mr. Fletcher proposed Mr. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Roberts for repairing the footpath leading to the Cemetery.

Geo. Corney.

April 20th 1896 [*recte* 1897].

**The 3rd Annual Parish Council Meeting was held
at the Devonshire Rooms, on Monday, April 20th
at 7 p.m.**

? declaration

Messrs Corney, Godfrey, Brazier, Burke, Fowle, Fletcher, Hodgkinson, Mason, Hawks, H. Beadle, E. Beadle & Deacon were present and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Election of Chairman

Mr Hodgkinson was elected to the chair pro tem to elect the Chairman.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. George Corney be re-elected chairman of the Council. Carried unanimously.

Mr George Corney then took the chair and thanked the Council for the honour they had again done him in electing him to the chair.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Overseers

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded that Messrs Hodgkinson and H. Beadle be elected overseers from inside the Council. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that Messrs Holman and Roberts be elected overseers from outside the Council. Carried unanimously.

Election of vice chairman

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that Mr. Hodgkinson be elected Vice Chairman. Carried unanimously.

Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that each Committee consist of five Councillors. Carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that Messrs. Deacon, Brazier, Fowle, Mason and Godfrey form the brook Committee.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Me. E. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that Messrs. Fletcher, Burke, Fowle. H. Beadle and Hawks form a Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Wilford's Absence.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that Mr. Wilford be allowed to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of office at the next meeting of the council. Carried unanimously.

Lighting and Finance Committee

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved that Messrs. Hodgkinson, Deacon, E. Beadle, Brazier and Wilford form the Finance and Lighting Committee.

Fire Brigade.

Mr. H. Beadle reported that Shand Mason & Co had not sent the Hose Cart as ordered. The correspondence on the matter was read. Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to Shand Mason & Co asking them to take the cart back and to supply one similar to the one in the catalogue. Carried.

Cemetery Tender.

Mr. Burke reported that a mistake had been made in the specification of the work to be done in the cottage at the Cemetery, and he wished now to have it rectified. Mr. Beadle suggested that some other work should be done to the buildings outside. Mr. Mason proposed that all the work be embodied in one specification; and tenders issued to those invited before. Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried.

Captain of Fire Brigade.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that Mr. H. Beadle be re-elected Captain of the Fire Brigade. Carried unanimously.

Brook Report.

Mr. Deacon reported that Mr. William Joy had applied for permission to have 3 cattle on the Brook, but he found he had been having on 4, having paid for only 3. He refused to pay for the fourth on the ground that the cattle were not on the Brook the whole time and that the 4 were therefore only equal to 3. Mr. Hodgkinson that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Joy asking him to conform to the rules governing the Brook and to pay the fee for the fourth head of cattle. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was Carried.

Enclosure Act.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Clerk be asked to write for the Enclosure Acts 1845 to 1868 and the Commons Act, 1876, and that the Brook Committee go into the matter at once in order that they might determine the position as to compulsory powers in regard to the Brook. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Repair of Willow Walk.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved to put the Willow Walk in repair at once.

Cheque for Caretakers Wage.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved to draw a cheque for Ten Guineas for Caretakers wages.

Fence by Stream at Holborough.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council asking them to repair the fence by the stream at Holborough. This was seconded by Mr. Beadle and carried.

List of Poor Relief Recipients.

Mr. Deacon proposed that application be made to the Guardians to furnish a list of recipients of Poor Relief once a month to each Overseer. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried. Only Messrs. Burke and Fowle voting against it.

Clerks Salary.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the question of the Clerks salary be decided at this meeting. Carried. Only Messrs. H. Beadle and Deacon voting against it.

Committee of Whole Council.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Council resolve themselves into Committee to consider the Clerks salary. Carried.

The question of the Clerks Salary was fully discussed, the matter having been considered at previous meetings when it was proposed by Mr. Godfrey and seconded by Mr. Burke. "That the Salary of the Assistant Overseer for the ensuing year be raised to £70. Such sum to cover the payment for all services as Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Percy J. Keats acknowledging receipt of cheque for £3-2-0.(re. Bridge).
2. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re. Willow Walk. "The liability to repair this path rests with the owners of the soil".
3. Letter from A.A.Arnold Esq. Bridge Clerk. Re. Election of Bridge Wardens.
4. Letter from Herbert Parsons Esq. Re. Queens Diamond Jubilee. The letter was allowed to lie on the table.
5. Letter from Mr. John Wright. Re. Roadway across the Brook. This was referred to the Brook Committee.

Geo. Comey.
May 18th 1897.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms 18th May 1897.
At 8pm

Mr. George Corney presided and there were also present, Messrs. Brazier, Hodgkinson, H. Beadle, B. Beadle, Hawks, Fowle, Fletcher, Burke, Mason, Deacon & Wilford.

Mr. Wilford signed declaration of acceptance of Office.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Reports of Committees.

Brook Committee.

This Committee recommended the Council to refuse Mr. Wright's application for a roadway across the Brook to the Saltings.

The Willow Walk has been put in repair.

It also recommended the Council to instruct the Clerk to write to the Board of Agriculture for instructions in relation to an application for a provisional order for the regulation of the Brook and stating the following particulars.

1. That the Parish of Snodland has about 77 acres of Common Land.
2. That the inhabitants of Snodland have enjoyed rights of pasture over the Common Land from time immemorial.
3. That various Rules And Regulations have been made by the inhabitants of Snodland at the Vestry meetings from time immemorial for maintaining & repairing the Common Land.
4. That a small fee per head per year has been charged to maintain and repair the Common Land. (present fee 5/- per year).
5. That the Parish Council for Snodland desire to obtain powers to enforce the Rules and Regulations made.
6. That the Lord of the Manor has never exercised any claim or right over the Pasture of Snodland common Land.

Mr. Deacon proposed the adoption of the report which was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Burke read the report of the Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed that the woodwork of House and Chapel remain as it is till the Autumn. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed & Mr. Wilford seconded & it was resolved that 6 bunches of Hoopsticks be purchased for the Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that 12 sign notices be purchased for the Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Caretaker be instructed to work back and fill up the Grave spaces left. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that tenders be asked for the grass in the Cemetery. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that a gate be erected in the N.W. corner of the Cemetery. Lost.

Messrs Fowle, Burke and Fletcher voted for & Messrs Hodgkinson, Godfrey, Deacon, Brazier and Wilford voted against it. Messrs. Mason, H. Beadle, E Beadle, & Hawks remaining neutral.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that the work at the Cemetery not be sub –let. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the fastening on the large gate be made effective. Carried.

Finance Committee

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved that the following a/c be paid, and that a cheque for 6 guineas be drawn for the Caretakers wage.

1. Allison A.J.	Election Expenses.	11-14-9
2. Hilder T.	Chairmans Expenses	5-0
3. Water Rate for Cemetery & Fire Station.		6-0
4. Flower Pots.	Holman. T.R.	15-0
5. Insurance.		10-0
6. Poor & Lighting Rates.		17-3
7. Hook C.T. & Co	19 ? Gas	31-17-6
8. Burge H.	Straps for Brigade	14-0
9. S.E. Ref cost	Carriage of Hose Cart	3-9
	Total	£47-13-9

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded that the Felling Axe ordered for the Fire Brigade be changed and that Mr. Moore be asked to supply.

6 Double Whistles, Polish, Dusters & Leathers, Vaseline & 7lbs of Cotton Waste for cleaning implements. 6 Keys of Fire station to be distributed among the members of the brigade, to be supplied by builder and that a box be placed on the door of the Fire Station with glass front enclosing key – to ensure any-one on emergency to procure key. Carried.

Receipts Mr. Mason.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded and it was resolved that a receipt for £85 under the Burials Act, and a receipt for £15 for the Parish Council expenses be issued on the Overseers.

Tenders for work at Cemetery.

The following tenders for the work at the Cemetery were opened.

Langridge R.B.	£8-15-0
Norman E.	£6- 0-0
Draycon H	£5- 8-4

Mr. Deacon proposed that Mr. H. Draycon tender be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried unanimously.

Tablet in the Cemetery.

Mr. Paterson made application for the permission to place a tablet on the grave of John Davis, the design and inscription for which were submitted to the Council.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the inscription be allowed. Mr. H. Beadle seconded. Carried. Messrs. E. Beadle. H. Beadle, Fowle, Hawks, Wilford and Deacon voting for, & Messrs. Fletcher, Hodgkinson & Corney against it. While Messrs. Brazier, Godfrey & Mason remained neutral.

Jubilee Arrangements.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that a public meeting be called by the Council to consider what steps shall be taken to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Mr. Mason seconded & carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed this meeting be held on Tuesday the 25th next at the institute at 8pm. & that 50 hand bills be printed & posted in the Parish. Mr. Deacon seconded. Carried.

Correspondence.

Letter from Malling Parish Guardians stating that a list of persons in receipt of poor relief would be sent to the Overseers each half year. Michaelmas & Ladyday.

Letter from Shand & Mason asking to have the Hose Cart refurnished & promising to send one similar for engraving as soon as possible.

Geo. Corney
June 29th 1897

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms 29th June 1897
At 8pm.

Mr. George Corney presided and there were also present Messrs'. Brazier. E. Beadle, Wilford. Deacon, Mason. Hodgkinson, Burke, Fletcher, Hawks, H. Beadle, Godfrey & Fowle.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The Chairman ruled that the Clerk order everything that the Council decide to purchase.

Reports of Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson read the reports of the Finance Committee.
It suggested that Mr. Moores bill be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee for verification and that the bill for Boots Messrs' Randall & Co stand over till next meeting & the Clerk to submit a statement of the lighting A/C.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Cheques be drawn to pay the following A/C's.

Messrs' Hook C.T & Co	Fuel	£3-0-0
Prudential Insurance Co	Loan	£52-19-6
	Total.	£55-19-6

Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

Letter from Board of Agriculture respecting the application for a provisional order for the Regulation of the Brook, and it's probable cost.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded that the whole question be allowed to stand over for the present. Carried unanimously.

Tenders for the Grass.

Two tenders for grass were opened.

Mr. W. H. Tilbrook	£1-0-0
Mr. W. Cunningham.	£1-0-0

Mr. Deacon proposed & Mr. Brazier seconded and it was resolved that Mr. Cunningham's tender of £1 for the grass in the Cemetery be accepted.

Lease for Fire Station.

The draft lease between Messrs' Hook and the Council for the hire of the Fire Brigade Station was read and approved and the Clerk was asked to prepare the Lease.

Geo. Corney
August 1897.

**Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms 31st Aug' 1897
At 7.30pm**

Mr. Geo. Corney presided and there were also present Messrs. Brazier. E.Beadle, H. Beadle, Fletcher, Burke, Mason, Wilford, Deacon, Fowle and Hodgkinson.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of the Finance Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee showed the following accounts were owing.

Messrs' C.T. Hook & Co	Gas	£31-17-6
" " " " " " "	"	£ 1-10
C.W. Hines	Repair of Tools	£ 1- 0
Thos' J. Moore.	Tools etc	£ 4 - 5 - 4
H. Draycon	Painting etc	£6- 7- 8
W. Wickenden	Stakes	10- 0
W.Young	Box & ?	13- 3
Water rates		6- 0

Mid Kent Water Company	Hydraulics	£61- 15- 0
Audit Stamp		£ 3- 0- 0
Caretakers Wages		£15- 15- 0
	Total	£125- 6- 1

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that Cheques be drawn to pay the above A/C's. Carried.

Report of Fire Brigade.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was resolved today for the Boots out of the subscribed money.

Mr. Beadle submitted specimens and prices of new uniforms from Shand Mason & Co. Tunic £1-10-0-. Trousers 16/-. Mr. Deacon proposed that the sanction of the Council be given for the purchase of the Uniforms. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried unanimously.

Goddens Charity Trust.

Mr. Deacon reported that Mr. Sillibourne, the tenant of the Goddens Charity land had applies to the Birling Trustees to pay half the "Scots"

The Birling Trustees had agreed to allow half the "Scots" for one year, and asked the Snodland Trustees to agree to it also. As it had been a matter of urgency, the Snodland Trustees had agreed to allow 1/8 the "Scots" for this year, amounting to 4/- per acre.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Cemetery Committee

This report recommended the Council to supply the Caretaker with Manure, Weed killer and Coal and Coke.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that half a dozen loads of manure for use in the Cemetery. Carried.

The "Weed killer" was referred back to the Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that 2 Chaldrons of Coke and 5cwt of Coals be purchased for use at Cemetery. Carried.

Correspondence.

Letter from County Council. Re. annexation of Lower Birling asking for Map and description of New Boundary. The Clerk submitted map and the description of New Boundary.

2. Letter from Mr. Moore submitting price and plate of 'notices' for Cemetery. Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the question be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

3. Letter from Assistant County Surveyor calling attention to Lamp Column in the Holborough Road. Mr. Deacon Proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Column be removed to the inside of the new Kerb and that the company be asked to do it. Carried.

Receipt to Overseers.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that a receipt for £145 be issued on the Overseers for the purposes of the Lighting Act. Carried.

Signing of Lease.

The Lease for the Fire Brigade Station was signed.

Application of Caretaker.

The Caretaker made application for increase of wages.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the question be referred to the Cemetery Committee to report there on at the next meeting. Carried.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Fowle in accordance with previous Notice of Motion proposed that a record be entered in the Minutes of the Council of the Queens Jubilee Commemoration in Snodland.

Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee was commemorated in Snodland by giving a dinner to 150 old people of 60yrs of age and upwards, by public subscription in the Devonshire Rooms on the 30th day of June. The Misses Hook of Veles at the same time very kindly presented 60 Jubilee Cushions to those nearest to the age of the Queen. 30 to the Men and 30 to the Women.

On July 14th an amalgamated fete was given to 1100 school children in Mr. Champions Park.

On this occasion Mr. W.L.H. Roberts presented each Child with a Jubilee Mug.

Jubilee Memorial

The Clerk reported that at a Public Meeting held on the 3rd August in the Institute, a Committee consisting of the whole of the Parish Council and 13 other Gentlemen was appointed to investigate various schemes for a permanent Jubilee Memorial in the Parish and report to a Parish Meeting.

1st Meeting of Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the first meeting of the Committee take place in the Devonshire Rooms on the 21st approximate at 8pm. Carried.

Watering Sheets.

Mr. Corney suggested that application be made to the District Council for proviso to water the Roads in Snodland next Summer.

Mr. Fowle proposed that this question be referred to a small Committee of 5 to consider and report. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Mason proposed that the Finance Committee act as this Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried..

Mr. H. Beadle moved an Amendment that the Committee be chosen from the Council. Mr. Fowle seconded. Lost.

Footpath across Rectory Meadows.

Mr. Deacon proposed that a letter be written to the District Council calling attention to the dangerous state of the footpath across the Rectory Meadow, the earth on each side of the bridge over the stream being broken away and the place become dangerous. Mr. Fletcher seconded. Carried.

Waghorn Road

Mr. E. Beadle proposed that a letter be written to the Rochester Land and General Investment Co. Ltd calling their attention to the very bad state of the Waghorn Road, and asking them to compel the owners to put the road in a proper state of repair, if they had the power to do so. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle & carried.

Noise in Queens Meadow

Mr. Deacon proposed that a letter be written to Messrs' Leney & Sons asking them to take steps to abate the nuisance of the noise caused by playing Organs etc in the Queen Meadow.

This was seconded by Mr. Fowler and carried.

Geo. Corney
28th Sept' 1897.

**Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms 28th Sept' 1897
At 8pm.**

Mr. Geo. Corney presided and there were also present. Messrs' Godfrey. Brazier. Burke. Hodgkinson, Fowle. H. Beadle, Deacon. Hawks. E. Beadle. Mason & Wilford.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Suspension of S[tandin]g Order to take Mr. Prall's business

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that standing order No 2 be suspended to take Mr. Prall's business re. Diversion of Footpath. Carried.

The Clerk read the correspondence on this question and the plan of the proposed diversion was submitted to the Councillors. Messrs. Prall, Son and Mr. Prall's representative was present also and gave sundry explanations in answer to various questions.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the sanction of this Council be given for the diversion of the footpath at the back of the British Schools, in order that this School may be enlarged by the Misses Hook. Carried.

Correspondence

Letter from the Misses Hook re. signing lease for Fire Station.

2. Letter from the District Council re. Footpath across the Rectory Meadow. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Surveyor, pointing out that a little mistake had been made in the place needing repair, and asking him to call, that the Clerk might show him the exact spot in question.

3. Letter from Kent and Essex Land and General Investment Co. Ltd. re. Lamp Column in the Holborough Road.

4&5. Letter from the City of Rochester Land and General Investment Co. Ltd. re. Repair of Waghorn Road.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to the District Council requesting them to allow their Medical Officer to inspect the road. Carried.

6. Letter from F. Leney & Sons re. Noise in Queens Meadow.

7. Letter from Mr. Prosser acknowledging receipt of map & description of new boundary.

8. Letter from Messrs' C.T. Hook & Co Ltd. re. Removal of lamp column in the Holborough Road.

9. Letter from the Local Government Board asking for a return of all lands required by the Parish Council.

Report of the Finance Committee & Fire Brigade Committee

It recommended that a leather case be purchased for Saw to cost about 5/- or 6/-. Soap. Towels, Bath Brick or monkey brand and 4 pieces of wood, each 1ft long for driving hose. 2 Pairs of Sealing Ladders about 10/- each. " Lamps for signalling purposes and one for the Hose Cart, about 8/6 each. ½ dozen Whistles. Rules for making claims on those who may have occasion to use the Brigade and the Clerk be instructed to invite Shand Mason & Co to take the measure of the members of the Fire Brigade for Uniforms.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved the adoption of the report. Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Cemetery Committee Report.

Mr. Burke read the report of the Cemetery Committee.

It recommended the Council –

1. To increase the wages of the Caretaker 3/- per week.

2. To purchase 12 notices for Cemetery –

“ Please keep off the Grass “

Mr. Fowle proposed that the salary of the Caretaker be increased to 3/- per week. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson.

After a good deal of discussion Mr. Deacon moved an amendment that the Caretaker's salary be increased by 2/- a week. The increased salary is to commence from Monday Oct' 11th.. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that 12 notices be purchased. Carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved to purchase 4 ½ gals of Weed killer for use in the Cemetery.

Election of Trustees re. Charities.

Messrs' Corney and Hollands having retired from the Trusteeship of Goddens Charity.

Mr. Mason proposed and Messrs' Hodgkinson and Corney be elected Trustees of the Godden Charity. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried unanimously.

Messrs' Corney and Burke having retired from the Trusteeship of May's Charity. Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was unanimously resolved that Messrs' Mason and Hodgkinson be elected trustees of the May's Charity. Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Trustees of the Charities for the very effective manner in which they had performed the duties of their trust during the past two years. Carried unanimously.

Cheque for Gatekeeper of the Brook.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a cheque for four Guineas be drawn to pay the Gatekeeper's salary. Carried unanimously.

"The Parish Council for the Parish of Snodland having considered the desire of Miss Maude Midsummer Hook and Miss Agnes Darlington Hook for the diversion and stopping a certain footpath indicated on the plan attached to the application and marked A to B being 46 ft in length and situated in the rear of the British Schools at Snodland in the County of Kent and to substitute therefore footpaths marked C to D containing 38 ft and C to A containing 29ft. The said Council do agree to the said proposal of the said Maude Midsummer Hook and Agnes Darlington Hook. And the Council do, acting under the powers of the Highway Act 1835 and the Acts amending the same, and the Local Government Act 1894, direct the Malling Rural District Council as the Surveyor of Highways for the District within which the said public footpaths are situate to apply to the Justices of the Peace of the said County having jurisdiction within the limits within which the said public footpath or footpaths so proposed to be stopped up and diverted are situate to view the said public footpath or footpaths so proposed to be stopped up and diverted pursuant to the Provisions of the Highways Act 1835 and that a copy of the resolution signed by Mr. Corney, being the Chairman of the meeting be sent to the Clerk of the said Malling Rural District Council.

Geo. Corney.
16th November 1897.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms 16th Nov' 1897
At 7.30 pm

Mr. Geo. Corney presided and there were also present Messrs Deacon, Wilford, Mason, Fletcher, Fowle, Hawks, H. Beadle, E. Beadle, Brazier, Burke and Godfrey.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Brook Committee Report.

Mr. Deacon read the Brook Committee reports.-

The recommendations to the Council were-

1. That all the ditches on the Brook be cleaned out this winter.
2. That the wood in the Willow Walk be sold.

Mr. Deacon stated that the Brook Committee had invited tenders for the wood in the Willow Walk from Mr. Cork of Upper Halling and Mr. Quarrington of the Malling Road.

Only Mr. Quarrington had sent in a tender which when opened proved to be an offer of £3 for the wood.

Mr. Deacon proposed that this offer be accepted.- This was seconded by Mr. Brazier and carried.

The wood to be cleared away by the end of February.

Report of the Finance Committee.

This Committee recommended the Council to pay the following accounts.

Water Rates	Hilder	6 - 0
Poor Rate	--	18 - 0
Sanitary Rate	--	2 - 3
Tithe	--	£1 - 5 - 9
Coal & Coke	Hayman	16 - 0
Weed Killer	Smith	6 - 0
Gas Account	Hook	£31 - 17 - 6
-- --	--	1 - 10
Removing Gas Column	--	15 - 0
Wages Brook	?	£5 - 0 - 0
Wages Cemetery	?	£11 - 11 - 0
	Total	£52 - 19 - 4

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that these accounts be paid.

Carried.

Fire Brigade Committee Report.

Mr. Beadle reported that the Revd. A. Galpin had paid 2/6 each to the Firemen who were on duty at the Bazaar held in the Devonshire Rooms on the 3rd 4th & 5th of November. The Committee recommended the Council to provide.

1. A pole in which to dry the hose.
2. A map of the Parish with the hydrants marked thereon – with key.
3. 2cwts Coal & 5 sacks of Coke.

Mr. Beadle proposed the adopted of the report which was seconded by Mr. Deacon and carried.

Insurance against Fire.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that the Fire Appliances stored in the Fire Station be insured on the Kent Fire Office for £100. Carried.

Correspondence.

Letter from Mrs. Allinder complaining of Men & Boys committing nuisance at & near her gate in Brook St. The Clerk was instructed to write and inform her that the Council did not see their way of carrying out her suggestion of putting up another Lamp at present, but advised her to seek the help of the Police.

2. The card from Mr. Marshal, Surveyor of Highways, stating that he had instructed Mr. Wilford to attend to the bridge in the path leading across the Rectory Meadow.

3. Letter from Shand Mason & Co acknowledging receipt of order for Ladders.

4. Letter from the Clerk to the District Council stating that the Medical Officer of Health would inspect Waghorn Road.

5. Letter from Mr. John Patey asking permission to put up a Cartlodge on the Allotment near the Sewage Tanks. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that he have permission to put up the Lodge provided the District Council approve. Carried.

6. Letter from Messrs Prall Son & Prall re. Diversion of footpath at the back of the British Schools, asking when a meeting would be held to confirm the resolution.

7. Letter from Messrs. Prall Son & Prall re. Diversion of Footpath at the back of the British Schools, asking when a meeting would be held to confirm the resolution.

8. Letter from County Council asking if the names of voters living in Lower Birling had been included in the Snodland Lists.

9. Letter from County Council asking to have the names of the voters residing in Lower Birling marked with the letter S. in the Birling lists in order to prepare new lists. The Clerk stated he had attended to this matter.

Relief Motion

Mr. Burke gave notice of motion re application for maximum number of Councillors.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was resolved to issue a receipt on the overseers for £90 for the purpose of the Burial Act.

Mr. Burke's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Burke stated that the smell arising from the Sewage Tanks must be injurious to the people living in the vicinity of the Tanks and, to the Children attending the National Schools. The Tanks also needed repair.

He proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Sanitary Inspector asking him to have the Sewage matter lying outside the tanks removed at once, and that a letter be written to the District Council asking them to make arrangements for emptying the tanks oftener & the matter disinfected with Lime or Lime Ashes, also to make arrangements for ventilating the Sewers in the higher parts of the Parish in order to prevent the many complaints received by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Mr. Fowle & carried.

Mr. Burke also stated that the bridge leading to the Allotments was put out of repair & unsafe.

He proposed that the matter be referred to the Brook Committee with power to act. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford & carried.

Bad Language in the Streets.

Mr. Godfrey stated that he had received several complaints from Rate Payers of the filthy language used by youths who congregate in the High Street before shop windows and suggested that steps be taken to obtain additional Police supervision.

List of those receiving Out-relief.

Mr. Deacon proposed that a letter be written to the Clerk to the Guardians asking why the list of out-relief cases had not been supplied to the overseers as promised. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Geo. Corney
December 7 1897.