

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1900  
At 7.15pm.

In the absence of Mr. Hodgkinson through ill health, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present Messrs E. Beadle, Bateman, Brazier, Fowle, Fletcher, Parris, Butcher, H. Beadle, Burke, Hawks, Woodburn, Wilford and Godfrey.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Shand, Mason & Co.	Breeching Piece & C.	2. 12. 0.
Carriage of same.		1. 5.
Hook. C.T. & Co. Ltd.	Gas a/c. Street Lamps.	38. 15. 0.
“ “	“ Fire Station.	1. 10.
Hilder. T.	Water Rate. Cemetery.	3. 0.
“	“ Fire Station.	3. 0.
Draycon. H.	Repair of Lamps.	1. 4. 0.
Wickenden. W.	Carriage of Ashes.	2. 6.
Hayman. W.	1 Chal' of Coke.	14. 0.
Norman.	Notice Board. Brook.	6. 2.
Hinds. C.W	Repairs.	3. 0.
Moore. T.J.	Broom & Nails. Cemetery.	1. 7.
“	Pails & Oil Cans. Fire Station.	6. 2.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax. Cemetery.	1. 7.
Caretakers Wages.		9. 12. 0.
Wages of Man on Brook.		5. 3. 3.
Subscription to Fire Brigade Union.		1. 1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Fire Brigade & C. Local Government Acts 1894.	13. 6.
		<u>£63. 7. 6.</u>

Path by Church

Mr. E. Beadle reported that up to the present the sub-committee had been unable to do anything to improve the road by the Church, but suggested that they be allowed to continue their efforts till the next meeting of the Council, when they hoped to have something more favourable to report.

Brook Committee

Mr. H. Beadle proposed & Mr. Brazier seconded that for the present the Council take no advantage of provisions of the Commons Act 1899. Carried.

It was decided not to plant Willows by the Willow Walk this year. Not to take any steps to keep the Brook Gate locked.

Mr. Beadle proposed that 6 months notice be given to Mr. Edward Wray at midsummer to quit & give up the land now held by him at Christmas. This was seconded by Mr. Brazier and carried.

### Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded the suspension of the standing orders, to take the business which brought Messrs Allison, Payne & Souter to the meeting.

Mr. Mason explained that the effluent pipe from the sewage tanks was carried across land belonging to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd and emptied itself into a ditch which flowed into the Mill Creek.

The Company asked the District Council to enter into an agreement and pay 1/- per year, for this right. Some objection having been made to one of the Clauses, which had reference to the possible existence of a nuisance, and the right to take up the pipes if the nuisance was not abated, it had been decided to take the Parish Council's opinion there on.

Mr. Allison read the Draft Agreement and the said Clause not meeting with the approbation of the Council, he submitted an alternative Clause. Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the Clause read by Mr. Allison be submitted to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd for their acceptance in the place of the Clause already in the Draft. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried, only Mr. Brazier voting against it.

Vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Allison, Payne and Souter for their kindness in attending the meeting.

### Cottage Hospital

Mr. Woodburn reported that the Cottage Hospital Committee had held a meeting and had decided to recommend the Council to throw over the Cottage Hospital Scheme, and adopt the District Nurse in its place, this scheme being considered a stepping stone to the Cottage Hospital.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Woodburn for all his trouble.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

The Committee were requested to draw up rules & regulations for the management of the District Nurse.

### Cemetery

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that an Aspen Tree be purchased & place in the Cemetery in the place of one blown down. Carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Caretaker be supplied with seeds similar to last year. Carried.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Bridge Wardens re:- Free Ferry.
2. Letters from Shand Mason & Co. re:- Breeching Piece.
3. Letter from Graham & Sons re:- Lamp Columns.
4. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Attending Meeting.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

### Lamps in New Road

Mr. Mason stated it would be better to have 6 new Lamps in the New Road.

Mr. Hawks proposed that 6 new Lamps be placed in the New Road & not 4 as previously arranged. This was seconded by Mr. Fletcher but lost, 4 voting for, 7 7 against.

Mr. Beadle proposed an amendment that 5 Lamps be placed in the New Road. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey and lost, 4 voting for & 8 against it.

Mr. Butler proposed and H. Beadle seconded that the Mid Kent Gas Co. have their attention called to the dirty state of the lamps & the un-satisfactory mode of lighting them. Carried.

### Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Paris seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 97 to Miss Martha Gorham, and the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 56 to Mr. A.W. Knight be signed. Carried.

### Stones & Inscription

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the plans of the Headstones and Inscriptions submitted to the Council be approved. Carried.

### Roads & Paths

Mr. Godfrey proposed & Mr. E. Beadle seconded that letters be written to the County & District Councils, calling their attention to the muddy state of the paths and roads in the Parish, also to the deep and dangerous water table across the road leading to the Bull Field. Carried.

### Barbed Fence

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Rochester Land Comp. be written to requesting them to remove the barbed wire fence in the ditch between the Queens Road and the Queens Avenue & suggesting that they should throw a culvert over the ditch. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

### Path at Holborough

The matter of the path between Holboro' and Lord's Cross was left over till after the Lamp Columns had been erected.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
27<sup>th</sup> February 1900.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup> 1900

At 7.30pm.

Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson occupied the Chair, and there were also present Messrs Mason, Bateman, Parris, Fowle, Hawks, Butler, E. Beadle, Woodburn & H. Beadle.

### Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

#### Finance Committee

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Butler seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Frost Thos. & Co.	Seeds & Fare.	9.	2.
South Eastern Railway Co.	Carriage of Columns.	11.	9.
“ “ “	“ of Empty.		8.
W. Graham & Sons.	4 Lamp Col', Lanterns & Candles.	10.	9. 0.
Kent Insurance Co.	Fire Premium, Hose & C.		2. 0.
The Clerk.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	4. 0.
		<u>£18.</u>	<u>16 7.</u>

#### Path by Church

Mr. E. Beadle reported that the Committee appointed to consider the matter had not yet been able to do anything.

#### Nursing Committee

Mr. Woodburn submitted a code of rules drawn up by the "Nursing Committee" for the management of the "Snodland Nursing Association".

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that the rules submitted be approved by the Council. Carried.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Butler seconded and it was resolved that the following Ladies and Gentlemen from the Nursing Committee, the whole of the Parish Council, the Rev' Mr. Jackson, the Rev' & Mrs Faraday, the Rev' and Mrs Cochrane, the Rev' and Mrs. Galpin, Mrs. Wilford, Dr. Palmer, Dr and Mrs. Freeland, Dr & Mrs Gash, the Misses Hook, Mrs & Miss. Woodburn, Mr. Mrs and Miss. Roberts, Mr. Hy' Peters, Mr. P. Champion, Mr, Mrs and Miss Wood, Mrs, Raven, Mr & Mrs. Lingham, Mr, W. Peters, Rev' G. Dowling, Miss Draycon.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that a circular letter be sent to each member of the above Committee, enclosing a Copy of the Rules, and inviting them to attend a meeting to be held on some evening in March. Mr. Fowle seconded and it was carried.

#### Brook Committee

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that a gate and fence be erected at a cost of £7.8.0d. by Mr. Hawks, on the east side of the Mill Stream on the Brook. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Ruck re:- Lamps in the New Road.

2. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Muddy paths and roads.

3. Letter from Mr. Ruck. Re:- Muddy paths and roads.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed that letters be written to the District Council & the County Council, again complaining of the dirty state of the paths & roads. This was seconded by Mr. Fowle and carried.

4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Cleaning Lamps.

5. Letter from the Rochester Land & general Investment Co. Ltd. re:- Barbed Wire Fence.

It was decided to write to the Essex Land Co. on the matter.

6. Letter from Mr. Alf 'Ed' Weaver asking the Council to move the Lamp Column in Mill Street a little higher up. Referred to Lighting Committee.

7. Letter from Mr. P. Champion re:- Recreation Ground.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the matter be referred to a Committee of 4 Councillors. Carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that Messrs Butler, Woodburn, Beadle & Parris be appointed to serve on the Committee. Carried.

8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of February

9. Two letters from Mr. Baker, agent to the Phoenix Fire Comp' re:- Claim by the Fire Brigade.

#### Headstone & Inscription

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the plan of Headstone & Inscription submitted by Mr. Mayatt be approved by the Council. Carried.

#### Receipt on Overseers

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that a Receipt for £10 be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

#### Baths

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that a silver key be purchased and an address be drawn up & present to the Misses Hook on the occasion of the opening of the Public Baths. Carried.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Messrs. Hodgkinson, Mason and Woodburn be appointed a Committee to carry out the matter. Carried.

#### Path between Holborough and Lords Cross

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the County Council be asked to repair the path between Holboro' and Lords Cross & to kerb the same. It was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that application be made to the owners of the property in the Church Fields to repair the road. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson. March 20<sup>th</sup> 1900.

#### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 1900

At 7.30pm.

Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Councillors Wilford, Mason, Bateman, Burke, Parris, Fowle, Hawks, H. Beadle, Butler, E. Beadle, Godfrey and Woodburn.

#### Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

#### Finance Committee

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that a Cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Miss. Randell.	Fire Lighter & C.	D/ Rooms Meetings.	2.	1.	6.
C. Godfrey.	"	Parish Meetings.		2.	6.
E. Norman.	Erecting 4 lamp Columns.			17.	0.
T. Hilder. Jnr'	Stationery.		1.	2.	5.
The Clerk.	Stamps.			5.	0.
W. Hayman.	1 Chal' of Coke for Cemetery.			15.	0.
The Clerk,	Wages for man working on Brook.			1.	15. 11
					<u>£6. 19. 4.</u>

#### Brook

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Council recommend the turning out Cattle on the Brook on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. Carried.

#### Cemetery

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that 2 water cans be purchased for use in the Cemetery, 1 holding 2 ½ galls' and 1 holding 1 gall, and also 4 casts of Flower Pots. Carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Malling Rural District Council stating that the Surveyor of Highways would give attention to the roads and paths in the Parish.

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The plan of Headstone & Inscription be approved by the Council. Carried.

#### Draft Report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The Draft Report of the Proceedings of the Parish Council for the year 1899-1900 was read and revised.

Mr. Burke proposed & Mr. Bateman seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

#### Message from the Misses Hook

Mr. Hodgkinson stated that the Misses Hook proposed to place the Baths in the hands of the Parish Council on a lease or otherwise, at an annual rent of 10/- and he suggested that a Parish Meeting be convened for the purpose of adopting the Baths & Wash Houses Act.

#### Silver Key

Mr. Mason proposed that a Silver Key be purchased at a cost of 55/- and be presented to the Misses Hook on the occasion of the opening of the Baths.

Mr. Woodburn seconded and it was carried.

### Address

Mr. Mason proposed that an illuminated address be presented with the Silver Key and that Mr. Willoughby of Maidstone be employed to copy it. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

Mr. Mason proposed that subscriptions not exceeding 1/- be invited to repay the expenses of Key & address. This was seconded by Mr. Burke. Lost.

Mr. Wilford moved an amendment that Subscriptions be generally invited. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that an house to house collection be made in the Parish in order to invite ??? subscriptions to cover the expenses of obtaining the Key & Address. Mr. Butler seconded and it was carried.

The following Councillors kindly promised to assist in the making the collection:-

High Street.	Mr. Butler & Mr. Burke.
The Mill.	Mr. Woodburn.
Malling Road.	Mr. Parris.
Holboro' Road.	Mr. Hodgkinson & Mr. Hawks.
Messrs Leeson & Co.	Mr. Mason.
Post Office.	Mr. Bateman.

### Lamp Column in Mill Street

Mr. Mason proposed & Mr. Butler seconded that Mr. Alfred Weaver be allowed to move the Lamp Column in Mill Street about 2ft from present position , higher up the street towards the Station, at his own cost. Carried.

W. R. Hodgkinson  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 1900.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on April 17<sup>th</sup> 1900  
At 7.30pm.

Mr. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Councillors Brazier, Butler, Fletcher, E. Beadle, Parris, Bateman, Mason, Fowle, Godfrey, Hawks, Burke & H. Beadle.

### Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

### Chairman.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that Mr. Hodgkinson be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the beat of thanks of the Council be given to the Chairman of each of the Committees for their services during the past year. This was seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried.

### Overseers

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that Messrs E. Butler & Burke be appointed Overseers from inside the Council. Carried.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs E.H. Roberts & Joseph Deacon be appointed Oversees from outside the Council. Carried.

### Vice-Chairman

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that Mr. Mason be re-elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously.

### Brook Committee

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs Brazier, Fowle, Mason, Burke, Wilford, Hawks and Butler be elected to form the Brook Committee. Carried.

### Cemetery Committee

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that Messrs. Godfrey, Hawks, Burke, Parris, Fletcher, Fowle and Mason be elected to form the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

### Finance & Lighting Committee

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Messrs. H. Beadle, Butler, Woodburn, Brazier, E. Beadle, Bateman and Mason be elected to form the Finance & Lighting Committee. Carried.

### Report of Committee's

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that Mr. John White be appointed Gate Keeper for the ensuing year at the same salary – Viz. £4.4.0d. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

The Clerk.	Two fares to Maidstone.	1.	10.	
The Clerk.	Amount due to Clerk.	1.	10.	0.
The Clerk.	Wages for Man on Brook.	5.	0.	0.
The Clerk	Caretakers Wages.	7.	4.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Quarter Gas a/c.	40.	8.	4.
“	“	“	“	“
	Fire Station.		1.	9.
				<u>£54. 5. 11</u>

### Repair of Lamps

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that a letter be written to Mr. Brattle, requesting him to complete the painting and repair of the Lamps as early as possible. Carried.

### Culvert in Queens Road

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that the Chairman & Clerk, Messrs Mason, H. Beadle invite the representatives of the Rochester Land Comp' and the



Kent & Essex Comp' Messrs Kidwell & Cobham to a meeting in Snodland with a view to getting a Culvert thrown over the Ditch at the end of Queens Road. Carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Ruck re:- Water Table in the Malling Road and the footpath in the New Road.
2. Letter from South Eastern Railway Co. re:- Repair of road in the Church Fields.
3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Salary of the Parish Doctor.
4. Letter from Kent & Essex Lands Co. re:- Culvert in Queens Road.
5. Letter from Mr. Ball Secretary of Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Hose for supplying Water Cart.
6. Two letters from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for March And April.
7. Two letters from Rochester Bridge Wardens.

Mr. Hawk's tender for painting the Water Cart was opened.

Painting four coats to Wheels & three coats to body.	1. 8. 0.
Extra for resetting Axle.	<u>5. 0.</u>
	<u>£1. 13. 0.</u>

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the tender be accepted and the work executed at once. Carried.

Contract for Watering the Streets

Mr. E. Beadle proposed that the Council re-enter into a contract with the Water Co. for a supply of water to water the streets and that the Comp' be asked to supply a proper piece of hose to fill the cart in order to prevent waste. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. W. Hawks be offered the work of watering the streets on the same terms as last year. This was seconded by Mr. J. Fletcher and carried by 5 to 3.

Mr. Burke moved and Amendment that tenders for watering the streets be invited. Mr. Brazier seconded. 3 voted for & 4 voted against.

W.R. Hodgkinson

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1900

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 15th 1900  
At 7.30pm.

Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Councillors Mason, Bateman, Fletcher, Butler, H. Beadle, Parris, E. Beadle, Godfrey, Burke, Woodburn, Wilford and Hawks.

### Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

### Finance Committee

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved that a Cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Poor Rate.	Cemetery.	Hilder. T.	18.	0.
Lighting Rate.	"	"	2.	3.
Water.	"	"	3.	0.
"	"	Fire Station.	3.	0.
Insurance.	Cemetery.	"	10.	6.
Painting Water Cart.	Hawks. W.		1. 13.	0.
Wages Man on Brook.	The Clerk.		6.	5. 9.
Wages. Caretaker.	"		7.	4. 0.
			<u>£16.</u>	<u>19. 6.</u>

### Street Watering

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Mid Kent Water Co's offer to supply water for watering the streets at 1/- per 1000 gals with minimum charge of £5 be accepted. Carried.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving the analysis of their water for May. "The high degree of Chemical Organic Purity is fully maintained".
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Water supply and hose for Water Cart.
3. Letter from Rochester Land & General Investment Co. re:- Culvert over Ditch.
4. 3 letters from Essex Land Co. re:- Culvert.

### Baths & Wash Houses Act

Mr. Mason proposed that a Parish meeting be called on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm in the National School to consider the advisability of adopting the Bath & Wash Houses Acts. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that 50 Notices convening the meeting be printed & posted in the Parish. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed that a Sub-Committee be appointed consisting of 5 Councillors to investigate the question of the Baths & Wash Houses Acts. Mr. H. Beadle seconded & it was carried.

Mr. H. Hawks proposed and Mr. J. Fletcher seconded that Messrs Wilford, Godfrey, E. Beadle, Burke & Woodburn be elected to form the Committee. Carried.

### Draft Lease

The draft of the lease of the Public Baths was read.  
Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the draft lease be adopted and that its contents be copied in duplicate for signatures of both parties. Carried.

#### Silver Key & Address

The text of the address, to be presented to the Misses Hook was read, amended and adopted.

It was decided that the inscription on the Silver Key, also to be presented to the Misses Hook, should be 1900 on one side and the monogram ( M.A.H. ) on the other.

The total sum of money collected to cover these expenses amounted to £. (not wrote in).

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1900  
At 8pm.

Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Messrs Bateman, Parris, Fowls, Burke, Fletcher, Hawks, Butler, H. Beadle, E. Beadle & Brazier.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

#### Finance Committee

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Misses. Hook.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	3. 10. 0.
Lancaster. W.J.	Repayment of Loan.	53. 10. 5.
White. J.	Portion of Brook Keepers Wages.	1. 10. 0.
Gay. G.F.	Printing Circulars. Comm' Meets'	1. 0.
"	Printing Bills. Parish Meets'	3. 6.
Hawks. W.	Work on the Brook.	<u>11. 3. 9.</u>
		<u>£68. 1. 8.</u>

#### Receipt on Overseers

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that a receipt be issued on the Overseers for the sum of Ninety Pounds to meet the expenses under the Burials Acts. Carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Cattle straying from Ham Hill Brook.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of June.

3. Letter from the L.C.B. acknowledging receipt of letter re:- Adoption of Baths & Wash Houses Act.

4. Letter from the Misses Hook re:- Public Baths.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mt. Hy. Beadle seconded that this letter be copied in the Minutes. Carried.

Copy of Letter

For the Chairman of the Parish Council

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Dear Sir,

We should like first of all to thank everyone for the kind and complimentary message duly conveyed to us by the Secretary after the meeting of May 31<sup>st</sup>, and we also wish to express our appreciation of the courteous way in which our selection of a benefit to the Parish has been received.

We are pleased that the Parish Council has taken over the management of the Baths as we are sure it is capable hands, since they are conversant with all the needs of the village.

When we were away on distant parts of the country, we wished that we could transplant one of the grand and lovely waterfalls, we saw into the heart of our dear Snodland to beautify the village., but since no amount of engineering skill could accomplish this removal, we must be content to provide water in its usefulness, if not in its beauty. Therefore instead of sparkling waterfalls with their romantic surroundings of mossy greens, rippling streams and flowering banks we have to be satisfied with prosaic water pipes, and even these are out of sight underground.

But after all most of the best and important things in life are out of sight - the noblest deeds perhaps are those which are never heard of - and the invisible things such as time and thoughts which are spent in the service of others are quite as important as those which take objective form.

The results in comfort, beauty, and use which are seen are mostly dependant upon the unseen work below.

We all know that without good foundations, the most costly building would be unsafe.

In this instance that building will we think be ornamented as well as useful and we are sure Mr. Wilford has spared no pains over it and he will have the satisfaction of knowing that his work will be handed down to other generations. We hope also that suitable caretakers will be found to be happy occupants of the rooms provided.

We know that the spiritual needs of the Parish have been amply provided for since everyone has the opportunity of hearing from the different pulpits of the Living Waters, whose wonderful spiritual use, and soul satisfying depths exceed

all the use and beauty of earth. But this world's needs have to be thought of too, and we sincerely hope that the Baths will prove a useful luxury.

It was very difficult from the many needs of a growing village to decide which to supply but this one appealed to us from the fact of being of service to the many rather than the few. Since most of our population have we know to spend their days in toil of some kind, of means (for few houses afford the necessary conveniences) of getting rid of the dust and grime inseparable from such work, and that the long talked of Baths will fulfil a use in promoting the health of the village.

We have now much pleasure in handing over these Public Baths, and are ready to sign the lease when it is prepared.

Again thanking all for the interest shown in the enterprise which we hope will not prove much of a tax upon other rate payers than ourselves.

We are yours sincerely.

Maude M. Hook.

Agnes D. Hook.

#### Meeting to Sign Lease, Open Baths & C

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Council hold a meeting at the Baths on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. at 7 pm to sign the lease and present the Silver Key and the illuminated address to the Misses Hook.

#### Caretaker

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that a Caretaker and wife be advertised for at a salary of £30 per year with house rent. Firing and light. Preference given to those who could devote the whole of their time to the duties of the office.

Mr. Brazier moved and amendment that the salary be £26 per year with house rent, firing and light. Mr. Butler seconded.

Three votes for the amendment and five against, and it was declared lost.

On the original proposition being put to the meeting it was carried by 6 to 3.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that the advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger and the Chatham & Rochester News. Lost.

Mr. H. Beadle moved and amendment and Mr. Fowle seconded that the advertisement be placed on the Parish Council Notice Boards only. Carried by 6 to 5.

This amendment becoming the substantive motion Mr. E. Beadle moved and amendment and Mr. Mason seconded that the advertisement be inserted in the two papers mentioned and on the Parish Council Notice Boards as well. Carried by 7 to 3.

On being put as the substantive motion it was carried by 7 to 2.

#### Baths Committee

It was decided that the Committee appointed to investigate the Baths and Wash Houses Acts should stand as the Baths Committee to draw up byelaws & C.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. H. Beadle proposed & Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space of No. 68 Grave Space to Harriett Woodruff be signed. Carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
June 18<sup>th</sup> 1900

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1900  
At 7pm.

Mr. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Councillors Mason, Fowle, Woodburn, Parris, Burke, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, Godfrey, Brazier, Bateman and Fletcher.

#### Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

#### Opening of Baths

The Council then adjourned to the Public Baths where they met the Misses Hook. The Ladies gave the Chairman of the Council the key of the Baths, and he presented them with a Silver Key with which they unlocked the door of the Baths and declared them open for the use of the Public.

#### Lease

The lease of the Baths to the Parish Council, was then signed by the Ladies and witnessed by the Clerk, the Chairman & Messrs Mason & Burke signing the duplicate whose signatures were witnessed by Mr. Godfrey.

The address was next presented to the Ladies by the Chairman, and personally thanked by each member of the Council for their splendid gift of the Baths to the Public of Snodland.

#### Plans & Terms of Purchase of Plots

Mr. Hodgkinson having retired with the Misses Hook, Mr. Mason took the Chair & submitted the plan & terms of purchase of the two plots of land adjoining the Baths on the western side which had been received from Mr. Cobham, surveyor to the Kent & Essex House Land & General Investment Comp.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed that Mr. Cobham be asked to give the Parish Council the refusal of the purchase of the two adjoining plots of land for the purpose of erecting a Swimming Bath without prejudice. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey and Carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> 1900  
At 8pm.

Mr. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Messrs H. Beadle, Butler, E. Beadle, Godfrey, Fowle, Parris, Bateman, Burke, Mason, Wilford, Fletcher, Hawks Woodburn and Brazier.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Cemetery Committee

Mr H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the question of the advisability of asphaltting the paths in the Cemetery be referred to the Cemetery Committee to report to next meeting. Carried.

Baths Committee

Mr. Burke read a draft copy of the byelaws drawn up by the Committee appointed for the purpose.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that cold baths be 1d & warm baths 2d and that 1d be charged for extra towel and 1d for soap in the second class Baths. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that 3d be charge for a cold bath and 6d for a warm bath and 1d for extra towel & 1d for soap in the first class baths. Carried.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that books of 12 tickets for 6d baths be sold at 5/- each. Carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that all day Wednesday and Monday till 6pm be reserved for the Ladies. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Times of Opening

Mr. Woodburn proposed that the Baths be open from 7am to 9pm from April 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and during the winter months from 11am to 8pm from October to March 31<sup>st</sup>, and that during the winter months the baths be open only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of which Thursday would be reserved for the Ladies. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey & carried.

Sunday Opening

Mr. Burke proposed that the Baths be open from 6 to 9am on Sunday mornings during the summer Mr. Parris seconded.  
9 voted for & 4 against. It was declared carried accordingly.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mt. Burke seconded that the Baths Committee consist of seven members of the Council. Carried.

Mr. Folwe proposed that Messes Wilford, Godfrey, E. Beadle, Burke, Woodburn, Butler and Bateman form the Baths Committee. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

#### Election of Caretaker

Eight applications for the Office of Caretaker were submitted to the Council.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Mr. Alfred Judges be appointed. Lost.

Mr. Mason moved an amendment that the whole of the applications be referred to the Baths Committee to select certain applicants and invite them to attend the Council Meeting on Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford & carried.

#### Grave Stone & C.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the plan of the Grave Stone & Inscription to be placed on Mr. Alfred Sharpes Grave be approved. Carried.

#### Adjourned Meeting

Mr. H. Beadle moved that the Meeting be adjourned till Tuesday Next July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

#### Adjourned Meeting of the Council Held in the Devonshire Rooms on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm

Mr. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present H. Beadle, Butler, E. Biddle, Fowle, Parris, Bateman, Burke, Wilford, Fletcher, Hawks and Brazier.

After the Chairman had declared the meeting open for business:-

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the Council resolve itself into Committee to deal with the question of the election of a Caretaker for the Baths. Carried.

#### Report of Baths Committee

Mr. Burke read the report of the Baths Committee.

It stated that 4 candidates had been invited to attend the Council Meeting. Viz. Messrs Hope, Judges, Sainsbury and Holding and recommended the Council that the Caretaker should enter into an agreement and provide a bond.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that the Committee's report be adopted as read. Carried.

#### Agreement

The draft agreement was read by the Clerk. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that the draft agreement be adopted. Carried.

#### Election of Caretaker



Voting for the election of Caretaker resulted in 7 votes for Judges, 3 for Hope, 2 for Sainsbury, and 0 for Holding.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that Mr. Alfred Judges be elected Caretaker of the Baths. Carried.

#### Commencement of Duties

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that the Caretaker commence his duties on Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup>. Carried.

#### Tickets & C

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the printing tickets & C be left with the Baths Committee. Carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Misses Hook enclosing one from the Secretary of the Water Co. wherein a donation, equal to half the cost of the water for the first year was promised.

2. Letter from The Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of letter from the Clerk.

3. Balance Sheet of Rochester Bridge Wardens.

4. Letter from Mr. Cobham offering the 2 plots of ground adjoining the Baths on the west side to the Council for £70. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.

Chairman

31<sup>st</sup> July 1900.

#### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1900

At 8pm.

Present Mr. Hodgkinson in the Chair. Mr. Mason (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Bateman, Burke, Parris, Fletcher, Fowle, Woodburn, Hawks, Butler, E. Beadle, & H. Beadle.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Letter from Mr. Brazier, stating that ill health prevented his attending the meeting.

#### Brook Committee

Mr. Fowle, Chairman of the Brook Committee, gave a report of the work which had been carried out on the Brook and suggested that certain other things should be done.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the work be left in the hands of the Brook Committee to carry out. Carried.

### Baths Committee

Mr. Burke read a report of the Baths Committee. It stated that the Committee had purchased certain articles for use at the Baths such as ticket books, fuel, brushes, linoleum & C. The Baths were opened on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and the tickets sold up to Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> were.

First Class	@	1d	Hot.	70	£1.15.0d
“	@	4d	Cold.	1	4d
Second Class	@	1d	Cold	81.	6. 9d
“	@	2d	Hot	559.	£4.13.2d
Soap & Towel Tickets.	@	1d		290	£1.4.2d.
Two Books	“	@	5/-	-	<u>10. 0d.</u>
					<u>£8.9.5d.</u>

The total numbers using the Baths in the 19 days is 715.

Mr. Burke proposed that the purchase of the articles already made receive the approval of the Council. Mr. Woodburn seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr .Fletcher seconded that the backyard of the Baths be concreted. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that an Galvanized Dust Line be purchased for use at the Baths. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried

Mr. Burke proposed that 8 flesh brushes be purchased for use at the Baths. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried,

Mr. Burke proposed that a ticket box be purchased for use at the Baths. This was seconded by Mt. H. Beadle and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that the Clerk purchase the necessary books for use at the Baths. Carried.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that no tickets be issued after half hour before closing time. This was seconded by Mr. Butler and carried.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that the Notice Boards be put up at the entrances to the Queen's Avenue indicating the way to the Baths. Carried.

The agreement with the Caretaker of the Baths was read by the Chairman and signed by him and two members of the Council and by Alfred Judges the Caretaker. Mr. E. Butler witnessed all the signatures.

### Finance Committee

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

The Clerk.	Wages to man on the Brook.	5. 19. 10.
“	Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	12. 0. 0.
“	Advertisement Rochester News.	3. 0.
“	“ Kent Messenger.	3. 6.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	1 grs. Gas	Street Lamps	66	41.	5.	0
"	"	"	Fire Station.		1.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply to	Cemetery.		3.	0.	
"	"	"	Fire Station.		3.	0.
Moore. T.J.	Tools for use on	Brook.		5.	10.	
"	Cans for use in	Cemetery.		5.	4.	
Hawks. Wm.	Work on Brook.	Carting & C.		6.	8.	6.
Brattle. C.	Painting & Repairing	Street Lamps.		7.	4.	0.
The Clerk.	Stamp for Lease of	Baths.		1.	0.	
"	Fares of Candidates.			4.	6.	
"	Audit Stamp.			<u>2.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
				<u>£76.</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>3.</u>

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the Caretaker of the Baths be paid 50/- for the month of July though his appointment only dates from the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that Mr. Wm Hawks bill for watering the streets be approved and sent to the District Council for payment. Carried. £16.18.8d.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Wouldham Parish Council re:- Meeting to discuss the advisability of applying to the Rochester Bridge Wardens for funds to erect a bridge over the Medway, somewhere between Aylesford and Rochester.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the question be entertained, and that 4 members of the Council together with the Chairman be appointed delegates to attend the joint Committee. Carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that Messrs Mason, Burke, h. Beadle & Woodburn together with the Chairman be appointed the delegates to act on the joint Committee.

It was decided that the first meeting of the joint Committee take place on Thursday Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> if suitable to the other Parish Councils, at the Devonshire Rooms at 8pm.

2. Letter from Malling Parish Council re:- sale of Water Cart.

3. Letter from Mr. Cobham re:- Culvert Meeting.

4. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Cattle straying from Ham Hill Brook on to the Snodland Allotments.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs Langridge & Freeman, asking them to have the ditches on Ham Brook, adjoining the wood cleaned out at once. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

5. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of July. "The water in no way departs from its usual high standard of chemical purity".

6. Letter from The Local Government Board approving the resolution of the Parish Meeting adopting the Baths & Wash Houses Acts for the Parish.

### Receipt on Overseers

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that a receipt be issued on the Overseers for the sum of £160 under the Lighting Act. Carried.

### Stretcher

Mr. Mason proposed that the Stretcher at the Institute be repaired at the expenses of the Council. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Bank Holidays and General Holidays be treated as Sundays in the opening of the Baths. Mr Butler seconded and it was carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.

September 25<sup>th</sup> 1900.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 1900

At 8pm.

Mr. W. R. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Messrs H. Beadle, Fowle, Wilford, Fletcher, Burke, Butler, Brazier, Bateman, Hawks & Parris.

### Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

### Baths Committee

Mr. Burke read the report of the Baths Committee.

It stated that since the Baths were opened 1745 persons had used the Baths and that the total receipts for that period amount to £19.15.4d.

Mr. Burke proposed that 2 doz. 'No Smoking Allowed on the Premises' be printed on cardboard to be hung about the Baths. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that 1cwt of Swan Soap in ½ d tablets and ¼ cwt of Brown Windsor in 1d tablets be ordered from Mr. Deacon. This was seconded by Mr. Butler and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that 12 bundles of chips and 1 barrel of tips be ordered for the use of the Baths. This was seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried.

### The Brook

Mr. Fowle reported that certain work had been done on the Brook, but there was a good deal more to do. The Council approved of all that had been done.

### Finance Committee

Mr. Butler proposed and Mr. Burke seconded and it was resolved that a Cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Spowson C.W.	Printing & C. Baths.	3. 15. 0.
Weaire. T.J.	Linolium.	1. 5. 2.

Gay. G.T.	Printing.	1. 6. 6.
Caretakers Wages.	3 months.	7. 10. 0.
White. J.	Gate Keepers Salary. Brook.	10. 0.
S.E. Ry.	Return Empty Weed Killer.	8.
Hilder. T.	Tithe. Cemetery.	1. 4. 9.
Harrison & Son.	Seeds. “	1. 8.
Hogben. J.	Wages. Work on Brook.	4. 5. 9.
Fletcher. W.	Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	7. 4. 0.
		<u>£27. 3. 6.</u>

### Cemetery Committee

Mr. Fowle proposed that 12 gals of Weed Killer be purchased of Mr. Frost and 12 loads of Manure be purchased in the place, for use in the Cemetery. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Wilford suggested that the question of charges for keeping Graves in order be referred to the Cemetery Committee to report to next meeting.

### Plan & Inscription

Mr. H. Beadle proposed & Mr. Burke seconded that the Plan & Inscription of Mr. Hy. Beadle's Headstone be approved. Carried.

### Fire Brigade

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Fire Brigade Notices be printed and Stationery be purchased. Carried.

### Correspondence

1. letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Cleaning out the ditch on Ham Hill Brook.

2. Letter from the Medway Conservancy offering to supply Life Saving apparatus provided the Council find a suitable place and undertake to look after it.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the offer of the Conservancy be thankfully accepted, and that a stone place be made at the Ferry & the apparatus be put into Mr. Normans charge. Carried.

3. Two letters from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for August and September.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the attention of the Water Co. be drawn to the very bad state of the water occasionally supplied to the Baths & to several houses in Snodland. Carried.

4. Letter from Wouldham Parish Council stating sate for Joint Committee Meeting.

5. Circular from Local Government Board giving Registration in 1900.

The offer of the Mid Kent Gas Light & Coke Co. to put up a candescent gas burners to the street lamps at an extra cost of 5/- per lamp & to do the repairs at 1/- per lamp was at the proposition of Mr. Beadle. Seconded by Mr. Brazier, referred to the Lighting Committee to report to next meeting.

It was suggested that the Clerk call the attention of the County Council to the grating & drain by Horton's Corner and several depressions on the Holboro. Road.

#### Paving in High Street

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council to pave the portion of ground in High Street in front of Mr. Deddrick's property. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Lighting Committee be requested to consider the advisability of lighting Queen's Avenue & Queen's Road. Carried.

A photograph of the address to the Misses Hook on the occasion of the opening of the Baths was presented to the Council. It was decided to hang the same in the Council Room.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
November 6<sup>th</sup> 1900

#### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1900

At 8pm.

Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson in the Chair. Present Messrs Mason, Bateman, E. Beadle, Parris, Fletcher, Hawks, Fowle, Burke, Butler, H. Beadle, Brazier and Wilford.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

#### Baths Committee

Mr. Burke reported that the Caretaker had asked for a wringing machine. The matter was referred to the Baths Committee, he also reported that the total receipts from the Baths up to date amount to £23.3.6d.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Parris seconded and it was resolved that the draft byelaws be referred to the Baths Committee for final revision.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that the resolution of June 26<sup>th</sup> as regards the hours of opening and closing on Fridays and Saturdays be rescinded and that the Baths on those days, during the winter, be open from 9am to 9pm. Carried.

#### Brook Committee

Mr. Fowle proposed that the dead Willow Trees along the Willow Walk be given to deserving persons in the Parish: the distribution to be left in the hands of the Brook Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Cemetery

This report in the absence of Mr. Godfrey, was read by Mr. Burke.

The Chairman stated that the Misses Hook had kindly promised to replace the 7 dead Lime Trees in the cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the Caretaker superintended the planting of these trees. Carried.

The Clerk was requested to convey to the Misses Hook the best thanks of the Council for their kindness in presenting these trees.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that the Council resolve itself into a Committee to take the question of Trees for planting and keeping Graves in order. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that as the Caretaker had admitted taking two small fees for keeping Graves in order without any intention of infringing the Council's Rule, and as he had pledged himself not to accept fees in future & to do up no Graves unless he received a written order from the Clerk, the recommendation of the Committee that no further notice be taken of the matter, be adopted by the Council. Carried. Nem Con.

#### Fence on South Side of Cemetery

Mr. Burke proposed that the fence be repaired and that Messrs W. Hawks & Norman be asked to give an estimate for the work. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Mason be asked to kindly write out a specification of the work. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the rule relating to the fees for planting and keeping in order Grave Spaces be printed in large type and posted in the Cemetery. Carried.

#### Finance Committee

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Butler seconded and it was resolved that the following accounts be paid & cheques drawn for that purpose:-

The Misses Hook.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	3. 0.
“ “	“ Cemetery.	3. 0.
“ “	“ Baths.	4. 4. 6.
Tong. A.	Turning Branch Piece & C.	5. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	1 Quarters Gas Bill. Fire Station.	1. 5.
“ “	“ “ Baths.	14. 6.
Hinds. C. W.	Crow Bar & C. Fire Brigade.	10. 9.
“	Repairs to Tools. Cemetery.	4. 6.
“	Repairs to Tools. Brook.	14. 1.
Thos. Frost & Co.	Weed Killer. Cemetery.	1. 10. 0.
Hilder. T.	Poor Rate. “	18. 0.
Caretakers Wages.	Cemetery.	7. 4. 0.
Caretakers Wages.	Baths.	5. 0. 0.
Gate Keepers salary.	Brook.	1. 0. 0.
Wages of man on Brook.	Hogben.	2. 0. 3.
Hayman. W.	Coal & Coke. Baths.	5. 12. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Book. “	1. 15. 0.

Dedrick's Bill.	Soap & Brushes.	1.	3.	9.
Brazier. Small a/c.	Painting. Oil & C.	Fire Station.		<u>9.</u>
				<u>8.</u>
				<u>£36. 3. 11</u>

The bill for £16 from the Mid Kent water Co. for watering the streets was approved and ordered to be sent to the district council for payment.

Mr. Mason proposed that a letter be written to the Mid Kent Gas Co. complaining of the non-fulfilment of their contract in the matter of:-

1. Cleaning the Lamps once a week.
2. Lighting and extinguishing the lamps.
3. The illuminating power of the gas.

And their cheque held over till an explanation had been received. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

The testing the Gas Burners was left in the hands of the Clerk and Mr. Mason.

#### Baths Assessment

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that further appeal be made against the assessment on the Baths and that Mr. Hodgkinson and Mr. Wilford be asked to represent the Council on the occasion of the appeal. Carried.

#### Charge for Clay

A bill for £12.10.0d was sent in to the council for 50 loads of Clay which had been deposited on the Brook by Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd & which had been removed by the Brook Committee.

The matter was referred to the Brook Committee.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of October. "All the results may be considered as highly satisfactory".
2. Letter from Medway Conservancy stating that the Life Saving Apparatus would be left at Snodland Ferry on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. promising to try and avoid a recurrence of a dirty water supply.
4. Letter from Mr. Ruck promising to attend to depressions at Horton's Corner and Holboro Road.
5. Letter from Malling Rural District Council stating that the Surveyor would inspect & report on the piece of ground in front of Mr. Dedrick's property, also one inquiring if the land was claimed by owners.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
November 27<sup>th</sup> 1900.



Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> 1900

At 8pm.

Mr. W. R. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Councillors, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, E. Burke, Brazier, Wilford, Parris, Fletcher, Fowle, Burke, Bateman & Woodburn.

### Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

### Brook Committee

Mr. Fowle proposed that an agreement be drawn up, with Mr. Ed. Wray respecting the hire of the Woodland on the Brook, the principal stipulation being that the Council have the Willow Bats and Mr. Wray the grass crop for 1901. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

### Baths Committee

Mr. Burke proposed that a 'Wringer' be purchase for the use of the Caretakers wife. Mr. Butler seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the paths at the back of the Baths and the front entrance be asphalted. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that two wooden bowls and a Thrum Mop be purchased for use at the Baths. Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Council accept the byelaws drawn up by the Baths Committee, and that they be signed and sealed and forwarded to the Local Government Board. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

### Finance Committee

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Mid Kent Gas Co.	1 qrts. Gas Account.	41. 5. 0.
White. John.	Balance of Gatekeepers Salary.	1. 4. 0.
Prudential Assurance Co.	Repayment of loan & Interest.	53. 10. 10.
Deacon. Joseph.	Soap for Baths.	2. 6. 9.
Hawks. Wm.	Work on Brook.	5. 5. 4.
Caretakers Wages.	Cemetery.	6. 0. 0.
Caretakers Wages.	Baths.	2. 10. 0.
		<u>£111. 1. 11</u>

### Swimming Baths

Mr. E. Butler proposed that a deposit of Ten Pounds be paid to the Kent & Essex, House, Land and General Investment Company Limited, to secure the two plots of land on the west side of the Baths for the purpose of erecting a swimming bath. Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was carried. Nem Con.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that a Cheque be drawn to pay the deposit. Carried.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of November. "As regards organic matter the water maintains its usual high standard and the figures are almost identical with those obtained from the last sample".
2. Letter from the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company, stating that the small gates at Snodland Station shall have their best attention.

### Receipt

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded and it was resolved that a receipt for £90 for the purposes of the Burial Acts, and a receipt for £60 for the Baths & Wash Houses Acts be issued on the Overseers.

### Train Service on the S.E. & C. Ry.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded,

"That this meeting of the representatives on the inhabitants of Snodland hereby records its protest against the present disastrous condition of the Passenger and Goods Traffic on the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, whereby very serious loss and inconvenience, is caused to the community, and it calls upon the Directors forth with to take such steps as may be necessary to remove the serious causes of complaint that now exist".

"That copies of this resolution be sent to each Director of the Company. Viz. Henry Cosmo Orme Bonsor Esq. M.P. Chairman, Rt.Hon. Aretas Akers-Douglas M.R. Deputy Chairman, Rt. Hon. Lord Burton, Andrew Adam Brand Esq. Hon. Alfred Erskine Gathorne-Hardy, Rt. Hon. Lord Harris G.C.S.J. G.C.J.E. Sir Edward Leigh Pemberton K.C.B. William Mewburn Esq. W.R. Stevens & J.S. Forbes Esq' General Advisor.

"That copies of the resolution be also sent to the Member of Parliament for this Division, to the Board of Trade, and to the County Council's of London, Kent & Surrey, requesting them to render all assistance in their power to bring home to the Directors a sense of the responsibilities consequent upon the monopoly which Parliament has granted to the Company".

Carried unanimously.

### Trains to Stop at Snodland

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the S.E. & C. Railway Company be asked to cause the 8.8am train from Maidstone to stop at Snodland Station, and also that another down train might be seen through to Maidstone stopping at Snodland shortly after 10pm. Carried.

### Street Watering

Mr. Hawks bill for watering the streets was approved and ordered to be sent to the District Council. It amounted to £7.18.7d.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
January 15<sup>th</sup> 1901.