

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' January 21st 1902.

At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present, Councillors H. Beadle, E. Beadle, Godfrey, Parris, Butler, Burke, Wilford, Galpin, Fletcher, Bateman, Woodburn & the Clerk Mr. T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Work at the Baths.	Young. J	2. 5. 7
Gas.	Mid Kent Gas Co'	19. 5
Notice Board.	Norman. E.	3. 7. 3
Coal and Coke.	Hayman. W.	2. 17. 0
Polish.	Moore & Co.	6
Caretakers Wages. Dec' & Jan'	Judges. Alf.	5. 0. 0
Water Rate Fire Station.	Mid Kent Water Co'	3. 0
Gas " " " " "	Mid Kent Gas Co'	3. 0
Insurance Fire Apparatus.	Kent Fire Office.	3. 0
Gas Parish Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co'	112. 1. 6
Solicitors Fees Re:- E. Wray	Ellis. A. J.	3. 5. 4
Brook Keepers Wages 'part of	Hood. J.	1. 0. 0
Income Tax. 'set on loan'	Hilder. T.	3. 11. 9
Nails & Glass. Cemetery	Moore & Co'	10
Coal & Coke Cemetery.	Hayman. W.	1. 0. 0
Drain Pipes. Junction, Cement	Norman. E.	9. 9
Water Rate Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co'	3. 0
Manure. " " "	Hawks.W.	3. 16. 6
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	10. 16. 0
Ministers Fees.	Rev' Thornley.	10. 0
Subscription to Fire Brigade Union.	Westbrook Edward.	1. 1. 0

Lighting Committee Re:- New Lamps.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that three new lamps be erected, one in Queens Road and two in Queens Ave'. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford & carried.

Hydrants.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that 6 hydrants be placed in the Parish, two in Malling Road, two in Bramley Road, one in Holborough Road and one in Queens Ave' Mr. Wilford kindly promising to pay half of the expense of placing the one in Queens Ave'. Mr Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Letters on Cart Ladders.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the letters. S.F.B. be placed on the Hose Cart Ladders & co.' And Mr. Brattle be asked to do the work. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Cemetery Committee re:- Stand Pipe

Mr. Wilford proposed that a stand pipe be placed in the Cemetery and the Water Company's Charge of one guinea per year for water be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

Estimate.

Mr. Wilford proposed that an estimate for laying the pipe &c in the Cemetery be asked of Messrs' Draycon and Brattle. Seconded by Mr. Galpin and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the acceptance of the tender be left with the Chairman & Clerk in order that the work might be done at once. Carried.

Sheets for Lodge.

Mr. Wilford proposed that some galvanized iron sheets be purchased for the Caretaker's Lodge. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Seeds.

Mr. Wilford proposed that seeds be purchased for the Cemetery to the value of a sum not exceeding 6/-. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Painting Fence.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be asked to paint he fence on the East side of the Cemetery, and that the Caretaker of the Baths be asked to assist him. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Baths Committee re:- closing baths.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Baths be closed for the present, except on Friday's from 4pm till 8pm for Ladies, and on Saturday's from 2pm till 9pm for Gentlemen. This was seconded by Mr. Woodburn and carried nem con.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and amendment that the Baths be open on Saturday's from 9am till 9pm. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and & lost.

Thanks to Caretaker.

Mr. Burke asked that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Caretaker of the Cemetery for kindly putting down the asphalt and planting the Shrubs at the Baths.

W.C. & Roof at Baths.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the W.C. at the Baths and also the roof be repaired and that Mr. Young be asked to do the work. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Pilgrim Road.

2&3. Letters from the General Manager of the S.E.& C. Railway Comp', refusing to reinstate the late Wednesday train.

4 &5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Comp' giving analysis of water for October & November.

6. Letter from Mr. J.P. Dedrick complaining of the state of the water table near his shop.

Water Table near Mr. Dedrick's.

The Clerk was instructed to call the attention of the County Surveyor to this Channel and also to the very abrupt entrance to the Bull Field on the opposite side of the road.

Re:- E. Wray.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Edward Wray had refused to pay the rent for the Brook Land according to agreement.

It was decided to let the matter stand over till the next meeting in order that the Brook Committee might have an opportunity of considering it..

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Conveyance of Grace Space No 169 Section C. To Mrs. Ellen Cheeseman be signed. Carried.

Road in Bull Field.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to the road in Bull Field, between Portland Place and Mayell's Cottages. Mr. Butler seconded and it was carried.

John Mason
March 18th1902.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' March 15th 1902

At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present Councillors H. Beadle, Galpin, Bateman, Parris, Fletcher, Burke, Hawks, Fowle, Godfrey, Wilford and the Clerk T. Hilder. Mr. Hodgkinson sent a letter stating that professional duties prevented his attendance.

Minutes.

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

Brook Committee.

The report of the Brook Committee was read.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the matter relating to E. Wray's agreement remain in abeyance for the present, but that he not be allowed to remove any grass or underwood in the future from the Allotments. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed that John Paley have 21 days notice to pay arrears of rent of land for lodge and for allotment. Failing to do so that his lodge be removed and the allotment let to some other person. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed the 7th day of April as the date for turning Cattle on the Brook this year. This was seconded by Mr. Galpin and carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the Brook Committee be asked to sell the fallen tree for the best price they could get. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Finance Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved that a cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Caretakers Wages. Feb' & Mar'	Alf' Judges.	5. 0. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery	Fletcher. W.	10. 16. 0
Ministers Fees 7/6 2/6 35/-	Galpin, Farraday, Jackson	2. 5. 0
Insurance.	Kent Insurance Comp'	10. 6
Stationery	Hilder. T.Jr.	1. 1. 5
Stamps.	The Clerk.	5. 4
Printing Notices P. Meeting	Hambrook. A.N.	3. 6
Lamp Column & c	Mid Kent Gas Comp'	2. 12. 6
Shrubs for Baths.	Frost & Co	13. 6
Flowers, Seeds + fares to Maidstone	Frost & Co, Fletcher W. 6/3 2/6	8. 9
Water supplied to Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co.	1. 4. 11
Burial Forms. 250	Gay G.F.	12. 6
Carriage of Shrubs & Seeds.	Quarrington. C. J.	8
Guarantee Insurance. (judges)	Venning C.H.	7. 6
Gatekeepers Wages. (balance)	Hood. T.	1. 6. 0
Parish Meetings 2	Godfrey. C.	5. 0
Parish Council Meetings.	Randall. Miss.	1.15. 6
Fire Wood for Baths.	Norrington S.T.	8. 4
Oil & Wicks.	Moore & Co.	2.10
	Total.	29.19. 9

Tender for Laying Pipes in Cemetery.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the third tender to be opened and the lowest tender accepted. Carried.

Draycon. H.	7. 0. 0
Brattle. C.	6.18. 0
Mid Kent Water Co'	3.17. 6

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Mid Kent Water Co' tender be accepted. Carried.

Correspondence.

Letter from Malling Rural District Council. Re:- Pilgrim Road.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that a letter be written to the Rural District Council asking that the question of the Pilgrim Road be re-considered. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

2. Letter from the County Surveyor re:- water channel in the Malling Road & entrance to Bull Field
3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- road in Bull Field.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Company giving copy of analysis for water for February 1902.
5. Letter from Chatham & District Trades Council re:- Kent Electric Power Bill.

Mr. Burke proposed that a Committee of 5 be appointed to consider the whole question, and watch that nothing be allowed in the Bill detrimental to the Parish. This was seconded by Mr. Galpin and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Committee consist of Messrs' Burke, Galpin, Bateman, Wilford & Godfrey. Carried.

6. Letter from the Bridge-wardens re:- Meeting.
7. Letter from the Board of Agriculture re:- Swine Fever.

High Street & Malling Road.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council complaining of the state of the High Street and the Malling Road during the winter months, and also asking that the pipe in the High Street leading into the Ditch by "Anchor House" be enlarged. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey & carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that a receipt for £10 be issued on the Overseers for general expenses. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that conveyance of grave spaces to Mr. E.W. Beadle. Mr. J.H. Weeden, Miss Janet Mary Hosburgh and Miss. Emily Hosburgh be signed. Carried.

Draft Report of Parish Council Proceedings.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the draft report of the Parish Council proceedings for the year 1901-2 be approved and adopted. This was seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried.

Kings Coronation.

Mr. Wilford suggested that the Council do something to celebrate the Coronation of King Edward V11

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Parish Council issue a notice calling a meeting of the whole of the Parish to consider the best means of celebrating the Coronation of King Edward V11. The meeting to take place on April 8th in the Devonshire Rooms at 8pm. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that . Messrs' Hilder, Godfrey and Mason be appointed to draw up and issue the bill calling the meeting. Carried.

Mr. Burke's notice of motion.

Mr. Burke gave notice of motion re:- placing a lamp at the bottom of Rookery Hill, and objecting to placing rubbish by the side of the road at the same spot.

John Mason.
April 15th 1902.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' April 15th 1902.
At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Election of Chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that Mr. H. Beadle take the chair during the Election of the Chairman. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Mason for so ably presiding during the past year. This was seconded by Mr. Galpin and carried.

Messrs' Mason, Burke and Beadle were nominated for the chair.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that Mr. John Mason be elected chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman.

On resuming the Chair Mr. Mason proposed that Mr. H. Beadle be re-elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed & Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Godfrey be elected one of the Overseers from inside the Council. Carried.

Mr. Butler proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Mr. Burke be elected one of the Overseers from inside the Council

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Mr. W.L.H. Roberts be elected one of the Overseers outside the Council. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that Dr. John Palmer be elected one of the Overseers outside the Council. Carried.

Committees.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Committee's be re-elected as they stood last year. This was seconded by Mr Hawks and carried. (see folio 153).

Finance Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Gas Account Fire Station.	Mid Kent Gas Co'	2. 3
“ “ “ “ Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	19. 5
“ “ “ “ Street Lamps.	“ “ “ “ “	42. 10. 0
Water Supply to Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co'	14. 11
“ “ “ “ “ Cemetery.	“ “ “ “ “ “	3. 0
“ “ “ “ “ Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “ “	3. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. Wm.	3. 12. 0
“ “ “ “ “ “ Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
	Total	50. 14. 7

Notice Boards.

Mr. H. Beadle suggested that Messrs' Mason and Wilford be asked to inspect the Notice Boards and report to the next meeting.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed that the action of the Committee in commencing to open the Baths the whole time on April 7th be approved by the Council. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Chairman of the Committee be empowered to purchase fuel for the Baths at a cheaper rate if possible. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that 6yds of material for dusters be purchased for use at the Baths. Carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that Dr Palmer be approached for advice as to disinfecting the Baths at the present time. This was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that 20yds of gravel be purchased for the Cemetery. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be granted a weeks holiday in July and that a deputy be found in addition to the Caretaker at the same rate of wage. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be allowed a lad for eight weeks at 8/- to assist in the Cemetery. Mr. Galpin seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that certain painting & graining be done at the Cemetery as per specification and that tenders for the work be invited from Messrs' Draycon, Brattle & Langridge. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a water tank on wheels be purchased for use in the Cemetery to hold 16 gals' and to cost £4.10.0. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle reported that he had sold the fallen tree for 10/- and suggested that rubbish and ashes be removed to fill up the holes on the Brook.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the rubbish and ashes in and about the enclosure be treated and cleared at once by the Brook Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that notice be put up directing that ashes and rubbish be deposited inside the enclosure. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the Clerk of the County Council re:- High Street and Malling Road.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the month of March. "The Figures indicate no departure from the usual high standard of purity".3. Letter from Wm. E. Gilbert secretary of R.C. & N.B & District Council of the Evangelical Free Churches suggesting that the word "General" be substituted for the word "Un-consecrated" as applied to a portion of the Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that this matter be referred to the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

Plan & Inscription of Headstone.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the plan and inscription for Mr. Cheeseman's head-stone be approved. Carried.

Street Watering.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the streets be watered this year. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Finance Committee take into immediate consideration the purchase of a large water cart. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Mr. W. Hawks be invited to supply the labour of horse and man for street watering again this year, at the same price, on the understanding that a larger cart will be provided later. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

New Lamp Bottom of Rookery Hill.

Mr. Burke in accordance with the Notice of Motion proposed that a new lamp be placed at the bottom of Rookery Hill, on the spot where the District Council has deposited road scrapings & that the said District Council be requested to remove the said road scrapings. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Fire Escape.

Mr. Burke in accordance with notice of motion proposed that the Finance Committee be instructed to take into consideration the purchase of a " Fire Escape" and report to the next meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Vote of thanks to the Clerk.

Mr. Burke proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded the Clerk Mr. T. Hilder for his services during the past year. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Parris called attention to the cesspool in Church Field. The Clerk promised to write to the Sanitary Inspector.

John Mason
May 13th 1902.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' May 13th 1902
At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present, Messrs' H. Beadle, Galpin, Bateman, Parris, Burke, Fowle, Fletcher, Hodgkinson, Hawks Woodburn & The Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance & Lighting.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following Accounts.

Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 8. 0
Assistance at Cemetery.	Gunner. J.	2. 6
Water Can for Cemetery	Moore & Co	1. 6
Fuel for Cemetery.	Hayman W.	15. 0
Fuel for Baths.	" " "	2. 19. 0
Poor Rate Cemetery.	Hilder. T.	18. 0
Lighting Rate " "	" " "	1. 1 ½
" " " " Baths.	" " "	4. 6
Poor Rate " "	" " "	3. 12. 0
Water Rate Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co'	5. 3
Laying water & Pipe in Cemetery.	" " " " " "	3. 17. 6
Erecting 3 Lamp Columns	Mid Kent Gas Co'	9. 9. 8
Garden Engine Cemetery.	Young & Marten	3. 16. 3
Caretakers Wages. Baths May.	Judges. A.	3. 10. 0
Wages of Man on Brook.	Fowle. Maynard.	5. 7. 0
	Total	40. 7. 3 ½

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that a 30ft Curicle Fire Escape be purchased for the use of the Fire Brigade at the price of £55.0.0 from Messrs' Shand, Mason and Co'.
Seconded by Mr. Burke & carried.

Water Cart.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that a water wagon of 400 gals' capacity be purchased at the price of £38.10.0 from Messrs' Brayley Ltd with No' 3 double valve iron distributor from stocks to wheels the Committee to have the power to sell the old cart. This was seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried.

Mr. Fowle moved an amendment that the question be referred back to the Committee in order that the old cart be sold before the new one was bought. This was seconded by Mr. Woodburn and lost by 3 to 4.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Burke stated that Dr Palmer has recommended the washing of the Baths with Jeyes Fluid after each use, and that a Sulphur Candle be burned once a week.
Mr. Burke proposed that 2 gross of Swan Soap be purchased from Mr. Bridgland. This was seconded by Mr. Galpin and carried.

Notice Boards.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the Notice Boards be cleaned, repaired, painted and re-lettered. Carried.
Tenders to be invited from Messrs' Norman, Brattle and Draycon.

Tenders for Work at Cemetery.

The Chairman opened the three tenders for the work at the Cemetery. They were as follows –

Brattle	£13.10.0
Langridge	£11. 5.0
Draycon.	£9. 1.0

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Draycon's tender be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Beadles Notice of Motion re:- Culvert.

Mr. Beadle read two letters . One from the Rochester Land Co' which stated that a meeting would take place on the 22nd inst', and one from the Kent and Sussex Land Co' who were prepared to make a small contribution towards the expenses of making the Culvert.

It was decided to let the matter stand over in order to ascertain the whole cost.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from W. Hawks accepting terms for watering the streets.
2. Post Card from Geo' Gates re:- gravel for Cemetery.
3. Letter from Mrs Cheeseman enclosing fee for erection of Headstone.

4. Letter from Artistic Monumental Co' asking for copy of Rules & Regulations of Cemetery.
5. Circular letter from Local Government Board re:- Coronation.

John Mason
June 17th 1902.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' June 17th 1902.
At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present. Messrs' Beadle, Hodgkinson, Burke, Hawks, Fowle, Bateman, Wilford and Butler.

Minutes.

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

Letters from Messrs' Galpin and Godfrey were read stating their inability to attend and asking to be excused.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Ministers Fees.	Mr. Faraday.	2. 6
2 Gross of Swan Soap.	Bridgland. M.	3. 4. 0
Carting on Brook. On a/c	Moore. C.	10. 0
201/2 Yds of Gravel	Gates. George	2.11. 3
Repayment of Loan	Prudential Ass' Co' Ltd.	52. 4. 6
Wages of Man on Brook.	Maynard. C.	5. 3. 6
Caretakers wages & Boy	Fletcher. W.	6. 8. 0
“ “ “ “ “ “ Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
	Total	73. 13. 9

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. J. Batey asking the Council to make an offer for Lodge and Bridge.

Mr. Fowle proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Patey requesting him to remove the Lodge from the Brook on or before the 30th day of June, or the Council would seize the same for arrears of rent.

This was seconded by Mr. Butler and carried.

Grass on Brook.

Mr. Beadle proposed that Mr. Fowle be empowered to sell the grass on the Brook for 10/-. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

2. Letter from Rochester Land Co' offering to sell their right to the Ditch in the Queen's Road for £25.

3. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the Month of May. The usual high degree of organic purity is fully maintained.
4. Letter from F. Randell Ltd. re:- purchase of old water cart.
5. Letter from Bayley's Ltd. re:- purchase of the old water cart.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the water cart be advertised in the 'Chatham News' 'Kent Messenger' 'Ashford News' and the 'Kent Times'. 2 insertions. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

6. Letter from Shand, Mason & Co' stating the Fire Escape would be sent off next week.

Mr. Mason proposed that the Clerk wire Shand, Mason to send on escape at once. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that a receipt for £90 under the Burials Act be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Goddens Charity.

A resolution passed by the Birling Parish Council, reducing the rent of 'Goddens Charity Land' to £25 per year and agreeing to consider the matter again at Michaelmas with a view to a further reduction if necessary, subject to the approval of the Snodland Parish Council.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the resolution of the Birling Parish Council be confirmed and adopted. Carried.

Grave Spaces.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that conveyance of Grave Space No' 184 to James Henry Weeden be signed. Carried.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that conveyance of Grave Space No' 185 to Agnes May be signed. Carried.

Plan & Inscription of Headstone.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that plan & inscription of Headstone to Miss Hawks' Grave be approved by the Council. Carried.

Culvert at end of Queen's Road.

Mr. Beadle proposed that a sub Committee consisting of Messrs' Beadle, Wilford and Burke be appointed to make inquiry concerning the proposed Culvert at the end of Queen's Road, and report to the next meeting.

Mr. Butler seconded and it was carried.

John Mason
July 22nd. 1902.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' July 22nd 1902.

At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present, Messrs' H.Beadle, Bateman, Godfrey, Fowle, Fletcher, Butler, Galpin, Wilford, Burke and Woodburn.

Minutes.

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

Mr. Hodgkinson wrote asking to be excused attending as he was unwell. He also asked to be identified in any action the Council might take in reference to the death of Mr. Deacon.

Finance Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Curicle Fire Escape.	Shand Mason & Co'	55. 0. 0
Water Rate Fire Station.	Mid Kent Water Co'	3. 0
“ “ “ Cemetery.	“ “ “ “ “ “	3. 0
“ “ “ “ “ “	“ “ “ “ “ “	5. 3
“ “ “ Baths.	“ “ “ “ “ “	2. 0. 6
Gas Account Fire Station.	Mid Kent Gas Co'	3. 0
“ “ “ “ Street Lamps.	“ “ “ “ “ “	44. 12. 6
“ “ “ “ Baths.	“ “ “ “ “ “	9. 5
Brook Keepers salary	Hood. F.	1.10. 0
Wages of Man on Brook.	Maynard. C.	5. 16. 0
Flannels etc. Baths.	Moore & Co.	1. 9
Galvanized Sheets Cemetery	“ “ “	1. 7. 8
Sulphur Candles Baths.	Stedman. A.	15. 0
Bills & Cheques.	Hambrook A. N.	12. 6
Coal & Coke Baths	Hayman. W.	5. 14. 0
Dusters. “	Weaire F.J.	1. 10.
Work at Cemetery	Draycan H.	9. 9. 6
Carting Gravel Cemetery.	Tilbrook. W.H.	1. 10. 0
Advertisements Water Cart. Kent Messenger. Ashford News.		4. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 0. 0
“ “ “ “ “ “ Baths.	Judges. A.	2.10. 0
	Total	138. 8. 11

Brook Committee.

Mr.Fowle reported the ditch adjoining Ham Hill Brook had been cleaned out, a fence had been repaired and a small fence erected. He also stated he could not get 10/- for the grass , but had accepted 7/6 from Mr. Porter. He advised the Council not to screen any more ashes. It was decided to hold a Brook Committee Meeting on the Brook on Monday July 28th at 7pm.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Burke reported that the number of bathers from April 1st to July 21st was 1198, and the amount of Fees £13.18.6.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. E. Beadle tendering his resignation on the Council on account of his removal to Wainscot. Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Mr. Beadle's resignation be accepted and that the Clerk be instructed to write him, thanking him for his past services. Carried.
2. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co', stating they had lent the Brook Committee a pair of water boots, and expected to have them returned in good condition.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the Month of June. 'All the figures are entirely satisfactory and the sample is practically indistinguishable by analysis from that received last month'.
4. Letter from Shand, Mason & Co' re:- Fire Escape.
5. Letter from the Essex Land Co' re:- Ditch in Queen's Road.
6. Letters from Rochester Land Co' offering to surrender right to ditch in Queen's Road on certain conditions. Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that he offer of the Rochester Land Co' be not entertained and that the Clerk be instructed to write and ask them to reconsider the matter. Carried.

Water Cart.

The Clerk reported that he had had no offers for the Water Cart.

The Chairman stated that two matters had not been placed on the agenda which he would like taken at this meeting. Viz' The signing of Conveyance of Grave Space & the issuing a receipt on the Overseers.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that these two items be taken. Carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that a receipt for £160 be issued on the Overseers under the Lighting Act. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that the conveyance of Grave Space No' 191 to Mr. Allen Deacon be signed. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that 200 ground indicators be purchased from Looker & Co' New Malden. Carried.

Letter of Condolence to Mr. Deacon's Family.

Mr. Burke proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. Deacon's family. This was seconded by Mr. Bateman, supported by Mr. Beadle and Carried.

John Mason
September 2nd 1902

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' September 2nd. 1902.
At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present, Messrs' Beadle, Bateman, Parris, Fletcher, Wilford, Hawks, Butler, Burke, Galpin and T. Hilder. Clerk.
 Mr. Fowle asked through the Clerk to be excused attending on account of sickness.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

Caretakers Wages Baths. August.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	7. 4. 0
Wages of Man on Brook.	Maynard. Geo'	8. 13. 0
Ministers Fees.	Williamson T.A.E.	5. 0
Notices of Committee Meetings.	Hambrook. A.N.	4. 6
Notices of Fire Brigade ????	" " " " "	3. 6
Jeyes Fluid Baths.	Milledge B.J.	2. 0
Advertisement Water Cart.	Chatham News.	3. 6
	Total.	19. 4. 6

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker have permission to obtain

1. 6 Trees to replace dead ones.
 2. 8 Loads of Manure.
 3. 20 Loads of mould from Holoborough Road.
- This was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the City of Rochester Land & General Investment Co' Ltd. re:- culvert over ditch on Queen's Road.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that the Clerk be instructed to reply 'the Council did not see their way to pay anything'. Carried.

2. Letter from Shand, Mason & Co' re:- Cheque for Fire Escape.

3. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for July.
 'The sample is clear, palatable and free from poisonous metals'.

4. Various letters from the Norbiton Potteries re:- Ground Indicators.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the conveyance of Grave Spaces 153, 188, 189, 190 to Mr. Richard John Parris, and the conveyance of Grave Space 140 to Mr. James Wenham be signed. Carried.

The question of the price of Children's Grave Spaces was referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Kerb.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that Mr. Parris have permission to place a Kerb round the Grave Spaces. Carried.

Mr. Fowle's Notice of Motion Horse & Cart.

Mr. Fowle's Notice of Motion re:- horse & cart. Postponed.

Election of Councillor.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that Mr. Benjamin Lambert be elected a Parish Councillor in the place of Mr. Edward Beadle, resigned. Carried unanimously.

Path in the High Street.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council calling attention to the Path in the High Street between Mr. Horton's and the entrance to Ivymeath. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Photographs.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that the photographs of the fire Brigade and the Coronation be purchased, framed in Oak, and hung in the Council Room. Carried nem con

John Mason.

October 14th 1902.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' October 14th 1902.

At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present. Messrs' H. Beadle, Hodgkinson, Butler, Lambert, Parris, Burke, Hawks, Fowle, Godfrey, Wilford, Woodburn, Bateman, Galpin & T. Hilder. Clerk.

Minutes.

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

Mr. Benjamin Lambert signed his declaration on acceptance of offer.

Finance Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts

Audit Stamp	The Clerk.	3. 0. 0
Caretakers Wages. Baths.	Judges A. Sept.& Oct'	5. 0. 0
Gas A/c Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co'	44. 12. 6
“ “ Public Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	12. 2

“ “ Fire Station	“ “ “ “ “	1. 0
Brook Keepers Wages.	Hood T. On a/c	4. 0. 0
Repair Water Boots.	Bells. W.C.	2. 0
Water Supply Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co'	3. 4. 9
“ “ “ “ Fire Station	“ “ “ “ “	3. 0
“ “ “ “ Cemetery.	“ “ “ “ “	3. 0
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Soap & + Monkey Brand Baths.	Moore & Co'	3. 9
Repairing Valve of water Cart.	Hook C.T. & Co' Ltd.	3. 0
200 Indicators Cemetery.	Norbiton Potteries	3. 15. 0
Carriage of “ “ “ “	S.E. & C Ry Comp.	12. 2
Carriage of Crates	“ “ “ “ “	1. 3
Tithe. Cemetery	The Rector.	1. 11. 11
Coal & Coke Baths.	Hayman W.	4. 9. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher W.	7. 14. 0
Photo + Framing Same	Hilder T.Jr.	10. 6
½ yrs Rent of Fire Station.	Misses Hook.	2. 10. 0
1 yrs rent of Baths.	“ “ “	10. 0
	Total	82. 16. 9

The accounts for street watering £12.5.7 and for labour of horse and man £32.9.0 were submitted. Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded these accounts be approved and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed the word 'General' be substituted for 'Un-consecrated' as applied to the Cemetery rules. This was seconded by Mr. Fowle and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be allowed an Annual Holiday of one week on condition he make suitable arrangements with the Council and that a substitute be provided at a wage of 24/-. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be instructed to charge extra 5/- for erection of Headstone after purchasing Grave Space in cases where stone is erected before purchase. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a Chaldron of Coke be purchased for the Cemetery. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Baths Fence.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that tenders be invited to erect a fence on the West side of the plot of ground purchased for the erection of a proposed swimming bath. The fence to be 6ft high, Oak posts 5x4 deal rails 4x2 + pales 3x1, top edge of rails to be bevelled, with one coat of tar. Carried.

Curtain.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Butler seconded that a curtain of red baize be purchased & put up on the stair case at Baths to prevent draught – together with rod & rings. Carried.

Opening of Baths.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Baths be open on Thursday's, Friday's and Saturday's during the Winter Months. On Thursday's for Ladies, and Friday's & Saturday's for gentlemen. Thursday's & Friday's to be open from 10am to 9pm. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letters from Mid Kent Water Company giving analysis of water for August & September. 'The high Standard of purity is fully maintained'. The usual high standard of organic purity is well maintained.

2. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- footpath in high street.

3. Letter from the City of Rochester Land & General investment Comp' Ltd re:- Culvert in Queen's Road, waiving their demand £10.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Kent and Essex Comp' be asked what they will give towards the expense of erecting a Culvert over the ditch in order to connect the two roads.

Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Conveyance of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Burke proposed that conveyance of Grave Spaces 193,194 & 195 to Mr. Thomas Peters and the conveyance of Grave Space 198 to Mrs Caroline Bennett be signed. Me. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Headstone Inscriptions.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that plans and inscriptions of Headstones be approved by the Council. Carried.

Trustee to May's Charity.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Wilford be elected Trustee of May's Charity in the place of Mr. Deacon. Deceased.. Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Fowle's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Fowle in accordance with previous notice of motion re:- purchase of Horse & Cart, proposed that a Committee of 5 be appointed to consider this matter and report to the Council. Seconded by Mr. Wilford & carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that the Committee be composed of Messr' Wilford, Fletcher, Fowle, Lambert and Butler. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Mr. Lambert be elected on all the committees of which Mr. Edward Beadle was a member. Carried.

Mr. Wilford kindly promised to hang the two pictures in the Council Room.

John Mason.

November 11th 1902.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' November 11th 1902.
At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present Messrs' Beadle, Parris, Galpin, Lambert, Bateman, Burke, Hawks, Fowle, Wilford, Woodburn and the Clerk T, Hilder.

Minutes

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

Resignation of Mr. T. Fletcher.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. T. Fletcher tendering his resignation on the Council, in consequence of other calls on his time preventing him attending the Council Meetings.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that his resignation be accepted, and that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter expressing the regret of the Council at his decision, and conveying to him the best thanks of the Council for his past services. Carried Unanimously.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Carting Indicators for Cemetery.	Ongley C.	2. 6
Poor Rate Baths.	Hilder. T.	3. 0. 0
Poor Rate Cemetery.	" " "	15. 0
Carting on the Brook.	Moore. T.	7. 17. 0
Oil + c Fire Brigade	Moore & Co'	5. 8
Repair of Stretcher	St John Ambulance	1. 9. 0
Caretakers Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	3. 10. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	5. 16. 0
	Total.	21. 15. 0

Baths Committee.

Mr. Burke Chairman of the Baths Committee reported that in consequence of the mild weather he had kept the Baths open full time during the month of October.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle having reported the fence on the Brook had not been repaired, the Chairman stated that a tender for the job would be opened later in the evening. Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be requested to get out a statement of the cost of horse hire for the last three years. Mr. Lambert seconded and it was carried.

Lighting Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the 'lugs' on the fire hose be elongated, and that Mr. Dann's price at 4/3 per lug be accepted. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Norbiton Potteries acknowledging receipt of crates.
2. Letter from Rochester Chatham, New Brompton and District Council of Evangelical Free Churches. Re:- General Unconsecrated.
3. Letter from Mr. Ruck re:- entrances to Bull Field.
4. Letter from Kent and Essex Land Company re:- Culvert

Burial Laws.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that a copy of Brook Little's Law of Burial be purchased at the price of 18/6. Carried.

Tender for Fence at Baths.

Mr. Burke proposed that the tenders stand over till the next meeting and that Mr. H. Bateman be asked to tender. Seconded by Mr. Lambert & lost by 6 to 3.

The tenders were then opened and were as follows

Mr. Langridge £7.10.0

Mr. Norman. £5. 5.0

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the lowest tender be accepted. Carried.

Tender for the repair of Notice Boards.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that the tender for the repair of the Notice Boards be opened. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that Mr. Draycon's tender at 16/6 be accepted. Carried.

Fence on Brook.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Mr. Hawks tender for the repair of fence on Brook be accepted at £2.18.0. Carried.

Rent of Charity Land.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that someone be appointed to view the land at Ivychurch, and make enquires as to the letting value of similar land in the neighbourhood, subject to the approval of the Birling Parish Council. Carried.

Lamp in High Street.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that the Finance and Lighting Committee consider the advisability of moving the lamp at the end of the Rectory Avenue, a few ft lower down the Street, so as to light the Queen's Ave', and report to

Dec' 24rd 1902.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' December 23th 1902.

At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present Councillors Parris, Beadle, Fowle, Hawks, Wilford, Hodgkinson, Woodburn and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Brook Little's Burial Law.	Hilder. T.Jr.	18. 6
Baize for curtains at Baths.	Weaver. F.J.	10. 6
Brook Gate Keepers Salary. Bal'	Hood. T.	16. 0
Trees for Cemetery.	Frost. W.	15. 0
Insurance Fire Appliances.	Kent Fire Office.	2. 0
Carriage of Trees.	Quarrington. E.	8
Instalment of Loan & Int'	Stable. D.W.	52. 5. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	7. 4. 0
Caretakers Wages. Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
	Total	£65. 1. 8

Insurance.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the Amount of Insurance on the Fire Appliances be increased from £100 to £200. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Trees in Queen's Avenue.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker of the Cemetery be asked to trim the tree's in the Queen's Avenue in his leisure time. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Burke Chairman of the Baths Committee sent a letter to the chairman stating that business prevented his attending the meeting, and asking what should be done about closing the Baths for the Christmas Holiday's. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Baths closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and re-opened on Saturday 27th inst'. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the Prudential Insurance Company asking for Cheque in payment of instalment of loan and interest.
2. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Company giving analysis of water for November. 'The usual high degree of organic purity is more that maintained'.

Purchase of Horse & Cart.

Mr. Mason reported that the Committee which had been appointed to consider the purchase of a horse and cart for use in the Parish, had decided not to recommend the Council to do so at the present. He also stated that this Committee had considered the question of the dry – scavenging the Parish, and recommended the Council to invite tenders immediately for this work.

He proposed that the dry – scavenging i.e. the removal of house refuse be undertaken in the Parish. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that notice inviting tenders for scavenging the Parish be published in the Kent Messenger – two insertions – and also on Notice Boards. Carried.

New Councillor.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Philip Champion be elected a Councillor in the place of Mr. T Fletcher, resigned. Carried Unanimously.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that a receipt for £90 under the Burial Act's be issued on the Overseers. Carried Unanimously.

Goddens Charity Land-Rent.

The Clerk reported that the Birling Parish Council had decided, subject to the approval of the Snodland Parish Council to fix the rent for the land for the next three years, dating from Michaelmas 1902 at £22 per annum, the tenant paying all charges on the land, including "Scot's Rales, Tithes & Land Taxes. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the decision of the Birling Parish Council be confirmed by this Council. Carried Unanimously.

Road in Church Field.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be written to the District Council asking them to take immediately, the necessary steps to put the road in the Church Field in a proper state of repair. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried unanimously.

Road near Level Crossing.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that a letter be written to the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Co' calling their attention to the state of the road near the level crossing. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Culvert in Queens Road.

Mr. Wilford very kindly promised to ascertain the cost of 36 ft of 12 inch iron pipes necessary for the Culvert.

Children's Grave Spaces.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that the 18 adult grave spaces on the South side of the consecrated portion of the Cemetery be changed into 36 children's grave spaces. Carried.

John Mason
January 6th 1903.