

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' January 12th 1904.
At 8pm.

Mr H.T. Beadle in the Chair. There were also present Messrs. Mason, Burke, Fletcher, Parris, Hodgkinson, Woodburn, Hawks, Wilford and the Clerk T. Hilder

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

½ Doz' Flannels for Baths.	Moore & Co.	1. 3.
Tickets for Baths & pens	Hambrook. A.N..	8. 0
Notices opening Baths.	Gay. G. F.	2. 6
Water Supply to Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co.	1. 4. 11
Gas a/c Baths.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	1. 8. 1
Gas a/c Fire Station.	" " " " "	2. 2
Gas a/s Street Lamps.	" " " " "	45. 18. 0
Work for Fire Brigade.	Hinds. C.W.	11. 0
Water at Fire Station.	Mid Kent Water Co'	3. 0
Carriage of Hose.	S.E.&C.Ry' Co.	2. 9
Work for Cemetery.	Hinds. C.W.	1. 4. 7
Water at Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co.	5. 3
Water at Cemetery Cottage.	" " " " "	3. 0
Income Tax on Interest.	Inland Revenue.	2. 14. 0
Engraving Plate for Portrait	Hilder. W.	6. 0
Insurance Premium Fire A/P's	Kent Fire Office.	4. 0
Caretakers Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 0. 0
Ministers Fees.	Rev. Thornley.	10. 0
	Total.	£63. 18. 6

Fire Escape.

It having been reported that the rope of the Fire Escape was too short . Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that the Clerk be instructed to call Shand Mason & Co's attention to the matter and also send back the lamp and spanner which were sent by mistake. Carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Caretaker make out a list of seeds required for the Cemetery and submit it to the Chairman of the Committee for approval. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported the number of Bathers & receipts for December and compared them with same period last year. Bathers 126. Receipts. £1.10.6.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Prudential Assurance Co. re:- Payment on due date.

2. Letter from Shand Mason & Co' re:- Lamp & Spanner.

3. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd. re:- lease of Brookland.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a draft lease be prepared by Mr. A.J. Ellis and submitted to the Council. This was seconded by Mr, Burke and carried.

4. Letter from The Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for December.

"There was a slight but decided diminution in the proportion of all the mineral constituents, but in other aspects the water is practically unchanged".

5. Letter from Mr. Luke Terry. Re:- Lamp Column a/c.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that £4.4.0 be accepted from Mr. Luke Terry in settlement of the a/c for Lamp Col. & c. If sent within seven days of the date hereof. This offer to be without prejudice. Carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Wm. Johnson re:-

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Clerk write to Mr. Johnson Jnr' and ask him to send on Cheque in settlement of a/c at once. Carried.

Headstone & Inscription.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the plan & inscription of the Headstones of Miss. Phillips Grave. Mr. Deacons Grave and Erick Allen Deacon's Grave be approved by the Council. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Tender for Painting.

The following tenders for painting the Baths were opened -.

Mr. Brattle. £6.10.0

Mr. Draycon. £6.17.6

Mr. Langridge. £6.17.6

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Brattles tender be accepted on the understanding that the work should not be commenced before the 1st of March. Carried. Seconded by Mr. Mason.

Lamp by the Church.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Lamp at the corner of the Churchyard be removed to a spot to be decided by the Lighting Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Holboro Rd Path.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a letter be written to the County Council urging the immediate necessity of making some improvement in the Hoboro Road Footpath. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and Carried.

Mr. H.T. Beadle.

9th February 1904.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' February 9th 1904.
At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Burke, Godfrey, Wilford, Lambert, Parris, Galpin and the Clerk T. Hilder.
 Letter from Mr. Bateman asking to be excused on a/c of illness.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

Coal & Coke Baths.	Seaborne Coal Co.	4. 10. 0
Coke. Cemetery.	“ “ “ “ “	16. 0
Subscription to N.F.B. Union	Folker. H.S.	1. 1. 0
Oil & Oiling the hose to Water Cart.	Bramley. J.	4. 2
Ministers Fees.	Jackson. Rev. P.G.H.	1. 17. 6
Repair of Water Cart.	Tong. A.	9. 8
Carriage of Box.	S.E.&C. Ry' Co.	10
Carriage of Lamp & Spanner.	“ “ “ “	1. 3
Erecting Lamp Column &c.	Mid Kent Gas Co'	4. 15. 0
8 Loads of Manure Cemetery.	Hayward. E.	1. 4. 0
Caretakers Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	3. 10. 0
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	4. 16. 0
Rent of storing Soup Kitchen.	Hook. Miss.	5. 6
	Total.	£22. 10. 5

Fireman's Boots.

It having been reported that the boots of A. Woodruff, who, has re-joined the Brigade, were too small. Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that a new pair be purchased for him, and that Mr. Watts be asked to make them. Carried.

Soup Kitchen.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Brazier had given him the Pass Book of the Soup Kitchen Committee, showing a balance of £3.
 Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that this account be transferred to the Parish Council. Carried.

Johnsons A/C.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that proceedings be taken to recover £4.17.0 from Mr. Johnson, being the amount charged by the Gas. Co. for the erection of a new lamp column in the place of one knocked down by his runaway horse, and that Mr. Ellis be retained in the case. Carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Parris reported that the Caretaker had purchased the seeds for the Cemetery.

Baths.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that there had been 138 bathers during January, and the fees amounted to £1.12.1.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the boilers be cleaned and the taps examined and repaired and that Mr. Young be asked to do the work. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:- Fire Escape.
2. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:- Lamp & Wrench.
3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Scavenging.
4. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- tenders for Scavenging.
5. Letter from Mr. Luke Terry enclosing cheque for £4.4.0.
6. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Holboro Road Footpath.
7. Letter from Mid Kent Water. Co. giving analysis of water for the month of January. "The figures are practically identical with those obtained by the last analysis in December, and the usual high standard is fully maintained".

Holboro Road Footpath.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that another letter be sent to the County Council, requesting the immediate attention be given to the Holboro Road Footpaths. Also the removal of the mud deposited in the front of the Institute. Carried.

Path between Bramley Road & Bull Field.

Mr. Lambert proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the District Council be asked to repair the footpath between Bramley Road and Bull Field. Carried.

S.E.&C. Railway Co. Down Platform & Train.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that further application be made to the S.E.&C. Ry. Co. for a Shelter on the Down Platform, and the re-instatement of the late Wednesday Train. Carried.

Tenders for Street Watering.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that Notices be posted on the Notice Boards inviting tenders for the supply of horse and man for the purpose of street watering. Carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the question be considered. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the plan and inscription of the headstone of Mr. Allen Beadle's Grave be approved. Carried.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Champion tendering his resignation on the Council. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that his resignation be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the lamp on the corner of the Churchyard be moved to a point on the side of the new footpath. Carried.

Mr. H.T. Beadle.
15th February. 1904

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' March 15th 1904.
At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Mason, Bateman, Hawks, Fletcher, Parris, Fowle, Galpin, Hodgkinson and the Clerk T. Hilder. Mr. Burke sent a message asking to be excused.

Minutes

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

Finance Committee.

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

Cheque Book.	Dickenson.W.P.	7. 8
Insurance Premium Cemetery.	Kent Fire Office.	10. 6
Books & Statements.	Hilder. T. Jr.	5. 0
Guarantee. Premium judges.	Venning C.H.	7. 6
Income Tax-balance.	Inland Revenue.	10
Copy of Register.	Prosser. W.B.	1. 0
Work at Cemetery.	Draycon. H.	9. 3. 6
Stationery.	Hambrook. A.N.	7. 9
Stamps. 2yrs.	The Clerk.	16. 5
Caretakers Wages. Baths.	Judges. A. 2 months.	5. 0. 0
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	7. 4. 0
Preparing Room P. Meetings	Godfrey. C.	5. 0
Preparing Room P.C. Meetings	Russell. Mrs.	2. 6. 0
Ministers Fees.	Rev. Jackson, Burton, Galpin.	1. 2. 6
	Total.	£27.17. 8

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Ditch between the Allotments be opened. Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that some boxes be purchased for the use of the Caretaker at the Cemetery. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Caretaker have the help of a man for the whole of the week. Carried.

Bath's Committee.

Mr. HODgkinson reported that the number of bathers for the whole of the last month to be 136 and the fee's £1.10.2.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the bar in the furnace of the boiler at the Baths be repaired at once. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded the ½ cwt of Swan Soap be purchased & that Mr. Phillips be asked to supply it. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Holboro Road.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that another letter be written to the County Council urging the necessity for the immediate repair of the Holboro Road footpath. Carried.

2. Letter from Rural District Council. Re:- the path leading from Bramley Road to the Bull-Field. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the Clerk obtain the consent of the owners of the path to be taken over by the District Council. Carried.

3. Letter from Mr. Johnson claiming the old lamp column.

4. Two letters from Mr. Ellis re:- claim for £4.17.0 from Mr. Johnson.

5. Letters from Mr. Souter re:- complaint from Messrs. C.T. Hook.

6. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re :- Fire Escape.

7. Letter from Water Co. giving analysis of water for February.

8. Letter from South Eastern & Chatham Railway & Co. re :- shelter on the down platform and late train on Wednesday.

Mr. Hawks proposed that fresh application be made for shelter on the down platform. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that a receipt be for £25. For general expenses be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Tenders for Street Watering.

The following tenders for street watering were opened.

Hawks. W. 1/- per hour.

Cook. Hy. 8 ½ d per hour.

Tilbrook. W.H. 10d per hour.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Tilbrooks tender be accepted. Carried.

Draft Lease.

The draft lease of Brook Land to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. prepared by Mr. Ellis was read.

Mr. Galpin proposed that addition re:- subletting be made to the lease, that it be approved by the Council and submitted to the Parish Meeting for its approval. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Draft report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The draft report of the Parish Council proceeding was read by the Clerk. Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the draft report of the Parish Council proceedings for the year 1903-4 be adopted as read.

H.T.Beadle.
13th April 1904.

The Tenth Annual Parish Council Meeting.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' 19th April 1904
At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle took the Chair and there were also present Messrs Mason, Burke, Bateman, May, Thompson, Parris, Hodgkinson, Fletcher, Hildyard, Wilford, Fowle, Hawks and the Clerk T. Hilder.

The Councillors signed the declaration on acceptance of office except, Messrs Godfrey & Galpin.
A letter from Mr. Galpin asking to be excused attendance was read.

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Mason was elected to the Chair pro tem during the election of the Chairman. Mr. Parris nominated Mr Burke : seconded by Mr. Fowle.
Mr. Wilford nominated Mr. Beadle : seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson.
Mr. Beadle obtained 8 votes and Mr. Burke 3 votes. The Chairman declared Mr. Beadle to be elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and he accordingly resumed the Chair.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Wilford be re-elected Vice-Chairman. Carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Mason proposed that two of the Overseers be appointed from inside the Council and two outside. Mr. Fowle seconded.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved an amendment that all the Overseers be appointed from inside the Council.

The amendment was carried by 7 to 3.

On being put as the substantive motion it was carried nem com.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that Messrs Wilford, Hodgkinson, Godfrey and Burke be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year. Carried.

Committee's Finance and Lighting.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Messrs Mason, Hodgkinson, Burke, Wilford, Thompson, Bateman and Godfrey be elected on the Finance and Lighting Committee. Carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Messrs Fowle, Hawks, May, Parris, Thompson, Fletcher and Burke be appointed on the Brook Committee. Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Messrs Mason, Galpin, Hawks, Parris, Hildyard, May and Fletcher be elected on the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs Galpin, Hildyard, Fowle, Godfrey, Wilford, Bateman and Hodgkinson be elected on the Baths Committee. Carried.

General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that a General Purposes Committee, consisting of 5 members be elected. Carried.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hildyard seconded that Messrs Burke, Bateman, Wilford, Mason and Hodgkinson be elected on the General Purposes Committee. Carried.

Finance Committee.

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

Coal & Coke for Baths,	Seaborne Coal Co'	4. 2. 0
2000 Bath Tickets.	Hambrook. A.N.	7. 6
Water supplied to Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co	1. 7. 6
Coke for Cemetery.	Seaborne Coal Co'	16. 0
Carting 8 loads of Manure to Cemetery.	Tilbrook W.H.	12. 0
Shifting Lamp Church Field	Mid Kent Gas Co'	15. 0
Fireman's Boots. Woodruff.??	Watts G.	1. 10. 0
1 doz' Drill Book Fire Brigade.	N.F.B. Union	10. 6
8 Soft lengths of hose. & c	Shand Mason & Co'	17. 9. 10
Printing Notices of Parish Meetings.	Gay C.F.	5. 0
Declaration Book.	Hilder. T. Jr	7. 0
Election Fee's	Allison F.J.	14. 8
½ yrs Rent of Fire Station.	Hook Miss.	2. 10. 0
Caretaker's Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	5. 14. 0
Wages of man on Brook.	Maynard. G.	12. 0
	Total	37. 13. 0

Baths.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that during the last seven weeks there has been 355 bathers at the Baths, and the fee's amounted to £3.18.6.

Correspondence.

1. Two letter's from Mr. Prosser re:- Holboro Road Footpath.
2. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co re:- Lease.
3. here letters from W.B. Prosser Esq re:- Bridge.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the month of March. "The high standard of chemical purity is fully maintained".

Brook Keeper

Mr. Mason proposed that Thomas Hood be elected caretaker of the Brook at a salary of £6.6.0 for the ensuing year. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the conveyance of Grave Space 246 to Sidney Penny be signed. Carried.

Manager National School.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Galpin be elected a manager on the Committee of the National School's. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Manager of British Schools.

Mr. Fowle proposed that Mr. Wilford be elected a manager on the Committee of the British School's. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Mr. Beadle be elected on the Committee.

Mr. Beadle was elected by 7 to 4.

Life of Office.

Mr. Mason proposed that the manager's term of office be the same as the life of the present Council provided they remain members of the Council for that period. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Screen.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Clerk obtain price for Screen. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Messrs Galpin and Godfrey be allowed to sign declaration on acceptance of office at the next meeting. Carried.

H.T. Beadle
10th May 1904.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' May 10th 1904.

At 8pm.

Mr H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Godfrey, Hodgkinson, Thompson, Burke, Parris, Galpin, Hildyard, Fowle, Bateman, May, Hawks and the Clerk T. Hilder.

A letter was read from Mr. Fletcher asking to be excused,

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

Gas a/c Street Lamps	Mid Kent Gas Co.	45. 18. 0
Gas a/c Public Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	1. 2. 10
Gas a/c Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “	1. 10
Storing Water Cart.	Romson. D.	5. 0
2 Gross Swan Soap.	Bridgland. M.	3. 4. 0
Seeds for Cemetery.	Frost. W.	10. 0
Wood for Cemetery.	Dedrick. J.P.	2. 6
Poor Rate. £1.2.6. Lighting Rate.2/3	Hilder. T.	1. 4. 9
Poor Rate £4.10.0 & Lighting Rate 10/-	“ “	4. 19. 0
Coal & Coke for Fire Station.	Botten. F.	3. 6
Water Rate Cemetery 8/3 Fire Station 3/-	Mid Kent Water Co.	11. 3
Solicitor's Fee. Recovery of Johnsons a/c	Ellis A.J.	17. 0
Repayment of Loan and Interest.	Prudential Ass' Co.	52. 13 9
Erecting Lamp Column (Johnson)	Mid Kent Gas Co.	4. 17. 0
Wages of Man on Brook.	Fowle. H.	7. 0
Wages of Caretaker Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	4. 16. 0
Wages of Caretaker. Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
	Total.	£124. 3. 5

Ditch.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Hildyard seconded that Mr. Russell's tender for clearing out ditch on the Brook at 1/4d per rod be accepted. Carried.

Bank of Stream.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the bank of the Mill Stream be repaired at once. Carried.

Ditch Allotment.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the ditch round the Brook Gardens be cleared of weeds. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Power of Chairman.

Mr Burke proposed that power be given Mr. Fowle as Chairman of the Brook Committee to act in matters of urgency. This was seconded by Mr Parris and carried.

Hawks Estimate.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. May seconded that Mr. Hawks estimate of £22.6.6. to repair the Willow Walk be accepted. Carried with one dissentient.

Mr. Hildyard moved an amendment that the matter be referred back to the Committee with the view of obtaining tenders from others. Mr. Burke seconded. Lost by 9 to 2.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that help to the extent of £4 be granted to the Caretaker of the Cemetery during the year. Carried.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hildyard seconded that the Caretakers House be repaired, papered, painted and whitewashed & that tenders be invited for the work from Messrs Draycon, Brattle & Langridge. Carried.

Surplus Mould.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that the Caretaker spread the surplus mould on the unappropriated ground. Carried.

Caretakers Wages.

Mr Parris proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the Caretakers Wages be raised to 26/- per week, subject to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and that the finance Committee take the matter into consideration and report to the next meeting. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the number of bathers during the last six weeks is 432 and the fees £4.13.1.

Correspondence.

1. Two letters from Mr. Ellis re:- Lease of Brook Land.

Mr. Hildyard proposed that the figures representing the area be altered from 2a.1rd. 38pe to 4a, 0rd, 27pe. Seconded by Mr. Galpin & carried.

Mr. Galpin proposed & Mr. Hildyard seconded that the clause in the lease referring to the expenditure of £500 stand as it has already been fulfilled. Carried.

2. Letter from C.T. Hook re:- Rubbish on Brook.

3. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Bridge.

4. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- School Managers.

5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of April. "The constancy of composition and high degree of Chemical Purity are fully maintained".

Holboro Road Path.

It was decided to write to Mr. Prosser calling attention to promise to repair Holboro Road footpath.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Galpin proposed that a receipt for £90 under the Burial's Act be issued on the Overseers. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Grave Space.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the conveyance of grave space 235 to Mrs Lambert be signed. Carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Galpin proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the plan & inscription of the headstone to be placed on Mr. Viney's grave be approved by the Council. Carried.

Mrs. Berry's Stone.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Hildyard seconded that permission be given to Mrs Berry to raise the figure at her sisters grave and to enclose an additional space with a kerb. Carried.

Hedge in Holboro Road.

Mr. Hildyard proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that a letter be written to Dr. Palmer asking him to cut up the hedge which overhangs the footpath in the Holboro Road. Carried.

H.T. Beadle.
14th June 1904

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' 14th June 1904.

At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Hodgkinson, Thomson, Hildyard, Fowle, May, Parris, Fletcher, Mason, Bateman, Godfrey, Burke and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

Caretakers Salary for May.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
Caretakers Salary Cemetery	Fletcher. W.	6. 0. 0
“ “ “ Help	“ “ “ “	2. 0. 0
Printing Baths.	Brattle. C.	6. 10. 0
	Total	17. 0. 0

Caretakers Salary.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Wages of the Caretaker be increased by 2/- per week. This was seconded by Mr. Fowle and carried by 9 votes to 4.

One being put as the substantive motion it was carried nem con.

Mr. Fowle proposed that no further increase in the Caretakers salary be entertained during the life of the present Council. Seconded by Mr. Hildyard and carried.

Fire Brigade.

It having been stated the Fireman Snelling had not attended the Fireman's drills according to rule, after being notified of the fact, and had also made false entries in the attendance book.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Fireman Snelling be requested to tender his resignation within 7 days. This was seconded by Mr. Parris & carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the number of bathers during the six weeks ended June 13th was 504 and the fees amounted to £5.11.3.

Correspondence.

1. Two letters from Mr. Ellis re:- Lease of Brook Land.
2. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Holboro Road Footpath.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis for the month of May. "The water is clear, palatable and almost absolutely free from dissolved organic matter".
4. Letter from Mr. Morgan re;- Damaged Land at Holboro'.
5. Letter from the Kent Education Committee re:- Council representative on the Managers of the National School.
6. Copy of Resolution from Malling Rural District Council re:- Footpath.

Signing Lease.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr Fletcher seconded that Messrs Hodgkinson and Mason sign the lease of Brook Land to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co' together with Chairman and Clerk. Carried.

Tenders for work at Cemetery.

The following tenders for work at the Cemetery were opened.

Brattle. C.	£6.18.6
Draycon. H.	£7.1.6.
Langridge R.T .	£7.19.6

Mr. Mason proposed that Mr. Brattle's tender be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the plan and inscription of headstone to be placed at Mr. Lamberts Grave be approved by the Council. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

H.T. Beadle
12th July 1904.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' July 12th 1904.
At 8pm.

Mr H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Wilford, Bateman, Fletcher, Parris, Burke, Fowle, May, Hawks, Galpin, Thomson, Hodgkinson, Hildyard and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

Repairing Willow Walk (contract)	Hawks. W.	22. 6. 6.
Carting on Brook	“ “ “	2. 14. 0
Coal and Coke for Baths.	Hayman W.	4. 18. 0
Printing 1000 daily returns	Hambrook. A.N.	8. 6
Gas a/c Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	45. 18. 0
Gas a/c Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	11. 3
Gas a/c Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “	1. 0
Water Rate Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co.	5. 3
“ “ “ “ “ “ “	“ “ “ “ “ “	3. 0
“ “ “ “ Fire Station	“ “ “ “ “ “	3. 0
Wages of Brook Gatekeeper (part)	Hood.T.	2. 0. 0
Caretakers Salary Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
Caretakers Salary Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	5. 6. 0
Wages of man on Brook	Russell & Fowle.	8. 1. 6
	Total.	£95. 6. 0

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Snellings Uniform and accoutrements be handed to Mr. Richard Penny. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. May seconded that Mr W. Hayward be accepted as a probationer. Carried.

Maroons.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the question of the use of Maroons as fire alarms be referred back to the Committee in order to ascertain cost & c, and that the bell rope be repaired at once. Carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle specified certain work the Committee had had done on the Brook which was approved by the Council.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the number of bathers during the six weeks ended July 13th was 749 and the fees amounted to £8.1.7.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that 3 flesh brushes be purchased for use at the Baths. Mr Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a curtain be purchase and placed over the front door of the Baths. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mill Stream.

Mr. Parris proposed that a letter be written to Messrs C.T. Hook and Co. asking them to have the Mill Stream cleaned out. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed an amendment that a special Brook Committee meeting be called to "view the state of the Mill Stream " and report to the Council . This was seconded by Mr. Hildyard and lost by 7 to 5.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from S.E. & C. Ry' Co. re:- late train on Wednesdays.
2. Letter from S.E. & C Ry' Co re:- Shelter on down platform.
3. Letter from Mr. Alfred Snelling tendering his resignation as a fireman.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. stating that Messrs Chittenden & Simmons had settled the account £.3.11.0 for new lamps.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co; complaining of the way the hydrants are opened & closed for filling the water cart.
6. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of June. "The results as a whole show no departure from the usual high standard".
7. Annual statement of Rochester Bridge Wardens.

South Eastern & Chatham Railway Co.

Mr. Burke proposed that a further letter be written to the S.E. & C Ry'Co. respecting the provision of a shelter on the down platform. This was seconded by Mr. Hildyard and carried.

H.T. Beadle.
9th August 1904.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' 9th August 1904.
At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Messrs Godfrey, Fletcher, Parris, Galpin, Fowle, Hildyard, May, Burke, Hawks, Wilford and the Clerk T. Hilder. Messrs Hodgkinson and Bateman sent notes asking to be excused attendance.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

Water supply to Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co'	4. 0. 7.
6 boxes Lifebuoy Soap.	Peters G. F.	4. 3
Work on Brook.	Hinds C.W.	1. 0
Work at Fire Station.	"	2. 6.
Work at Cemetery.	"	11. 8
Repair of hose for filling water cart.	"	5. 0
Brook Keepers Salary (part of).	Hood. T.	1. 0. 0
Audit Stamp.	The Clerk.	3. 0. 0
Caretakers wages & help. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 14. 0
Caretakers Wages Baths, July.	Judges A.	2. 10. 0
Ministers Fees.	Rev. W. Thornley.	2. 6
Ministers Fees	Rev. G.H. Jackson	1. 17. 6
Painting & C Cemetery.	Brattle . C.	6.18. 6
	Total.	£27. 7. 6

Baths Committee.

In the absence of Mr. Hodgkinson the Chairman reported the number of bathers for last 6 weeks to be 906 and the receipt to be £9.19.2.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co' re:- Cleaning out Mill Stream.
2. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- path in Bull Field.
3. Letter from Mr. Friend re:- widening Holboro Road. Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Friend the advantage of widening the road would be to the Bull Hotel as well as the Public's. Carried.
4. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of July. "The sample was clear palatable and free from poisonous metals".

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Parris proposed that a receipt for £180 under the Lighting Act be issued on the Overseers. This was seconded by Mr. Hildyard and carried.

Conveyances of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the conveyance of Grave Space No 260 to Dr Freeland. Grave Space 250 to Miss Mary Gorham & Grave Space 251 to Mr Walter Peters be signed. Mr. Hildyard seconded and it was carried.

H.T. Beadle
13th September 1904.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' September 13th 1904.
At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Mason, Godfrey, Burke, Thomson, Fletcher, Parris, Wilford, Hildyard, May, Hawks, Fowle, Bateman and the Clerk T. Hilder

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

Caretakers Salary Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 10. 0
Caretakers Salary Baths. (August)...	Judges A.	2. 10. 0
Wages of Man on Brook.	Fowle. W.	2. 10. 9
	Total.	£11. 10. 9

Fire Brigade.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that prices be obtained for the supply of Maroons. Carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the resignations of Messrs F. Fletcher and H. Evans be accepted and that Messrs Freeman and Bolton be elected supernumeraries and have the use of the resigned members uniforms and accoutrements. Seconded by Mr. Hildyard and carried.

It was decided that a comic football match be arranged with Tunbridge Wells Brigade for the benefit of the Fire Brigades orphan Fund.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a Committee of 5 be elected to inspect the condition of the Fire Station & that the Committee consist of Messrs Wilford, Mason, Hildyard, Hawks and Godfrey. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the two trees on the Brook Allotments be sold & removed. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

It was left to Mr. Fowle to obtain a price for the trees.

Cemetery.

Mr. Parris proposed that 8 loads of manure be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Salary of Caretaker of Baths.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the question of the Salary of the Caretaker of the Baths be referred to the Baths Committee and report to next meeting. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be sent to the Caretaker of the Baths, calling his attention that bathers can use the baths till 9pm and that no comments are to be made to them about this time. Seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co' re:- Mill Stream.

Mr Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the letter be referred to the Brook Committee. Carried.

2. Letter from Mr. Friend re:- Widening the Holboro Road between the Bull Hotel & Mr Normans shop.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the County Surveyor be asked to meet the General Purposes Committee to discuss the question of the widening the Holboro Road, between the Bull Hotel & Mr. Normans shop. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

3. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of August. "The sample shows the usual very high degree of organic purity".

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the plans & inscription of the headstones of Miss Gorham and Mr. W. Baker be approved by the Council. Carried.

Grave Space.

Mr. Mason proposed that the conveyance of grave space 255 to Mr F. Wm Colls be signed. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Kerb Fee.

Mr. Hildyard proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the question of the fee for Kerb be referred to the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

H.T. Beadle
11th October 1904

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' Oct' 11th 1904.

At 8pm.

Mr H. Beadle presided and there were also present Messrs Mason, Burke, May, Fletcher, Thomson, Godfrey, Hodgkinson, Hildyard, Bateman, Fowle, Wilford and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved to draw a cheques to pay the following accounts.

Gas a/c Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co;	45. 18. 0
Taking down scaffold.	Fire Brigade.	5. 0
Repairing Fireman's Boots.	Watts. G.	4. 8.
Repairing Glass at Fire Station.	Hilder. T. Jr	1. 6.
500 Envelopes for Fire Brigade.	Hambrook. A.N.	4. 6.
½ yrs Rent of Fire Station.	Hook. Miss.	2. 10. 0
1 yrs Rent of Public Baths.	" "	10. 0
1 yrs Tithe Rent Charge Cemetery.	The Rector.	1. 5. 9
Minister's Fees.	Faraday. Rev' A.	7. 6
Water supplied to Public Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co'	2. 17. 5
Water supplied to Cemetery 3/- & 5/3	" " " " " "	8. 3
Water supplied to Fire Station.	" " " " " "	3. 0
Man on Brook	Hawks. W.	3. 6. 0
Fools Cap Paper	Hambrook. A.N.	5. 0
2000 Baths Tickets.	" " " "	7. 6
Wages of Man on Brook.	Fowle. W.	14. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	5. 14. 0
Caretakers Wages Baths. Sept'	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
	Total	£67. 12. 1

Tilbrook A/C

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Mr. Tilbrook's a/c for Street Watering £40.10.10 and the Mid Kent Water Co/ a/c for water supply £17.10.0 be approved and forwarded to the District Council for payment. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Cap and Whistle.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a new cap and whistle be purchased for the Fire Brigade. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

New Lanterns.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that 6 new lanterns for the street lamps be purchased at the same price & quality as previous ones. The Clerk to take note of use of same. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

New Lamp.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a new lamp be placed in Queens Avenue, ½ way up south side. Mr. Hildyard seconded and it was carried.

Lamps to be Lighted every night in Winter.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Mid Kent Gas Co. be requested to light the street lamps every night during the winter months and that 14 days in Summer be given the Comp. in exchange., the lamps not being lighted the last 21 days in June, and the first 21 days in July instead of 14 days in each case. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a new Hair Broom, a new Bass Broom and a load of sand be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

Fee for Kerb.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the fee for the erection of a Kerb Stone on the purchased Grave be 3/6 and that it be entered in the rules. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded & carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle reported that the Mill Stream had not been properly cleaned out, and he proposed that a letter be written to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. requesting them to thoroughly do the same. Seconded by Mr. Hildyard & carried.

Brushwood.

Mr. Wilford proposed that he bundles of brushwood on the Brook be sold. Seconded by Mr. Hildyard and carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the salary of the caretaker of the Baths be raised from £30 to £35 per annum, the same to date from the 1st day of October. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that on account of the mild weather the Committee had continued the Summer Season into October, and he proposed that the changing the hours of opening be left to the discretion of the Committee. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Baths be closed on Sundays during the Winter months. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that new clothes posts be purchased & erected at the Public Baths with pulleys &c, the cost not to exceed £1.0.0. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

General Purposes Committee.

The Chairman read a report of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee with the County Surveyor respecting the widening the road between the Bull Hotel and Mr. Normans shop, and that the matter would be placed before the County Council at their next meeting.

Mr. Wilford proposed that letters be written to the owners of the property on the east of Holboro Road asking if they would be prepared to give up say 3 feet of the wide path in front of their premises, provided the County Council made it up and widened the road.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the County Surveyor re:- Holboro Road.
2. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of their water for the month of September.

Footpath in Malling Road.

Mr. Hildyard proposed that the Gas Comp' be asked to make good the whole of the path in the Malling Road. Seconded by Mr. May and carried

Mr. Hildyard proposed that Miss Hook be requested to trim the hedge near Brook House in the Malling Road. Seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

H.T. Beadle.
8th November 1904.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' November 8th 1904

At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Messrs.Hodgkinson, Bateman, Mason, Wilford, Parris, Fowle, Galpin, Hildyard, Fletcher, Godfrey and the Clerk T Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded and it was resolved to draw a cheque to pay the following accounts.

Coal and Coke Baths.	Hayman. W.	4. 18. 0
Gas a/c Baths.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	12. 5
Gas a/c Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “	2. 7
Ministers Fees.	Rev's Bosquit & Armitage	5. 0
Fireman's Cap & Whistle	Shand Mason & Co.	6. 9
Hook & Rubber for Brook.	Moore & Co.,	3. 11
Soap, Flannel & c Baths	“ “ “ “	19. 4
Metal Polish, Dusters & c Fire Station	“ “ “ “	8. 6
Oil, Screws & Brooms. Cemetery.	“ “ “ “	5. 2
Poor Rate Baths.	Hilder. T.	4. 7. 0
Special Rate. Baths.	“ “ “	12. 0
Poor Rate Cemetery	“ “ “	1. 1. 9
Special Rate. Cemetery	“ “ “	3. 0
Repayment of Loan. Cemetery Stable.	D.W.	52. 14. 2
Caretakers Salary Baths. (Oct)	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Caretakers Salary Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 10. 0
Wages of Man on Brook.	Fowle. W.	1. 1. 0
Gatekeepers Salary. Brook.	Hood. T.	2. 0. 0
	Total	£79. 8. 11

Fire Brigade Maroons.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that 2 maroons at 5/- and a mortar at £1 be purchased for the use of the Fire Brigade, for fire alarms on the understanding that they shall be fired only by a member of the Fire Brigade, and that they shall not be accessible to the public. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Hose.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that 30 ft of ½ inch rubber hose be purchased for the use of the Fire Brigade in cleaning carts & c. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Lamps.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the lamp in the Holboro Road near Hadleigh Villas be moved a few yards further south, so as to light Queens Avenue, and the lamp near the Baths be moved to the other side of the entrance to Mr. Wilford's workshop. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Repair of Fire Station.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the question of the repair of the Fire Station stand over till next meeting. Carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Hildyard seconded that the two trees on the Brook be sold to Thos' Hood for £1. Carried.

Rope.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a rope be purchased for use on the Brook. Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that a Chal. of Coke be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the number of bathers for the last month was 297 against 299 of last year.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Ball re:- Lamp.
2. Letter from Mr. Mitchell re:- Holboro Road Widening.
3. Letter from Mr. Cobham re:- “ “ “ “ “ “ “
4. Letter from Mr. Wilford re:- “ “ “ “ “ “ “
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of October.
6. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- scum tank for Martin's Cottage, Churchfield. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Messrs Wilford & Bateman be appointed to act on a Committee with Messrs Mason & Beadle, to inspect and report to the District Council. Seconded by Mr. Hildyard & carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the conveyance of No 222 Grave Space to Mrs Mary Ann Maud Viney be signed. Carried.

Malling Road Footpaths.

Mr. Hildyard proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that a letter be written to the Manager of the Gas & Water Co' again, calling attention to the Malling Road Footpaths. Carried.

Ditch in Malling Road.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that a letter be written to the County Surveyor calling his attention to a dangerous ditch in the Malling Road near the entrance to Birling Lands. Carried.

H.T. Beadle.
13th December 1904.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' December 13th 1904

At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided, and there were also present Councillors Thomson, Burke, Mason, Wilford, Hildyard, Fowle, Fletcher, Parris, Galpin and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Parris seconded and it was resolved that a cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts.

2 Maroons & Mortar	Broch & Co.	1. 17. 6
Carriage of " " "	S.E. & C Ry. Co.	5. 2
1 Yard of Sand for Cemetery.	?????? Geo'	2. 6
Brook Keepers Salary. (balance of)	Hood T.	1. 6. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 10. 0
Caretakers Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
	Total.	£12. 19. 6

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the path on the West side of the railway be repaired. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

Lamp at Entrance to Brook.

Mr. Hildyard proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the question of a lamp at the entrance to the Brook be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Trees on Brook.

Mr. Hildyard proposed that the Brook Committee be asked to consider the advisability of planting two clumps of Willows on the Brook for the purpose of sheltering the cattle. This was seconded by Mr. Galpin and carried.

Scavenging.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that tenders be invited for the dry scavenging of the Parish. Tenders to be returned to the Clerk not later than December 31st 1904. Carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that a receipt for £50 be issued on the Overseers under the Baths and Wash-houses Acts. Carried.

Soup Kitchen.

Mr. Hildyard proposed that a Committee of 5 be appointed to call a meeting of the Parishioners in case severe weather set in and caused distress in the Parish. Mr. Galpin seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Messrs Galpin, Burke, Mason, Hildyard and Wilford be appointed on the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Stone Quarry.

Mr. Thomson proposed that if there should be many in Snodland & District, the Parish Council petition the District, Council to open a stone quarry to provide work for same. Seconded by Mr. Hildyard and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from County Surveyor re:- Malling Road Ditch.
2. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- tender for scavenging.
3. Letter from Messrs. Langridge & Freeman re:- Entrance to Birling Lands.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for November.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. giving numbers of the lamps to which new lanterns have been fixed.
No 3 Parish Church. No 15. Dr Gash's
No 6 Top May Street. No 21 Holboro Road. Queens Ave'
No 11 Brook Street. No 31 Prince of Wales.

Press Correspondent.

Mr. Hodgkinson sent letter asking to be released of the duties of "Press Correspondent", an office that he has held for 10 yrs.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the resignation of Mr. Hodgkinson as "Press Correspondent" be accepted and that the best thanks of the Council accorded him. Mr Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the Clerk become the Press Correspondent of the Council & send reports of the monthly meetings. Carried.

Complaint.

Mr. Ayres wrote complaining of the dangerous state of the path in the Holboro Road near the Co-operative Stores. Mr. Mason kindly promised to inspect the place.

Tram In Church Fields.

Mr. Wilford drew the attention of the Council to the bad state of the tramway in the Church Field, and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Marshall on the matter.

H.T. Beadle.

10th January 1905.