

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' January 8th 1907.
At 8pm.

Mr. Wilford in the chair – Present also Councillors Burke, Beadle, Lambert, Hodgkinson, Parris, May, Thomson, Fowle, Woodburn, Galpin and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Mr Galpin's Resignation.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Galpin, tendering his resignation as Parish Councillor. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that his resignation be accepted with regret. And that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to him for his past services, and wishing him every success in his new field of labour. Mr. Lambert seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that Mr. Galpin be asked to retain his position as School Manager till the end of March. Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Parris proposed that one dozen small Hassocks & one large one be purchased for use in the Chapel at the Cemetery and that Mr. Mason be asked to supply them, Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that some steps be taken to make provision for warming the Chapel at the Cemetery, and that the Vice-Chairman be added to the Committee for this occasion. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle reported that there were 93 bathers during the last month, and the fees amounted to 19.1d against 124 and £1.6.7d for the same period last year.

Finance Committee.

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

Insurance Premium. Fire Apparatus.	Kent Fire Office.	4. 0
Repair Firemen's Tunics.	Russell. H.G.	7. 0
Meeting 9 Council & 23 Committee	Clegg. W.E.	2. 5. 6
Ministers Fees.	Finch-Smith. Rev'	7. 6
Income Tax.	Hilder. T.	2. 13. 6
Repairs to Hose & c	Hinds. C.W.	2. 6. 6
Carriage of Trees.	Quarrington. E.	1. 0
8 Loads of Manure for Cemetery.	Hayward. E.	1. 4. 0
Broom & Pail for Baths.	Stanger & Co.	10. 10
Oil, Pail, Can, Mat & c Cemetery.	“ “ “	1. 13. 3
Caretakers Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	5. 4. 0
Wages of man on Brook	Day, Flint. Waller, Plumber	4. 10. 6

Total. £24. 5. 11

Clerk's Application for increase in Salary.

Mr. Burke proposed that an increase in salary be granted the Clerk to the amount of £12, this raising the total salary to £92 to commence from January.

Mr. Hodgkinson seconded.

Mr. Lambert cordially supported.

Mr. Beadle pointed out the original salary as Assistant Overseer to Parish and succeeding increments as demands of work increased, that is from £60 to £70. – then addition of £8 when Lower Birling was annexed and £2 to meet registration expenses, or £80 in all.

Carried unanimously and with much appreciation of his general services.

Investing £100.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs A.J. Ellis, Prall & Son, W. Day & E.A. Chambers asking if they have an investment of £100.

Seconded by Mr. Beadle and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs. Wilkinson & Son re:- Enrolment of Conveyance.
2. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Water & Gas supply to Vol' Schools.
3. Letter from Messrs. H.W. Cook & G. S. Wilks. re:- Burial Act 1906.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water.

Trees in the Avenue.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Caretaker of the Cemetery be requested to trim the trees in the Queens Avenue & if necessary to have help.

Carried.

Grave Space.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Burke seconded the conveyance of Grave Space 366 to Richard Wells and the conveyance of 363 Grave Space to Henry Gorham be signed. Carried.

Earlier Delivery of Letters.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the Postmaster General be asked to devise some means of delivering the morning letters at an earlier hour, and suggesting that they should be sent by the train reaching Snodland at 6.15 am. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Path in Birling Lands.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that Mr. Carslaw be asked to repair the path in the Birling Lands, by the stile. Carried.

Joshua Wilford.

Chairman.

February 12th 1907.

Meeting of The Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' February 12th 1907.
At 8pm.

Present . Messrs Wilford. (in the chair). Burke. (Vice-chairman). Hodgkinson. Thomson, Beadle, Fletcher, Parris, May, Hawks, Mason and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Parris proposed that the small oil stove on trial in the Chapel be purchased from Baptist's Society, at 14/- for use in the Caretakers bedroom – he to find the oil -. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

The Chairman offered the use of large oil stove for trial in Chapel – if suitable, he agreed to sell it at cost price – Mr. Parris to convey it to the Cemetery.

Mr. Parris proposed that seeds to the value of 9/-, flower pots to the value of 12/-, drum of weedkiller, and a mat for the Chapel be purchased for use at the Cemetery. Mr. Hawks seconded & it was carried.

Help.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Caretaker at the Cemetery have the usual help this year to the amount of £4. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle reported that the number of bathers during the last five weeks was 132 and the fees amounted to £1.7.8d. Last year during the corresponding period the figures were 124 & £1.6.3d.

Boilers & c.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the usual repairs at the Baths – viz. Cleaning the Boilers and Tanks, pipes, collars and taps – slate on wash-house – price of lead on the roof, fire bricks & c be executed by Mr. J. Wilford. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Thomson reported that the grips and small ditches on the Brook had been cleaned out, and that the Mill Authorities had deposited the refuse on the Brook just outside their boundary with out permission.

Mr. Parris proposed that a letter couched in strong terms be written to the Messrs C.T. Hook & Co Ltd, requesting that no more surplus earth be shot on the Brook on the East side of the Railway, and that already deposited be removed within 24days. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. May seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

1 Chal. Coke for Cemetery.	Seaborne Coal Co.	13. 0
Coal and Coke for Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	4. 10. 0
Gas a/c Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	46. 10. 9
Gas supply to Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	2. 10. 5
Gas a/c Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “	1. 0
Carting 8 loads of Manure to Cemetery.	Cook. H.	10. 0
Ministers Fee.	Galpin A.W.	2. 6
13 Trees for Cemetery.	Frost. J. & Co.	15. 0
Water Rate Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co.	3. 0
Water Rate Cemetery.	“ “ “ “ “	7. 9
Water Rate Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “	3. 0
Water Supply to Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	1. 10. 3
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 10. 0
Caretakers Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Wages of Men on Brook.	Flint, Day, Plummer, Waller	8. 4. 0
Repair to Fireman's Boots.	Watts G.E.	4. 0
	Total.	£75.13. 0

Receipts.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a receipt for £10 for general expenses and a receipt for £40 under the Burials Acts be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Resignation of Mr. Stephens.

The Sub Captain, Mr. W. Stephens sent in his resignation as he had removed from the place.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that his resignation be accepted, and that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to him for his past services. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs Cook & Wilks re:- Burial Conference.

2. Letter from Post Master General. Re:- Delivery of Letters.

3. Letters from Messrs Prall Son & Prall, A.J. Ellis, E.A. Chambers, & Walter Day re:- Investment of the £100.

Mr. Walter Day, having offered to arrange for Town Clerk of Maidstone to transfer a Town Bond bearing interest of 4% to the Council.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Days offer be accepted and that the Clerk take the necessary steps to carry out the arrangement. Carried.

4. The Clerk notified that he had received notice from the Local Government Board that the meeting for the election of Parish Councillors was fixed for March 4th.

5. Letter from the County Surveyor. re:- Tarring Roads & asking to have 3 questions answered in reference to it.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the third question, that some of the Councillors would attend at Maidstone to see the Tar Spray Machine at work, alone be answered. Carried.

Sludge Cart.

Mr. Thomson proposed that persons outside the Parish, wanting the use of the Sludge Cart be charged 2/- per day. This was seconded by Mr. Beadle and carried.

Queens Avenue.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a letter be written to the District Council asking them to take the necessary steps to get the road in the Queens Avenue taken over by the District Council. Carried.

Entrance to Lee Street.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Clerk write to Mr. Maybury, calling his attention to the dire state of the path at the entrance to Lee Street, and also to the water lying in the road by and beyond the Co-operative Stores. Carried.

The Late D. Smith.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a letter of Condolence be sent to the family of the late D. Smith, expressing the sympathy of the Council with the Misses Smith in the loss they has sustained by the death of their Father. Seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Joshua Wilford.
Chairman.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' March 12th 1907.

At 8pm.

Present Messrs. Wilford (Chair), Burke. (Vice-Chairman), May, Bateman, Thomson, Woodburn, Fowle, Lambert, Parris, Hodgkinson and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Parris reported that the lamp lent by the Chairman was not complete, but it was a great improvement on the first lamp stove.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle reported the number of bathers during the last month to be 147 against 146 of the same period last year, and the fees £1.8.10d against £1.11.3d.

Finance Committee.

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

Judges Guarantee Premium.	Jenning. J.	7. 6.
Caretakers Wages. 2 months Baths.	Judges. A.	5. 16. 8
Tickets. (6000).	Hambrook. A.N.	1. 2. 6
Hassocks. (13)	Mason & Son.	1. 10. 11

Ministers Fees.	Naisbit.	7. 6.
Ministers Fees.	Faraday.	2. 6
Ministers Fees.	Armitage.	7. 6
Ministers Fees.	Finch-Smith	12. 6
Ministers Fees.	Galpin.	2. 6
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	7. 16. 0
Caretakers Help.	Fletcher W. Jnr	10. 0
Books & Stationery.	Hambrook. A.N.	1. 9. 11
Stationery.	Bateman. W.	15. 6
Preparing Room for Meetings.	Clegg. W.E.	8. 6
Stamps.	The Clerk.	9. 11
Preparing Room (two Meetings)	H.E.C.	6. 0
Receipt Book.	Hilder. T. Jnr.	9. 0
	Total.	£22. 14. 11

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that a receipt for £10 be issued on the Overseers under the Baths and Wash- Houses Acts. Carried.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that A. Mayatt was occupying the bed at the Herne Bay Convalescent Home, and Ada Bird the bed at Wear Bay.

As the year for which Miss Hook placed the beds at the disposal of the Parish ends on the 31st March. Mr. Beadle proposed that the best of thanks of the Council on behalf of the Parish, be conveyed to Miss Hook for her thoughtful kindness and generosity in placing the beds at their disposal. Carried, having been seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson.

Fire Brigade.

The Fire Brigade in conjunction with the Brigade of West Malling & Halling are desirous of holding a demonstration and efforts on Easter Monday in aid of the Nursing Institution, and asks to be allowed the use of the escape & other apparatus and also the use of scaffolding poles.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that they be allowed the use of the escape & c, and also the loan of scaffolding & the grant of 10/- from the Brigade Fund towards expenses for the occasion of their demonstration & efforts on Easter Monday. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Two letters from Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co Ltd. re:- deposit of earth on the Brook. It having been reported that rubbish had been shot since the date of the last meeting.

Mr. Lambert proposed that a further letter be sent to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd requesting them to shoot no further rubbish on the Brook without permission of the Council. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried unanimously.

2. Letter from Mr. Maybury. re:- Tar spraying on March 5th.

Mr. Wilford reported the result of visit to view the trial of the Tar Spraying Machine. In his opinion the experiment was a complete failure.

3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- lease of shed to store the Water Cart & c.
4. Letter from Mr. Walter Day re:- Maidstone Town Bond. He had made a mistake in stating these bonds carried an interest of 4%.
Mr. Woodburn suggested that a £100 1st Debenture stock on the Snodland Paper Mill, at £95 bearing interest at 5% be purchased.
Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that one First Debenture stock at 395 bearing interest at 5% be purchased with Miss Hook's gift, and that Messrs Hodgkinson & Burke together with the Chairman sign the transfer form. Carried unanimously.
5. Letter from Rochester Bridge Wardens.
6. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of February.
7. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Queens Avenue.

Water Cart.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that tenders for painting & repairing the Water & Sludge Carts be invited from Messrs Hinds, Tong & Hawks, and that the General Purposes Committee decide which tender should be accepted. Carried.

The General Purposes Committee to meet on Friday 15th inst. At 7pm.

Tenders for Watering the Streets.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that tenders for watering the streets be invited from Rate Payers of Snodland. Carried.

Brook Keeper.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. May seconded that Thomas Hood be re-appointed Brook Keeper for the ensuing year. Carried.

Date of Turning Cattle on Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Council recommend the 15th day of April as the date for turning Cattle on the Brook this year.

Report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The Clerk read the draft report of the Parish Council proceedings for the year 1906-7. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that the report be approved and adopted. Carried.

Annual Meeting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 26th of March at 8pm. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the conveyance of Grave Space No 369 to Edward Efford be signed. Carried.

The Clerk was requested to write to Sergeant Busbridge asking him to do his utmost to find the person or persons who committed the damage to the caps and pillars in the Malling Road.

Joshua Wilford.
April 15th 1907.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 16th 1907
At 8pm.

Present Messrs Wilford (Chair), J.H. Burke, (Vice-Chairman), Hodgkinson, Mason, Hawks, Fletcher, Thomson, Beadle, Parris, Freeland, Crispin, Bateman, Lambert, Norman, Woodburn and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Declarations.

The declarations on acceptance of office were signed.

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that Mr. J.H. Burke be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

Vice-chairman.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. A.W. Woodburn be elected vice-chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that two Overseers be elected outside the Council and two inside the Council. Carried.

Committees.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Lambert proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded the Messrs, Crispin, Hawks, Parris, Thomson, Wilford, Norman and Hodgkinson be elected on the Brook Committee. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Thomson act as Chairman. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs Beadle, Freeland, Crispin, Fletcher, Lambert, Bateman & Mason be elected on the Baths Committee. Carried.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Mr. Beadle act as Chairman. Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Messrs, Parris, Hodgkinson, Wilford, Freeland, Bateman, Norman & Hawks be elected on the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Mr. Bateman act as Chairman. Carried.

Convalescent Homes Committee.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that Messrs, Woodburn, Freeland, Thomson, Fletcher, Lambert, Beadle and Hodgkinson be elected on the Convalescent Homes Committee. Carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mr. Hodgkinson act as Chairman. This was seconded by Mr. Beadle and carried.

Finance Committee.

Mr Crispin proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs Woodburn, Thomson, Norman, Beadle, Mason, Fletcher and Lambert be elected on the Finance Committee. Carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Mr. Woodburn act as Chairman. Carried.

General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Messrs, Bateman, Crispin, Hawks, Mason, Lambert, Parris, Wilford and Woodburn be elected on the General Purposes Committee. Carried.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that Mr. Wilford act as Chairman. Carried.

Convalescent Homes Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Miss. Hammond was at Wear Bay and Mr. Parris at Herne Bay, and that there were 2 Women applicants and 1 male applicant .

Finance Committee.

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

Gas a/c Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	46. 10. 9
Waste & Wick Fire Brigade.	Stranger. A.H.	1. 3
Coke for Cemetery.	Seaborne Coal Co'	13. 0
Insurance. Cemetery.	Kent Fire Office.	10. 6
Flower Pots. "	Goodwin. G.W.	12. 6
Oil Stove. "	Parris. A.	14. 0
Oil & Mat. "	Stanger .A. H.	6. 0
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	3. 18. 0
Caretakers Help Cemetery.	Malt. J.	10. 0
Coal & Coke for Baths	Seaborne Coal Co.	3. 18. 0
Swabs & Soap. Baths.	Stranger A. H.	4. 3
Circulars & Bills	Harris. F.P.	9. 6
Circulars & Bills.	Hambrook A.N.	6. 0
Election Expenses.	Allison. J	15. 3. 10
	Total.	£73. 17. 7

General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the General Purposes Committee had accepted Mr. Brattle's tender of £7.10.0d for the repair & painting the Water Cart & Sludge Cart, and that the work was still in hand.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison. re:- date of meeting of owners in Queens Avenue.

2..Letter from the Post Master General re:- early delivery.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that letter of thanks be sent to the Post Master General for giving an earlier post. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

3. Two letters from Miss Hook. re:- Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Miss Hook's generous offer of the beds at the Convalescent Homes be accepted, and that the Clerk be instructed to convey to her the best of thanks of the Council for same. Carried.

4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- price of Gas.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that a further letter be sent to the Mid Kent Gas Co. expressing the Council's regret at the decision of the Directors not to reduce the price of gas at present, and that considering the favourable position of the Company's Works and the price of gas in the neighbouring towns & villages, they trust the Company will soon be in a position to move in the direction suggested. Carried.

5. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd. re:- deposit of earth on Brook.

Referred to the Brook Committee.

6. Letter from Sgt' Busbridge re:- Damage in Malling Road.

7. Letter from Board of Trade. re:- Census of production.

8. Letter from Board of Agriculture. re:- open spaces act 1906.

It was decided to refer 7 & 8 to General Purposes Committee.

9. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the month of March.

Inscription Mr. Peters.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that the Inscription be approved. Carried.

Plan of Headstone and Inscription Mr. Wells.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that the Plan of Headstone & Inscription be approved by the council. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the conveyance of Grave Space No 94 section C General Portion to Mr. Harry Frank Moore be signed. Carried.

Watering of Streets.

Three tenders had been received for Street Watering. Mr. Wilford proposed that the lowest tender be accepted. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

The Tenders were as follows.

W.H. Tilbrook. 9d per hour for Horse & Man.

E.A. Ashby. 9d per hour for Horse & Man.

H. Cook. 9d per hour fro Horse & Man.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Norman seconded that Mr. Ashby's tender be accepted.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a proper agreement be entered into with Mr. Ashby for Watering the Streets & that the General Purposes Committee draw up same. Carried.

School Managers.

Mr. Norman proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Mr. H.T. Beadle be re-elected manager for the British Schools. Carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Mr. Harry Crispin be elected manager for the National Schools. Carried.

J.H. Burke.

14th May 1907.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' May 14th 1907.

At 8pm.

Present Messrs. J.H. Burke. (Chair) A.W. Woodburn (Vice-Chair), Fletcher, Lambert, Bateman, Crispin, Hodgkinson, Parris, Norman, Thomson, Mason, Hawks, Freeland, Beadle and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Brook Committee.

Mr. Thomson proposed and C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd be requested to level the earth placed on the Brook. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the boundary stones be placed to mark the boundary between the Mill Property and the Brook. Mr. Crispin seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the floor under the Railway Bridge be raised. Seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that 3 or 4 loads of Lime Ashes be placed in the road cutting the Willow Walk. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the ditch on the east side of the Willow Walk be cleaned out, the ditch on the west side raked out & one or two other big ditches cleaned out & holes filled up, and prices obtained for the work. Mr. Crispin seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Norman proposed that the question of removing the gate to its original position be referred back to the Committee with power to act. This was seconded by Dr' Freeland and carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle reported that the number of bathers for the week ended May 13th was 129 and the fees £1.6.4d

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Mr. Jones was at Herne Bay, and Miss Langridge at Wear Bay.

Finance Committee.

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

Poor Rate & Lighting Rate. Baths.	Hilder. T.	4. 19. 0
Gas a/c.	" Mid Kent Gas Co'	2. 5. 8
Water Supply.	" Mid Kent Water Co'	1. 3. 7
Caretakers Wages.	" Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Gas a/c Fire Station.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	1. 10
Subscription to N.F.B. Union	Folker. Horace.J.	1. 1. 0
A/c for 25 new Lanterns Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	39. 17. 6
½ years rent of Fire Station.	Miss Hook.	2. 10. 0
Weed Killer & Seeds. Cemetery.	Frost T. & Co.	1. 14. 6
Poor & Lighting Rate.	Hilder. T.	1. 4. 9
Repayment of Loan & Interest.	Stable. D.W.	52. 16. 7
Caretakers Wages.	Fletcher. W.	5. 4. 0
Caretakers Help'	Fletcher W. Jnr.	1. 8. 0
Audit Stamp (last year)	The Clerk.	3. 0. 0
	Total.	£120. 3. 9

Brigade Management Committee.

Mr. Woodburn proposed the stock of the Fire Brigade be taken and insured up to the value. Mr. Lambert seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the property be valued by the Secretary of the Brigade, the Captain of the Brigade, and the Clerk to the Council. Carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that the account of the two fires, the Mill & Brook Street, submitted by the Committee, be approved by the council. It was seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried nem con.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that the following articles be purchased for use of the Brigade.

1 Chain & Whistle (Fireman Burgess).

4, 40 ft lengths of hose. Complete with couplings.

5 lots of Hose Couplings.

2 Scrubbing Brushes.

And repairs to Fireman Hayward's & Fireman Penny's boots, Engineer Penny's Boots & Engineer Bramley strap to Helmet.

This was seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that new Hydrants be placed opposite Lodge House. Holboro' Court.

Opposite road, leading to the cedars.

Near the "Lodge" in High Street.

At the end of Birling Road.

At Rookery Farm.

Near Mr. Woodburn's House.

Opposite Linden Villas. Malling Road.

Opposite Allotment gate. leading to the Rectory in the Malling Road.

This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

Medals.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Mason seconded, and it was resolved that 10 year service medals be purchased for the Brigade.

Sub-Captain.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Norman seconded that Mr. Dale be appointed Sub-Captain of the Brigade, with the view to becoming Captain in the event of the present Captain resigning. Lost.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Lambert be appointed Sub-Captain. Carried.

Question.

"Are the Firemen servants of the Council".?

If they are, should they not be insured under the Employers Liability Act.?

Mr. Woodburn proposed that this question be referred back to the Committee to obtain legal opinion on the matter. This was seconded by Mr. Crispin and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Miss Hook. re:- Miss Langridge and Convalescent Home.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- price of Gas.

3. Letter from Mr. Allison, fixing 21 inst. as date of meeting owners of property in the Queens Avenue.

4. Letter from Insurance Co' re :- Workman's Compensation Act 1905.

5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water

Receipt.

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

The Clerk reported the District Council had arranged to Asphalt the Paths in Bramley Road.

Agreement with Mr. Ashby.

Mr. Lambert proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the agreement with the contractor for watering the streets be approved by the Council & signed by the Contractor and stamped. Carried.

The Clerk submitted a proof card with the names of the Committees & c.
Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that the card be printed. Carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that the main roads be tarred. It was decided to refer this matter to the General Purposes Committee.

Root Holboro Road.

Mr. Beadle proposed that a letter be written to Mr. Maybury calling his attention to the root in the path. Holboro Road near the Co-operative Shop. Mr. Crispin seconded and it was carried

J.H. Burke.
June 11th 1907.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' June 11th 1907.

At 8pm.

Present Messrs. Burke, (Chair), Woodburn (Vice-Chairman), Norman, Fletcher, Beadle, Mason, Parris, Thomson, Lambert, Bateman, Wilford, Hawks, Freeland and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Brook Committee.

Mr. Thomson reported that the work on the Brook was progressing satisfactorily, some wood, would be required for repair of the trunks.

He proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Brook Committee be allowed to purchase the wood for the repair of trunks on the Brook. Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr Beadle seconded that the question of the sale of the grass in the Cemetery be referred back to the Committee with power to act. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle reported that the number of bathers for the past four weeks was 328 and the amount of fees £3.7.0d against 486 and £3.19.0d of last year.

Finance Committee.

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

5 gal' oil drum.	Hayford. D.	3. 0
Water Rate Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co.	6. 6
Water Rate Cemetery.	“ “ “	3. 0
Caretakers Wages.	Fletcher. W.	5. 4. 0
Caretakers Help.	Fletcher. W. Jnr.	1. 4. 0
Ministers Fees.	Archer. T.R.	2. 6
Ministers Fees.	Galpin. A.W.	5. 0
Caretakers Salary.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Water Rate Fire Station	Mid Kent Water Co.	3. 0
Gate Keepers Salary part of.	Hood. T.	1. 10. 0
Wood for repair of Trunk.	“	4. 6
Wages of man on Brook.	Plummer, Flint. Waller	10. 4. 0
Hire of Boots.	Smallman. J.	3. 0
	Total.	£22. 10. 10

Mr. Woodburn proposed that Mr. Brattle's account for painting the Water & Sludge Carts, be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

Insurance.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the apparatus at the Fire Station, the Firemen's Uniforms at their own homes, and the stand & bell be insured for the sum of £250. Carried.

Rules.

The new rules of The Fire Brigade were amended and adopted by the Council.

Uniform.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that in future the Captain of the Fire Brigade be supplied with proper Uniform by the Council. Carried.

A letter was read from Lieutenant Dale tendering his resignation pending the settlement of the inquiry respecting the statement made by Mr. Crispin at the last Council meeting that if he (Mr. Dale) were elected Captain, half the Firemen would resign. As there were 13 signatures to the paper of inquiry Mr. Dale withdrew his resignation.

Outing.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that funds be collected for a Brigade outing. Carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that the Rev. E.D. Finch-Smith be allowed to ask the Brigade to give an entertainment at the coming Bazaar. Seconded by Mr. Beadle and carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that prices be obtained from different firms for the supply of the new hose & c. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Hydrants.
2. Letter from Snodland Traders Association. re:- Water Cart.
3. Letter from The Wm. Rose Hose Co. Ltd. re:- Hose.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Dr. Freeland seconded that a charge of 2/6d be charged as fee for placing Tablet on Grave in Cemetery. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that plan & inscription be approved. Carried.

Resignation.

Mr. H.T. Beadle tendered his resignation of the Captaincy of the Fire Brigade. Mr. Wilford proposed that his resignation be accepted & that the heartiest thanks of the Council be accorded him for his services as Captain of the Snodland Fire Brigade during the last ten years. Mr. Woodburn seconded and it was carried unanimously.

H.J. Burke.
July 9th 1907.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' July 9th 1907.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs Burke, (Chairman), Woodburn (Vice-Chairman), Lambert, Thomson, Beadle, Bateman, Wilford, Parris, Hodgkinson, Freeland and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Bateman reported that the grass in the Cemetery had been sold by the Committee to Mr. Cook for 12/-.

Mr. Wilford proposed that tenders be invited from Messrs Brattle and Norman for a Belle Portable 30" Gauge to be placed in the Scullery of the Cottage, and a Coronet Kitchener 36" to be placed in the living room. Seconded by Mr. Beadle and Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that an Oil Cloth 10ft by 12ft be purchased for use in the Cemetery, with brass thimbles and lines from Mr. Clifford. Maidstone. Carried.

Baths.

Mr. Beadle reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 396 and the fees £4.1.1d, against 513 and £5.4.4d of last year. Mr. Beadle proposed that the question of soap be left with the Clerk to obtain prices. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Mrs Efford was at the Home at Wear Bay to be followed by Mrs Kite and Mr. George Hammond at Herne Bay to be followed by Mr. Thomas Hood.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Water Cart.

Complaint having been made that the Water Cart was not doing its work properly.- Mr Wilford proposed that as Mr. Lambert had kindly offered his services to improve the Cart, he be allowed a free hand to alter the spreader. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Finance Committee.

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

Ministers Fees.	Rev. Finch-Smith.	1. 10. 0
Ministers Fees.	Rev. Naisbit.	5. 0
Caretakers Wages.	Fletcher. W.	5. 4. 0
Caretakers Help.	Fletcher. W. Jnr.	1. 4. 0
Water Supply to Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co.	2. 8. 11
Caretakers Wages.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Fireman's Medals.	Hill Augustus.	1. 0. 0
200 Circulars.	Hambrook. A.N.	5. 0
Brook Keepers salary. (part of)	Hood. J.	1. 10. 0
Wages of Men on Brook.	Plummer, Flint, Waller.	5. 2. 0
	Total.	£21. 7. 3

Fire Brigade.

Tenders for Hose & c

Merryweather & Co.	£9. 0. 0
Shand Mason & Co.	£11. 19. 2
Mr. Gregor & Co.	£11. 6. 6

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that the tenders be referred to the fire Brigade Management Committee for selection of Tender. Carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the question of the amount of allowance to each Fireman on the occasion of their outing be referred to the Committee with power to act. Mr. Woodburn seconded. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Prosser. re:- Aylesford Bridge Inquiry .

Mr. Woodburn proposed that a recommendation from the Council be sent to the County Council – against building a bridge at Aylesford, stating reasons. Mr. Beadle seconded & carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed that a sub – committee be appointed to draw up this recommendation consisting of Messrs Woodburn, Wilford, Hodgkinson, the Chairman and the Clerk. Seconded by Dr. Freeland and carried.

2. Letter from District Council re:- Small Holdings.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that a public inquiry be held to ascertain the demand for Small Holdings, on Tuesday the 23rd inst. At 8pm in the Devonshire Rooms. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

3. Rochester Bridge – Annual Statement.

4. Letter from Mid Kent water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of June.

5. Letter from Mr. Crispin tendering his resignation as Councillor & School Manager. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that his resignation be accepted with regret and that a letter be written to him conferring the sympathy of the Council, and an expression of hope that he will soon be restored to full health. Carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Plan & Inscription of Headstone to Mr. Edward Andrew's Grave be approved by the Council. Carried.

New Lanterns.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Dr' Freeland seconded that the question of the 25 new Lanterns be referred to the Finance & Lighting Committee. Carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that a receipt for £60 be issued on the Overseers under the Baths & Wash – Houses Act. Carried.

Holboro Road.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be written to Mr. Maybury asking him to carry out his promise in respect of the making up the East Side of Holborough Road. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

The Clerk was instructed to get estimate for insuring the servants of the Council under the Workman's Compensation Act.

J.H. Burke.

August 13th 1907.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' August 13th 1907
At 8pm.

Present Messrs Burke, (Chairman), Woodburn (Vice-Chairman), Norman, Beadle, Mason, Fletcher, Wilford, Thomson, Parris, Hawks, Hodgkinson, Freeland, Lambert and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Norman proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that Mr. Ed. Norman's tender of £5.16.0d to replace two ranges with new ones in the Cottage at the Cemetery be accepted. Carried.

Caretaker's Help.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the grant of £4 for the Caretaker's help be increased by 12/- to cover a mistake made by the Clerk in paying two weeks too many. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle reported that the number of bathers during the past four weeks was 465 and the fees £4.16.6d. In the 5 weeks last year, the number was 730 and the fees £7.7.5d.

Insurance.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that the Public Baths be insured again for £14 and for a term of seven years for six premiums. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Mrs. Greenhalgh is occupying the bed at the Home at Wear Bay, and Miles Flint the bed at the Home at Herne Bay.

General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Wilford reported the Committee had met Mr. Maybury, respecting the Holboro. Road, and he had promised to bring the matter before the Roads & Bridges Committee, who would probably bear the whole expense incurred.- If not, the Parish would have to pay a portion.

Watering the Streets was also discussed, and it was suggested that next year the roads be tarred – the County Council paying half the cost.

Water Cart.

Mr. Lambert reported that he had made the alterations to the Water Cart, which have improved the distributor. He proposed to drill a few more holes.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Norman seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

Insurance Premium, Fire Apparatus.	Kent Fire Office.	4. 6.
Repair Fireman's Boots. 4/6d & 4/-	Betts W.C.	5. 6
Water Rate Fire Station.	Mid Kent Water Co.	3. 0
Gas a/c " "	Mid Kent Gas Co.	1. 0
Gas a/c Street Lamps	" " " "	46. 10. 9
Gas a/c Public Baths.	" " " "	1. 4. 1
Coal & Coke. Public Baths.	Hayman. W.	4. 7. 0
Caretakers Salary.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Water Rate Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co.	3. 0
Water Rate Cemetery.	" " " "	6. 6
Caretakers Wages.	Fletcher. W.	6. 10. 0
Caretakers Help	Fletcher. W. Jnr.	6. 0
Wages of Man on Brook.	Waller. J.	2. 18. 0
Part Expenses incurred by Bridge. Comm. Hilder T.		12. 3
	Total.	£66. 9. 11

Fire Brigade.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Messrs Merryweather's tender for £9 for hose & c be accepted. Carried.

Social Meeting.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that the Committee have power to Arrange a social meeting, to which all the Councillors have an invitation, for the purpose of presenting the long service medals, by the Chairman of the Parish Council, to the members of the Fire Brigade, and for other functions. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Brigade remain as it is, a volunteer Fire Brigade. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

It was unanimously decided that Mr. Lambert have a Captains outfit, at a cost of £15.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Leaver. re:- losses in garden.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Hydrants.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that the Clerk ask the Company, the size of the main in the Birling Road, and normal pressure – What pressure in case of fire & how soon applied. Carried.

3. Letter from Hythe Burial Board. re:- Help for expenses.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Clerk answer the letter, stating that this being only a small Burial Board, it was not in a position to give any help. Dr. Freeland seconded and it was carried.

4. Letter from Mr. Marshall asking the water cart be used in the Bull Field more frequently

5. Letter from Mr. Crispin, thanking the Council for sympathy.
6. Letter from Kent Fire Office. re:- Insurance of servants. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded, that policy under Workmen's Compensation Acts be obtained. Carried.
7. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- New Lamps.
Mr. Wilford proposed that 19 new lamps be purchased as per list to replace the old ones. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was carried.
8. Letter from Mr. J. Nichols asking to be allowed to make an entrance to his premises from the Brook Road.
Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the right of way be allowed, and a charger of 10/6d per year be a condition, and an agreement drawn up and signed.
Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a receipt for £180 be issued on the Overseers under the Lighting Act. Carried.

Councillor.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that, Mr. Adolphus Maisey Smith be elected a Councillor in the place of Mr. Harry Crispin, resigned. Carried.

School Manager.

Dr. Freeland proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that Mr. Woodburn be appointed Manager to the National School in the place of Mr. Crispin, resigned. Carried.

H.J. Burke.

Sept, 10th 1907.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' September 10th 1907.

At 8pm.

Present Messrs. Burke. (Chairman). Woodburn (Vice-chairman), Fletcher, Norman, Beadle, Smith, Mason, Bateman, Parris, Freeland, Hawks, Lambert and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Cemetery Committee.

New Stove.

Some misunderstanding having arisen respecting the Coronet Stove for the cottage at the Cemetery – the Committee had asked Mr. E. Norman to revise his tender, substituting Belle Range for Coronet.

Mr. Bateman proposed that Mr. E. Norman's revised tender for stoves £5.15.9d be accepted. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

Manure.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that 8 loads of manure be supplied to the Cemetery. Carried.

Indicators.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that 200 Grave Indicators be purchased for the Cemetery. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the action of the Clerk in ordering a case of soap for the Baths at 11/6d per case be approved by the Council. This was seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

No. Of Bathers.

Mr Beadle reported that the number of bathers for last 5 weeks was 518 & fees £5.8.5d. Last year the number for 4 weeks was 517 & £5.5.1d.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

Repair of Fireman's Strap.	Hilder. W.	1. 3
Carriage of Couplings.	S.E.& C. Ry. Co.	6.
Gatekeepers Salary Brook.	Hood. T.	2. 0. 0
Wages of man on Brook.	Waller. J.	16. 6
Ministers Fees.	Reid. Rev. W.J.	2. 6
Carting from & to Cemetery.	Tilbrook W.H.	1. 4. 0
Green Cloth for Cemetery.	Clifford & Sons..	1. 7. 4
Carriage of Cloth.	Quarrinton. E.	4
Caretakers Salary	Fletcher. W.	6. 10. 0
Insurance Premium. Baths.	Kent Fire Office.	6. 6. 0
Caretakers Salary.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Insurance Premium (servants)	Kent fire Office.	18. 0
	Total	£22. 4. 9

Mr. Lambert's a/c Repair of Water Cart.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Mr. Lambert's account £1.5.0d for repair of Water Cart be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Carried.

Fire at Harvel.

Mr. Woodburn read a statement in connection with the fire at Harvel on August 28th and which the Snodland Fire Brigade attended.

Correspondence.

1. Two letters. re:- appointment of Manager to National Schools
2. Two Letters from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- New Lanterns.

3. Two letters from Merryweather & Sons . re:- Hose &c.
4. Letter from Mr. Maybury . re:- Untidy Roads.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Hydrants.
6. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of August.

Inscription.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the additional inscription to Mrs. Efford's Headstone be approved by the Council. Carried.

Conveyance of grave Space.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that the conveyance of grave Space no' 377 to Mr. Charles Sims be signed.

H.J. Burke.
October 18th 1907.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' October 18th 1907

At 8pm.

Present Messrs Burke. (Chairman), Beadle, Norman, Thomson, Fletcher, Mason, Hodgkinson, Smith, Freeland, Parris, Hawks and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting was read, confirmed and signed.
Mr. Bateman & Mr. Lambert asked to be excused attendance.

Arising out of the Minutes, Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the Clerk instruct the Mid Kent Water Co. to place the 6 Hydrants and refer the other two back to the Committee. Carried.

Baths.

The Chairman of the Baths Committee proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Baths be closed for the Winter Season on Saturday, the 19th of October. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Baths be kept open on Saturday Mornings from 7 to 9 am for a month after the closing to see if the result will justify the action, and that printed notices be publishes. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the Caretaker has the fence on the West side of the garden Creosoted, the fence between the Baths and garden, and paint two coats, the iron fence in front of the Baths. Mr Smith seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Beadle reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 412 and the fees £4.3.2d against 367 & £2.13.7d of the last year.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Mr. George Towner was occupying the bed at Herne Bay, and Mrs. Clark the bed at Wear Bay, to be followed respectively by Harry Burrluck and Mrs. Coulter.

Finance Committee.

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

Audit Stamp.	The Clerk.	3. 0. 0.
Soap for Baths.	Dedrick. F.S.	15. 9.
Caretakers Wages.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Stationery for Fire Brigade.	Hambrook. A.N.	8. 0
Repair of Fireman's Boots.	Watts. G.E.	4. 0
Hose Coupling & c.	Merryweather & Sons.	9. 5. 6
Carriage of do'	S.E. & C Ry. Co.	1. 2
Captain's Uniform & Outfit.	Ogden. J.T.	16. 4. 6
Tithe. Cemetery.	The Rector.	1. 5. 6
Caretakers Wages.	Fletcher. W.	5. 4. 0
	Total.	£39. 6. 9

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Merryweather & Son Ltd. re:- Hose &c

2. Letter from Mercer & Son. re:- Indicators.

3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Analysis of water.

4. Letter from Malling Rural District Council. re:- surface water & roof water, being discharged into Sewer. This large influx of water has caused the sewage matter to discharge itself into the Stream without proper treatment, causing a nuisance & consequent complaint from the Mill Authorities.

Mr. Norman proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Souter be invited to a special meeting of the Council as early as possible.

H.J. Burke.

November 12th 1907

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' November 12th 1907.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. Burke. (Chairman), Beadle, Fletcher, Mason, Bateman, Smith, Norman, Lambert, Thomson, Freeland, Hawks, Wilford, Parris and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

Gas a/c Baths.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	1. 5. 8.
Poor Rate. & Special	Overseers.	5. 2. 0
Coal & Coke.	Seaborne Coal Co.	5. 17. 0
Water Supply.	Mid Kent Water Co.	3. 11. 6
Caretakers Wages.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Payment of Loan & Interest.	Stable D.W.	57. 17. 1
Water Rate Cemetery. 6/6 & 9/-	Mid Kent water Co.	9. 6
Poor & Special Rate.	Overseers.	1. 5. 6
Ministers Fees.	Rev. W.G.Reed	2. 6
Caretakers Wages.	Fletcher. W.	6. 10. 0
Gas a/c Fire Station.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	1. 10
Water Rate. “	Mid Kent Water Co.	3. 0.
½ yrs. Rent. “	Hook Miss.	2. 10. 0
Gas a/c Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	46. 10. 9
Printing Bills.	Harris.F.P.	3. 0
Timber for Brook.	Hawks W.	1. 19. 6
Notice Board.	“ “	9. 6
Caretakers Salary. ‘bal’	Hook Miss	1. 6. 0
	Total.	£133. 2. 8

Mr. Beadle proposed that the following accounts be approved by the council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Watering the Streets.	Ashby Edgar.	27. 4. 0
Water for Street Watering.	Mid Kent Water Co.	14. 4. 3
Repair of Water Van.	Hawks W.	5. 6
	Total.	£41. 13. 9

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle reported that the number of bathers for the past five weeks was 260 and the amount of fees £2.12.7.

Mr. Beadle proposed that question of opening on Sunday mornings be left with the Committee to report to next meeting. Mr. Lambert seconded and it was carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Souter. Re:- roof water.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the roof-water be allowed to go into the sewers, and if at any time the amount should be excessive, a reduction be made in the supply from the flushing tanks. Carried.

2. Letter from Mr. J. Nichols re:- repair of road on the Brook.

3. List of recipients for out relief.

4. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the month of October.

Special Meeting.

The report of the special meeting on the Brook on Oct'16th was read. In the report was a suggestion that the sewer be continued down the creek & that Mr. Grant Architect, be asked to state his price to prepare plans & specification which had been done.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the report be adopted, and the question of the alteration & extension of the sewer as suggested by Mr. Souter be postponed for further consideration. Seconded by Mr. Lambert & carried.

Trustees of the May Charity

Mr. Norman proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Messrs. Burke & Wilford who retired by rotation be re- elected Trustees of May's Charity. Carried.

Trustees of Godden's Charity.

Mr. Wilford proposed Mr. Lambert be re-elected a Trustee of the Godden's Charity. Dr' Freeland seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed, that Mr. Thomson be elected a Trustee of Godden's Charity. Mr. Lambert seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Norman be elected a Trustee of the Godden's Charity in the place of Mr. Galpin, who had removed from the neighbourhood. Carried.

Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Beadle proposed that tenders be invited for Scavenging the Parish during the year 1908 by inserting an advertisement in the Kent Messenger – such tenders to be returned sealed & endorsed. "Tender for Scavenging", not later than December 2nd. This was seconded by Dr' Freeland and carried.

H.J. Burke.
December 3rd 1907.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues' December 3rd 1907.

At 8pm.

Present Messrs Burke. (Chairman), Beadle , Thomson, Lambert, Norman, Mason, Smith, Wilford, Freeland, Hawks and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Brook Committee.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a certain amount of necessary gripping on the Brook be carried out at once. This was seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the Sunday opening of the Baths be discontinued during the Winter months. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried. Nem com.

The number of bathers for last 3 weeks was 123 and the fees amounted to £1.3.11d.

Convalescent Homes.

Dr' Freeland reported that Wm. Gunner's time at the Home had been extended by a fortnight, and that Miss Kite was at the Wear Bay Home.

General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed that application be made to the District Council to Tar Roads two coats to lay the dust instead of using water – as suggested by Mr. Maybury the County Surveyor.

This was seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried. 3 voting for it, 1 against & 5 neutral.

Mr. Wilford proposed that an additional clause be inserted in the Scavenging Contract to the effect that the Contractor shall between the hours of 6 & 8am pick up all the pieces of paper and other rubbish lying in the roads on Sunday mornings – Principally High Street, Malling Rd' and Holborough Rd'. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously.

Finance Committee.

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

Carting earth on Brook.	Wickenden. W.	3. 8. 0.
Caretakers Wages. Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 18. 4
Carting Manure to Cemetery.8loads	Tilbrook. W.H.	8. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	3. 18. 0
	Total	£10. 12. 4

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Souter. re:- Scavenging Contract

2. Letter from Mr. Nichols. re:- Entrance from Brook to Paper Bag Factory.
Mr. Wilford proposed that six months notice in writing by either party from any quarter day determine the agreement. This was seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

3. Letter from County Council. re:- Small Holdings.
The Clerk was instructed to post the Notices.

Tenders for Scavenging.

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

The tenders were as follows.

W.H. Tilbrook	£120	
W. Toby,	£160	
H. Cook.	£98.10.00d	Accepted.

H. J. Burke.
January 14th 1908.