

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> 1915.**  
**At 8pm.**

Present Messrs. Fletcher. (Chairman). Parris. (Vice-Chairman). May, Cullen, Hawks, Thomson, Kemsley, A.M. Smith, Gammon, Burke, R. Smith, Hodgkinson, Hopper and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported the fence round W. Semark's garden, blown down by the wind be repaired. Mr. Cullen seconded and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Gammon reported that an application for the use of the Baths by the Soldiers at Halling had been made by the Officer commanding the 14<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Regiment. The Committee had met and considered the application, and finding the demand for water to supply the new demand was beyond the capabilities of the boiler, they recommended the Council not to entertain the application.

Mr. Gammon proposed and Mr. Hopper seconded that the application not be entertained by the Council. Carried.

Mr. Gammon proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that the Shooting & Clothes post be repaired. Carried.

Mr. Gammon reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 303 and the fees amounted to £3.3.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 97 and 17/10d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that the usual quantity of seeds, 10/- worth be purchased for the Cemetery, also 50 stakes.

Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke reported that the Headstone at Mr, Hawks' grave had blown down. The Caretaker had called the attention of the Mason to the fact but had received no reply. The Clerk stated that in consequence of the Caretaker receiving no answer, he had written. Mr. Cullen proposed that another letter be sent to Messrs. Thorn & Humphreys asking them to re-erect the stone. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Mr. FredK. Austin has returned from the Home and that Ambrose Herrington was now there. The Secretary had written stating that Herrington was receiving so much benefit, that he would like him to stay on another week. He had agreed to allow him to stay another week.

### Finance.

Mr. Parris reported that the Committee had held a meeting to re-consider the question of the new Fire Station.

They recommended the Council to postpone the invitation of tenders to build a new Fire Station and in the meantime to make overtures to Miss Hook for the use of the Old Forge for a Fire Station.

Mr Parris proposed that Miss Hook be asked to allow the Council to rent the Old Forge, to be used as a Fire Station.

Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mt. Thomson seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Street Lamps.	45. 8. 9.
S.E. & C. Railway Co.	Carriage of Stretcher.	2. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Fire Station.	1. 9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	3. 0.
Hinds C.W.	Repairs & Cleaning Hydrants.	2. 2. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	3. 3. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	1 Chal' Coke.	15. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co;	Water Rate. Cottage.	3. 0.
"	" Cemetery & Mortuary.	6. 6.
Rogers. T.	3lbs of Paint.	1. 6.
Fletcher. Wm.	Caretakers Salary.	6. 8. 4.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	3. 0. 10.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	2. 15. 5.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	5. 3. 0.
Crowhurst. Ann.	100 Bundles of wood.	3. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Baths.	1. 9. 3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	1. 14. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 5. 0.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Shaw & Sons.	Desk Slope.	3. 0.
Hinds C.W.	Repairs & Work on Brook.	13. 16. 5.
Waller & Others.	Men working on Brook.	15. 19. 11.
	17 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 11.
	Total.	£107. 13. 6.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from the Weekly Dispatch re:- Medallion.
2. Letter from Mr. Clegg re:- Meetings of Council.
3. Letter from Local Government Board re:- Disqualification Relief.
4. Letter from Mr. Lambert re:- Stretcher.
5. Letter from J & A. Carter re:- New Stretcher for extra charge of 7/-.

The Clerk stated he had given the order for the new Stretcher as it was a matter of urgency.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the action of the Clerk be approved by the Council. Carried.

6. Letter from Board of Agriculture & Fisheries re:- Allotments & Small Holdings.

7. Letter from County Surveyor re:- Path at Holborough.

Mr. Burke proposed that another letter be sent, calling Mr. Chapman's attention to the matter.

Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

8. Two letters from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the months of November & December.

#### Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hopper seconded that a receipt for fifty pounds be issued on the Overseers under the Baths & Washhouses Acts. Carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that the conveyance of Grave Space No' 641 to Mrs. Ella Hucks and the conveyance of Grave Space No' 643 to Mr. Frederick Wilson Roots be signed by the Council. Carried.

#### Plan of Stone and Inscription..

Mr. Burke proposed that the plan & inscription of headstone to be placed at Dr. Palmer's Grave be approved by the Council. Mr. Cullen seconded and it was carried.

#### Numbering the Houses.

Mr. Cullen called attention to the great convenience the Public would derive from having the houses numbered properly and the names of the streets fixed up.

Mr. Cullen proposed and Mr. Parris seconded the Clerk would be instructed to write to Mr. Allison on the matter. Carried.

John Fletcher.

Chairman.

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1915

### **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 9th 1915.**

**At 8pm.**

Present Messrs. Fletcher. (Chairman), Parris. (Vice-Chairman). Thomson, R. Smith. Burke, Kemsley, May, Cullen, Hawks and the Clerk T. Hilder.

#### Minutes.

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

### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that the following work be done at the Cemetery.

1. To paint the Greenhouse two coats outside and one coat inside.
2. To paint the frames two coats outside and one coat inside.
3. To strengthen the fence on the South side of the Cemetery, by fixing at the top, eighteen 9ft boards 9"x1" supported by a block in the centre of each length.
4. To fix a new rail to side light in the Greenhouse.
5. To burn off paint two coats, grain & varnish the front Gates.
6. To place two struts to the Notice Board. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that tenders for the above work be invited from Messrs Wilford, Draycon, Brattle, Norman, Langridge and Rogers.  
Seconded by Mr. Cullen and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Marshall be asked to tar-paint the paths in the old portion of the Cemetery at his convenience.

Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

It was decided to let the tar-painting of the new paths to stand over for the present.

### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the work of gripping and ditching on the Brook was finished except a portion of the Willow Walk which requires a few more ashes.

### Baths.

Mr. May reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 502 and the fees amounted tot £4.14.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 184 and £1.15.8d.

### Convalescent Homes.

The Clerk reported that Henry Mitchell went to the Home on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> inst', and that Henry Tapp went to-day, this being a case of emergency, the authorities allowing two patients at one time.

### Finance.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts-

Betts. W.C.	Repair of Water Boots.	1. 5. 9
Edgeler. E.	Ink	2. 6.
Flint & other.	Wages of men on Brook.	15. 6. 7
	14 N. Health Ins Stamps.	8. 2
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	3. 5. 4.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Carters.	New Stretcher. Balance.	5. 9.
	Carriage.	1. 10.

Fletcher. Wm.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 2. 8.
	4.N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	2. 8. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Knight & Co.	Book of Grant & Right	3. 7. 0.
Sinton. Rev. C.	Minister, Fees.	7. 6.
Anderson T. H.	1srt Mortgage. Debenture 5% Hooks.	80. 0. 0
	Total.	£102. 8. 9.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Thorn & Humphreys re:- Fallen Headstone.
2. Letter from J. Judd & Co. re:- Headstone.
3. Letter from W.C. Betts re:- Water Boots.
4. Letter from Mr. Macfarlane & CO' re:- Arcitect to Fire Station.
5. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Numbering Streets.
6. Letter from County Surveyor re:- Path at Holborough.
7. Letter from J.H. Anderson re:- Hooks Share.

#### 8. Letter from Miss. Hook.

"To the Members of the Parish Council Snodland".

"Dear Sirs.

In reply to your letter of January 19<sup>th</sup>, asking for the use of the old Forge for a Fire Station. I,am in sympathy with your object, and instead of letting it as you suggest I shall be pleased to give the site to the Parish with the present building, including old forge with the cottage adjoining upon the following condition. If my offer is accepted, I ask you to pay to me an annuity of Fifteen Pounds a year as I would like the cottage to go with the forge, although it has been let separately."

Yours Very Truly.

Maude. M. Hook."

#### Hook's Share.

The Clerk reported that he could purchase a 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage Debenture Stock Hook's for £80. Stamp 10/- & 2/6 Brokerage. Mr. Cullen proposed that the share be purchased on these terms. Seconded by Mr. Smith & carried.

Mr. Cullen proposed that the Chairman and Messrs. Thomson and Hodgkinson sign the transfer. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that Miss Hook's very generous offer be accepted and that the very best thanks of the Council be conveyed to her for her valuable and magnificent gift to the Parish

Mr. R. Smith seconded and it was carried unanimously.

#### Receipt.

Mr. Parris proposed that a receipt for £100 under the Burial's Acts be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Cullen and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the plan & inscription of headstone to John Langridge's Grave be approved by the Council, and that as it exceeds the regulation height an extra fee of one guinea be charged. Mr. Cullen seconded and it was carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Hawks proposed that the conveyance of Grave Space No. 646 to Mrs. Evelyn Clara Brattle be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Cullen and carried.

Footpath Paddlesworth Road.

Mr. May proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to the bad state of the path in Paddlesworth Lane. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

John Fletcher.  
Chairman.  
March 9<sup>th</sup>.  
1915.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Fletcher. (Chairman). Parris. (Vice-Chairman). Burke, R. Smith, Gammon, Kemsley, Thomson, Hawks, Godfrey, Hodgkinson, May, A.M. Smith, Cullen and the clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Gammon reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks was 748 and the fees amounted to £6.16.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 195 and £1.16.9d.

Mr. Gammon proposed that the cleaning out of the boiler and tanks be postponed till the soldiers left and that the baths were closed on Bank Holidays.

Mr. Burke proposed that these matters be referred to the Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. May proposed that the Caretaker has an increase in salary of 3/- per week during the stay of the soldiers in the Parish. Seconded by Mr. Parris.

Mr. Beadle moved and amendment that the question be referred to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried by 7 votes for and 2 against.

On being put as the substantive motion it was carried. Nom Con.

### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Messrs. Mitchell and Tapp had returned from the Home very much improved in health. Mr. Hyde was the next applicant and Mr. W.J. Brown's son, both of which would come under consideration at next Committee Meeting.

### Finance.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Gammon seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.-

Smith. R.	Preparing Room for Meetings.	9. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery & Printing.	2. 9. 7.
Harris. F.P.	Printing Petrol Cards.	5. 6.
Hilder. T.	Stamps.	6. 10.
Harris. F.P.	Printing & Envelopes.	8. 0.
Crowhurst. A.	100 Bundles of wood.	3. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bath Tickets.	1. 1. 0.
Venning. C.H.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Harris. F.P.	Printing "Daily Returns".	6. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	6. 10. 4.
	9 N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 3.
Hook C.J. & Co.	Stamp & Transfer Fee.	12. 6.
Fletcher. Wm.	Caretakers salary.	7. 14. 0.
	6. N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 6.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	3. 13. 0.
	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 6.
Wall Rev. Cde. R.	Ministers Fees.'	10. 0.
Jones. Rev. J. Reese.	"	12. 6.
William's Rev'd A.P.	"	10. 0.
Tinsley. Rev'd I.	"	2. 6.
Clark. Rev'd E.C.	"	2. 6.
	Total.	£26. 16. 6.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from John Marshall re:- Tar-painting & path.

2. Letter from Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- transfer of Forge & Cottage.

### Tenders.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the tenders for the work at the Cemetery be opened and that the lowest tender be accepted. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.-

The Tenders were as follows.

Messrs. J. Wilford & Son.	10. 10. 0
Mr. E. Norman.	9. 7. 6
Mr. R.T. Langridge.	8. 2. 6.
Messrs C. Brattle & Sons.	9. 2. 6.
Mr. T. Rogers.	8. 17. 0
Mr. H.R. Draycon.	7. 6. 0.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Draycon's tender be accepted and that the work be completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Inscription.

Mr. Burke proposed that the inscription for headstone for the late Mr. Knell's grave be approved by the Council. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Date of Parish Meeting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> be the date for the Annual Parish Meeting, and that it be held at the British Schools. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

Report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The Clerk read the Draft Report of the Parish Council Proceedings for the year 1914-15. Mr. Godfrey proposed that the report be approved and adopted as read. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Gate Keeper for Brook.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Mr. Hood be appointed Gate-Keeper for the year. 1915-16. Carried.

Date for turning Cattle on Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Council recommend the Parish Meeting to fix April 15<sup>th</sup> as the day for turning Cattle on the Brook this year. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Mr. May proposed that the Cattle be numbered in the order of turning on, and a register kept by the Brook Keeper.

Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

Transfer of old Forge & Cottage.

The Draft Conveyance of the premises in Waghorn Road, consisting of Forge & Cottage, from Miss. Hook to the Parish Council was read by the Clerk. Approved by the Council and returned to Messrs Wilkinson & Son. Carried.

Brook Street.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the attention of the Rural District Council be called to the bad state of Brook Street – particularly as to the Channelling & Kerbing. Mr. May seconded and it was carried.

Holborough Road.

Mr. May proposed that the attention of the County Council be called to the bad state of the road between Mr. Hawks and the Institute. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

John Fletcher.

Chairman.

April 13<sup>th</sup>.

1915.



**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 1915.**  
**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Fletcher. (Chairman). Parris. (Vice-Chairman), R. Smith, Gammon, Thomson, Burke, Hodgkinson, Kemsley, A.M. Smith, Hopper, Godfrey, Cullen and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Messrs. Mason & Hawks.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a letter be written to Mr. Mason conveying to him the sympathy of the Council and heartily wishing him restoration to good health and safe return to his duties as a Councillor. The resolution to extend to Mr. Hawks who is also ill. Carried.

Chairman.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. May seconded that Mr. Richard John Parris be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. John Fletcher, the retiring Chairman, for so ably and genially presiding over the deliberations of the Council for the past three years. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried with acclamation.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Robert Smith be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that two Overseers be elected from inside the Council and two outside. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Cullen seconded that Messrs. Kemsley and A.M. Smith be appointed Overseers from inside the Council. Carried.

Mr. Gammon proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that Mr. Chas' Parris be appointed an Overseer. Carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that Mr. William Hilder be appointed and Overseer. Carried.

Committees.

Brook.

Mr. Cullen proposed and Mr. Hoper seconded that the Brook Committee stand. Mr. Kemsley taking the place of Mr. Parris. Carried.

Public Baths.

Mr. Hopper proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that the Baths Committee stand. Mr. Fletcher taking the place of Mr. Hodgkinson. Carried.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. Cullen seconded that the Cemetery Committee stand. Mr. Godfrey taking the place of Mr. Hodgkinson. Carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that the Convalescent Homes Committee stand. Mr. Thomson taking Mr. Godfrey's place, and Mr. Cullen taking Mr. Parris's place. Carried.

#### General Purposes.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Hopper seconded that the Committee stand. Carried.

#### Finance & Lighting.

Mr. Hopper proposed that Mr. Hodgkinson take the place of Mr. Hopper out the Finance Committee, and Mr. Fletcher take the place of Mr. Beadle, the rest of the committee to stand. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

#### Footpaths.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Footpath Committee stand. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

#### Public Baths.

Mr. Gammon proposed that the Tank, Boilers & W.C Cistern be cleaned out and repaired at once & that Mr. Rogers be employed to do the work. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

The Committee having ordered the Baths to be closed on Bank Holidays. Mr. Gammon proposed that the council approve of their action. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

#### Caretaker's Salary.

Mr. Gammon proposed that on account of the extra work caused by the soldiers, the Caretaker's Salary be raised to £5 for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that A.C. Hyde was at the Home at Herne Bay, and Fredk' Gibson was going on Friday next, the Secretary kindly allowing two patients at the Home on this occasion.

The Clerk reported that Miss. Hook had very kindly promised to continue the Homes for another year.

The case of Willie Brown was further postponed

#### Finance.

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

Bond. Miss.	Financial Statements.	1. 0.
T. Moore & Co.	Staples & Nails.	8.
Hook Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co'	Water Rate.	3. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co'	Gas a/c Fire Station.	1. 9.
"	Gas a/c Public Lamps.	45. 8. 9.
Betts. W.C.	Repair of Boots.	3. 6.
Moore. T. & Co'	Candles.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co'	Repair of Hydrants.	16. 6.
"	Water supply to Baths.	5. 6. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co'	Gas a/c	3. 7. 2.
Seaborne Coal Co'	Coal & Coke.	9. 7. 0.
Wilford. J. & Sons.	Repairs.	16. 8.
Moore T. & Co'	Soap & Polish.	5. 6.
Mid Kent water Co.	Water Rate.	6. 6.
"	"	3. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co'	1Chal' of Coke.	15. 0.
Moore. T. & Co'.	Parafin Oil.	1. 10.
Hilder. T.	Insurance.	10. 6.
Fletcher. Wm'	Caretakers Salary.	3. 17. 0.
	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 9.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	1. 16. 6.
	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 9.
	Total.	£76. 1. 8.

#### Clerk's Salary.

Mr. Robert Smith proposed and Mr. Cullen seconded that the Clerk's Salary be raised from £92 to £100 being an increase of £8. Mr. Burke and Mr. Hodgkinson supported and it was carried unanimously.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Miss. Hook re:- Notice of Fire Station.

2. Letter from Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- Conveyance of Cottage & Forge from Miss. Hook to the Parish Council.

Mr Cullen proposed that the Clerk be instructed to collect the rent of the Cottage & Forge and arrange for the insurance of same. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the house be insured for £300 and £150 on the Forge. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

3. Letter from S.E. & C. Railway Co' re:- Waiting Room.

4. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Holborough Road.

Mr. Burke proposed that another letter be written to Mr. Chapman asking him to get the path Kerbed as soon as possible. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

5. Letter from Col' Garden, 13<sup>th</sup> Middlesex, stating that the charge for baths to the men was excessive & asking the Council to reduce the charge.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Hopper seconded that the application for abatement be refused & full payment insisted on. Carried.

6. Letter from Mrs. Freeland. re:- Show Cart people in Botten's Meadow.  
Mr. May proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that the Sanitary Inspector's attention be called to the matter. Carried.

Path in Brook Street.

Mr. Burke proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. John Marshall asking him to proceed with the work in Brook Street. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Cattle on Brook By Non-Residents.

After a discussion on the question of turning Cattle on the Brook by Non- Residents :- Mr. Burke proposed that the matter be left where it is. Mr. Cullen seconded and it was carried.

Small Gates at Station.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that this question of altering the small gates at the level crossing be left in abstinence. Carried.

Question of Dear Coal.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the question of dear coal be deferred. Seconded by Mr. Cullen and carried.

The Troops

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a message be conveyed to the Brigadier General, W.H.H. Waters CVO CMG Commanding 93<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade, Milton Barracks. Gravesend & Officers of the 15<sup>th</sup> Batt' Middlesex Regiment, expressing on behalf of the Parish, the general approval of the conduct of the soldiers at the Baths during their 15 week sojourn in Snodland.

Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Pound Day.

Mr. Godfrey called the attention of "Pound Day" for the Hospital to take place on Friday. April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Notice Boards.

Mr. Hodgkinson called attention to the Notice Boards and proposed that they be referred to the General Purposes Committee. Mr. John Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman.

May 11<sup>th</sup>.

1915.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. R. Smith (Chair). Hodgkinson, Fletcher, Thomson, Godfrey, Burke, Hawks, Kemsley, Cullen, A.M. Smith and the Clerk T. Hilder.

#### Minutes.

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

The Chairman Mr, Parris sent message that he was on the sick list and unable to attend the meeting.

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that a man had been employed on the Brook putting ashes on the Path.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher in the absence of Mr. Gammon reported the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 438 and the fees amounted to £4.1.6d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 314 and £3.0.4d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Committee have power to act on reference to the tar-painting the paths in the Cemetery, as the cost was likely to be double of last years. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke reported that F. Flint had made an application for an increase of 3/- in his wages.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the matter be referred to the Committee to report to next meeting. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

In Mr. Draycon's contract it was arranged to give one coat of paint inside the Greenhouse. As this appears to be insufficient, Mr. Burke proposed that two coats be given. This was seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

#### General Purposes Notice Boards.

Mr. Burke proposed that the three Notice Boards be repaired & painted three coats and that Mr. Draycon be asked to do the work. Mr. Cullen seconded and it was carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Mrs. Collins was at the Woman's Home at Herne Bay, to be followed by Mrs. Silas Peters.

Mr. Gibson came home last Friday & Mr. Edward Gomar was now at the Home.

#### Finance.

Mr. Hodgkinson read the report of the Fire Brigade submitted by Mr. T. Hilder Jnr., also a letter from Mr. Lambert Captain of the Brigade.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that 5 50ft lengths of 2 ½ " fire hose be purchased from Messrs. Shand Mason & Co'. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson suggested that Mr. Mason be asked to inspect the Old Forge, and on receipt of his report to call a management Committee meeting to deal with the

matter. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the South Room in the Devonshire Rooms be hired once a fortnight for Ambulance Drill. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried. A Telephone Pole stands on the Old Forge premises. Miss Hook gave notice to have it removed. Telephone Authorities would like it to remain if the Council would give permission.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the matter be left to the Clerk to decide. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

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

Prudential Insur' Co.	Repayment Of Loan & Interest.	51. 6. 4.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	1. 10. 9.
Borough Nurseries.	Seeds.	14. 6.
Fletcher. Wm.	Caretakers Salary.	5. 2. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	2. 8. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Cook & Sons.	25 Chestnut Stakes.	7. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 6. 5.
Crowhurst, Mrs.	Carting Coke & Wood.	7. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	4. 12. 3.
Rogers. T.	Repairs.	3. 9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	1. 5. 7 ½
"	" Forge.	
	" Cottage.	1. 5. 0 ¼
Peters Hedley.	Subscription to N. F.B.U.	1. 1. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance Premium.	6. 9.
Waller. James.	Wages work on Brook.	10. 0.
	Total.	£76. 19. 4 ¾

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Col' Garden re:- Charge for baths.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Council approve the action of the Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Cullen and carried.

2. Letter from Brigadier General re:- Conduct of Troops.

Mr. Burke proposed that this letter be copied in the Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Cullen and carried.

*"Headquarter Offices*

*Gravesend.*

*20.4.15.*

*"Dear Sir.*

*I need scarcely say how gratified I am to hear such a favourable report of the Troops under my command who were billeted at Snodland. I will inform all ranks at once of the contents of your letter which I will also publish in my Brigade Orders. I will be*

*greatly obliged if you will kindly communicate the substance of this Letter.*

*I beg to remain*

*Yours Faithfully.*

*W.H.H. Waters.*

*Brigadier General*

*Commanding 5<sup>th</sup> Reserve late 93<sup>rd</sup> Inf Brd.*

*T. Hilder.*

*Pelham House.*

*Snodland.*

3. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Kerbing Path at Holborough.

4. Letter from Mr. C. Souter re:- Show Carts.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the attention of the Police be called to the lights.

This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

5. Letter from Mr. Marshall re:- Brook Street

6. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Com' giving analysis of water for the month of March. "The sample was clear, palatable and free from poisonous metals."

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space no. 657 to William Henry Bolton be signed by the Council. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

R. Parris

Chairman.

8<sup>th</sup> June. 1915.

### **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Parris. (Chairman). R. Smith. (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Gammon, Thomson, Hodgkinson, Kemsley, Godfrey, Hawks, Burke, A.M. Smith and the Clerk T. Hilder.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Committee had met and decided to recommend the Council to have the Ditches round the allotment portion of the Brook cleaned out. As it was a matter of urgency, the Committee had put the matter in hand. He proposed

and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the council approve of the action of the Committee. Carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Gammon reported that the cap of the Chimney Shaft at the Baths had cracked, the stove required new set of brick, and a new bar to the grid and the rain water pump had a leaky joint.

He proposed that these matters be referred to the Committee with power to act.

Seconded by Mr. Thomson & carried.

Mr. Gammon reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 445 and the fees amounted to £4.2.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 451 and £4.4.10d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that the path in the old portion of the Cemetery be tar-painted again this year. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley & carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the wages of Frank Flint be increased to 18/- per week.

Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

#### Iron Tablets.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Iron Tablets "Keep of the Grass" be painted two coats Black and the letters two coats White. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Willie Brown was at the Dover Home. Marshall Peters had gone to Herne Bay that day, and Mrs. Walter Richardson was at the Baldwin Brown Home, to be followed by Mrs. Fairman, Mrs. West & Florrie Adkins. He also stated that William Jesse Brown, had asked to be allowed to go to the Home again this year.

#### Finance.

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

Shaw & Sons.	6 Order Books.	6. 6.
Bond. Miss.	Foolscap Envelopes.	2. 0.
Bishop. Chas.	Ditching.	14. 8.
	1 N.H.I. Stamp.	7.
Hood. Mrs.	Caretakers Salary. Part of	1. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	10. 6.
May. W.	3 doz. Bundles of wood.	2. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 13. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Betts W.C.	Repair of Boots. (smiths)	3. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co'	Water Rate. Cottage.	4. 4.
Shand Mason & Co.	5 x50ft lengths of hose.	7. 6. 4.
S.E.& C. Railway.	Carriage of Hose.	2. 2.
Fletcher Wm'	Caretakers Salary.	5. 2. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.



Flint Frank.	Caretakers Help.	2.	8.	8.
	4 N. H. I. Stamps.		2.	4.
		Total.	£22.	4. 7.

### Fire Station.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the question of the Fire Station be referred back to the committee, as they were not in a position to make report at present. Mr Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs Witcomb & Co. re:- Kerb.
2. Letter from Miss. Hook re:- telephone Pole.
3. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:- Hose.
4. Letter from Prudential Insurance Co. re:- Income Tax.
5. Letter from Col' Garden re- Bath Fees.

### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Burke proposed that the conveyance of Grave Space No' 648 to Mrs Ada Gower be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

### Kerb & Inscription.

Mr. Burke proposed that the plan of Kerb & Inscription for Mr. James Knell's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the plan of Scroll Stone & Inscription for George Laws Grave be approved by the Council & that the fee be halfcrown. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr Burke proposed that the additional Inscription for Mr. Kemsley's Headstone be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

### Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that a receipt for one hundred pounds under the Burial Acts be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried.

### Notice of Motion. Sale of Water Cart.

Mr. Burke on accordance with previous notice of motion proposed that the Clerk be instructed to sell the Water Cart, either by advertisement or private sale. Seconded by A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Gammon complained of the paper littering the road on the East side of the Station Gates. Mt. Thomson kindly promised to attend to the matter.

Mr. Kemsley called attention to the Scavenging. He stated that there were a large number of houses without Dust Bins which caused much trouble and loss off time to the Scavenger.

Mr. Kemsley also stated that there were a number of houses whose W.C. had no flushing apparatus. He proposed & Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Souter's attention be called to the matter. Carried.

The Chairman asked the Council to excuse the absence of Mr. Cullen who was away at work.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
July 13<sup>th</sup> 1915.

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1915.**  
**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs Parris. (Chairman). R. Smith (Vice-Chairman), Gammon, A.M. Smith, Godfrey, Kemsley, Fletcher, Hodgkinson, Thomson, Hawks, May, Burke and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

The Clerk reported that he had not sold the Water Cart.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Cattle had strayed from the Ham Hill Brook and done much damage to the Rectory allotments. He suggested that a fence costing £2.10.0d should be erected on their boundary and the ditch cleaned out.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the fence be erected & the ditch cleaned out. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Thomson also reported that the grass had been cut along the Willow Walk.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that John Saunders was at the Dover Home, and Jessie Coomber at the Baldwin Brown Home at Herne Bay to be followed on Saturday by Allen Rotherham.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Council approve of the action of the Committee in getting certain small repairs done at the Baths. Carried. Bathers last five weeks 1113 – fees £11.12.1d.

Finance.

Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

Salvation Army	Ministers Fees.	8. 0.
Moore J.T.	Lubricating Oil.	1. 6.
Fletcher. Wm'.	Caretakers Salary.	6. 8. 4.

	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Flint. F.	Caretakers Help.	3. 13. 4.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	8. 10. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	15. 11.
Wilford & Sons.	Re-hanging of Notice Plates.	2. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 13. 4.
	5. N. H. I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Bishop. Chas.	Ditching.	1. 4. 8.
	1 N. H. I. Stamp.	7.
Judges. A.	Trimming Willow Walk.	13. 6.
Hood. M.	Gatekeepers Wages. Part of.	1. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Fire Station.	1. 5.
Insurance Co.	Insurance Premium.	3. 9.
	Total.	£27. 1. 11

#### Gas A/C/ Public Lamps.

The Gas account for the Public Lamps amounting to £44.13.9d was submitted and as the Lamps were lighted only 33 weeks during the quarter, it was thought some abatement should be allowed.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the Company be asked to make a rebate on the amount demanded. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

#### Fire Station.

Mr. R. Smith reported that Mr. Wilford had made a plan & specification, but as it had only just come to hand he proposed that the matter be again referred back to the Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Frank Flint thanking the Council for his increase in Wages.

2. Letter from Fredk. Gooding complaining of the Cattle straying on his allotment.

3. Letter from Mr. Gate., asking to have fences repaired.

4. Letter from Col. Garden re:- Bath for Soldiers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that 25% of the balance of £10.2.2d be allowed.

Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

5. Letter from W.M. Good asking the Council to help in raising funds for the relief of the starving people in Belgium.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a Public Meeting be held at an early date. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

It was decided to hold the meeting on Wednesday next July 24<sup>th</sup>, and that all arrangements be left in the hands of Mr. Hodgkinson and Mr. Godfrey.

6. Letter from Mr. Souter re:- Dust Bins & c.

7. Letter from Mr. Crook re:- appointment of managers. Mr. A.M. Smith for C of E. School and Mr. Thomson for Hook's School agreed to continue to stand.

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

9. Letter from Parliamentary War Savings Committee re:- War loan.

#### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb & raised end be approved by the Council, and that the special fee of 7/6d be charged. No' of Grave 293.

Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the plan & Inscription of Headstone and Kerb to Mr. A. Peters Grave be approved by the Council, and that as the Headstone exceeds the regulation height and extra fee of 10/6d be charged. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 555 to Mr. James Knell and the Conveyance of Grave Space No' 659 to Mrs. Annie Simmonds be signed by the Council. Carried.

#### Gas Contract.

The Clerk reported that the Gas Co' had given six months notice to terminate the present contract for the supply of gas for the Street Lamps.

Mr. A.M. Smith moved that the notice be accepted. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

#### Sanitary Committee.

Mr. Thomson proposed that as Mr. Mason, owing to his illness was unable to attend on the Sanitary Committee, Mr. Fletcher be appointed in his place. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

R. Parris.

Chairman. August 10<sup>th</sup> 1915.

### **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. R. Parris. (Chairman). Fletcher, Gammon, Burke, A.M. Smith, Thomson, Kemsley, Hodgkinson, May and the Clerk T. Hilder.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the new fence had been erected and was quite satisfactory.

### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 547 and the fees amounted to £5.1.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 450 and £4.4.10d.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Caretaker be allowed his usual annual holiday. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

In the event of the Caretaker not being able to arrange for a substitute, Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the matter of arranging for funerals be left in the hands of the Chairman, Mr. Burke and the Clerk. Flint having charge of the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

It having been suggested that the minimum depth of Graves be altered to 10ft, the matter was referred to the Committee for consideration.

### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that John Saunders was at the Dover Home, A. Pankhurst at Herne Bay and Mr. George Mayger at the Baldwin Brown Home.

### Finance.

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

Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Fire Station.	3. 0.
"	"	Cottage.	4. 4.
Hinds. C.W.	Work on Brook.		3. 16. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Employee's Insurance.		1. 9. 9.
Rogers. T.	Cleaning Boilers & c.		1. 13. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.		3. 13. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Wagon. Silas.	10 yds Sand.		1. 5. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		3. 0.
"	"		6. 6.
Fletcher. W.	Caretakers Salary.		5. 2. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.		2. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Buckley. Rev'd J.	Ministers Fees.		2. 6.
Wall. Rev'd Cde R.	"		1. 7. 6.
		Total.	£22. 13. 1.

A letter from the Mid Kent Gas Co' respecting the quarterly account of £44.13.9d was read.

"They afford a rebate of £6 on account of the lamps being unlit by the Chief Constables orders."

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the amended account of £38.13.9d. be paid. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

### Plan & Specification of alterations to Old Forge.

Mr. Hodgkinson presented the plan and specification for the alterations at the old forge in order to convert it into a Fire Station.  
He proposed that as the present was a small meeting, the matter be postponed to the next meeting for consideration. Carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Cullen tendering his resignation.  
Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that his resignation be accepted with regret, and that the best thanks of the Council for his past services be conveyed to him. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.
2. Letters from Mr. Bowerman. Teston. Re:- Water Cart.
3. Letter from Middlesex Reg't. Re:- Baths a/c.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the month of July.

#### Conveyances.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 662 to Mrs. Mary Ann Baldwin, and the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 629 to George Chambers be signed by the Council.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
September 14<sup>th</sup>. 1915.

### **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Parris. (Chairman), R. Smith. (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Gammon, Burke, Thomson, Hodgkinson, Kemsley, A.M. Smith, Hawks and the Clerk. T. Hilder.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks to be 819 and the fees amounted to £8.7.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 535 and £5.4.3d.

Mr. Burke lodged a complaint that Mr. Parris Jnr had been refused a bath on Saturday evening Sept' 11<sup>th</sup>. He also suggested that persons waiting for a bath should do so in the waiting room and not in the passage.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that these matters be referred to the Committee. Carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that a soldier from Burham Camp had stolen a looking glass from the Baths. The Clerk had written the Commanding Officer. But nothing had been heard up to now.

### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Mrs Viney was at the Baldwin Brown Home and William Patterson at the Men's Home.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke reported that the tar-painting at the Cemetery had been satisfactorily done. He proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded the District Council, Mr Marshall and his men for kindly undertaking the work. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that 8 loads of manure be purchased for the cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

### Finance.

Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

Mid Kent Water Co.	Water supply.	3. 8. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 13. 4.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Ashby. Edgar.	Carting 11 loads of sand.	2. 9. 6.
Fletcher. W.	Caretakers Salary.	6. 8. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	3. 13. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Kings Men.	Tar-painting Paths.	4. 15. 8.
	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 9.
Hinds C.W.	Repairs To Hose & c.	1. 16. 3.
Harris. F.P..	Printing Notices of Parish Meetings.	4. 6.
Hood. Maria.	Brook Keepers Salary	1. 0. 0.
	Total.	£27. 19. 5

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the two accounts for advertising the Water Cart in the Kent Messenger & Devizes Gazette amounting to 7/6 be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Mr Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from District Valuer re:- Sewage Works.
2. Letter from L.G. Board re:- Elections and Registrations Act. 1914.
3. Letter from ?? Cuthbert Harrison re:- Bath Fees.
4. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the month of August.  
"The sample was clear palatable and free from poisonous metals".

### Valuations.

Hook C.T. & Co.	Site Value £100
Rural District Council	Site Value £75

Saul's Garden.  
Cemetery.

Site Value £5  
Site Value £150

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that these valuations be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley & carried.

#### Receipt.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that a receipt for £200 under the Lighting Act be issued on the Overseers. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

#### New Councillor.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Joshua Wilford be elected a Councillor in the place of Mr. W. Cullen resigned. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

#### Plan & Specification of Fire Station.

Mr. R. Smith gave a report of the plan and specification of the work to be done to the old forge to convert into a Fire Station. Mr. R. Smith proposed that an advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger inviting tenders for the work & that the plan & specification be deposited at the Clerk's Office. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Smith stated that Miss Hook 7 the Committee of the New Church were willing to extend the tenancy of the present Fire Station till the new one was ready for occupation, which offer the Council thankfully accepted.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
October 10<sup>th</sup> 1915.

### **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Parris. (Chairman), R. Smith (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Gammon, Hodgkinson, Thomson, Godfrey, Kemsley, Wilford, Burke, May and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Mr. Wilford signed the Declaration on acceptance of Office.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Valuations.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Clerk be instructed to inquire into the Valuation of the Cemetery. Carried.

#### Baths.



Mr. Fletcher reported that the no of bathers for the last four weeks to be 619 and the fees amounted to £6.8.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 256 and £2.8.2d.

He also stated that the Committee had enquired into the complaint of Mr. Burke, re:- Mr. Parris and the soldier. The explanation was that the Baths had been crowded with soldiers, and the Baths were unable to meet the increased demands. Frequently persons had to be refused because of the time, the Baths closing at 9pm.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Fletcher be asked to request the Caretaker to be more courteous in his address to the visitors to the Baths in future. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Miss Maud Hines was at the Baldwin Brown Home. This visit ends the season.

George Edward Emptage was at the men's Home.

### Finance.

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

Hambrook. A.N.	Books & Stationery.	1. 10. 3.
Draycon. H.R.	Repair of Notice Boards.	1. 13. 7.
Hood. Maria.	Gate Keepers salary.	3. 6. 0..
Moore. T.J.	Soap & polish.	8. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	7. 4. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Baths.	19. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bath Tickets.	16. 6.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	2. 15. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H.I./Stamps.	2. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Fire Station.	1. 0.
Lambert. B.	Making Plans Fire Stn	10. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	4. 4.
"	Fire station.	3. 0.
Kent Messenger.	Advertisement Fire Station.	7. 0.
Miss. Hook.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Sons.	½ yrs annuity. Miss Hook.	7. 10. 0.
Wagon, Silas.	Load of sand.	2. 6.
Cook & Sons.	Carting Tar.	10. 0.
Draycon. H.B.	Painting & Repairs.	9. 19. 5.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. 3/- 6/6d	9. 6.
Fletcher. W.	Caretakers Salary.	5. 2. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	2. 18. 8
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Rev'd A.P. Williams.	Ministers Fees.	17. 6.
Rev'd Cde' R. Wall.	"	7. 6.
Rev'd G. Sutton Read.	"	2. 6.
	Total	£64. 9. 7..

### Gas Bill.

Mr. Smith submitted the quarterly account for the Lighting Street Lamps. £44.13.9d, and stated that the Committee suggested the Company be offered £10.10.0d. in settlement.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Comp' be offered ½ the amount. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley.

Mr. Gammon proposed that the Comp' be asked what allowance they would make. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried

On being put as a substantive motion it was carried. Non Con.

#### House.

The Clerk reported that the tenant of the Forge had given notice to leave, and that an application for it had been received from Mrs Well's of Tovil.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the Clerk be instructed to let the house to one of the Firemen. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

#### Forge.

The Clerk reported that Messrs. J. Nichols & sons gave up the tenancy of the forge on Sept' 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Correspondence.

1. Rev'd Harrison re:- Baths a/c.
2. Inland Revenue re:- Income Tax.
3. Surveyor of Taxes re:- Tax on Interest.
4. The Treasury re:- Economy in the use of Gold Coin.
5. Mid Kent Water Co' Giving analysis of water for September.

#### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Stone for George Austin's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried. Fee 2/6.

#### Valuations.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the valuation of Hoods & Bishops Gardens of £5 be accepted. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

J. Fletcher,  
Chairman.  
November 9<sup>th</sup> 1915.

### **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup> 1915**

**At 8pm.**

Present Messrs. Gammon, Fletcher, Thomson, Hawks, Wilford, May, Kemsley, A.M. Smith, Burke, and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Mr. R. Smith sent letter asking to be excused as his soldier son was home for a few days.

The Chairman being absent, Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that Mr. Fletcher take the Chair. Carried.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Cattle were off the Brook, and he intended holding a meeting of the Committee shortly to decide what was necessary to be done in the way of gripping and ditching, and report to next meeting.

#### Public Baths.

Mr. Gammon reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 642 and the fees amounted to £7.0.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 208 and £1.17.8d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that a Silver Birch be purchased for the Cemetery to replace one that died. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

The Clerk reported that Alfred Good was at the Herne Bay Home to be followed by William Richards if no other application was made.

#### Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Poor Rate.	1. 7. 0.
Fletcher. W.	Caretakers Salary.	5. 2. 8.
	4 N.H. I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	2. 18. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Prudential Insurance.	Repayment of loan & Interest.	51. 6. 4.
Hilder. T.	Poor Rate.	4. 1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co'	Water Supply.	5. 6. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H. I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Hilder T.	Poor Rate.	1. 7. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Street Lamps	£44.13.9 - £16.16.0 = 27. 19. 9
	Total.	£103.. 7. 1

#### Gas A/C Public Lamps.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Gas Comp's offer be accepted and that a cheque for the balance £27.19.9d be drawn to pay the account. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that a few repairs had been done at the Cottage for the new tenant, and that he wanted a new range.

Mr. Burke proposed that a new Belle Range be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Sub-Postmaster. Re:- Telephone.
2. Letter from Mid Kent water giving analysis of water for the month of October.

#### May's Charity Trustees.

Mr. Burke proposed that Messrs May and A.M. Smith be elected Trustees of May's Charity. Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried.

#### Trustees of Godden's Charity.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that Messrs Kemsley and Fletcher be elected Trustees of Godden's Charity in the place of R. Smith and Rawlins who retire by rotation. Carried.

#### Tenders for Fire Station.

It was decided to open the tenders for converting the Old Forge into a Fire Station. They were as follows.

Mr. R.T. Langridge.	£240.0.0d
Messrs. Brown Bros'	£219.0.0d.
Messrs J. Wilford & Sons.	£218.0.0d

Mr. Burke proposed that these figures be submitted to the Parish Meeting in March, for its approval or otherwise. Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried. It was decided to publish the tenders in the Contractors Record.

#### Vote of thanks to Mr. Wilford.

Mr. Thomson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilford for his kindness in preparing plan and specification of the work to be done in converting the Old Forge into a Fire Station. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

#### Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Gammon proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that tenders for Scavenging the Parish for the year 1916 be invited from the ratepayers of Snodland, and that an advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger and the date of the next meeting be November 30<sup>th</sup> in order to get results to the District Council by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

#### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that the plan & Inscription of the stone to be place at Mrs Piper's Grave No' 654 be approved by the Council. Carried.

#### Holborough Road.

The Chairman reported that the Holboro' Road was flooded again. The Clerk was instructed to see Mr. J. Hood on the matter.

#### Holes in Pavement.

Mr. Fletcher also called the attention of the Council to the holes in the footpaths. Holboro' Rd and Malling Rd'

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr Chapman on the matter. Carried.

#### Soldiers' Billets.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be written to Lieut General C. S. Woolcombe Commanding 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Central Force, Tunbridge Wells, asking that another detachment of soldiers may be billeted in Snodland during the Winter. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Thomson proposed the Winter Season commence on Monday next, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman.

November 30<sup>th</sup>. 1915.

### **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup> 1915**

**At 8pm.**

Present Messrs. R. Smith. (Chair). Fletcher, Thomson, Hodgkinson, Hawks, Godfrey, Kemsley, May, Burke and the Clerk T. Hilder.

#### Minutes.

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

The Clerk stated that Mr Parris asked to be excused attendance on account of sickness

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson read the report of the Brook Committee.

He. Proposed that the big ditches be dredged out, the necessary gripping and the trimming of the Willow trees be done. Mr. May seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Messrs C.J. Hood & Co' be requested to clear up the clinkers & big stones which they had deposited on the Brook without permission. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last three weeks to be 145 and the fees amounted to £1.5.5d

For the same period last year the figures were 155 and £1.1.1d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that three dozen rough towels be purchased for use in the Baths. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson stated that William Richards was at the Home, to be followed by Frank Taylor.

#### Finance.

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

Seaborne Coal Co'	2 cwt. Coal	3. 4.
Fletcher. Wm.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 17. 0.
	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 9.
Flint. Frank.	Caretakers Help.	2. 4. 0.
	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 9.
Dedrick. P.	12 Gross Soap.	1. 19. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 13. 11.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Hilder. T.	Balance of Rates.	1. 3.
	Total.	£12. 4. 4.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Kent Messenger account of 8/- for advertising the Scavenging be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

#### Broken Lamp Column.

Mr. Fletcher reported that Mr. Bourne of Halling had knocked down the Lamp Column in front of Dover Terrace by the passing of a load of straw.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Clerk be instructed to request Mr. Bourne to replace the Column. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Ministry of Munitions of War re:- Gas Co.

2. Letter from J. Allen & Son re:- Fire Station.

3. Letter from A.C. Emott re:- Debenture Share.

4. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Footpaths.

5. letter from Lieut. General Woolcombe re:- Billeting Troops.

Mr. Burke proposed that the letter be acknowledged expressing hope that Troops might later on be sent to Snodland. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Burke proposed that the following Conveyances of Grave Spaces be signed by the Council.

No. 670 to Mrs. Kate Judges.

No. 671 to Mrs. Ada Emily Parris.

No' 675 to Mrs. Mary Ann Tutt.

Seconded by Mr. Fletcher & carried.

#### Scavenging.

There were two tenders for Scavenging. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that each tender be taken on its merits. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey & carried.

1. John Langridge £142. 10. 0. & £152.10. 0

2. Roger Barnes. £121. 10. 0. & £150. 0. 0.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the District Council be recommended to accept Mr. Barnes' tender – also strongly recommending that fortnightly Scavenging be adopted for the whole year. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Modified Lighting.

Mr. Burke proposed that permission be asked of Col. Ward for the lighting of a few lamps in Snodland, and if granted the selection be left in the hands of the Lighting Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

R. Parris.

Chairman.

11th January. 1916.