

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup> 1916.**  
**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the boiler and tanks be cleaned out, and that also the Shooting on the East side of the Baths. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried. Mr. Fletcher proposed that Messrs Wilford & Sons be employed to do the work. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that 3 doz' Towels had been purchased from Mr. Sims. – also that the number of bathers for the last six weeks was 280 and the fees amounted to £2-10-0d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 349 and £3-12-3d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that seeds to the amount of 10/- be purchased for use in the Cemetery – also 2 or 3lbs of grass seed. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Frank Taylor was at the Home. As there was none other applicant, he was staying a second term.

Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	8 Council Mts., 13 Com' Mts.	1. 13. 0.
Dickinson. W.P.	2 Cheque Books.	1. 9. 0.
Moore. J.T.	Brush & Size.	2. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Public Baths.	8. 4. 2.
“	“ Fire Station.	1. 5.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs to Cottage.	5. 0. 4.
B.P.C.M.	10cwt White Lime.	1. 2.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	2. 8. 2.
N.F.B. Union.	Annual Subscription.	1. 1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	3. 0.
“	“ Cottage.	4. 4.
Taylor. J.	Whitewashing.	7. 8.
	1 N.H.I. Stamp.	7.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
May. W.	2 doz. Bundles of Chips.	2. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	9. 0. 0.
Sims. Chas.	3 doz. Towels.	2. 9. 6.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Baths.	1. 10. 4.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	13. 11.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	4. 19. 10.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	2. 12. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	1 Chal. Coke.	18. 0.
Moore. T.J.	Paraffin & Chimney.	2. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	520 Galls. Tar.	5. 19. 2.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs.	14. 6.
Bunyard & Co.	Silver Birch.	3. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	6. 6.
"	"	3. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	4. 17. 0.
"	"	9.
Fletcher. W.	Caretaker's Salary.	7. 6. 0.
	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 6.
Flint Frank.	Caretaker's Help.	4. 8. 3.
	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 6.
Waller & Others.	Men working on Brook	10. 8. 9.
	Total.	£82. 1. 9

Mr. Smith proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. C.W. Hinds a/c of £2 for tending Hydrants be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Carried.

#### Lighting the Lamps.

Mr. Smith stated that the Committee had considered the question of lighting a few lamps, but had decided to recommend the Council not to do so. He proposed that the question of lighting a few lamps be dropped. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed the Luminous paint be used on the lamps posts instead of White-Wash. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Broken Lamp Column.

Mr. Smith stated that the cost of replacing the lamp column and lantern was £5614.7d, and 6/7 for removing the old column.

The cost of Column alone would be £3.14.7., and as the column was knocked down by Mr. Bourne was an old one and the lantern broken beyond repair, the Committee recommended the Council to ask Mr. Bourne to replace the column and pay for the removal of the old one.

Mr. Smith proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Mr. Bourne be asked to replace the column at the cost of £3.14.7d & pay 6/7 for the removal of the old one. Carried.

#### Damage to Old Forge.

Mr. Smith proposed that the front & back of the old forge be fenced up to prevent damage by boys. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

It was left with the Committee to carry out the work.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Smith. Seconded by Mr. Burke that the attention of the Police be called to the damage done to the forge and also to the public lamps.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Surveyor of Taxes re:- Reclaim.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of December.

Receipt.

Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that a receipt be issued on the Overseers for £100 under the Burials Acts and £50 under the Bath's Acts. Carried.

Water in High Street.

Mr. May proposed that the County Council be asked to put a channel in the path in the High Street, to take away the water lying in front of Mr. W. Balls. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

Hole in Road In Church Field.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that Mr. Marshall be asked to fill up the hole in the road in Church Field by the flushing tank. Carried.

Mr.R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
8/2/16.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup> 1916.**

**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

The Clerk reported that the lamp columns had not been painted with luminous paint as arranged as the white was too difficult to clean off. In the circumstances he had thought it best to let the matter stand.

Mr. Burke proposes that the Council approve the action of the Clerk. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Gammon reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 227 and the fees amounted to £2.2.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 502 and £4.14.5d.

Finance.

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

Langridge. E.A.	Stakes & Birch.	7. 10.
Fletcher. W.	Caretaker's Wages.	3. 17. 0.

	3. N.H.I Stamps.	1. 9.
Flint. Frank.	Caretaker's Help.	2. 4. 0.
	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 9.
Rev. J. Reese Jones.	Minister's Fees.	2. 6.
Rev. R.W. Patterson.	"	2. 6.
Tong. Miss.	"	2. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Wages.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Betts. W.C.	Repair Water Boots.	2. 0.
Waller & Others.	Men working on Brook.	9. 19. 1 ½.
	Total.	£20. 16. 11 ½

Mr. Smith reported that the work of fencing in the old forge had been done.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from County Surveyor re:- water in High Street.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- New Lamp Column.
3. Letter from Mr. Marshall re:- Water in Church Field.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of December
5. Letter from Mr. Allison stating that the District Council refused to pay Hinds account for attending Hydrants.  
Mr. R. Smith proposed that the Council pay Mr. Hinds bill of £2.0.0d and as they have no power of employing him he must cease to attend the Hydrants. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.  
Mr. May proposed that another letter be written to Mr. Chapman, respecting the water lying in the High Street. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Burke proposed that the following conveyances of Grave Spaces be signed.  
No 677. To Thomas Fletcher of Holborough.  
No 681. To George Hammond of Prospect Place.  
No 680. To Edward Huckstepp of Malling Road.  
Mr. Gammon seconded and it was carried.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
14/3/16.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1916**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs Parris. (Chairman), R. Smith, (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Thomson, Gammon, Godfrey, Hodgkinson, Kemsley, May, A.N. Smith, Hawks, Burke, Wilford 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 189 and the fess amounted to £1.12.8d. For the corresponding period last year, the figures were 342 and £3.11.11d.

### Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Stamps.	6. 11.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	9. 3.
Knight & Co.	"	4. 4.
Clegg. W.E.	Meetings.	9. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Wages.	7. 7. 0.
	9 N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 3.
Venning. C.H.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Harris. F.P.	Bath Tickets.	13. 6.
Ashby & Sons.	8 loads of Manure.+ Carting	2. 8. 0.
"	Carting Chalk.	12. 6.
Fletcher. Wm.	Caretaker's Wages.	10. 5. 4.
	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 8.
Flint Frank.	Caretaker's Help.	5. 17. 4.
	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 8.
Rev. J.Reese-Jones.	Minister's Fees.	10. 0.
Rev. C de R. Wall.	"	15. 0.
Rev. J. Tansley.	"	5. 0.
Rev. A.P. William.	"	2 6.
Waller & others.	Men working on Brook.	3. 14. 4 ½
	Total.	£35. 2. 7 ½

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Water in High Street.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- 10% advance on Meter Charges.
3. Letter from L.G.B. re:- Registration of voters.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 682 to James Edward Wallis be signed. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Burke proposed that the plan & inscription of the Kerb to be placed on Miss. Silletts Grave No. 698 be approved by the Council, and that the fee, if the Grave was purchased should be 5/-, if un-purchased 3/6. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Parish Meeting.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that the Annual Parish Meeting take place on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> in the Devonshire Rooms at 7.30pm. Carried.

#### Draft Report of P.C. Proceedings.

The Clerk read the draft report of the Parish Council proceedings for the year 1915-1916.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the report be approved and adopted by the Council. Carried.

#### Gatekeeper.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that Mrs. Hood be re-elected Brook-Keeper. Carried.

#### Date of turning out.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Council recommend the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April as the date for turning Cattle on the Brook this year. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Flag Day.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a Flag Day be arranged, either on Saturday the day before St. George's Day, or Monday the day after, in aid of the Red Cross Society, and that Mrs. W. Gooding be asked to carry the thing through. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Church Field.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that Mr. Marshall be asked to fill up the hole in the road in Church Fields. Carried.

#### Weather-board.

Mr. Burke proposed that a Weather board be placed on the back door of the cottage by the forge. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
11/4/16.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1916.**

**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Mr. Parris be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried, Nem Com.

Vice Chairman.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that Mr. R. Smith be re-elected Vice Chairman. Carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the present Overseers. Messrs, Kemsley, Sims, A.M. Smith and W. Hilder be re-appointed Overseers. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Committees.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Committees stand. Carried.

Brook.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Thomson be re-elected Chairman of the Brook Committee. Carried.

Baths.

Mr. Gammon proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Fletcher be re-elected Chairman of the Baths Committee. Carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that Mr. Burke be re-elected Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that Mr. Hodgkinson be re-elected Chairman of the Convalescent Homes Committee. Carried.

General Purposes.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Wilford be elected Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mason & Hopper.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Council ascertain its position in regard to the vacancies, caused by the non-attendance of Messrs. Mason & Hopper, which have occurred during the War. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that several repairs and a portion of a ditch needed attention on the Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. May seconded that the work be carried out by the Committee. Carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that permission be given to the people living in Lower Birling to turn Cattle on the Brook this year. Carried.

#### Salts.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a letter be written to Mr. J. Wright, asking him to have the ditch between the Salts and the Brook cleaned out before turning Cattle on the Salts. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the No. of bathers for the last four weeks was 246 and the fees amounted to £2.4.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 381 and £2.17. 10d

#### Caretaker's Salary.

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

#### Fence.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the fence at the Baths, recently blown down be repaired. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that Robert Flints application for increased wages be referred to the Committee to report to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson read a letter from Miss. Hook, in which she promised to continue for another year the disposal of two beds at Convalescent Homes for the use of the people of Snodland,

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the best of thanks of the Council be conveyed to Miss. Hook for her kind and generous gift.

This was seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

#### Finance.

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

Harris. F.P.	Notice of Parish Meetings.	5. 0.
"	Notice of Committees.	4. 6.
Bond. Miss.	Financial Statements.	1. 0
Seaborne Coal Co.	Chaldron of Coke.	18. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium of Insurance.	10. 6.
Borough Nurseries.	Seeds.	14. 6.
Fletcher. Wm.	Caretaker's Salary.	2. 11. 4.
	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 2.
Flint. Frank.	Caretaker's Help.	1. 9. 4.
	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 2.
Royal Insur. Co.	Premium of Insurance.	6. 9.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs to old Forge.	1. 18. 6.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs. Rent. Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Sons.	½ yrs Annuity.	7. 10. 0.



Seaborne Coal Co. Coal & Coke.

6. 6. 0.  
Total. £25. 7. 9.

Correspondence.

1. Wilkinson & Son re:- Annuity.
2. Rochester & District Co-op Society. Re:- Water in Cellar.
3. Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of March.

Conveyances.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Kemsley seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No.687 to Mrs Johnson and Grave Space No. 678 to Mr. Withers be signed by the Council. Carried.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
9/5/16.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1916.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Parris. (Chairman). R. Smith. (Vice-Chairman). Fletcher, Gammon, May, Thomson, Kemsley, A.M. Smith, Godfrey, Hawks, Wilford, Burke 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 past four weeks was 320 & and the fees amounted to the sum of £2.19.0d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 438 & £11.1.6d.

Caretaker's Salary.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the increase of Five Pounds in the Caretaker's Salary on account of extra work caused by the Soldiers, be continued for another year. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

The Clerk reported that the Military Authorities at Leybourne had applied for permission for the soldiers stationed there, to use the Baths.

Mr. Burke proposed that the soldiers be allowed the use of the Baths, three afternoons in the week, Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 1pm to 9pm at the usual prices. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Convalescent Homes.

The Clerk reported that J.E. Atkins was at the home, Westgate-on-Sea, and Edward Clarke would follow on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

Mrs. Judges and Mrs. Hayward, both of Bramley Road would go to the Women's Home on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that Frank Flint's wages be increased to 18/- per week, and he be told that his services would not be required after September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

### Finance.

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

Moore. T.J.	Shovel.		3.	3.
Hilder. T.	Poor Rate.	Cottage.	1.	14. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		1.	5.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Station.	3.	0.
"	"	Cottages.	4.	4.
"	Water Supply.		1.	12. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c		1.	2. 1.
Hilder. T.	Poor Rate.		4.	10. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.		3.	13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		2.	4.
Hilder. T.	Poor Rate.		1.	10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate,	Cottage.	3.	0.
"	"	Cem' & Mort'	6.	6.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.		50.	6. 3
Andrews. Rev.	Minister's Fees.		5.	0.
Clark. Rev. E.C.	"		2.	6.
Fletcher. Wm.	Caretaker's Salary.		5.	2. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		2.	4.
Flint. Frank.	Caretaker's Help.		2.	18. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps		2.	4.
		Total	£74.	5. 6

Mr. Smith reported that two Hydrants were out of order, one at Bull Corner, one by "Victory". Mr. Fletcher proposed that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee to report to next Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. May proposed an amendment that the Clerk write to the Local Government Board for information on the subject. Mr. Thomson seconded.

Amendment lost by 3 to 9 & the resolution carried.

The Clerk reported that the Bath Chair was out of repair, needing new tyres.

Mr. Wilford proposed the Baths Committee have the Chair repaired by Mr. Chalklen. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Water in Cellar of Co-op Shop

2. Letter from Mr. Mason tendering his resignation.

3. Letter from Mr. Hopper tendering his resignation.

4. Letter from The National Fire Brigade Union asking the Council to support a representation to the proper authorities to secure fair and even treatment for Fire Brigades under the Military Service Bill.

Mr. Burke proposed that the movement be supported. Seconded by Mr. Hawks. Lost by 5 to 6.

5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of April.

Mr. Burke proposed that the resignations of Messrs Mason & Hopper be accepted with regret, and that the best of thanks of the Council be conveyed to them for their past services. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley. Carried.

#### Plan & Inscriptions.

Mr. Burke proposed that the plan & inscription of headstone and kerb for Mrs Leach's Grave, and the plan and inscription of headstone and kerb for Mr. Simmonds Grave be approved by the Council. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

#### New Councillors.

Mr. Burke proposed that Messrs. Rawlins and Hodgson be elected Parish Councillors in the place of Messrs. Mason & Hopper, resigned. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

#### Soldiers.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk be instructed to the Officer Commanding the Kent Area, asking him to billet a number of Soldiers in Snodland this year. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

R. Parris  
Chairman.  
13/6/16.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1916**

**At 8pm.**

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

Messrs Rawlins and Hodgson signed the declaration on acceptance of office.

#### Minutes.

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

The Caretaker of the Baths sent letter thanking the Council for continuing the increase in his salary for another year.

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the trees by the side of the Willow Walk had been cut at a cost of 12/- by A. Judges.

The other work had been put out to tender.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 615 and the fees amounted to £5.19.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 584 and £5.9.6d

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Kemsley reported that the Caretaker was ill, and that the Cemetery Committee had employed his son Fredk. to dig a Grave and carry out the Funeral arrangements on Saturday last. Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the Council approve the Committee's action. Carried.

Mr. Kemsley proposed that the Council employ Fredk. Fletcher to plant the flower beds in the Cemetery. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the grass in the new portion of the Cemetery be sold to Mr. Fredk. Botten for one pound on the understanding that it be cleared in a month from this date. Carried.

Mr. Kemsley stated that the daylight saving bill caused the Caretaker one hour extra duty on Sunday. Mr. Fletcher had asked to be allowed to close the Cemetery an hour earlier.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that the Cemetery be open on Sunday afternoon from two pm to an hour before sunset. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith.

Mr. Wilford moved an amendment that it open from 2pm till sunset and that the caretaker be paid 6d per Sunday.

The proposition was carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Fredk. Fletcher be paid 6d per hour for digging Graves, planting flower beds & other work in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins. Carried.

Mr. Kemsley proposed that a new hat & cassock be purchased for the Caretaker. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

#### Convalescent homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson stated that Messrs Clarke and Brown returned from the home on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. No – one would be able to go for three weeks in the consequence of two going at the same time.

Miss. Hedgecock had returned from Herne Bay & Miss Ada Gray had gone to the home today.

#### General Purposes.

Mr. Wilford reported that he and the Clerk had waited on the Secretary of the Water Co. who explained that the Com' controlled the Hydrants entirely. If repairs were needed, the Com. would do them and charge the Local Authority with the cost. The difficulty was to decide who was the Local Authority. The Council decided to wait till after the next Audit, when the Auditor would probably decide the question.

### Finance.

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

Hood, Maria.	Pt' of Gatekeepers Salary.	1. 10. 0.
Judges. A. Son.	Work on Brook.	12. 0.
Judges. A,	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Beadle. F.C.	6. Maroons.	2. 4. 6
Wraight. L.A.	6 Hose Straps.	15. 0.
Fletcher, Wm.	Caretaker's Salary.	5. 2. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Flint Frank.	Caretaker's Help.	2. 15. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Buckley Revd' S.	Minister's Fees.	2. 6.
	Total.	£17. 3. 0.

Mr. R. Smith reported that he has given instruction to have all the lanterns taken down and stored in the Old Forge, as the Gas Co' were taking down the Clocks at the time.

He proposed that the Council approve of his action. Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the lanterns be covered to prevent then being broken & suggested the matter be referred to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and Carried. The Committee having the power to act.

Mr. Smith reported that a Fire Brigade management Committee meeting had been held to consider the question of fair treatment under the Military Act of Professional & Voluntary Fire Brigades. The standing orders prevented the re-opening the question in the Council, but the meeting tended to bring about a better state of feeling among the Firemen.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Southern Army re:- Billeting Troops.
2. Letter from L.G.B. re:- Daylight Saving.
3. Letter from James Duncanson re:- Cattle on Saltings.
4. Letter from Mr. Wraight. Re:- Marsh.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Committee were considering the advisability of cleaning Mr. Wraights ditch which divided the Marsh from the Brook.

### Receipt.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that a receipt for one hundred and twenty five pounds be issued on the Overseers under the Burials Acts. Mr. Thomson seconded & it was carried.

The Clerk reported that William Mitchell had applied for a job at the Cemetery. Mr. Burke proposed that the question be referred to the Committee to report to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

#### Tenders.

Mr. Burke proposed that the tenders for work on the Brook be opened, and that the lowest tender be accepted. Mr. Thomson seconded & it was carried.

The Tenders were.

J. Wilford & Sons.                    £13.7.6d

C.W. Hines.                            £15.11.6d

Mr. Burke proposed that Messrs J. Wilford & Sons tender be accepted. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

#### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Kemsley proposed that the plan & inscription of headstone and kerb to Miss Grace Alice Wallis's Grave be approved by the Council. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

R.J. Parris.  
Chairman.  
11/7/16.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1916**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Parris. (Chairman), R. Smith. (Vice-Chairman), Hodgkinson Fletcher, Rawlins, Godfrey, Hodgson, Hawks, Burke, Wilford and the Clerk T. Hilder.  
Mr. Thomson sent message asking to be excused.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Brook.

Mr. Godfrey reported that the work on the Brook, undertaken by Messrs J. Wilford and Sons had been satisfactorily completed.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last three weeks was 415 and the fees amounted to £4.6.0.d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 717 and £7.12.6.d

Mr. Fletcher asked the Council to provide a seat to be placed in front of the Baths to accommodate the soldiers waiting.

Mr. Hodgkinson and Mr. Godfrey very kindly promised to supply a seat each.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a mirror be purchased to replace the one stolen last year.

Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke , in the absence of Mr. Kemsley reported that the Caretaker was seriously ill and unable to do his work.

The Committee recommended that the Council give him six weeks perfect rest, and that another man be employed whole time to do the work in the Cemetery, and that Fredk' Fletcher continue to help in the evenings.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Rawlins seconded that this be done. Carried.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Pile to undertake the work in the daytime and Mr. F. Fletcher in the evening.

Mr. Burke proposed that 10/- be deducted from the Caretaker's Wages during the six weeks, under the N.H.I. Act, and that he be paid 16/- per week during this time.

Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Frank Parrott was at the men's home at Westgate-on-Sea, to be followed by Walter Vousden on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

Dorothy Woolmer, with her little nephew was at the Herne Bay Home to be followed by Mrs. Bishop on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

#### Finance.

Mr. R. Smith reported that two doors had been nailed over the window in the Old Forge to protect the lamps from stones. He considered that lamps to be quite safe now.

Mr. Smith proposed that the living room at the Cottage occupied by Penny, be papered and whitewashed. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Smith read a report of the damage done to the Fire Station & the Water Comp's offices by the premature explosion of a Maroon, on the occasion of Mr. W.H. Cook's fire in the High Street. The total cost amounted to £2.2.4d which had been paid by the Insurance Company.

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

The Clerk.	Audit Stamp.	3. 0. 0.
Hilder. T.	Insurance Premium.	3. 9.
Russell & Son.	Repair of Uniform.	7. 6.
Betts. W.C.	Repair of Boots.	3. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	8. 8. 0.
Botten. Fredk.	24 Bundles of Chips.	6. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	15. 2.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 13. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
	Total.	£17. 0. 2.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from British De-tinning Comp' re:- Utilization of waste.

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

Next Meeting.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr, Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved to hold the next meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> on account of the Bank Holiday falling on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
1/8/16.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1916**

**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 501 and the fees amounted to £8.7.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 707 and £6.18.7d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Kemsley reported that a Committee meeting had been held in the Cemetery. Mr. Fletcher was told the decision of the Council that he should have six weeks holiday – and be paid 16/- per week, in the earnest hope he might recover his health. Mr. Pile was unable to take temporary charge of the Cemetery, but Mr. Withers had undertaken the work at 30/- per week. Fredk. Fletcher, agreeing to assist in the evening.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson stated that Mrs Viney was at Herne Bay, to be followed by Mrs Evans, Mrs Wells and Mrs Jenner.

Walter Vousden was at Westgate-on-Sea to be followed on Friday by William Fletcher.

Finance.

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

J. Wilford & Sons.	Repairs on Brook.	13.	13.	6.
Harris F.P.	Envelopes. Brigade.		2.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		1.	5.
“	Removing Lanterns.	3.	4.	10.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		4.	4.
“	“		3.	0.
	Station.			
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c		7.	9.



May. W.	Bundles of Chips.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	3. 5. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co,	Water Rate.	6. 6.
"	"	3. 0.
Fletcher. W.	Caretaker's Wages.	6. 8. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Withers. Ned.	Caretaker's Wages.	2. 19. 4.
	2. N.H.I. Stamps	1. 2.
Fletcher. Fredk.	Caretaker's Help.	2. 9. 6.
Fletcher, Wm.	Caretaker's Allowance.	1. 12. 0.
	Total.	£39. 2. 7.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- W.H. Cook: Special Constable.

2. Letter from K.E.C. re:- Lectures.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Mr. Charles Godfrey be appointed local secretary. Carried.

### Tarring Roads.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to the County Surveyor, asking him to Tar Paint the main roads in Snodland. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

AR Parris.  
Chairman.  
12/9/16/

## **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 1916.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Parris. (Chairman). R. Smith, (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Thomson, Gammon, Kemsley, Rawlins, A.M. Smith, Godfrey, Burke, Wilford, 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 six weeks was 822 and the fees amounted to £7.19.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 911 and £9.3.4d.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Kemsley reported that at a meeting of Cemetery Committee held in the Devonshire Rooms on August 26<sup>th</sup> it was decided to ask Edward Withers to carry on the work in the Cemetery pro. tem.

He proposed that the action of the Committee be confirmed by the Council.  
Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### Headstone and Kerb.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Rawlins seconded that the Headstone & Kerb displaced at the Military Funeral, be replaced & that Messrs. Wilford & Sons be asked to do the work. Carried.

#### Doors, Wood & C.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that Mrs Fletcher be paid one pound for two doors & wood round flower cuttings boxes &c, including anything and everything that she could lay claim to in the Cemetery. Carried.

#### Appointment of Caretaker.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Edward Withers be appointed Caretaker of the Cemetery in the place of Mr. William Fletcher deceased, at a wage of 30/- per week, with the house and water subject to conditions to be incorporated in agreement. Carried.

#### Notice to Mrs Fletcher.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Smith seconded that Mrs. Fletcher be served with notice to quit the house at the Cemetery on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. Carried.

#### Repairs to House.

Mr. Rawlins proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the matter of the repairs to the house be left in the hands of the Cemetery Committee with power to act. Carried.

#### Agreement.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that the Cemetery Committee draw up an agreement with the Caretakers and submit to the Council at the next meeting. Carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

The Clerk reported that Frank Muller and George Atkinson were going to the Home at Westgate-on-Sea on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, and Mrs. Jenner and Minnie Burrluck had gone to Herne Bay to-day.

#### Finance.

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

Shaw & Sons.	Receipt Book.	2. 0.
Gladdish Co.	Repair to Shears.	1. 0.
Withers.Ed.	Caretakers Sly'	8. 18. 0.
	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 6.
Fletcher, Wm.	Caretake'rs Sly'	2. 8. 0.
Fletcher. Fred.	Caretaker's Help.	19. 3.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Hood. Maria.	Gatekeeper's Sly'	1. 10. 0.
Rev'd C de R. Wall	Minister's Fees.	1. 0. 0.

Rev.d I. Tansley.	“	5. 0.
Rev'd A.P. Williams.	“	12. 6.
Rev'd J. Reese-Jones.	“	7. 6.
	Total.	£20. 2. 9.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mrs. Minchinton re:- Dr. Palmers Burial Cert'.
2. Letter from Bank of England re:- Same.
3. Letters from Mr. Stewatt of Allington re:- Damaged lamp in Holborough Road.
4. Letter from County Surveyor re:- Tarring the Roads.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of August.

Conveyances.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space 493 to Mrs Horton & the Conveyance of Grave Space 702 to Mr. Geo.Weaire. Be signed by the Council. Carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Kemsley proposed that plan & inscription of headstone & kerb to Mrs Horton's Grave be approved by the Council. Carried.

Flag Day.

A letter was read from Lord Harries asking the Council to arrange for a Flag Day for the benefit of the men at the front, and the prisoners of war.

Mr. Burke proposed that Messrs. Godfrey and Hodgkinson be asked to take the matter in hand. Mr. Kemsley seconded and it was carried.

War Loans R.D.C.

Mr. Burke explained to the Council that the District Council had invested the balance in hand from Rates in the War Loan instead of reducing the rates.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded, "That this Council desires to record its strong protest against the action of the Rural District Council in investing the balance of Rates in War Loans, instead of utilizing it in the reduction of rates".

And that a copy of the resolution be sent to the District Council. Carried.

Letter of Condolence.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Rawlins seconded that a letter be sent to Mrs. Fletcher, conveying the sympathy of the Council to her in her great bereavement. Carried.

AR Parris.  
Chairman.  
10/10/16.

**Meeting of the Council**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> 1916**

## **At 8pm.**

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

### Minutes.

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

The Chairman stated that Messrs. Hodgkinson and Kemsley were absent through illness.

### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the past four weeks to be 548 and the fees amounted to £5.18.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 619 and £6.5.11d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that new burners be purchased for the Baths. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Godfrey stated that the Cemetery Committee and met and prepared a draft agreement with Edward Withers the new Caretaker.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that this agreement be accepted and signed by the Council.

Mr. May proposed that the words "or any other article produced in the Cemetery" be deleted from the agreement. Mr Thomson seconded. The amendment was lost, only two voting for it.

The proposition was then carried Nem Com.

### Boards.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that twelve boards 9 ft by and 6 boards 6ft by be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the accumulation of Chalk at the Cemetery be carted away. Carried,

### Convalescent Homes.

The Clerk reported that Messrs Muller and Atkinson had been to the Home at Westgate-on-Sea, and no one would go for 3 weeks on account of two going together.

Mrs. Jenner & Miss Burrluck had returned from the Herne Bay. The Home was now closed for the season.

### Signing of Agreement.

Mr. Withers, now having arrived, the agreement was signed.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Withers be allowed to complete his term of office as Sexton of the Parish Church, there being only three re-opens left. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

#### Yard of Penny's.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the defect in Mrs. Penny's yard be referred to the Lighting Committee with power to act. Mr. Hodgson seconded and it was carried.

#### Finance.

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

Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance Of Employees.	1. 12. 9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	1. 3. 3.
Hinds C.W.	Repairs to Tools.	1. 0.
Hood. Mrs.	Gatekeeper's Salary.	1. 0. 0.
Fletcher. Mrs.	Wood, Seeds & Boxes.	1. 0. 0.
Hinds C. W.	Sharpening Tools etc.	8. 8.
Withers. Ed.	Caretaker's Wages.	7. 8. 4.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
"	Caretaker's Help.	2. 0.
Bracher. Hy.	Ejectment Order.	3. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	8. 12. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bath Tickets.	1. 3. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Wages.	3. 13. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Wilkinson & Son.	Miss. Hook's Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
	Total.	£36 13. 8.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Capt' Lambert. Re:- Hydrants.

Mr. Burke proposed that County Council and the District Council be asked to open the Hydrants where they have been blocked in the Tarring Operations. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

2. Letter from Surveyor of Taxes re:- Income Tax.

3. Letter from Canadian Record Office.

4. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Bank Balance.

5. Letter from L.G.B. re:- Daylight Savings Bill.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of September.

#### Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that tenders be invited from the ratepayers of Snodland for the Scavenging the Parish during the year 1917 and that an advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger publishing the same. Carried.

Special Constables.

The Clerk was requested to ascertain if it is possible to acquire place for shelter to the Special Constables when on duty.

Lamp Posts.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Lamp Columns be painted white for about two feet and the corners of the Kerbs whitewashed. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Robert Smith.  
Chairman.  
14/11/16.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 1916.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs, R. Smith (in the Chair). Fletcher, Gammon, May, Hawks, Burke, Hodgson, A.M. Smith, Hodgkinson, Godfrey and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Bath Lights.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the question of incandescent burners at the Baths be referred to the Baths Committee. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Hawks reported that the Brook Committee recommended the Council to have. The Ditches dragged out.

The necessary gripping Done.

The flap adjusted & ditch cleared of stones.

The trunk fixed & other repaired.

The Willow Walk repaired.

Mr. Hawks proposed that the necessary work on the Brook be done. Seconded by Mr, Burke and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that the matter of the cleaning out the big ditch between the Saltings and the Brook be referred back to the Committee. Seconded by Mr.

Hodgkinson and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Messrs Wilford be asked to put a strut to the fence at the back of the Baths, blown over by the wind. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Messrs Wilford be asked to attend to the spring at the Baths door. Seconded by Mr. A. M. Smith and carried.

Winter Season.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Winter Season commence on Monday. November 20<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried.

#### Soap.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 1cwt of soap be purchased for the Baths. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and Carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks was 520 and the fees amounted to £5.3.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 704 and £7.11.0d

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that 8 loads of Manure be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Burke reported that Mr. Withers's Certificate of Exemption from Military Service had been cancelled and he was liable to be called up early in January.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded the Clerk be instructed to appeal to the Malling Tribunal for conditional exemption. Carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that William Richardson of May Street went to the Home at Westgate-on-Sea on Friday Nov' 10<sup>th</sup>, and that Thomas Bates of Malling Road was waiting to go

#### Finance.

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

Royal Insurance.	Additional Premiums.	6. 3.
Hilder. T.	Rates on Brook.	7. 6.
Hood. Mrs.	Gatekeeper's Wages. (bal).	2. 6. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	9. 6.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	8. 3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4. 18. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates on Baths.	4. 5. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Wages.	3. 13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	3. 0.
"	" Cottage.	4. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs to Cottage.	16. 9.
Hilder. T.	Rates on Cottage.	1. 12. 5 ½
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	3. 0.
"	" Cemetery.	6. 6.
Wilford & Sons.	Timber & Replacement Stone.	10. 6.
Dennis Paine & Co.	Saw.	4. 6.
Crowhurst. D	Carting Chalk.	10. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates on Cemetery.	1. 8. 6.
Prudential Insur' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	50. 9. 8.
Inland Revenue.	Stamp For Agreement.	10. 0.
Wither. Edward.	Caretaker's Wages.	7. 8. 4.

5 N.H.I. Stamps.

Total. 2. 11  
£81. 8. 11 ½

### Notices.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the account 4/6 for Notices Re:- May's Charity be paid by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

### Bill for Advertisement.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the 8/6 for advertising the Scavenging be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Thompson re:- Flag-day Collection. £13-13-9

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the best of thanks of the Council be accorded Mr. Godfrey & those assisting him in the collection for carrying the matter through so successfully. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

2. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Hydrants.

3. Two letters from Mr. Marshall re:- Hydrants.

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

5. Letter from L.G.B. re:- Elections Act 1916.

6. Letter from Telephone Office Croydon re:- Telephone Pole.

7. Letter from Mr. Sillibourne re:- Rent of Charity Land.

8. Letter from Chief Constable re:- Shelter for Special Constable.

Mr. Fletcher stated the room below the Congregational Church would be available for a small charge, and most suitable for the purpose.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Officials be approached on the matter. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

### Tenders for work at Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that the tenders for the work at the Cemetery be opened & the lowest tender accepted. Seconded by Mr. May & carried.

The Tenders were.

Messrs. C. Brattle & Sons. £7.10.0.

Mr. R. Draycon. £6.6.0

Messrs J. Wilford & Sons. £8.17.6.

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Draycon's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey & carried.

### Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Gammon proposed that the tenders for Scavenging be opened. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.



Mr. Fletcher moved that the tenders be decided on their merits. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

The Tenders were as follows.

John Langridge.	£161.0.0	&	£176.10.0
W.R. Barnes.	£126.0.0	&	£140.0.0
Mrs. Cunningham.			£137.16.0.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the District Council be recommended to accept Mr. W.R. Barnes tender. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
12/12/16.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 1916.**

**At 8pm.**

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

#### Minutes.

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

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 194 and the fees amounted to £1.15.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 191 and £1.14.0.d

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Kemsley reported that an appeal had been made to the Malling Tribunal for Conditional exemption for Edward Withers.

The Tribunal decided that the only work which Withers would be allowed to do in the Cemetery would be digging Graves and attending Funerals, and that he must attach himself to some farmer who would give him similar employment and allow him the necessary time to dig the Graves and attend the Funerals.

Mr. Kemsley proposed that Edward Withers enter into an agreement with Mr. David Thomson, to have regular employment on his farm, at the current rate of wages – to be allowed time to dig Graves & attend Funerals, and that the Council pay him the difference between the money earned on the Farm and his wage of 30/- per week as Caretaker of the Cemetery.

Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

It was decided to submit the agreement to the Tribunal for approval.

#### Fence.

Mr. Kemsley reported that the fence on the South side of the Cemetery had been blown down

He proposed that it be repaired and that Messrs Hawks and Wilford be asked to decide how best to do it, with power to act. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

#### Matting.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Chapel be furnished with matting. Carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

The clerk reported that Wm. Richardson had returned from the Home Much benefitted. Thos' Bales was not well enough to go, nor was Hedgecock, and Joe Long preferred to stay till after Christmas.

#### General Purposes.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write the County Surveyor, asking him to unstop the Drain at the Bull Corner. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

#### Finance.

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

Clegg W.E.	Preparing Room for		
	9 Council Meetings	1.	2. 6.
	13 Committee Meetings		13. 0.
Hambrook A.N.	50 Circulars & C Charity.		4. 6.
National F.B.U.	Long Service Medals.		5. 0.
Botten. F.	12 Bundles of Chips.		4. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas Burners.		3. 9.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3.	13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Chapman.	Carting 6 loads of Manure.		6. 0.
Withers Ed.	Caretaker's Wages.	5.	18. 8.
"	Caretaker's Help.		1. 0.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
	Total.		£12. 16. 9.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:\_ Scavenging.

2. Letter from Messrs J. Nichols & Son re:- Rubbish.

Mr. Wilford proposed that as the farm was the tenant, the farm must fence the land in and prevent the nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

3. Canadian Headquarters re:- Cross.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Canadian Authorities be allowed to erect a cross approved by the Council at the Graves of Canadian Heroes buried in the Cemetery free of cost. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co, giving analysis of water for the month of November

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Kemsley proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 911 Section B to Mr. William Henry Cook be signed by the Council

Carried.

R. Parris.

Chairman.

9/1/17.