

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 1917.**  
**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 178 and the fees amounted to £1.15.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 195 and £1.11.3d.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that one or two incandescent burners be placed in the Baths by way of experiment. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Kemsley proposed that seeds to the value of 5/- be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Kemsley proposed that Mr. Hinds be employed to repair the mowing machine. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Kemsley proposed that the Caretaker be allowed to shift the Bell Rope from its present position to the inside of the Chapel. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that two seats be placed out in the Cemetery all the year round. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that no-one was at the Convalescent Homes. He suggested that Miss Hook be asked to close the men's Home for three of the Winter months and proposed to bring the matter before the Committee to report to the next meeting.

General Purposes.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to the Rural District Council, calling attention to the muddy state of the Tramway crossing in the Church Field. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Allison, asking him to instruct the Surveyor to get Hedge by the Claypit trimmed up. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Finance.

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

Semark. W.	Wages on Brook.	13. 8.
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	1 N.H.I. Stamp.	7.
Moore. T.J.	Vaseline.	1. 8.
Hilder. T.	Tax. Cottage.	3. 0. 0.
Moore. T.J.	Shrubs & c.	11. 10.
Seaborne. Coal Co.	Chal. Coke.	1. 0. 0.
Hilder. T.	Land Tax.	9.
"	Tax on Interest.	7. 8. 5.
Wither. Ed.	Caretakers Wages.	4. 0. 0.
	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 9.
	Caretakers Help.	4. 0.
Moore. T.J.	Globe Polish & c.	13. 10.
Botten. F.	12 Bundles of Chips.	4. 0.
Dedrick. F.	12 Gross. Soap.	2. 3. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	8. 13. 0.
Hilder. T.	Tax.	8. 6. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	3. 13. 4.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Wall. Revd.C de R.	Minister Fees.	1. 2. 6.
Jones. Revd. J. Reese.	"	12. 6.
	Total.	£42. 14. 3.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Chapman. Re:- Drain at Bull Corner.

2. Letter from Canadian Headquarters re:- Cross.

The Clerk reported that the Family of Private Hodge objected to the Cross being placed on the Grave and asked leave to remove it.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk & Mr. Hodgkinson be asked to interview the Family on the matter. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

3. Letter from Agricultural Department of Education Committee offering to supply seed potatoes at cost price to allotment and small holders.

4. Letter from Mr. Brown on the same subject.

Mr. May. Proposed that the offer of the Agriculture Department be accepted, and notices be published inviting applications for seed potatoes.

Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a sub-committee of three be appointed to deal with the matter & that Messrs F.W. Brown & J. Kemsley be appointed to receive applications. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

It was decided that Messrs. Parris, A.M. Smith & May form the sub-committee.

Mr. Rawlins proposed that 25 posters be printed inviting applications for seed potatoes. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Kemsley proposed the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 703 to Mrs. Hodges be signed by the Council. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

### Cemetery Fence.

Two tenders had been received for the repair of the Cemetery Fence.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Rawlins seconded that the lowest tender be excepted. Carried.

Mr. R.T. Langridge. £15.1.9d.

Mr. Wilford & Sons. £11.0.0d.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mr. Wilford and Sons tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

### Trees.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the District Council be asked to lop the Trees in Queen's Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

R. Parris.

Chairman.

13/2/17.

## **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 8pm.**

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

### Minutes.

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

### Baths.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 156 and the fees amounted tot £1.9.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 277 and £2.11.11d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the tanks and boilers be cleaned out and that Mr. Rogers be employed to do the work.. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that two more incandescent burners be placed in the Baths as an experiment. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter of Mr. Withers moving into the Cemetery Cottage be referred to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that on account of the Men's Home not being occupied during the Winter months by Snodland Patients, it be suggested to Miss. Hook that the bed be retained for the same period as the Women's Home. Seconded by Mr. May 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.

Betts. W.C.	Dustbin.	6.	
Judges & Others.	Wages. Work on Brook.	6.	7. 7.
	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	11.	8.
Truscott. S.	Subscription to F.B.U.	1.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	3.	0.
"	"		
	Cottage.	4.	4..
Harris. F.P.	Notices. Death Levy.	3.	0.
Draycon. H. R.	Whiting Kerbs & Painting Col'	1.	13. 10.
Wilford & Sons.	Spring & Fence.	11.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	2.	14. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1.	12. 8.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	3.	13. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2.	4.
Russell & Son.	Cassock & Hat	1.	10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	3.	0.
"	"	6.	6.
Draycon. H.	Work at Cemetery.	11.	7. 1.
Wither. Ed.	Caretakers Wages.	4.	9. 4.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2.	11.
	Caretakers Help.	1.	0.
Revd. J. Tansley.	Ministers Fees.	5.	0.
	Total.	£36.	18. 5.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison.
2. Letter from Mr. Marshall re:- Crossing, Trees & Hedge.
3. Letter from Mr. Chapman. re:- High Street.
4. Letter from Mr. Garrod Re:- seed Potatoes.
5. Two Letters from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.
6. Letter from Mr. Hickmott re:- Straying Cattle.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Roberts be asked for a piece of land for Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a receipt for £125 be issued on the Overseers under the Burial Acts. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that a receipt for £50 be issued on the Overseers under the Baths Acts. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 719 to Mrs. Alice Jane Wilard be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

District Councillor.

Mr. Crispin, having expressed to the Clerk a desire to retire from the District Council if some one could be found to act in his place. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that if Mr. Crispin resigned Mr, Davis Thomson be recommended to the District Council as his successor. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Report of Fire.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Fire Brigade Committee furnish a detailed account of the operations of the Fire Brigade at the fire at Birling Manor. Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
13/3/17.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

Messrs Gammon and Smith sent messages asking to be excused attendance on account of stress of business.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a barbed wire fence be erected between the Saltings and the Brook.-

Mr. Rawlins proposed that this matter be referred to the Brook Committee to report to a special meeting of the Council on March 27<sup>th</sup> half an hour before the annual Parish Meeting. Viz. 7pm. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 155 and the fees amounted to £1.9.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 139 and £1.5.1d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Kemsley reported that the repairs at the Cemetery had been satisfactorily completed. The job, requiring an extra post and some stakes and boards beyond the contract, he had given orders for it to be done. Mr. Fletcher proposed that the action of Mr. Kemsley be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.

Mr. Rawlins proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the Committee ascertain from Mr. Withers the date he intends to move into the Cemetery Cottage and report to the next meeting.

### General Purposes.

Mr. Wilford reported that the improvements to the Tramway in Church Field by the B.P.S.M. had not been completed & the Clerk was requested to see the road Foreman on the matter.

The Clerk was also requested to ask the Foreman to clear the channels in the paths.

### Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	3 Council Meetings.	7. 6.
Bond. Miss.	Financial Statements.	1. 6.
	Receipt Book.	4. 6.
Dickenson. W.R.	Cheque Book.	15. 10.
Judges & Others.	Wages on Brook.	10. 9. 4.
	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 8.
The Clerk.	Postage Stamps.	6. 9.
Judges. A.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Moore. E.T.	3 Jeyes Fluid.	1. 3.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bath Tickets.	1. 2. 6.
Judges. A.	Wages. 2 months.	7. 7. 0.
	9 N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 3.
Moore. T.J.	Candles & Mantles.	6. 3.
Wilford. J. & Sons.	Repairs.	12. 19. 10.
Moore. T.J.	Matting, Paraffin & c.	1. 18. 9 ½
Hambrook. A.N.	Receipt Book.	7. 0.
Withers. Ed.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 15. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Rev'd. A. Williams.	Minister's Fees.	17. 6.
Rev'd. C de B Wall.	"	5. 0.
Rev'd, J. Reese Jones.	"	5. 0.
	Total.	£44. 7. 11 ½

Mr. Smith read a report of the Fire Brigade in respect of the fire at Birling Manor on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The amount paid to the Council was £10.3.6d.

Mr. Smith proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter & Card from Mr. Garrod re:- Seed Potatoes.

2. Letter from Mr. Bunting. “

3. Letter from Mr. Hulkes. re:- Allotments.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a Committee of five be appointed to meet Mr. Hulkes & that it consist of Messrs. Parris, May, Kemsley, Wilford and Thomson. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins & carried.

4. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Stile in the Rectory Meadows.
5. Letter from Mt. Allison re:- “ “ “ “  
The Clerk was instructed to ask the District Council to erect a gate.
6. Letter from J. Edmunds & Son re:- Gas lamp a/c. Paid 5/8d
7. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- National Service.

#### Parish Meeting.

Mr. Fletcher propose the Annual Parish Meeting take place on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Devonshire Rooms at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins & carried.

#### Draft Report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The Clerk read the Draft Report of the Parish Council Proceedings for the year 1916-17.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that it be adopted as read. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley & carried.

#### Gatekeeper.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Mrs. Hood be re-elected Gatekeeper to the Brook if she would stand. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

#### Cattle on Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April be recommended the Parish Meeting for turning out this year. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

AR Parris.  
Chairman.  
17/4/17.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 7pm.**

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

#### Tenders for Fence on Brook.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that the Tenders be opened and lowest excepted.

The Tenders were as follows.

Wilford & Sons.	£15.10.0d
C.W. Hinds.	£20.0.0d

Mr. Rawlins proposed that Messrs. J. Wilford & Sons tender be excepted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### Allotments.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Allotment Committee consist of Messrs. Parris, May, A.M. Smith, Thomson and Kemsley. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

R. Parris.  
Chairman.  
17/4/17.

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 1917.**  
**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed, as also the Minutes of the Committee Meeting.

Mr. R. Smith sent note asking to be excused attendance on account of sickness.

Chairman.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that Mr. Robert Smith be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Parris, the retiring Chairman for his past services. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Parris take the Chair this evening in the absence of Mr. Smith. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mr. Hodgkinson be elected Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Messrs. Hodgson and May be appointed Overseers from inside the Council. Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Alfred E. Weaver and Stanley H. Dedrick be appointed Overseers from outside the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Brook Committee stand as last year. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Thomson be elected Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Baths Committee.



Mr. Burke proposed that the Baths Committee stand as last year. Mr. Parris taking the place of Mr. R. Smith. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Gammon proposed that Mr. Fletcher be elected Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

#### Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that this Committee stand as last year. Seconded by Mr. Gammon and Carried.

Mr. Rawlins proposed that Mr. Kemsley be elected Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

#### Convalescent Homes Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed that this Committee stand as last year. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

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

Mr. Burke proposed that this Committee be dropped. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

#### Finance & Lighting Committee.

Mr. Fletcher and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that this Committee stand as last year. Carried.

#### Allotments Committee.

Messrs. Parris, May, Thomson, Kemsley & A.M. Smith.

#### New Cards.

Mr. Gammon proposed that new Cards be printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that alterations & improvements to the card be left to Clerk. Chairman & Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith.

Mr. Burke moved and amendment that the cards be printed as before. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey & carried. 12 to 1.

As being put as the substantial motion it was carried unanimously.

#### Reports of Committee's

##### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the work on the Brook had been completed for this year.

##### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 198 and the fees amounted to £1.16.1d For the corresponding period last year the figures were 301 and £2.13.9d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Kemsley reported that he had asked Mr. Withers to attend the meeting to-night as he had been unable through sickness to have a Committee meeting.

Mr. Kemsley moved that Mr. Withers be heard. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Withers was asked why he had not moved into the Cemetery Cottage as agreed. He stated that things were very unsettled and he did not know but what he might have to join up. If he could remain where he was his wife could earn something every week.-

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the present arrangement stand for six months from the present date and then be re-considered. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a Pitcher be purchased for use at the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Kemsley and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Cemetery be closed an hour before Sunset during the Summer months, in which the day-light saving bill is in operation. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

#### Finance.

Mr. Fletcher 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. 9.
Bishop & others.	Wages of men on Brook.	14. 13. 0 ½
	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 10
Harris. T.P.	Printing Notices.	14. 0.
Hilder. T.	Insur' Old Forge & Cott'	6. 9.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	14. 9.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	Miss Hooks Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 6.
Betts W.C.	Repair Fire-man's Boots.	5. 0.
Hilder. T.	Insurance Premium.	10. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co'	Coke.	2. 0. 0.
Barnard James.	7 loads of Manure.	17. 6.
Withers Ed.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 2. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 5. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	6. 16. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Two Burners.	12. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	1. 12. 6.
	Total.	£48. .1 8 ½ .

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Allotments had been measured off and tenants chosen.

Mr. May proposed that 100 copies of the Agreement & Bye-laws be printed & confirmed by the L.G. Board, and the necessary books be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

#### Correspondence.

3 letters from Mr. Hulkes re:- Allotments.

1 letter from Miss Hook re:- Convalescent Homes.

3 letters from Mr. Buting re:- Seed Potatoes.

1 letter from R.D. Council re:- Stile.

Letter from W. Kent War Agriculture re:- Rooks.

Letter from Messrs Knell & Shergold re:- Allotments

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

#### Caretaker's Salary.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Caretaker be granted a War Bonus of £8 for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

#### Money on Deposit.

It was decided that the question of placing money on deposit be left over till next meeting.

Robert Smith.  
Chairman.  
May 8<sup>th</sup> 1917.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs, R. Smith (Chairman), W.R. Hodgkinson. (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Hawks, Hodgson, May, Godfrey, Burke, Wilford 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.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last three weeks was 295 and the fees amount to £2.16.10d. For the corresponding periods last year the figures were 265 and £2.9.6d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Draycon be employed to repair a burst pipe at the Mortuary. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that Joseph Long was at the Men's Convalescent Home. The arrangements for the Women's Home were not yet completed.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that all the Allotments were taken and gave a list of the tenants. Mr. May stated that a footpath was being made over the Allotment 32 and he asked that some steps should be taken to stop it.

Mr. Burke proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

#### Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rate on Allotments.	8. 0.
"	Rate on Brook.	6. 8.
Bond. Miss.	Allotment Books.	1. 5. 1.
Hilder. T.	Rate on Baths.	3. 12. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	3. 18. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Hilder. T.	Rate on Cottage.	1. 7. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate Fire Station.	3. 0.
"	" Cottage.	4. 4.
Hilder. T.	Rate on Cemetery.	1. 4. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	3. 0.
"	" Cemetery & Mort'	6. 6.
Withers Ed'	Caretakers Wages.	2. 17. 0.
	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 9.
Prudential Insurance Co.	Repayment of load & Interest.	50. 13. 1
		£66. 12. 9.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Batchelor. re:- Trees on Allotments.
2. Letter from L.G.B. re:- Allotment rules.
3. Letter from Mr. Garrod re:- Seed Potatoes.
4. " " " re:- Cheque for Dalhousie
5. Letter from G.W. Gordon re:- Herrings.
6. Letter from K.E.C. Agricultural Department re:- Spraying.
7. Letter from Miss. Hook. Re:- Homes.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of April.

#### Bath Notices.

These Notices having got out of repair it was decided to take the one down by the Rectory Avenue and replace after the war.

Money on Deposit.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that £150 standing to the credit of the Lighting Account be placed on deposit. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No' 730, Section B consecrated portion to Mr. John Wells Patey be signed by the Council. Carried.

Robert Smith.  
Chairman.  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 1917.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the fence on the Brook had been completed, Mr. Wilford having made the alteration at the north end, and promised to give another coat of Creosote for the posts when the bark came off.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the railing & path at the end of the Willow Walk be repaired – the bank with stone & concrete. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson & carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 693 and the fees amounted to £6.18.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 615 and £5.17.1d.

Cemetery.

The Committee recommended the Council to allow Mr. Francis to enclose two Graves in the Kerb and move Headstone to the centre.

Sent pitcher back to Mr. Hinds for alteration of handle.

Place two band 1 x ¼ inch on the nave of the Wheelbarrow.

Cart away the accumulated chalk in the Cemetery.

Employ Mr. Bolton to cut the grass in the old portion of the Cemetery at 5d per hour.

Pay the Caretaker one pound to find help to plant the flowers between the Tulips in his overtime.

Sell the grass in the new portion to Mr. Fredk' Botten for one pound.  
Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that the report be adopted by the Council. Carried.

### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Rawlins reported that no-one was at the Women's Home, and Henry Atkinson went to the Men's Home on June 8th.

### Finance.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Gammon seconded that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Hinds. C.W..	Stumps & Time		2.	0.	1.
Hilder T. Jnr.	Laying out Allotments.		7.	6.	
Hinds. C.W.	Work on Brook.		13.	2.	
Hood. Mrs.	Caretakers Salary.	Pt.	1.	10.	0.
Hinds. C.W.	Work at Cemetery.		1.	13.	0.
Wither. E.	Seeds & Twine		10.	3.	
"	Caretakers Wages.		5.	7.	10.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.		2.	11.	
Wall. Revd' C de R.	Ministers Fees.		17.	6.	
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		3.	18.	8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		2.	4.	
		Total.	£17.	3.	3.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Hinds bill for the repair of the Dust Cart ladder be approved by the Council & sent to the District Council for payment. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson read letter from Mr. Kemsley Captain of the Fire Brigade, stating that the Hydrants had been closed down during Tarring operations.

He proposed that the attention of the Surveyors of the County Council & District Council be called to the matter. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

### Allotments.

Mr. May stated that the form of agreement for allotments holders had been received from the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries with two or three little alterations.

He proposed that the agreement as altered be printed & also the application forms. (100). Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. May read a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Seed Potatoes supplied by the Agricultural Department of the Kent Education Committee.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the best thanks of the Council be given to Messrs. May, Brown, Kemsley and Parris for the trouble they had taken on obtaining and distributing the potatoes. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Miss. Hook re:- Railway fares to the Homes.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved a vote of thanks to Miss. Hook. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.

2. Letter from Mr. Bunting re:- Potatoes.
3. Letter from L.C. & Westminster Bank re:- Deposit.
4. Letter from Mr. Francis re:- Headstone & Kerb.
5. Letter from Mr. Witcombe re:- Cross to Private Hodges Grave.
6. Letter from Guarantee Society re:- Extended Powers.
7. Letter from Mr. Allison re:-Farmers.
8. Letter from War Agricultural Committee. re:- Allotments.  
Mr. Wilford proposed that the War Committee be told that Allotments had already been provided & that the Council were not in a position to take away any more land at the present. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.
9. Letter from Mr. Keeble re:- Food production Societies.  
Mr. Parris proposed that the whole Council as a Committee hold a meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday to consider this matter. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.
10. Letter from the Rector & Church Wardens of the Parish Church complaining of unpleasant and injurious fumes being discharged from the Factory on Meadow Wharf. Mr. May proposed that a letter be sent to the Comp' stating that complaints had been received by the Council of this nuisance and asking them to discontinue same. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.
11. Letter from Mr. Garrod. Re:- Potato spraying. Mr. Wilford proposed that 50 pamphlets explaining the matter be purchased. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Robert Smith.  
Chairman.  
July.10<sup>th</sup> 1917.

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> 1917.**  
**At 8pm.**

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

**Minutes.**

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

**Committee of whole Council.**

Mr. Hodgkinson read the report of the Committee on food production & house provision.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded its adoption. Carried.

Mr. May proposed that a Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup> in the Devonshire Rooms at 8.30pm. Mr. Parris seconded & it was carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 438 and the fees amounted to £4.0.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 633 and £6.12.7d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Caretaker take cuttings of flowers as usual this year. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Godfrey reported that A. Bolton had cut the grass very satisfactorily & the place looked very much improved.

#### Convalescent Homes.

The Clerk reported that no-one was at the Men's Home & Mrs. Peters was at the Baldwin Brown Home, to be followed on the 18th by Miss. Coomber who is recovering from appendicitis.

#### Finance.

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

Wilford & Sons.	Work on Brook.	16. 9. 9.
Hood Maria.	Gatekeeper's Salary.	10. 0.
Judges. A.	Work on Brook.	14. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium on Fire Appliance.	3. 9.
Wither. Ed'	Caretakers Wages.	2. 18. 8.
	4. N. H. I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Bolton. A.	Caretakers Help.	2. 0. 5.
Lawson. Revd' A.W.	Minister's Fees	2. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Wages.	3. 18. 4.
	5. N. H. I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Rogers. T.	Cleaning out Boilers.	1. 0. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	8. 14. 0.
	Total.	£36. 16. 8.

#### Sympathy.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Kemsley, expressing the Council's deep regret at his continued illness and hope of his speedy recovery. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson & Carried.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the agreement with the allotment holders has been prepared, and asked if they should be stamped.

Mr. May proposed that the agreements be signed and not stamped. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Lever Bros' re:- Advertising Board.



2. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Hydrant Cables.
3. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Hydrant Covers.
4. Letter. The Pure Russian Liquid Paraffin Co. re:- Gas.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the month of June.

#### Plans & Inscriptions..

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Mrs. Gooding be allowed to remove Headstone to the centre of two Grave Spaces & that the inscription be approved. Seconded by Mr. Wilford & carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the plan of Headstone & Kerb & Inscription for Private Hodges be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Kerb & Inscription for Mrs. Watkins Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Headstone & Kerb & Inscription for W.G Cook's Grave be approved by the Council, but as it is above the regulation height an extra fee of 10/6d. Seconded by Mr. Wilford & carried.

#### Insanitary Condition of Houses.

Mr. Burke proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to the insanitary condition of certain houses in the Parish of Snodland and that they be asked to instruct their Sanitary Inspector to visit three houses & report to them. Also to instruct their Surveyor to inspect & report on Oxford Street. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

#### Sugar.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs Heron Maxwell asking to supply sugar to the growers of hard fruit for jam making.

Robert Smith.  
Chairman.  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 1917.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> 1917**

**At 8pm.**

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

#### Minutes.

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

### Late Mr. Kemsley.

The Chairman after a few remarks on the late Mr. John Kemsley proposed a vote of sympathy and condolence to the family. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried. All the members of the Council standing.

### Brook.

Mt. Thomson read a report of the Brook Committee meeting, held on August 10<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Suggestions as to means to prevent the recurrence of recent floods which has caused wholesale damage to Col' Holland's Exors Allotment.

The question of compensation by the Parish Council was discussed & it was suggested that two or three more trunks be placed under the Mill Stream

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the report be adopted.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the whole matter of compensation be reported back to the Council as a Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst' at 7pm. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 618 and the fees amounted to £5.15.7d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 885 & £8.16.1d.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford read the report of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. It recommended the Council to –

1. Take down and re-build the gate pier, inserting an iron rod in the centre.
  2. To call Mr. Draycon's attention to the listing round the Chimney.
  3. To fill up the sunken Grave Spaces.
  4. To pay the Caretaker the promised £1 for planting out the flowers.
  5. To ask the Cook Bros' to remove the surplus chalk to the Brook.
- Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. J.J. Wilford be employed to rebuild the gate pier. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Rawlins reported that Miss. Coomber had been to the Baldwin Brown Home & returned home much improved in health.

Mr. Mitchell had returned from the Westgate-on-Sea, and Mr. Ben Crowhurst had gone to the home to be followed on the 24<sup>th</sup> by John Follett.

Mr. Rawlins proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

### Finance.

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

Hood. Mrs.	Gatekeeper's Wages.	1. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	3. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 0.

Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	4.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cemetery Cott'	3.	0.
"	" Cemetery & Mort.	6.	6.
Withers Edward.	Caretaker's Wages.	4.	9. 10.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2.	11.
Gladdish. E.	Caretaker's Help.	1.	0.
Bolton. A.	Caretaker's Help.	19.	2.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	7.	1.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	3.	3. 4.
Judges, A.	Caretaker's Wages.	3.	18. 8.
	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2.	4.
	Total.	£15.	12. 2.

Mr. Hodgkinson read a report from the Fire Brigade in reference to fire at Ham Hill.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that J.W. Francis holding allotment No 1, had to dig the greater part of the ground, as it had been neither ploughed or manured on account of trees lying on it.

He proposed that 6/6 of the valuation on this allotment be remitted. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Heron Maxwell re:- Sugar.
2. " " " " re:- Mrs. Soffe.
3. Sugar Committee. re:- Sugar.
4. Malling Rural District Council re:- Oxford Street.
5. " " " " " " " "
6. Malling Rural District Council re:- Scavenging.
7. County Surveyor. "

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Allison be informed that Snodland is not in a position to pay any more for Scavenging, and that the District Council be asked to see that both the District and main roads are kept properly clean. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

8. Town Hall West Ham re:- D. Hood.
9. Fowle & Sons re:- Plan & Inscription.
10. Kent War Agricultural Committee. re:- Allotments.
11. " " " " " " " "

Mr. May proposed that notice be posted on the boards inviting applications for allotments for 10 days. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Receipt.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that a receipt for one hundred pounds under the Burials Acts be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

#### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan & inscription of headstone to be place on Mrs. Hammonds Grave be approved by the Council & that the forms be returned to be inked in. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 732 to Albert Edward Cook be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

#### Reform Bill.

Mr. Hodgkinson explained that under the new re-distribution scheme, Snodland was place in the Sevenoaks Division. This being unsatisfactory & there being an inquiry held at Chatham Town Hall to hear appeals against the Scheme on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, and there being a strong desire for Snodland to be joined on to Rochester, the Clerk had drawn up & signed a memorial which was presented by Messrs. Hodgkinson & Burke.

He now proposed that the Council approve their action. Mr. Rawlins seconded & it was carried.

#### Vacancy.

The Chairman stated that on account of Mr. Kemsley's Death there was a vacancy on the Council which will be filled at the next meeting.

#### Trains.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk write to the S.E. & C. Railway Comp. asking them to stop the 2.30 train at Snodland every day. Seconded b Mr. Rawlins and carried.

#### Path at Marks Farm.

Mr. Parris proposed that the occupiers of the land at Marks Farm, Messrs Knell Bros, be asked to rim up the paths from Marks Farm to the Dust deposit so as to make it passable. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Path in Holboro' Road.

Mr. May proposed that the County Surveyor's attention be called to the path in the Holborough Road between the Co-op Store & the Picture Palace which was in a bad state. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman.

11/9/1917/

## **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 8pm.**

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

### Minutes.

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

### Brook.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the ditch on both sides of the bridge be cleaned out and a new flap fixed to the trunk under the Mill Stream. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

The Mill Authorities agreed to place a new pipe under the Mill Stream where the present one was broken.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Council decline to compensate the allotment holders (Col' Hollands Exor's) on the ground that the flood was caused by the abnormal rainfall and the neglect to keep the ditch clear on the South side of their allotments. Carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed & Mr. Wilford seconded that the ditch round the Parish Council allotments be dragged out. Carried.

### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 458 and the fees amounted to £4.5.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 520 and £5.1.10d.

### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Rawlins reported that John Follett and Christopher Andrews had gone to the Home together on Aug' 24<sup>th</sup>, but that Mr. Follett, who is suffering from a severe nervous complaint was able to stay in the Home only one night. Mr. Andrews had asked to stay another week & as there was no one waiting, it was decided to allow him to stay.

Mrs. Viney made application but as she is 70 years of age was debarred. The Clerk promised to ask if she could be made an exception.

### Finance.

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

Moore. T.J.	Brushes. Combs, Soap & C.	10. 4.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Withers Ed.	Help – Planting flowers.	1. 0. 0.
“	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 12. 2.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.

Total. £9. 5. 10.

Mr. Hodgkinson read a statement of the Fire Brigade expenses at the Fire at Ham Hill amounting to £17.2.9d.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that in future the Fire Brigade accounts be submitted to the Fire Brigade Committee. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that 38 applications had been received for allotments, which will require about 33 acres to meet.

Mr. Carslaw had been asked to let the piece of land at the back of Bramley Road but offers Birling Lands. As this land would not satisfy the men & would also be very expensive to the Council on a/c of the fencing. Mr. May proposed that the Council report the matter to the Agricultural Committee and ask them to deal with it.

Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Footpaths.

Mr. May reported that the path from White Post Road to Paddlesworth, past the back yard to join the path leading to the Shepherd's House had been stopped and the bank of the path in the road near Marks Farm had given way.

He proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to these matters.

Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Knell Bros. be again asked to trim up the path from Mark Farm to the Dust repository. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- County Rate Basis.
2. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- D. Hood.
3. Food Central Committee
4. Letter from County Council re:- Allotments.
5. Letter from H.J. Chapman re:- Holboro' Footpath.
6. Letter from S.E. & C. Railway re:- Trains.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk & Mr. Hodgson be asked to ascertain the number of passengers likely to use the 2.30 down train. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

7. Letter from Mr. Gower re:- Allotment Holders.
8. Statement of Rural District Council ½ yearly a/c's.
9. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of August.

#### New Councillor.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Ralph Gower be elected a Councillor in the place of Mr. John Kemsley deceased. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan & inscription of headstone and kerb to be placed on Miss Martha Gorham's Grave (344) be approved by the Council and as that the headstone exceeded the regulation height by 9" an extra fee of 10/6 be charged. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Lease of Brook Land.

The Clerk reported that Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd wished to extend their lease of the Brook Land to 99 years.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter be referred to a special Committee of four with the Chairman. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith & carried.

Mr. Parris moved an amendment that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins. Amendment carried.

Scavenging.

The Clerk reported that the time was come to advertise the Scavenging. It was decided to place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that the six month arrangement with the Caretaker would end on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

It was decided to hold a Cemetery Committee meeting on Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to consider the matter.

Food Control Committee.

Loud dissatisfaction having been expressed at the Composition of the Local Food Control Committee, and the non-representation of Snodland on the said Committee. Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be written to the Local Food Control Committee expressing surprise and disappointment at the not appointing of one at least of Snodland's representatives to the District Council, on the Committee, and requesting that the omission be rectified – Failing a satisfactory reply, the Parish Council to deem it it's duty to lay the facts before the Central Food Control Committee, appending to same to re-constitute the Local Food Committee with the view of making it more representative in character. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Robert Smith.  
Chairman.  
Oct' 9<sup>th</sup> 1917.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 8pm.**

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

Mr. Ralph Gower signed the declaration on acceptance of office.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Mill Authorities had repaired the trunk under the Mill Stream.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 357 and the fees amounted to £3.7.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 548 and £5.15.4d.

#### Winter Season.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the winter season commence on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

#### Incandescent Burners.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Incandescent Burners be tried in the ordinary baths. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Withers sent letter resigning his appointment as Caretaker at the Cemetery. Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Withers' resignation be accepted. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

#### Advertisement.

Mr. Wilford proposed that an advertisement inviting applications for the appointment of a Caretaker be inserted in the Daily Chronicle, Kent Messenger and Ashford News. Wages 30/- a week & house. – applicants not eligible for the Army.- Seconded by Mr. Hodgson.

Mr. May moved an amendment that the wages be 32/- per week. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson.

The voting resulted in 5 for & 5 against. The Chairman gave the casting vote against the amendment.

#### War Bonus.

Mr. Wilford proposed that in addition to the 30/- per week, a War Bonus of 3/- per week be added. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Convalescent Homes.

Mr. Rawlins reported that Christopher Andrews had returned from the Home much improved in health, and Miss. May & little sister had returned from Herne Bay after a



stay of only three days on account of sickness. Mrs. Viney received great benefit from her visit.

### Finance.

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

Wilford & Sons.	Repairs & C.	9. 15. 11.
Hilder. Tom.	Insurance Premium.	1. 10. 3.
Haulkes. C.J.G.	Valuation of land.	20. 0. 0.
“	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	3. 0. 0.
Moore T.J. & Co.	½ doz' mantles.	3. 3.
Seaborne Coal Co	Coal & Coke.	9. 16. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	9. 8.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 18. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps,	2. 11
Moore T.J. & Co.	1lb of Nails.	8.
Cook. A.	Carting Chalk.	14. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Rebuilding Pier.	4. 6. 5.
Wither. Ed.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 16. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
“	Caretaker's Help.	1. 0.
Tansley. Revd. J.	Minister's Fees.	2. 6.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs to Cottage.	2. 13. 4.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	Miss Hook's Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
	Total.	£70. 13. 3.

### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that all the Allotment holders had paid their rent & valuation except two who owed respectively 5/- & 7/6.

### Correspondence.

1. Malling R.D. Council re:- Housing the Working Classes.

2. Food Control Committee re:- Sugar supply.

3. Malling R.D. Council re:- Food Control Committee.

4. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council send a letter to the Central Food Control Committee protesting against the constitution of the local Committee inasmuch Snodland has no representative on it. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins & carried.

It was decided that Mr. Allison be notified of this action.

5. Malling R.D. Council re:- Footpaths.

6. W.B. Prosser re:- Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that the land called “Birling Lands” is suitable for Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the details respecting the taking over this land by the Council is left in the hands of the Allotment Committee. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

8. Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co Ltd. re:- 99 years lease.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the present lease be cancelled and a new lease be granted for 99 years, at a rent of £70 per year. Mr. Ellis be engaged in drawing up the lease and the Company to pay the legal expenses. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No'737 to Mrs. Mary Ann Kemsley be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson & carried.

#### Scavenging.

Mr. Rawlins proposed that the advertisement inviting tenders for the Scavenging of the Parish for the year 1918 be inserted in the Kent Messenger. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the word "Ratepayers of Snodland" be deleted from the advertisement. Seconded by Mr. Burke & carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman.

November 13<sup>th</sup> 1917.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 6pm.**

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

#### Minutes.

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

Mr. Godfrey sent note asking to be excused attendance on account of sickness.

#### Cemetery & Election of Caretaker.

Mr. Wilford reported that 120 applications for the office of Caretaker at the Cemetery had been received. Out of these the Committee had selected four to appear before the Council.

George Cole.	Tenterden.	Aged 45,	10yrs experience.
Neale. A.	Hammersmith.	Aged 47.	20yrs experience.
Southby. H.	Sevenoaks.	Aged 46.	12yrs experience.
Munn. Chas'	Biddenden.	Aged 45.	Had experience.

H. Southby withdrew his application, as did A. Neale.

The other two were interviewed by the Council.

Mr. Burke proposed that Charles Munn be elected Caretaker of the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried unanimously.

#### Expense of Moving.

Mr. May proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the cost of moving his furniture from Biddenden to Snodland be borne by the Council. Carried.

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the time had arrived to do the usual ditching & gripping on the Brook.

Mr. May proposed and Mr. Parris seconded the usual ditching & gripping be done. Carried.

Mr. Rawlins proposed that the men working on the Brook be paid at the rate of 3/- per day. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the new lights at the Baths were a great improvement, but would require blinds for the windows.

#### Blinds.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the matter of the blinds be left with the Chairman of the Committee to arrange with the Caretaker. Carried.

#### Washers.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the waste pipe washers be replaced as required by Mr. Rogers. Carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 287 and the fees amounted to £2.13.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 520 and £5.5.1d.

#### Finance.

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

Mr. Hodgkinson also proposed that the account 16/- for advertising the Scavenging be approved by the Council & forwarded to the District Council for payment.

Seconded by Mr. Gammon and carried.

Hilder. T.	Poor & Special Rates.	9. 0.
“	“ “ “ “	7. 6.
Hood. Maria.	Gatekeeper's Salary.	2. 16. 0.
Hilder. T.	Poor & Special Rate.	1. 12. 5 ½
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	3. 0.
“ “	“ “ Cottage.	4. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Fire Station.	1. 0.
“ “	“ “ Baths.	7. 1.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	3. 16. 6.
Hilder. T.	Poor & Special Rate.	4. 5. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 18. 8.
	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Hilder. T.	Poor & Special Rate.	1. 8. 6.

Mid Kent Water Co. Water Rate.		Cottage.	3. 0.
“ “ “ “		Cemt' & Mort'	6. 6.
Kent Messenger.	Advertisement.	Caretaker.	16. 0.
Kentish Express.	“ “ “	“	19. 0.
Withers. Ed.	Caretaker's Wages.		7. 0. 4.
“	“ Help.		1. 0.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 11.
Prudential A.C.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.		50. 16. 7.
		Total.	£79. 17. 2 ½

### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that application has been made to the owner of Birling Lands for a longer term than a yearly tenancy, but no reply received yet.

Mr. May proposed that four loads of ashes be carted from the Mill to the Holborough Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from W.K. Women's War Agricultural Committee re:- markets for garden produce.
2. Letter from Mr. Garrod re:- Seed Potatoes.
3. Two letters from Messrs. Langridge & Freeman re:- Birling Lands.
4. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Kent Prisoners of War.
5. Letter from the Ajax Manufacturing Comp' re:- waste paper.
6. Letter from Mr. Allison. Food Economy.
7. Letter from Lord Rhondda re:- Malling Food Control Committee.
8. Letter from S.E. & C. Railway Comp' re:- 2.30 train.
9. Letter from Mr. Hulkes re:- Allotments.
10. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Paddlesworth Footpath
11. Letter from Royal Insurance Comp' Workmen's Compensation (War Addition). Act 1917.
12. Letter from St' Bartholomew's Hospital asking the Council to raise funds in aid of.

With regard to No. 2. Mr. Hodgkinson moved that the matter be left to the Food Production Committee of which Mr. Gower was the Secretary. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

With regard to No. 12. Mr. Rawlins moved that the Chairman & Mr. Hodgkinson see Mrs. Gooding on the matter. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan & inscription of headstone & kerb to be placed on Mr. Kemsley's Grave be approved by the council and as it was above the regulation height of 5ft. Viz 6ft. An extra fee of 15/- be charged. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. May proposed that the extra fees for extra height be referred to the Committee, with the view of settling some definite charges. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

### Scavenging.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that the Chairman open the tenders for Scavenging the Parish for 1918. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson & carried.

There was only one Tender.

Mr. A. Thomson for Roger Barnes £145 & £160.

Mr. Wilford moved that the Council recommend the District Council to accept the Tender. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

### Trustees. May's Charity.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Messrs. Godfrey and Thomson be re-elected Trustees of May's Charity. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

### Trustees Godden's Charity.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Messrs. Parris and Hawks be re-elected Trustees of Godden's Charity and Mr. Hodgkinson in place of Mr. Kemsley. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

### Lease of Brook.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Draft Lease be accepted as altered and that the Clerk see Mr. Ellis as to the alterations. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

### Picture Palace.

Mr. Burke moved that the Clerk & Chairman see Mr. Gammon and request him to close the Palace on Weekdays at 10pm, Saturday's at 10.30, and altogether on Sunday's. Failing which to write to District Council and if this failed to write to Chief Constable. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman.

December 11<sup>th</sup> 1917.

## **Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday. December 11<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**At 8pm.**

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

Mr. Wilford sent message stating he was ill and unable to attend.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that three old men were working on the Brook, and that they had cleared out the Ditch adjoining the Allotments.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 263 and the fees amounted to £2.10.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 194 and £1.15.2d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Cemetery Committee recommended the Council to charge 5/- for each three inches for head stones above the regulation height. He moved that the Council adopt this scale. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried. Mr. Rawlins proposed that the agreement with the Caretaker Mr. Charles Munn be signed as read. Mr. Hodgson seconded and it was carried. The agreement was signed by Mr. Smith. Chairman. Messrs. Thomson & Gower and the Caretaker, Charles Munn.

#### Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	9 Council Meetings.	1. 2. 6.
	2 Parish Meetings.	5. 0.
	12, Committee Meetings.	12. 0.
Judges & Others.	Wages of Men on Brook.	6. 16. 6.
Weaire. T.J.	Material for Blinds.	3. 11.
Judges. A.	Caretaker's Salary.	3. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Miles & Co. Ltd.	Moving the Caretaker.	4. 4. 0.
Withers & Munn.	Caretaker's Wages.	5. 12. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	War Bonus.	6. 0.
Snow. Rev' F.J.	Minister's Fees.	5. 0.
	Total.	£23. 10. 11.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the a/c of Mr. Ellis for preparing lease of Brook Land. £12.14.9d. be approved by the Council and sent to C.T. Hook & Co. for payment. Mr. Rawlins seconded and carried.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the four loads of ashes had been spread on the path in the Allotments.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Picture Palace.

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

3. Letter from Messrs. Langridge & Freeman re:- Birling Lands.

Mr. May proposed that failing an early decision the Clerk write to Mr. Garrod for his advice & help. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

4. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Food Economy.

It was decided that the Clerk inform Mr. Allison that the War Savings Committee had been, and is preaching economy, so had also the Ministers and Teachers, moreover the difficulty and expense of obtaining the necessaries of life made it almost impossible to waste.

5. Three copies of the analysis of water from the Mid Kent Water Co.

#### Lease of Brook Land.

Mr. Rawlins proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the new lease of the Brook land be signed. Carried.

#### Godden's Charity.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the Charity Committee objected to the Trustees having a large balance & suggested that a portion be invested.

The Trustees had decided to take up 60 15/6 war saving Certificates.

#### Lamp Posts.

Mr. May proposed that the lamp- posts be painted white & that Messrs. Draycon, Wilford, Brattle and Rogers be asked to tender for the work, the lowest tender to be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Burke moved that the Caretaker at the Baths, whitewash the Kerbs at the corners. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman,

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1918.