

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 8th 1918.
At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. R. Smith. (Chairman). Wilford, Gammon, May, Parris, Gower, Thomson, Hodgson, Burke and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

The Chairman reported that £21.3.4d. had been collected by Mrs. Gooding & Staff in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be sent to Mrs. Gooding expressing the thanks of the Council to herself and staff of helpers for undertaking and carrying out so satisfactorily this work in aid of the Hospital. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

The Chairman also reported that he had found it inexpedient to paint the whole of the lamp columns, on account of the difficulty in obtaining white lead & the drying of the paint. He had decided to get Mr. Draycon to re-paint the bands.

Mr. Parris proposed that the action of the Chairman be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the tide had flowed over the Willow Walk and had washed the path away in several places.

He proposed that about 100 ft of Fir Plank and a few Chestnut bats, - some nails & a Hook be purchased for the Brook. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Gammon reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 174 and the fees amounted to £1.11.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 178 and £1.12.11d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that six loads of manure be purchased from Mr. Ashby at 6/6 per load, carted to the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Lambert be asked to remove the surplus Chalk from the Cemetery to the Brook. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that seeds to the value of about 15/- be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Finance.

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

Betts. W.C.	Four tins of Dubbin	2. 0.
Waller & Others.	Wages of men working on Brook.	7. 0. 3
Oliver. C.H.	Bottle of Ink.	2. 0.
Webster. W.G.	Medals.	15. 0.

Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	3. 0. 0.
Moore. T.J.	Globe Polish & Soap.	2. 2.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	7. 14. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	8. 6. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	3. 18. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11
Hilder. T.	Stamp on Agreement.	10. 0
Seaborne Coal Co.	1 Chal' of Coke.	1. 0. 0.
Daily Chronicle.	Advertisement.	2. 8. 0.
Hilder. T.	Fares of Candidates.	1. 8. 8.
Moore. T.J.	4 galls' of Oil.	8. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	6. 14. 8.
Hilder. T.	Land Tax.	9.
Munn. Chas.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 18. 8.
	War Bonus.	12. 0.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Wall. Rev. C de R.	Ministers Fees.	1. 2. 6.
Buchley. Rev.	"	2. 6.
	Total.	£51. 11. 3.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Fowle. Re:- Headstone & Kerb. Mrs. Shaifes.
2. Letter from S.E. & C. Railway re:- 2.55 train. Stopping at Snodland.
3. Messrs. Langridge & Freeman re:- Birling Lands.
Mr. May proposed that the Council hire the field called Birling Lands, containing 5.102 acres at the rent of £10 per year dating from Michaelmas 1917, but the offer of the piece of Woodland 2 rods. 2 poles, rent free for two years on the understanding that it be grubbed, be refused unless the owners agree to make the term 5 years, after which time the rent to be the same rate as the field. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.
Mr. May proposed that the ground be let as Allotments at 6d per rod per year. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.
- Mr. Thomson proposed that Messrs. Hilder & Hinds be employed to lay out the Allotments, Mr. Hinds finding the stumps. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.
4. Letter from "The Daily Chronicle". re:- Advertisement.

Receipt.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a receipt be issued on the Overseers for One Hundred Pounds under the Burials Acts and Fifty Pounds under the Baths Acts and that the Chairman & Messrs. Gower & Thomson sign same. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

High Street.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Chapman and ask him to fill up the holes in the High Street with tarred Macadam and not with broken granite which would not bind. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried..

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
February 12th 1918.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 12th 1918.
At 8pm.

Present. Messrs, R. Smith (Chairman), Hodgkinson. (Vice-Chairman). Thomson, Rawlins, Gammon, Fletcher, May, Gower, Wilford, A.M. Smith, Hawks, 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 last five weeks was 360 and the fees amounted to £3.9.6d. for the corresponding period last year the figures were 158 and £1.9.3d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that since the last Council meeting the Cemetery Caretaker, Chas Munn had died.

He moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow, Mrs. Munn. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried in silence the Council standing.

Mr. David Thomson sent a letter stating that he would be unable to spare Ed' Withers in the future to dig Graves as he wanted all available help on his Farm.

Mr. Fowler the foreman at the Mill had sent word to say that he would spare Frank Flint to dig the Graves, if he was willing to come.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter of arranging with Frank Flint be left in the hands of the Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mrs. Munn be allowed to stay in the house for a month or till a new man be appointed, and if she would undertake to look after the place and do all she could in the interest of the Cemetery, that she be paid 25/- per week. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council advertise for a Gravedigger & Caretaker at once in the Kent Messenger, The Rochester & Chatham News and The Kentish Express. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith & carried.

A letter was read from Mr. Cole, one of the late candidates, asking if it would be any use applying again.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk inform him that the Council was advertising again, and he could make application again if he wished. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that no fees be charged for Mr. Munn's Grave, except the Ministers fee. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the action of the Cemetery Committee in ordering a wreath be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Finance.

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

Mid Kent water Co.	Water Rate.		3. 0.
"	"	Cott'	4. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas A/c		1. 0.
N.F.B. Union.	Subscription.		1. 1 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing & Stationery.		4. 7. 7.
"	Allotment Forms.		1. 3. 0.
Judges & Others.	Men working on Brook.		6. 14. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.		1. 4. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas A/c		1. 8. 10.
"	Fitting Burners.		19. 3.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing Sheets.		10. 6.
Judges. A.	Wages.		3. 18. 8
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.		2. 3. 6.
Hinds C.W.	Repairs.		1. 2. 11
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		3. 0.
"	"		6. 6.
Dobbie & Co.	Seeds.		16. 9.
Munn. Chas.	Wages.		5. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
	War Bonus.		12. 0.
Withers. Ed'	Digging 3 Graves.		1. 0. 0.
Tansley. Rev' J.	Ministers Fees.		2. 6.
Jones. Rev' J. Reese.	"		12. 6.
Patterson. Rev' H.	"		2. 6.
	Total.		£35. 1. 0.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the stumping out the Allotments was nearly finished and the paths were being made up.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Langridge & Freeman re:- Birling Lands.

2. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- High Street.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Chapman to repair as soon as suitable weather would allow. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

3. Letter from Mr. C.W. Hinds offering £8.10.0d for the water Cart.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Hinds be asked to give £10. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

4. Letter from Surveyor of Taxes re:- Tax on Allotments.
5. Letter from Canadian Headquarters re:- Hodges Grave.
6. Letter from Agriculture Committee re:- Pigeon Shoots.
7. Letter from Mr. Cooper re:- Allotments.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Water giving analysis of Water.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb to J. Attwood's Grave be approved by the Council & that a fee of 5/- be charged. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Scroll for A. Wallis's Grave stand over till next meeting in order to get information about it. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Church Field.

Mr. Wilford moved that Mr. Vickery be asked to fill up the holes in the road in Church Fields near the B.P.C..M. Crossing. Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried.

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
March 12th 1918.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 12th 1918.

At 7pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Cemetery.

Mr. J. Wilford reported result of Committee Meeting held at the Clerk's Office on March 5th to consider the applications for the appointment of Caretaker at the Cemetery.

The following were selected to attend the Council Meeting.

F.E. Woolmer.	Allington.	46yrs.	No experience.
George Young.	Canterbury	56 yrs.	10 ½ yrs experience.
S.W. Mummery.	Hothfield.	47yrs.	6Children. 15yrs experience.

Mr. Wilford proposed that S. Mummery be appointed Caretaker. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Thomson proposed that one of the bedrooms be divided by match board partition. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Railway Fares of the candidates be paid, and the removal expenses of Mummery be borne by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 345 and the fees amounted to £3.8.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 155 and £1.9.2d.

Finance.

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

The Clerk.	Stamps.	4. 9 ½ .
Judges and Others.	Wages of men on Brook.	3. 14. 3.
Fowle. A.	Bringing in Notice Boards.	1. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Laying out Allotments.	1. 10. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Stumping & Numbering Allotmts'	8. 12. 8.
Ashby & Sons.	Carting Ashes.	1. 10. 0
Clegg. W.E.	Meetings.	11. 0.
Hulkes. C.J.G.	3 yrs rent of Allotments.	3. 0. 0.
Burrow. Alma.	12 Bus. Fir Wood.	6. 0.
Venning. C.H.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 18. 5.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
"	Caretakers Wages. (March)	3. 18. 8.
	5. N.H.I. stamps.	2. 11.
Ashby & Sons.	Manure & Carting.	2. 0. 0.
Munn. Mrs.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 10. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Digging 4 Graves.	2. 1. 0.
Chatham News.	Advertisement.	2. 6.
Wall C de B.	Ministers Fees.	7. 6.
Williams. Rev. A.P.	"	17. 6.
Jones. Rev' J Reese.	"	2. 6.
Patterson. Rev. P.W.	"	2. 6.
	Total.	£41. 13. 0.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the roof of the Old Forge be repaired by Mr. Wilford. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins & carried.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Allotments had been allotted by drawing, but there were not enough to meet the demand. Possibly some of the applicants would withdraw. Mr. Rawlins proposed and Mr. Gower seconded that Josiah Carr have the refusal of the first vacant Allotment. Carried. Mrs. Wells to have the second.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mrs. Wells re:- Allotment.

2. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Road in Church Field.
3. Hinds C.W. re:- Water Cart.
4. Munn. Mrs. re:- Letter of sympathy
5. Letter from Food Production department.
6. Malling R.D. Council re:- Water Cart.

7. Kent County War Savings Committee, Canteen Department.

Mr. Hodgson proposed that a meeting of the Council be called together with the Teachers of the Schools, to discuss the question of the desirability of starting & organizing a Village School Canteen in Snodland.

The meeting to take place on Tuesday the 19th of March in the Devonshire Rooms at 7.30 & Miss. Stokee to be invited to attend. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Parish Meeting.

Mr. Smith proposed that the Parish Meeting take place on Tuesday March 26th in the Devonshire Rooms at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Draft report.

The Clerk read the draft report of the Parish Council Proceedings for the year 1917-18. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the report be adopted as read. Carried.

Gatekeeper.

Mr. Rawlins proposed that Mrs. Hood be re-elected Gatekeeper for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.

Date of Turning Out.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the 22nd day of April be recommended as the day for turning out cattle on the Brook this year.

Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried/

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan & inscription to be place on Wm. Wallis's Grave be approved by the Council. seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried. The fee being 2/6d.

Mr. Wilford moved that plan of dwarf iron fencing to be placed round Mr. Lavender's Grave be approved by the Council, the fee to be 10/-. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman.

April 16th 1918.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 16th 1918.
At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that R. Smith be re-elected Chairman. Carried Unanimously.

Vice-Chairman.

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

Overseers.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the same Overseers, Messrs May, Hodgson, Dedrick & Weaver be re-elected Overseers for the ensuing year. Carried.

Agreement with Caretaker at Cemetery.

Mr. S.W. Mummery, the newly appointed Caretaker at the Cemetery attended the meeting, and on the motion of Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Rawlins, the agreement between the Council and the Caretaker was signed.

Election of Committee's.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Brook Committee be re-elected. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Rawlins moved that the Baths Committee be re-elected. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Hodgson moved that the Cemetery Committee be re-elected. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Finance.

Mr. May moved that the Lighting and Finance Committee be re-elected. Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried.

Allotment.

Mr. Hodgson moved the re-election of the Allotment Committee, substituting Mr. Godfrey for Mr. A.M. Smith. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Footpaths.

Mr. Fletcher moved the re-election of the Footpath's Committee. seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

School Canteen.

The Chairman reported that two meetings had been held to consider the desirability of organizing a School Canteen in the Parish without result – the matter being postponed till the desire for the Canteen should arise.

Brook.

The Chairman of the Brook Committee, Mr. Thomson, reported that the high tide had washed away parts of the Willow Walk, and the work was being done over again. Both the large gate & the small one were out of repair, and Mr. Hinds was repairing them.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the cost of removing the Caretaker's furniture was £5 & the Committee had paid it.

He proposed that the action of the Committee be approved by the Council.

Seconded by Mr, Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Wilford stated that the Caretaker has asked for a larger garden & the Committee had given him permission to dig up the grass between the path and the present garden. He proposed that the action of the Committee be approved by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

The question of dividing the bedroom for the convenience of the caretaker be left for the Council to decide. He submitted plan & specification, approximate cost £20. Mr. Rawlins proposed that tenders be invited to carry out the work & that Messrs Wilford, Draycon, Norman & Langridge be invited to tender. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the additional inscription for the Headstone at Mr. H. Beadle's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Baths.

Mr. J. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 525 and the fees amounted to £5.3.7d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 108 and £1.6.1d.

Memorial.

Mr. Burke proposed that the question of erecting some memorial to the late Mr. Fletcher be referred to the Cemetery Committee, to report to the next meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Finance.

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

Bond. Miss.	Financial Statements.	1. 6.
Flint and another.	Wages of men on Brook.	3. 3. 0.

Langridge & Freeman.	½ yrs rent of Allotment.	5. 0. 0.
Hilder. T.	Insurance. Forge & Cottage.	6. 9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	3. 0.
“	“ Cottage.	4. 4.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	½ yrs annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas A/C. Fire Station.	1. 6.
“	“ Baths.	1. 5. 11.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	2. 8. 11.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	9. 6. 6.
Hilder. T.	Insurance Premium.	10. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co.	1 Chal' of Coke.	1. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	6. 6.
“	“	3. 0.
Young & Mummery.	Railway Fares.	16. 1.
Bailey. G.B.	Removal of Furniture.	5. 0. 0.
Kent Messenger.	Advertisement.	2. 11.
Kentish Express.	“	4. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Digging Grave.	7. 6.
Munn. Mrs.	Caretakers Wages.	2. 10. 0.
Mummery.	“	2. 19. 4.
“	War Bonus.	6. 0.
	2. N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 2.
	Total.	£46. 18. 5.

Allotments.

Mr. May stated that all the rents of Holborough Allotments for the last year had been paid & greater part of Birling Lands Allotments for the year.

He proposed that 50 loads of ashes be carted to Birling Lands to put on the paths. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

The chairman kindly promised to arrange for the transport of the ashes.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Miss. Hook re:- Convalescent Homes
2. Two letters from Caretaker re:- removal of goods.
3. Letter from Langridge & Freeman. Re:- Allotments.
4. Letter from Miss. Stokee.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of March. “The sample was clear, palatable & free from poisonous metals”.

Salary of Baths Caretaker.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Caretaker's Salary remain as at present for another year. Seconded by A. M. Smith and carried.

Path in Church Field.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write again to Mr. Vickery respecting the water lying in the path in Church-Field. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

County Rate Basis.

The new County Rate Basis was submitted to the Council. It showed a decrease of six hundred and four pounds from 18812 to 18208.

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
May 14th 1918.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 14th 1918.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. R. Smith (Chairman), Hodgkinson. (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Gammon, Hodgson, Parris, May, Thomson, Rawlins, Gower, Godfrey, Hawks, 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 last four weeks was 563 and the fees amounted to £5.10.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 446 and £4.8.6d.

Mr. Fletcher stated that the Officer at the Gun Station had lodged a complaint of the treatment of the soldiers attending the Baths. The Committee had met and enquired into the matter & found no foundation whatever to the accusation & the Clerk had written the offices to this effect.

Cemetery.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Council as a Committee had held a meeting at the Cemetery & considered the question of partitioning of the bedroom of the Cottage. Finding it would be a costly job, it was decided to recommend the Council to erect an iron rod without standard to support the rods and stretch two curtains with brass rings, as a temporary arrangement.

Mr. Burke proposed that the original work be left in abeyance, and that as a temporary measure the suggestion of the Committee of erecting a curtain be carried out. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Rawlins proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the matter be left with the Committee to carry out as early as possible. Carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that 6 bundles of Peasticks & 6 bundles of 4ft stakes be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Memorial.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the action of the Committee in not entertaining the question of erecting a memorial to the late Mr. Fletcher be approved by the Council. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Finance.

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

Flint & another.	Wages of men on Brook.	1. 0. 3.
Lambert A.H.	Timber for Brook.	1. 10. 9.
Hilder. T.	Rates. Allotments.	10. 6.
“	“	17. 6.
“	“ Baths.	4. 14. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	3. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Hilder. T.	Rates. Cottage.	1. 15. 10 ½
Hilder. Rates.	Rates. Cemetery.	1. 11. 6.
Prudential Insur’	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	50. 7. 10.
Mummery. W.	Wages.	6. 18. 8.
“	War Bonus.	12. 0.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	Help.	1. 0.
Tansley. J. Rev.	Ministers Fees.	5. 0.
Hilder. T.	Stamps for Agreement.	10. 0.
	Total.	£73. 18. 8 ½

Correspondence.

1. Letters from County Council re:- County Rate Basis.
2. Letter from Langridge & Freeman re:- Birling Lands.
Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk arrange the matter with Mr. Carslaw, for the Council to become his sub-tenant, as suggested by Langridge & Freeman. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.
3. Letter from Officer at the Gun Station re:- complaint of Caretaker using insulting language to soldiers using the Baths.
4. Letter from Mr. C. Young re:- office of Caretaker at Cemetery.
5. Letter from M.K.W.C. giving analysis of water for the month of April.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the conveyance of Grave Space 758 to Mr. Jesse Crowhurst be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Plan & Inscription of stone for Mr. James Johnson’s Grave be approved by the Council. Mr. Rawlins seconded and it was carried.

Culverts.

Mr. Burke proposed that the County Council and District Council be asked to put up notice Boards, one in the Birling Road & one in Malling Road, stating that persons throwing stones of rubbish into the stream & blocking the Culverts will be prosecuted. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
June 12th 1918.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 12th 1918.
At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. R. Smith in the Chair, Fletcher, Rawlins, Thomson, A.M. Smith, Godfrey, Hodgson, Wilford, Burke and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Horses had broken the fence near the entrance to the Brook, and also that the barrow was very much out of repair and unfit for use.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mr. Hind be asked to repair the barrow if worth doing and also the fence. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 829 and the fees amounted to £8.0.7d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 542 and £5.7.1d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that four offers for the grass in the Cemetery had been received.

Mr. Lambert. £1.0.0.

Mr. Parry. 18.0.

Mr. Cunningham. £1.5.0.

Mr. Barnard. £2.10.0.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Barnard's offer of 50/- be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford also reported that the iron rod was ready for erection in the Caretakers Bedroom at the Cemetery and the material had arrived that day. The work of erection would proceed at once.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Poor Rate.	8. 9.
Hood. Maria.	Pt' Gatekeepers Salary.	1. 10. 0.
Waller. J.	Making up path in Allotments.	12. 6.

Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	War Bonus.	12. 0.
Jones. Rev'd J. Reese	Ministers Fees.	7. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	3. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	Total.	£13. 12. 9.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. H. Vickery re:- culvert in Birling Road.
2. Letter from Mr. M.J. Chapman re:- culvert in Malling Road.
3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:-Notice Boards in Malling & Birling Roads.
4. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Housing after the War.
Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write and inform Mr. Allison that there is an abundance of land available as building sites already laid out, and that there are several owners ready to build as soon as normal times arrive. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No' 707. Section B to Mr. Arthur Coomber be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.

Plan of Fence.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan of fence for Miss Marchant's Grave No. 746 be approved by the Council, and that the fee be 10/-. Seconded by Mr Thomson & carried.

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
July 9th 1918.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 9th 1918.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. R. Smith (Chairman). Fletcher, Gammon, Wilford, Parris, Hawks, Burke and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that A. Judges was cutting the grass by the path in the Willow Walk.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 806 and the fees amounted to £7.13.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 408 and £4.0.4d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Vickery and ask him to sell a cask of Tar, provide the Caretaker with a brush & pail and a yard of sand to enable him to repair the paths in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that in the event of the Sexton at Christ Church having to join up, the Caretaker be allowed to dig the graves and conduct the Funerals there. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Insurance.	3. 9.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	3. 6. 9.
Waller. J.	Making up path. Allotment.	10. 10.
Draycon. H.R.	Painting Lamp Posts.	13. 9.
Lambert. A.H.	Chalk. Boughs & Sticks.	1. 13. 0.
Wraight. A.L.	2 balls of String.	3. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Flower Seed.	6.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	9. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Erecting Curtain.	5. 3. 11.
Mummery. S. W.	Wages.	5. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	War Bonus.	12. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coke.	10. 9. 0.
Dedrick. F.	Soap.	7. 17. 6.
Judges. A	Caretakers Salary.	3. 18. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
	Total.	£41. 5. 3.

Fire Hydrants.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the County Surveyor and the District Surveyor be asked to open the Hydrant Covers with have become stuck by the Tar. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Down re:- Out-relief Lists.

2. Letter from T. Hilder. Jnr' re:- Ditch by Allotments.

3. Letter from Mr. Gooding. re:- " ".

Suggesting that the ditch adjoining the late Col' Holland's Allotments be cleaned out to prevent floods

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the matter be left with the Brook Committee to inspect, with power to act if necessary. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

4. Letter from Messrs Lever Bros' enclosing P.O. for 5/- for advertising site.
Mr. Wilford proposed that the money be returned as the Board was not on the Brook.
Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

5. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water for the month of May.
"The water is in excellent condition, and none of the figures call for special remark"

6. Letter from Hospital Munitions Centre at Rochester asking the Council to arrange
a Flag Day on the 27th inst.

Mr. Burke moved that the application be entertained. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and
carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter of arranging for the Flag Day be left in the
hands of the Chairman & Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

7. Letter from Capt' Lambert, asking the Council to support a resolution passed at
the District Spring Meeting held at Rochester, that members of the Fire Brigade be
exempted from Military Service.

It was decided that the letter lie on the table.

8. Letter from Rev'd C de R Wall asking the Council to attend a commemoration on
August 4th at the Parish Church.

Mr. Wilford moved that the invitation be accepted and that the service be arranged to
take place between 3 & 4 in the afternoon, to be decided by the Chairman & Rector.
Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a receipt for £100 under the Burials Acts be issued on the
Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
August 13th 1918.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 13th 1918.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Arising out of the Minutes, the Chairman reported the result of the Flag Day in aid of
the Rochester Red Cross Depot, organized and carried out by Mrs. Frank Dedrick on
July 27th.

The net proceeds amounted to £9.14.4 ½ which were equally divided between the Rochester Depot and the local branch at Snodland.

Mr. Burke proposed that the best of thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs Dedrick and her helpers for arranging and carrying out the Flag Day so successfully. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Smith reported that a very largely attended, and edifying service at the Parish Church on Remembrance Day August 4th had been held, attended by Parish Councillors.

Brook.

The Clerk reported that the Brook Committee had met and decided to have the Ditch cleaned out at a cost of 2/- per rod. J. Cowen under-taking to do the work.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks to be 905 and the fees amounted to £8.10.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 618 and £5.15.7d.

He reported that the paths required tarring and edging, line posts painted & repairing. Mr. Fletcher proposed that this work, as far as possible be carried out by the Caretaker. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Fletcher also reported that the Bath Chair needed new Tyres.

He moved that a fee of 2d be charged for each use of the Chair, to defray the expense of these repairs. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried. Mr. Burke voting against it.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported a leak in the water pipe in the Mortuary, & suggested that Coke for the Winter be purchased as soon as possible. He proposed that Mr. Draycon be asked to repair the burst water pipe, and the Clerk order the necessary Coke as early as possible. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried. Mr. Burke voting against it.

Finance.

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

Moore. T.J.	Hook, Rubber, Nails & C.	5. 4.
Judges. A.	Work on Brook.	1. 5. 0.
Hood Maria.	Caretakers Salary. (pt).	1. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	5. 8.
Mid Kent water Co.	Water Supply.	4. 8. 6.
Moore. T.J.	Soap, Polish & c.	11. 8.
Judges. A.	Wages.	3. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	3. 0.
“	“	6. 6.
Moore. T.J.	Nails.	2. 5.
Mummery. S.W.	Wages.	7. 8. 4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
“	War Bonus.	15. 0.
“	2 Deep Graves.	2. 0.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	3. 0.
“	“	Cottage. 4. 4.
		Total. £21. 15. 8.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Committee had inspected the Birling Lands Allotments, and all were being cultivated satisfactorily.

He proposed that the path through the centre of the field have the ashes raked from the sides of the path to the middle some- time in October. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

It having been stated that vegetables had been stolen from the Allotments. Mr. Burke proposed that two Notice Boards be erected in the Allotments offering a reward for detection of thieves. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Lever Bros' re:- advertising Board.
 2. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Hydrants in the main roads.
 3. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Hydrants in the District Roads.
 4. Letter from Mr. Vickery stating he could not supply the Council with a barrel of Tar.
 5. Letter from Mr. Davis re:- Hut Week for Y.M.C.A.
- Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the matter be entertained, - the Council form themselves into a Committee, and the Clerk arrange with Mr. Davis for a meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
September 10th 1918.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 10th 1918.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mt. Thomson reported that Thos' Gower had asked to hire the piece of land on the Brook on the east side of sewerage tanks, for the purpose of keeping pigs. Mr. Thomson proposed the land be let to him at the rent of 3/6d per year, provided he get the Sanitary Inspectors permission to keep pigs, erect no unsightly buildings, and that the agreement be terminated by six months notice. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 771 and the fees amounted to £7.8.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 458 and £4.5.1.d.

Cemetery. Trees.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 3 trees on the north side of the Cemetery be removed to the south- side . Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Grass.

Mr. Wilford proposed that some-one be allowed to cut the grass in the new part of the Cemetery, provided he does it neatly and takes it away. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Water.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. David Thomson be allowed to take a supply of water from the Council's pipe to supply the park, at a rental of 5/- per year, the agreement to be terminated by six months notice on either side. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Wages.

Mr. Burke proposed that the War Bonus be discontinued, and that the Caretaker's wages be increased to Two Pounds, to commence from the 1st day of September. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Manure.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 6 loads of Manure be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Finance.

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

Gower and others.	Cleaning out Ditch.	4. 0. 0
Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance Premium.	2. 0. 3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	3. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Burrow Alma	Wood for Fires.	6. 0.
Rogers. T.	Repairs.	5. 14. 6.
Chapman. W.	Carting Gravel.	2. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	War Bonus.	12. 0.
	Deep Grave.	1. 0.

Total. £32. 17. 9.

Correspondence.

1. Letters from Mr. Shirly Davis. re:- Y.M.C.A. Hut Week.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of August.
3. Letter from Aylesford Parish Council asking the Council to join in a protest against the District Council charging the cost of erecting the Cottages on the District instead of allowing each Parish to bear its own burden
Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Council inform the Aylesford Parish Council that this Council is in sympathy with them in their protest against the inequitable arrangement of the District Council to spread the expense of building the additional Cottages, over the whole district instead of allowing each Parish to meet its own expense.
Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that a Committee of three with Chairman & Clerk be formed to meet the Aylesford Council, and that it consist of Messrs. R. Smith, Thomson, Parris, Hodgkinson and the Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan & inscription for Mr. Neville's Child's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Lights.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that permission be obtained to light six of the Parish Lamps during the winter, & that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Chief Constable.
Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Kerb & Lamp Posts.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Lamp Columns be painted by Mr. Draycon, and Kerbs whitewashed by Mr. Judges, as last year. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

The agreement with Mr. Roberts for Allotments at Holborough, and the agreement with Mr. Carslaw for Birling Lands were signed.

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
October 8th 1918.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 8th 1918.

At 8pm

Minutes.

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

Baths Salary.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Caretakers Salary be increased from £45 to £60. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Winter Season.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Summer season end on Saturday the 12th day of October, and the Winter season begin on Thursday October 17th. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

It was decided that if a demand arose, the Committee be empowered to open the Baths on Wednesday.

Boiler.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a new firebrick be placed in the boiler, and that one or two new bricks be purchased by Mr. J. Wilford & sons. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 548 and the fees amounted to £5.3.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 357 and £3.7.9d.

Finance.

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

Royal Insurance Co.	Balance of Premium.	3. 3.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs.	2. 18. 5.
Hulkes. C.J.G.	½ yrs rent of Oast Houses	3. 0. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	½ yrs annuity	7. 10. 0.
Moore. T.J.	Globe & Mantles.	11. 6.
Burrow. Alma.	Fire Wood.	9. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & C.	10. 13. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	3. 18. 4.
	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs.	1. 6.
Hook. Miss.	½ Yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	20 galls' Tar.	8. 4.
Moore T.J.	Tar-brush & 5 galls' Paraffin.	12. 4.
Seaborne Coal Co.	1 Chal' Coke.	1. 0. 0.
Burrows Alma.	6 bus wood.	3. 0.
Hinds C. W.	Tools & Repairs.	8. 7.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Salary.	7. 18. 8.
	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
"	War Bonus.	5. 0.
"	Balance. Of Wages.	7. 0.
	Total.	£48. 3. 2.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that 3 Fire Hydrants were out of order. He proposed that the attention of the Water Co. be called to the matter. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the Caretaker of the Cemetery thanking the Council for increase in wages.
2. Letter from Chief Constable giving permission to light 6 public lamps if properly shaded.
3. Letter from Mr. Ball stating that the Gas Co. could not undertake the responsibility of extinguishing the six lamps in five minutes as required by the Chief Constable. Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Lighting Committee interview Mr. Ball at once to ascertain the cost of lighting the six lamps, and if terms at all reasonable the Committee have power to act. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.
4. Letter from Income Tax Commissioners re:- Tax.
5. Letter from Rev' Edward J. Dowe. re:- Burial Fees.
6. Letter from Rev' C de R. Wall re:- Special Service for Y.M.C.A. hut week. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that names be sent to the Clerk of all those who intend to accept the invitation. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.
7. Letter from the Aylesford Parish Council re:- Housing question. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the first meeting be held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday next, October 15th at 7pm. Carried.
8. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water for the month of September.
9. Letter from Board of Trade re:- Coal & Gas.
10. Letter from Miss. Hook re:- Amos Harris.

Scavenging.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Council recommend the District Council to continue to present contract & that Mr. Thomson submit his price to the next Council Meeting without advertisement. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson
12/11/1918.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 12th 1918

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. Hodgkinson in the Chair. Fletcher, Thomson, Burke, Parris, May, Godfrey, Hawks and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Messages were received from Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Wilford & Mr. Hodgson stating their inability to attend the meeting.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that he had put a new post to the Brook Gate, which was approved by the Council

Mr. Thomson proposed that the usual ditching and gripping be done. Seconded by Mr. May & carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a key of the Brook be given to Mr. Hayward to enable him to drive his cattle to the Salt's during the Winter, on the understanding that he help the Gatekeeper. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 469 and the fees amounted to £4.13.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 287 and £2.13.2d..

Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that a lock and thirty keys be provided for the gate of the Allotments in Birling Lands. Such keys to be purchased by the Allotment Holders but ,re-purchased by the Council when the tenant gives up his Allotment. Mr. Hinds to provide the lock & keys. Seconded by Mr. Parris & carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Allotments.	9. 9.
"	"	"	16. 3.
"	"	Brook.	8. 1 ½ .
Hood. Maria.	Gatekeepers Salary.	(bal').	3. 6. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	House.	4. 4..
"	"	Fire Station.	3. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	"	1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	House.	1. 15. 10 ½
"	"	Baths	4. 14. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	"	8. 1.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply	"	5. 7. 2
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.		4. 17. 8..
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	Cemetery.	1. 11. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rates.		7. 9.
"	"		3. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.		9. 18. 4.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 11.
"	3 Deep Graves.		3. 0.
Wall. Rev'd C de R,	Minister Fees,		2. 5. 0.
Prudential Insurance Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.		50. 12. 2
		Total.	£87. 18. 9.

Lighting.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the Committee had arranged with the Gas Co' to light some lamps from the 1st of November to March 31st – the lamps not to be lighted 2 nights before, 2 nights after & the night of the full Moon – the lamps to be lighted half an hour after sunset and extinguished at 10 o'clock for the sum of £26.13.4d..

So many of the Company's men had suffered from Influenza, that the work had not been carried out.

Now peace had come he proposed that the Council enter into an arrangement to light thirty six of the lamps, that being the number allowed by D.O.R.A. – the Committee to obtain a price and have power to act. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher & carried. The period to be to the end of April. Cost £103.10.0d.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the three hydrants be repaired. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from A. Judges, expressing thanks for increase of salary.
2. Letter from Mr. Sillibourne re:- Godden's Charity.
3. Letter from Mr. Walasley re:- Conference on Housing.
4. Report of Housing Committee.
5. Letter from Mr. Wagon asking for names of Committee.
6. Copy of Resolution.
7. Two letters from Burham Parish Council.
8. Letter from Lever Bros re:- Notice Board.
9. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Highways Shed.
10. Letter from Mr. Hulkes re:- Allotment Rent.
11. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Scavenging.
12. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Hydrants.

Scavenging.

One tender for Scavenging the Parish in 1919. Thomson Alexander £195 and £220. Mr. Parris proposed that the Council recommend the District Council to accept Mr. Thomson's tender. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mt. Thomson proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 773 to Miss Edith Foreman, of Grave Space 775 to John Alexander Parry & of Grave Space 777 to Kate Eleanor Peters be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and Carried.

Robert Smith
Chairman. December 17th. 1918.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 17th 1918.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Mr. Wilford proposed that it be recorded in the Minutes, the Clerk had written letters of condolence on behalf of the Council to Messrs. R. Smith, Parris and Hawks. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that Mr. E. Hayward instead of taking his cows to the Saltings, had turned them on the Brook.

Mr. Parris moved that the Clerk see him on the matter and if he persists in turning out the Cattle his right of way be stopped. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Mr. May reported that the bank of the Willow Walk next the bridge had broken away.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to the Surveyor & draw his attention to the matter. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the small range in the Cemetery Cottage be repaired and the blinds attended to. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Wilford moved that 100 Indicators with 3 extra be purchased from Mercer & Son. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a new felt hat be purchased for the Caretaker. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 549 and the fees amounted to £5.6.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 324 and £3.2.4d.

Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	9 Council Meetings.	1. 2. 6.
“	12 Committee Meetings.	12. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Notice Boards.	2. 11. 9.
Hilder. T.	Audit Stamp.	2. 0. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs to Cottage.	12. 10.
“	Repairs to Baths.	4. 0. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	4. 18. 8.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.

Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Salary.	9. 18 4.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
“	6 deep Graves.	6. 0.
Rev' W. Watts.	Ministers Fees.	2. 6.
Rev' A.P. Williams.	“	12. 6.
Rev' S, Tansley.	“	2. 6.
	Total.	£27. 5. 4.

Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that the Allotment holders be charged 6d each for the key & on giving up the Allotment with the key the 6d to be refunded, but if lost to pay the full value 1/3d. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Entrance Gate.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Mr. Hinds put a spur to the gate post, and reduce the height if the Stiles, the Committee to decide how much to be taken off the Stile. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Footpath in Church Field.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Clerk write to the District Council and ascertain if it is lawful for persons to ride Bicycles on the Path between Holborough and the Gas works, and if illegal to put up Notice Boards prohibiting the same. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from War Savings Committee re:- War Savings.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamps.
3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Scavenging Tender.
4. Letter from Fuel & Lighting Committee re:- Fuel.
5. Letter from Malling District Council re:- Cottages.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to the Aylesford Parish Council asking them to have another Committee Meeting and stating this Council has decided to apply for Urban Powers for the purposed of the Cottages only. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Norman re:- Gun.
The question of Memorial to be put on the agenda for next meeting.

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

Conveyances.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council sign the following Conveyances. No. 982 to Mrs Kate Fullman. No. 981 to William Hendy. No.782 to Albert Tong. No. (88 to Mr. R.J. Parris. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Ferry Path.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Norman's attention be called to the very bad state of the path to the ferry from Burham & Wouldham sides, also that the Clerk write to the Burham & Wouldham Council asking them to do the same. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman.

January 14th 1919.