

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> 1919.**  
**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Hodgkinson, in the absence of Mr, Fletcher, reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 369 and the fees amounted to £3.12.4d. For the corresponding period last year, the figures were 162 and £1.9.9d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that six fruit trees be purchased for the Cemetery as well as the usual amount of seeds, and that the Caretaker be allowed to plant a few gooseberry & currant bushes. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that another pair of long webbings be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be instructed to ask Mr, Hulkes if the old garden on the north side of the Cemetery is in hand, and if so to try and hire it for the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Finance.

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

Hinds. C.W.	Repair of Gate.	2. 0. 1.
“	Repair to Tools.	4. 6.
Wilford. J. & Sons.	Repairs to Stove.	1. 6. 11.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	7. 4. 4.
“	Land Tax.	9.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 18. 8.
“	4. N. H. I. Stamps.	2. 4.
“	2 Deep Graves.	2. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Grinding Axe.	1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	1. 16. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs to Cottage.	3. 9.
N.F.B. Union.	Annual Subscription.	1. 1. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	9. 4. 0.
Moore T.J.	Silvo & Tapers.	2. 5.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	4. 19. 11.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	4. 18. 4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
	Total.	£41. 8. 11.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the account for advertising the Scavenging 12/9 be approved by the Council & sent on to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Lamps.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that three more lamps in addition to the 36, be lighted Viz  
1 in High Street at entrance to Ivymeath  
1 in Holborough Road, by Dover Terrace.  
1 in Constitutional Hill, by the back entrance to the Old Lodge.  
Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Mr. Hinds had been instructed to reduce the height of the stile leading into Birling Lands from the Malling Road. And to strut up the Gate Post.  
Mr. May proposed that the Clerk be instructed to ask Mr. Hulkes to repair the gate leading into the Holboro' Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Church Field Footpath.
2. Letter from Mr. Wagon re:- Protest against Cottages.
3. Letter from Mercer & Co. re:- Indicators.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of December.

#### Conveyances.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 790 to William John Edward Rowles and the Grave Space No. 784 to Lucy Ethel Atkinson be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried.

#### Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a receipt for £150 - £150 for Burials. £50 for Baths, be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### High Street.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be instructed to call Mr Chapman's attention to the bad condition of the High Street.. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### War Memorial.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Parish Council form the nucleus of a Committee with power to act, and that a Parish Meeting be called on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Devonshire Rooms, to consider the question of War Memorial in the Parish. 50 bills to be printed. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Robert Smith.

Chairman.

11<sup>th</sup> February. 1919.

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> 1919.**  
**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. R. Smith. (Chairman). Fletcher, Wilford, Thomson, Burke, May, Hawks, Godfrey and the Clerk T. Hilder,

Minutes.

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

Public Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 415 and the fees amounted to £3.0.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 311 and £3.0.2.

Finance.

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

Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	3. 0.
“	“	7. 9.
Bunyard Geo' & Co.	6 Fruit Trees.	1. 5. 0.
Barnes. L.	Carriage of Trees.	2. 0.
Draycon. H. R.	Repairs to Pipes.	4. 6.
Mummery S. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 18. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
“	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Goldsmith. Rev' J.	Ministers Fees.	7. 6.
Tansley. Rev' J.	“	2. 6.
Snow. Rev' T.J.	“	2. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	3. 0.
“	“	4. 4.
“	Testing 3 Hydrants.	2. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 0.
Draycon. H.R.	Painting Lamp Column.	13. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	1. 11. 2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	3. 6. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	4. 18. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	Total.	£21. 19. 6.

Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that 4 or 5 loads of ashes be carted to Allotments in Malling Road. Mr. Hinds too spread them. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. May proposed that the Clerk remind Mr. Vickery that the necessary repairs to the bridge in Willow Walk had not been done. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Correspondence.

Letter from Mr. H.J. Chapman promising to repair the High Street, as soon as possible.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 986 to Mrs. Emma Fielder of Malling Road, be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

The Clerk made an application to have his son Tom, appointed as assistant Overseer to the assistant Overseer.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk's application be put on the agenda for next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Robert Smith.  
Chairman.  
March 11<sup>th</sup> 1919.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**At 8pm.**

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

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the tide had washed away part of the Willow Walk, which he had had repaired at a cost of 8/-.

Also that E. Hayward continued to allow his cows to stray on the Brook.

Mr. Wilford proposed that if Mr. Hayward continued to break the rules of the Council that his right of way to the Meadow & Cowshed be stopped, and that the proceedings be taken for damage done to the Brook.. Also that an agreement be made with Mr. Hayward respecting his right of way. Seconded by Mr. Rawlins and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 498 and the fees amounted to £4.19.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 345 and £3.8.2d.

Finance.

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

The Clerk.	Stamps.	10. 6.
Clegg. W.C.	5 Council Meetings.	7. 6.

“	2 Parish Meetings.	10. 0.
“	6 Committee Meetings.	6. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	5. 8. 11.
Hulkes. H.J.G.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	3. 0. 0.
Waller. J.	Wages of man on Brook.	8. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Circular & note paper.	11. 0.
Venning C.H.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Hambrook. A. N.	Printing Tickets & C.	4. 7. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	4. 18. 8.
“	4. N. H. I. Stamps.	2. 4.
“	Caretakers Wages.	4. 18. 4.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Dobbie & Co.	Seeds.	11. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 18. 4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Williams Rev' A.P.	Ministers Fees.	2. 6.
Wall. Rev' C de R.	“	1. 2. 6.
	Total.	£37. 16. 11.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that he had about a dozen more applicants for allotments, and suggested that the Council acquire another piece of land. Mr. Burke proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Committee. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

#### Correspondence.

Letter from Mr. Chalken, complaining of the noise made by the paper boys.  
Mr. Wilford kindly promised to see the Sarjeant on the matter.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the month of January.  
“The sample was clear, palatable and free from poisonous metals”.

#### Date of Parish Meeting.

Mr. Rawlins proposed that March 25<sup>th</sup> should be the date of the Annual Parish Meeting, to take place in the Devonshire Rooms at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

#### Draft Report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The Clerk read the report of the Parish Council Proceedings for the year 1918-19. Mr. Godfrey proposed that it be approved and adopted as read. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

#### Brook Gate-Keeper.

Mr. Rawlins proposed that Marie Hood be re-elected Gate Keeper for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### Conveyances of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 776 to Mr. Arthur Henry Clifford, and the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 792 to Mr. Harry William Dyke be sign by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan & inscription to be placed at Mrs May's child's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Application of Clerk to Appoint his Son as his Deputy.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk's application to have his son Tom appointed as his assistant without remuneration be granted. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. Burke moved and amendment – "That while this Council recognise Mr. T. Hilder as an assistant Clerk to his father, such recognition shall not in any way whatsoever bind this Council in any future appointment that may here after arise, and that the duties, obligations and services now performed by the Assistant Overseer who is also Clerk to the Parish Council shall, unless otherwise provided, continue in the due performance of the same."

Seconded by Mr. Parris.

Date of turning Cattle on Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the date for turning Cattle on the Brook be Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> this year. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Robert Smith.  
Chairman.  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1919.

**Audited.**

**E.H.V. Treyall.**

**D.A.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1919.**

**Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1919**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. R. Smith. (Chairman). Hodgkison, Fletcher, Parris, May, Wraight, Thomson, Burke, Butcher, Penny, A.M. Smith, Wilford, Hawks, Godfrey and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Vote of Condolence.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed a vote of Condolence to Mrs Thomas Fletcher and family on the loss of her husband. Seconded by W.J. Wilford and carried in silence all the members standing.

Chairman.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that Mr. Hodgkinson be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. J. H. Burke and carried unanimously.

Mr. Burke proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman, Mr. R. Smith for so ably & genially presiding over the Council during the past two years.

Mr. Penny seconded and it was carried unanimously..

#### Vice- Chairman.

Mr. Fletcher proposed Mr. A. Thomson as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Penny, but Mr, Thomson declined to stand.

Mr. Thomson proposed Mr. J. Wilford. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey.

Mr. Parris proposed Mr. Burke seconded by Mr. May.. Mr. Wilford withdrew and W. Burke was elected.

#### Overseers.

Mr. May proposed Mr. Josiah Alfred Penny and Mr. Frederick Charles Butcher from inside the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Penny proposed Mr. Albert Norman and Stanley Herbert Dedrick from outside the Council. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

#### Committees.

##### **Brook.**

Messrs. A. Thomson, L.A. Wraight, Hy' Hawks, J.A. Penny, A.M. Smith, C. Godfrey and J. Wilford.

##### **Baths.**

Messrs. J. Fletcher, R. Smith, F.C. Butcher, A. Hopper, J.A. Penny, L.A. Wraight and W.W. May.

##### **Cemetery.**

Messrs. J. Wilford, C. Godfrey, H. Hawks, A.M. Smith, R.J. Parris, J. H. Burke, & F.C. Butcher.

##### **Finance & Lighting.**

Messrs. J.H. Burke, R. Smith, C. Godfrey, A. Thomson, J. Wilford, Mr. Fletcher and F.C. Butcher

##### **Allotments.**

Messrs. W.W. May, R.J. Parris, A. Thomson, A. Hopper, & W. A. Wraight.

##### **Footpaths.**

Messrs. W.W. May, R.J. Parris, A.M. Smith, A. Hopper, J. Fletcher, J.A. Penny.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that 25 cards be printed. Carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 561 and the fees amounted to £8.10.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 525 and £5.3.7d.

#### Finance.

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

Bond. Miss.

Financial Statements.

1. 6.

Carslaw Samuel.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	5. 0. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	½ yrs Annuity Hooks.	7. 10. 0
Hilder. T.	Insurance Forge & Cottage.	6. 9.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	7. 10.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Street Lamps.	113. 4. 6.
“	“ Fire Station.	1. 0
Mid Kent Water. Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	3. 0.
“	“ Cottage.	4. 4.
Wilford & Sons.	Blind Roller.	2. 3.
Hilder. T.	Insurance Premium.	10. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 18. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
“	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Watts Rev’.	Ministers Fees.	2. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	3. 0.
“	“ Cemetery & Mortuary.	7. 9.
“	Water Supply.	3. 9. 7.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas A/C.	1. 13. 10.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	10. 4. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	7. 3.
	Total.	£154. 11. 7.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. B. Lambert resigning Captaincy of Fire Brigade.

Mr. Wilford proposed that his resignation be excepted with regret, and that a letter be sent him, heartily thanking him for all the past services rendered to the Council, so cheerfully and so effectively. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co., giving notice of repair of five Hydrants.

3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Flushing tank, with copy of letter from Messrs. Langridge & Freeman.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the District Council be recommended to offer £10 for the site of the tank. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

4. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Willow Walk.

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

6. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Land settlement.

#### Receipt.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that a receipt for £100 under the Lighting Act be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyances of Grave Spaces No. 694 & 798 to Mrs. Lavenid Cousin be signed by the Council. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.



Mr. Hopper's Declaration.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that Mr. Hopper be allowed to sign his declaration of acceptance of office at the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Parris & carried.

Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that a 25 yr lease of Birling Lands be obtained.

It was decided that the Finance & Allotment Committee's hold a meeting to consider the matter with the view of the probable purchase. Mr. Wilford to see Mr. Prosser.

W.R. Hodgkinson.

Chairman.

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1919.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. W.R. Hodgkinson. (Chairman).J.H. Burke. (Vice-Chairman). Thomson, Wilford, Penny, Butcher, Godfrey, A.M. Smith, Wraight, May, Hopper, Hawks and the Clerk. T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Brook Committee investigate the causes of the flooding of the Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Baths.

The Clerk, in the absence of Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 933, and the fees amounted to £9.5.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 563 and £5.10.10d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the paths in the old part of the Cemetery be Tar-Painted, and the District Council be asked to allow their men to do the work, when they are painting the Parish Roads. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Greenhouse be painted, Sill repaired, Furnace repaired & Shelter erected. Mr. Butcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the outside of Chapel Cottage, and Gates be painted. Seconded by Mr. A.M Smith and carried.

Mr. Wilford kindly promised to prepare a specification.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk arrange with someone to remove the surplus chalk from the Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that inasmuch as there are holes on the Brook which require filling, the matter be referred to the Brook Committee. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be allowed two week-ends as a holiday, the dates to be left to the Caretaker's decision. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

#### Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Allotments.	18. 4.
"	"	"	11. 0.
"	"	Brook.	9. 2.
"	Stamp on Agreement.		2. 6.
Apps & Co.	Metal Polish.		1. 6.
Moore & Co.	Polish, Dusters & C.		10. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		5. 1. 3.
Rogers. T.	Cleaning & Repairs.		4. 8. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.		4. 18. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		1. 13. 9.
Prudential Ass' & Co.	Payment of Loan & Interest.		50. 16. 8.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.		7. 18. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Hilder. T.	Rates. Fire Station.		13. 1 ½ .
"	" Cottage.		1. 18. 5 ¼ .
		Total.	£80. 6. 2 ¾ .

#### Allotments.

The Clerk reported that he had seen Mr. Carslaw respecting the hire of the piece of land on the south side of Birling Lands, but he was not in a position to do anything at present owing to the unsettled conditions of his own occupation.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Local Government Board re:- Billet.

2. Letter from Board of Agriculture & Fisheries re:- Tithe

3. Letter from Maria Hood asking for an increase in her salary as Brook-keeper of £2.0.0d.

Mr. Penny proposed that her salary be increased Two Pounds. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

4. Letter from Mr. W.A. Patterson calling attention to the dangerous condition of the Bridges in the path to New Hythe.

Mr. Burke proposed that the later be sent to the District Council, & ask them to widen the Bridges and put two rails to them. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

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

Captain of Fire Brigade.

Mr. Burke proposed that Charles William Hinds be elected Captain of the Fire Brigade in the place of Mr. Benjamin Lambert resigned. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.

June 10/19

**Meeting of the Council**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. W.R. Hodgkinson. (Chairman). Burke. (Vice-Chairman). Fletcher, Hopper, Butcher, Parris, Hawks, A.M. Smith, Penny, R. Smith and the Clerk T. Hilder

Minutes.

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

Mr. Thomson sent message asking to be excused on account of sickness. Mr. Wilford attending Conference & Mr. Godfrey, important Business.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 1286 and the fees amounted to £12.10.0d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 829 and £8.0.7d.

Finance.

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

Waller. J.	Work on Brook.	2.	0.
Hood. Maria.	Gatekeepers Wages. (pt).	2.	0. 0.
Waller. J.	Work on Brook.	10.	0.
Knight & Co.	Parish Council A/C Book.	2.	0. 5.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax Allotments.	1.	6. 3.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	18. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	4.	18. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
	Total.	£19.	0. 8.

Mr. Parris proposed the Bath's Caretaker's Salary be a question to be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Fire Brigade.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Penny seconded that 6 x 50ft lengths of hose. 1 Handsaw, & 2lbs of soap be purchased, and that the following repairs be executed. Repairs to bottom of Hose Cart.

Rivets to the Escape and Padlock & Fastening to the Fire Station.

Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the following Uniforms be purchased.

Capt' Hines. Full Dress Uniform  
Undress Uniform.  
Undress Cap.

Lieut' Penny.

Undress Uniform  
Fireman A.H. Botton Trousers & Tunic.  
Fireman F. Bolton. Trousers.  
Fireman. J. Morris Trousers, Boots & strap to Helmet.  
Fireman R. Penny. Trousers & Tunic.  
Fireman. R. Smith. Trousers & Tunic.  
Fireman. W. Hayward. Trousers, Tunic & Cap.

Epaulettes for all Firemen.

Seconded by Mr. Butcher and Carried.

#### Fire Station.

Mr. Parris proposed that the whole Council unite as a Committee and examine the Old Forge in order to decide on the possibility of its conversion to a Fire Station.

Seconded by Mr. Hoper and carried.

#### Allotments.

The Clerk promised to see Mr. Carslaw with the view of hiring the field on the South side of Birling Lands for the purpose of Allotments, as there were about 25 applicants.

Mr. Parris proposed that the fence by the Allotments in the Malling Road be repaired by Mr. Hinds. Carried after being seconded by Mr. R. Smith.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Bridge in the Willow Walk.

2. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Tar-Painting the Cemetery.

3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Drainage Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed that Messrs. Fletcher and Thomson be re-elected to serve on the Drainage Committee. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

4. Letter from Mrs Brown re:- Number of Baby's Grave,

5. Letter from Mr. Wilford & Sons re:- Slaughtering Depot at the back of Queen's Avenue.

Mr. Parris proposed that a strong protest from this Council against the establishment of this Slaughterhouse be sent to the District Council. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Messrs. A.M. Smith & Hawks also promised to give the owners of property & residents in the Queen's Avenue an opportunity of signing a petition against this movement.

#### Path & Bridge.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk write a further letter to the District Council respecting the Bridge at the end of the Willow Walk. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Conveyances.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the conveyances of Grave Spaces 774 and 675 to Mr. Henry Sears of Bramley Road be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Penny's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Penny proposed "That correspondence be opened between this Parish Council and the Parish Councils of Halling, Wouldham Burham and Eccles with a view to approaching the County Council on the question of providing other and more convenient communication across the River Medway, by the building of another Bridge or Subway.

And if possible a representative meeting of these Parishes be called to consider the matter before submitting same to the County Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Housing.

Mr. Burke proposed that an application be made to the District Council to take Snodland into the Housing Scheme and provide this Parish with not less than 35 houses. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1919.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1919**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Hodgkinson (Chairman). Burke. (Vice-Chairman). Fletcher. Wilford. R. Smith. Godfrey. A.M. Smith, May, Hopper, Parris, Wraight, Hawks, Penny 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 1024 and the fees amounted to £9.14.6d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 806 and £7.13.1d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Baths be closed on Peace Day July 19<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

It was decided to put up a notice inviting people to fetch away the Clinker.

### Cemetery.

The Clerk read a specification of work required to be done at the Cemetery.

Mr. Wraight proposed that the work be put in hand. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that Messrs. Wilford, Draycon, Brattle, Rogers, Norman and Langridge be invited to tender for the work – tenders to be returned not later than August 11<sup>th</sup>, and the work to be executed during the month of September. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

### Finance.

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

Shaw & Sons.	Forms & Minute Book.	1. 4. 0.
Moore. J.T. & Co.	Padlock.	2. 9.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs on Brook.	3. 14. 5.
“	Padlock & 30 keys, fence & C	7. 17. 11.
Hilder. T.	Tax. Allotments.	1. 6. 3.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs on Brook.	25. 1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Insurance of Fire Appliance.	3. 9.
Hilder. T.	Tax on Cottage.	1. 16. 0.
Hambrook.	200 Meeting Notices.	5. 9.
Bond. Miss.	1lb Grass Seed.	7. 6.
Barnard. J.	4 Loads of Manure.	1. 0. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Scythe, Hook & C.	11. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Moore. J. & Co.	Soap & Dusters.	4. 3.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	13. 5. 1.
Hilder. T.	Tax.	4. 19. 10.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	4. 18. 4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
	Total.	£74. 19. 8.

### Caretaker's Salary. Baths.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Caretaker's Salary be increased by 5/- per week, bring it to £73 per year. Carried.

### Caretaker's Salary. Cemetery.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Caretaker at the Cemetery have his salary increased by 5/- per week making his annual wage £117. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

### Clerk's Salary.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased £20, making the total salary £120 per annum. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

All increases to date from July 1<sup>st</sup> 1919.

### Allotments.

Mr. May stated that Mr. Samuel Carslaw had agreed to let the field, 3 acres on the South side of Birling Lands to the Parish Council on a yearly tenancy at a rental of £7.11.0d., and a valuation of £15. Mr. May proposed that the Clerk draw up an

agreement with Mr. Carslaw as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- New Authority.
2. Malling Rural District Council re:- Horse Slaughter House.
3. “ “ “ “ re:- Bridges in New Hythe Path.
4. Letter from Messrs Shand Mason re:- Hose.  
Mr. Fletcher proposed that 6 x 50 feet lengths of hose be purchased. Seconded by Mr. May and carried. 1/10d per foot.
5. Letter from Local Government Guarantee Society.
6. Letter from Local Government Board re:- Peace Celebrations.
7. Letter from Aylesford Parish Council re:- Bridges.
8. Letter from Burham Parish Council re:- “
9. Letter from Halling Parish Council re:- “  
It was decided to have meeting to view the Forge on Monday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and the Bridge meeting at 7.30.

#### Peace Celebrations.

Mr. May proposed that the Council take no part in the Peace Celebrations until Troops be withdrawn from Russia, and the Conscription Act annulled. Seconded by Mr. Hopper.

Mr. Penny moved an amendment that we have some form of Peace Celebration and that a Committee be formed to-night. Seconded by Mr. Burke.  
The amendment was carried by the vote of the Chairman, but nothing was done as the feeling was so close.

#### 2 A/C's for D.C

Mr. Burke proposed that two a/c's be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment.

#### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the two plans and inscriptions be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 580 to Mr. John Ackhurst be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

#### Paper in Streets.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the attention of the Scavenging Contractor be called to the large amount of paper lying in the Streets on Sundays. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
August 12/19.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Hodgkinson. (Chairman), Burke. (Vice-Chairman). Fletcher, May, Hawks, A.M. Smith, Penny, Hopper, Wilford and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Messrs. R. Smith and Godfrey sent messages stating inability to attend.

#### 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 1295 and the fees amounted to £12.3.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 905 and £8.10.9d.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the question of the corroding pipes be referred to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

#### Finance.

Dickenson. W.J.	Cheque Book.	1. 10. 8.
Hilder. T.	Insurance of Employees.	1. 41. 6.
Hood. Maria.	Gate Keepers Salary. (pt).	2. 0. 0.
Judges. A.	Work on Brook.	1. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	3. 0.
"	" Cottage.	4. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Fire Station.	1. 0.
Hazel & Co.	Uniforms.	41. 17. 9
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	8. 2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	7. 12. 5.
Burrow Alma.	24 bus' Wood.	14. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 0. 4.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	7. 9.
"	"	3. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Two Deep Graves.	2. 0.
"	Caretakers Wages.	11. 3. 4.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
	Total.	£75. 17. 6.



### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Committee had inspected the Allotments, and all were in good condition, with the exception of Mr. Calkin's, No. 25 Holborough Allotments. The Clerk had spoken to him and the land was already being taken in hand.

Mr. May also reported that T. Fever had sublet his Allotment, and the Clerk had been requested to call his attention to this breach of the rules.

### Fire Station.

The Committee of the whole Council had met and inspected the Old Forge. It recommended the Council to convert the Old Forge into a Fire Station, but to postpone the operation indefinitely on account of the price of material. Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that this recommendation be adopted.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from A. Judges, thanking the Council for increase of salary.
2. Letter from S.W. Mummery, thanking the Council for increase of salary.
3. Letter from Mr. Hulkes re:- Allotments.
4. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:- Hose.
5. Letter from Clerk of Wouldham Parish Council re:- Bridge.
6. Letter from Malling Parish Council re:- Bridge.
7. Letter from A.P.C.M. re:- Bridge.
8. Letter from B.C.P.M. re:- Bridge.
9. Letter from Rochester Corporation re:- Bridge.
10. Letter from Chatham Corporation re:- Bridge.

### Conveyances of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space 707 to Mr. Thomas Fletcher – of Grave Space 769 to Mrs. Caroline Nash – of Grave Space 804 to Mr. Lewis Fremlin be signed by the Council.

### Plan of Stone & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed the Stone, Kerb and Inscription for Mr. John Maygets Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

### Tenders for Work at Cemetery.

Mr. Hopper proposed and Mr. Penny seconded that the tenders be opened. Carried. Mr. Wilford proposed that the lowest tender be accepted. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

The Tenders were as follows.

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|------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Messrs Wilford & Sons.    | £38.10.0d. |
| 2. Messrs C. Brattle & Sons. | £31.16.0d. |

3. Mr. R.T. Langridge. £35.0.0d.  
4. Mr. T. Rogers. £39.15.6d.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Brattles tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

#### Purchase of Land for Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Birling Lands had been offered to the Council for £300 and another piece of land on the West side of the Malling Road for £250, which price had twice been reduced to £200. He recommended the Council to purchase the two plots for £500, which he considered to be a good bargain, and the land was urgently needed for the men for Allotments.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Council take steps to purchase this land, that the Contract be signed, and a deposit of £50 be paid. Mr. Penny seconded and it was carried.

#### Peace Celebration Expenses.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the accounts for the Peace Celebrations be paid by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried. Cheque drawn for £50 on account.

#### Receipt.

Mr. Burke proposed that a cheque for £150 under the Burials Acts be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

#### B.P.C.M. Crossing.

Mr. May proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to the dangerous crossing in the Church Field & also to the bad state of the rails. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

It was decided to fix date of next Bridge Meeting at the next Council meeting.

#### Lighting Meeting.

Mr. Penny proposed that the Finance Committee hold a meeting on Tuesday next to consider arrangements for lighting the Parish in the coming Winter. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.  
Sept'9<sup>th</sup> 1919.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs W.R. Hodgkinson. (Chairman), Burke. (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Butcher, Thomson, A.M. Smith, A. Penny and the Clerk T. Hilder.

#### Minutes.

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

### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the Committee had a meeting and decided to renew the corroded pipes as it was a matter of urgency.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the action of the Committee be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the past four weeks to be 1037 and the fees amounted to £9.16.8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 771 and £7.5.11d.

### Finance.

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

Hazel & Co.	Fireman's Boots.	2. 19. 3.
"	Chin Strap.	4. 3.
F. Dedrick.	13 gross of Soap.	8. 12. 6.
"	6 Bars of Primrose Soap.	14. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	6. 0. 4.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Salary.	8. 18. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
"	2 Deep Graves.	2. 0.
Hilder. T.	Audit Stamp.	2. 0. 0.
	Total.	£29. 15. 8.

### Lamps.

The Committee recommended the Council to light 39 Parish Lamps for a period extending from the first day of October to the thirty first of March 1920. The lamps to be lit half an hour after sunset and extinguished at 10.30 pm. The night of the full moon and the nights before and after full moon not to be lighted. The Gas Co' had agreed to do this for £3.15.0d. per lamp as per letter.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the report and contract be adopted.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Land.
2. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Tram way in Church Fields.
3. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Loan for purchase of Allotments.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lighting Lamps.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. Giving analysis of water for the month of July.
6. Letter from Mr. Batchelor re:- tenancy of Allotments.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Butcher seconded that the Clerk see Mr. Hinds on the matter. Carried.

#### Parish Meeting.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that a Parish Meeting be convened for Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> inst' at 8pm in the Devonshire Rooms, to pass a resolution sanctioning the expenditure of £500 by the Parish Council in the purchase of land for the purpose of Allotments. Carried.

#### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Butcher proposed and Mr. Penny seconded that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb to be placed on Mr. Huggetts Grave. No 425 be approved y the Council. Carried.

#### Date of Bridge Meeting.

Mr. Penny proposed and Mr. Butcher seconded that the Bridge Meeting on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October at 7.30pm in the Devonshire Rooms. Carried.

#### Trees in Avenue.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Penny seconded the District Council be asked to lop the trees in the Avenue as they now stretch over the gardens. Carried.

#### Peace Celebrations.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that a cheque for £75.11d. be drawn to complete the payment of the accounts incurred in the Peace Celebrations. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson read a letter from Lord Harris asking for subscriptions towards a County War Memorial at Canterbury.

Mr. Smith moved that the latter be handed to the local War Memorial Committee. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

John Fletcher.  
14/10/19.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Fletcher, Wilford, May, Hopper, Hawks, A.M. Smith, Thomson, Penny, Godfrey, R. Smith and the Clerk T. Hilder.

In the absence of the Chairman & Vice-Chairman Mr. Fletcher was elected to the Chair, proposed Mr. Wilford. Seconded Mr. R. Smith.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that a large amount of gripping & ditching would have to be done this year and it was difficult to find labour. Mr. Wilford proposed that it be left to be Brook Committee to find labour & to carry out the necessary work. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks to be 962 and the fees amounted to £9.4.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 665 and £6.6.2d.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that contract for painting at the Cemetery had been satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Brattle.

Mr. Wilford proposed that six loads of manure and 1 Chaldron of Coke be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

### Finance.

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

Moore. T.J. & Co.	1000 Envelopes.	7. 9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bills & Stationery.	4. 4. 10.
Hulkes. C.J.G.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	3. 0. 0.
Carlaw, S.	½ yrs rent of Allotments. £5 less Tax £2.12.6d.	2. 7. 6.
Shand Mason & Co.	Fire Hose 6 x 50 ft length.	27. 12. 0.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	½ yrs Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Tickets & Return Sheets.	4. 2. 0.
Moore. T.J. & Co.	Carbolic & Scrubs,	1. 6. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	16. 2. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages. 5. N.H.I. Stamps.	6. 0. 0. 2. 11.
Cowen. T.	Carting Chalk.	2. 2. 0.
Brattle & Sons.	Painting & C. (Contract).	31. 19. 6.
Mummery. S. W.	Caretakers Wages. 5. N.H.I. Stamps. 1 Deep Grave.	11. 3. 4. 2. 11. 1. 0.
Rev' C de R. Wall.	Ministers Fees.	1. 10. 0.
	Total.	£121. 18. 3.

### Allotments.

Mr. May read report of Allotments Committee. It recommended that Council not to allow the erection of Pigstyes or other buildings on the Allotments, - that Frederick Bailey have T. Fevers Allotment, - that Thomas Collins have J. Kings Allotment and that Frank Maders have J.P. Hartnells Allotment.

Mr. May proposed that the report be adopted by the Council. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Roberts be asked to let to the Council another acre of Oast House Field for Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Hopper.

Mr. Wilford moved an amendment that the land about to be purchased be dealt with first,-

The resolution was put to the meeting when 3 voted for and 4 against it.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Trees in Avenue.
2. Letter from Imperial War Graves Commission re:- Graves.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co' re:\_ Hydrants.
4. Letter from Danysty Verus Ltd re:- Rats Order.
5. 2 letters from Mid Kent Water Co' giving analysis of water for the months of August & September.

### Diversion of Footpath.

Mr. Cox of the British Portland Cement Manufactures Limited Lees Branch attended and laid before the Council an application for the diversion or closing of the Footpath from Clements Farm to the junction with the Path from Ladds Farm , as the company wished to extend their pit to South Hills. It was pointed out that the path was very seldom used.

Mr. May proposed and Mr. Hopper seconded that no objection be made by this Council to the closing of the path. Carried unanimously.

### Receipt.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that a receipt of £87.5.11d. be issued on the Overseers to defray the expense of the Peace Celebrations. Carried.

### Application to County Council.

Mr. May proposed that the Council apply to the County Council for permission to borrow £500 for the purchase of land for Allotments and £30 for expenses incurred in the transaction. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

### Special C. Meeting.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a special Council meeting be called as soon as possible after the receipt of the County Councils consent to the loan to pass a resolution to apply to the Ministry of Health for permission to raise the loan. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

### Langridge & Freeman.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to Messrs Langridge & Freeman and explain the position of the Council in regard to the purchase money & agree to pay the Interest from October 11<sup>th</sup> till the time of settlement in accordance with the purchase condition. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

### Cross at Grave.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. C. Mayatt have permission to erect a wooden cross at his son's Grave No. 787, and that the fee be half crown. Carried.

### Conveyance of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space 779 to Mr. W.W. Hines, and Grave Space No. 808 to Mr. Robert Wells be signed by the Council.

J. Burke,  
November 11<sup>th</sup> 1919.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1919.**

**At 8pm.**

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

#### Minutes.

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

#### Loan for Allotments.

Mr. Wilford proposed "That the Council, having reserved the permission of the County Council to acquire a loan, for the purpose of purchasing land for Allotments", now apply to the Ministry of Health for permission. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

#### Letter from Mr. Hodgkinson.

Mr. Hodgkinson sent a letter stating his inability to attend the meeting on account of ill health.

Mr. Wilford proposed that letters be sent to Messrs Hodgkinson and Parris, expressing the Council's regret for their illness, with the fervent hope that they will soon be restored to full health. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd be asked to repair the fence on the bridge over the stream. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the fence near the stile be repaired. – the Willow path be repaired – the Willow trees be lopped, and the ditches and grips cleaned out. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Mr. May proposed that the top timber of the Willow trees be advertised for sale. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 594 and the fees amounted to £5.16.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 350 and £3.10.9d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Winter Season commence on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council meet the War Memorial Committee at the Cemetery, on Saturday Nov' 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, to select a site for the "Memorial".  
Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be supplied with 50 cleft Oak Poles and 3lbs of Galvanized Nails in order that he may be able to repair the fence. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be presented with one ton of Coals to be delivered before Christmas. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

### Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates. Allotments. Malling Rd.	11. 10 ½.
"	" Birling Lands.	1. 5. 0
"	" Holboro'	15. 0
"	" The Brook.	14. 6.
Hood. Maria.	Gatekeepers Wages.	2. 6. 0.
Russell & Son.	Black Felt Hat.	9. 11.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cemetery & Mortuary.	11. 7.
"	" ??????? & Cottage.	4. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	2. 6. 6.
Bond. Miss.	Receipt Books.	18. 0.
Prudential & Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	51. 1. 2.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 18. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
"	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
French. Rev'd.	Ministers Fees.	7. 6.
Betts. W.C.	Repairs Fireman's Boots.	6. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	4. 6.
"	" Cottage.	6. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	2. 12. 11 ½
Rogers	Repairs.	4. 11. 5 ½
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	8. 8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	6. 16. 10.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	6. 19. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.,	6. 0. 4.
	4.N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	Total.	£99. 2. 4.

Fireman, W. Saul signed his declaration on acceptance of office, which was witnessed by Mr. Burke.

### Valuation of Land.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Carslaw be paid £30 as valuation for the land for Allotments in the Malling Road. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.



Mr. Fletcher proposed that the land be laid out for Allotments, and that T. Hilder Jnr' be employed & Mr. Hinds provide stumps & C. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mercer & Co. re:- Indicators.
2. Letter from Mr. Sillibourne re:- Unit of Charity land.
3. Notice of Income Tax Charge.
4. Letter from Mr. Hulkes re:- Diversion of foot-path.
5. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Loan.
6. " " " " "
7. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Loan.
8. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Tender for Scavenging.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger inviting tenders for Scavenging for the year 1920, and that the next Council Meeting be held on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to open the tenders. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

9. Letter from residents in Holborough asking the Council to provide them with allotments. Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Hulkes be asked to let the Council another acre of Oast House Field for Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

The Clerk reported the deputation to the County Council, respecting Bridge over the Medway.

Trustees May's Charity.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Messrs Penny and Butcher be elected Trustees of May's Charity in the place of Messrs W. May & A.M. Smith who retire by rotation. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Trustees Godden's Charity.

Mr. May proposed Messrs. Hopper and Fletcher be elected Trustee's of Godden's Charity. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Conveyance of Grave Space No.425 to Mrs, Clara Huggett be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

J. Burke.  
1/12/19.

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> 1919.**  
**At 8pm.**

Present. Messrs. Burke. (Chair). Thomson, R. Smith, May, A.M. Smith, Wraight, Penny, Hawks, Wilford and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Council met the War Memorial Committee at the Cemetery on November 15<sup>th</sup> and selected a site for the Cenotaph at the extreme South West end of the General Ground. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that the Council approve of the decision of the Committee. Carried.

Baths.

The Clerk reported that the number of bathers for the last three weeks to be 331 and the fees amounted tot £3.6.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 305 and £2.19.7d.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that a mat be purchased for the Baths. Carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Wraight seconded that the shed doors & roofs at the Baths be repaired. Carried. Mr. Wilford to be employed.

Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	12 Meetings Council.	1. 10. 0.
“	?? Committee meetings.	1. 12. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr'	Laying out Allotments.	2. 0. 0.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 8. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	5 ½ cwt of Coke.	12. 5.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 0. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	Total.	???????

Lighting.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the recommendation of the Fire Brigade to pull down the Forge, and sell the material be postponed for the present, and that the Council inspect the premises and report to next meeting, - Mr. Burke to fix the date of meeting. Mr. Penny seconded and it was carried.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that Mr. Bishops resignation as a Firemen be accepted, and that he be thanked for his services. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that Messrs Owen Burrluck and ???Young be accepted as probationers for three months. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that a Hydrant be fixed by Grove Farm to cover the property in that district. Mr. Thomson proposed that the cost of fixing a Hydrant be ascertained. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the land in the Malling Road had been laid out for the Allotments and ready to be occupied.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the action of Mr. May be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Godfrey asking to be excused attendance .

2. Letter from Mr. Hodgkinson thanking the Council for sympathy in his illness.

3. Letter from Stanley Bros' Ltd stating that they could not supply Grave Indicators

4. Letters from Doulton & Co re:- Indicators

Mr. Wilford proposed that the order for indicators be increased from 100 to 200. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

5. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Loan for the purchase of Allotments.

6. Letter from Mr. Solomons re:\_ Allotments.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the Chairman and Clerk take what steps they deem necessary, to raise the loan after receiving the permission of the Ministry of Health. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Chambers of Maidstone be employed to prepare Conveyance & C. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

7. Letter from Mr. Hulkes. re:- Allotments at Holborough.

This matter was left in the hands of the Clerk.

8. Two letters from Mr. Alfred Brooks re:- Bridge.

#### Erection of Cross.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the erection of a cross at Thomas Victor Fremlin's Grave be allowed and that a fee of half a crown be charged. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

#### Tender for Scavenging.

One tender for Scavenging was received from Roger Barnes, £325 for fortnightly visits and £365 for fortnightly & weekly visits. Mr. Thomson proposed that the District Council be recommended to except the fortnightly arrangement for £325 on account of the great expense. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson. 13/1/20.