

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 13th 1920.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. Hodgkinson. (Chairman), Fletcher, Thomson, R. Smith, Wilford, A.M. Smith, May, Wraight, Penny, Butcher, Hopper 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 654 and the fees amounted to £6.8.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 623 and £5.19.7d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Cemetery fence damaged by the late gales be repaired. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that tenders be invited from Messrs. Wilford, Brattle, Draycon, for the repair of the fence blown down, re-tarring the posts, strutting where necessary, and replacing broken pales. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that seeds to the value of 10/- be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that a new gate was required at the entrance to the Allotments in the Malling Rd.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the new gate be included in the tenders for work at the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

It was decided to leave Mr. Cotten's application for Mr. Mill's Allotment in the hands of the Allotment Committee.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	1. 6. 3.
Kent Messenger.	Advertising Willow Trees.	9. 9.
Rowen. T.	Timber & Carting.	2. 10. 0.
Hind. C.W.	Stumping Allotments.	2. 10. 8.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	1. 16. 1.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Burners & Mantles.	15. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs at Fire Station.	3. 7. 7.
Mid Kent Gas Co'	Gas a/c. Street Lamps.	73. 2. 6.
Seaborne. Coal Co.	1 Chaldron of Coke.	1. 6. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	6. 6. 6.
Knight & Co.	Book of Conveyances.	3. 15. 0.
Moore & Co.	6 Mouse Traps.	1. 6.
Hinds. C.W.	Sharpening Tools.	1. 0.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 3. 4.

“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11
Mid Kent Gas Co.	4 ¾ Cwt Coke.	9. 7.
Crowhurst. Mrs.	Carting Coke.	3. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	18. 0. 0
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4. 18. 5.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Mantles & Globes.	10. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	4. 19. 11.
Moore & Co.	Brooms, Combs & Jeyes Fluid.	13. 2.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs at Baths.	13. 11.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 0. 0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11
	Total.	£145. 8. 0.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the bill amounting to 12/9, for advertising the Scavenging be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Scavenging Contract.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a strong protest be sent to the District Council, on the waste of money, in not accepting the Council's recommendation to work the fortnightly visits. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried

2. 5 letters from Messrs. Case & Roper re:- The closing of the Footpath by Clements Farm.

3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Calling of Council Meeting to pass formal resolution:- Copy of Resolution.

“Resolved that it is expedient, that so much of a Public Footpath situate in the Parish of Snodland in the County of Kent being 314 yards in length & indicated between the points marked A&B and coloured red on the plan now produced to the Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk to the Council, and also so much of the said Footpath situate in the Parish of Snodland as between the points marked B&C and coloured green on the said plan and measuring 298 yards in length be stopped up.- And that the Council do consent to such stopping up of the said Footpath accordingly. And that the Clerk of the Council shall be and is hereby instructed to give Public Notice of this resolution in manner prescribed by Sec'51 of the Local Government Act 1894”.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the resolution respecting the closing of the Footpath be passed by the Council, and signed by the Chairman & Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

4. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Loan of £530.

Mr. May proposed that 7d be charged for the Allotments on the land to be purchased by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

5. Letter from Mr. Hulkes. re:- Holborough Allotments.

6. Letter from Mr. E.T. Rotherham re:- Shed at Milo Eng' Co.

Mr. May proposed that he be allowed to occupy the shed for the sum of 10/- per year. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

7. Letter from Messrs. Nail & Sons. Re:- Willow Trees.

Mr. Thomson proposed that they be allowed to have the wood provided the Trees were cut properly & everything cleaned up & carried away. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. stating that a Hydrant would cost £20.

9. Letter from Bridge Wardens re:- Bridge over Medway.

10. Letter from Mr. Brain re:- Bridge.

Mr. May proposed that a letter be sent to the District Council calling their attention to the bad state of the Path from Snodland Ferry to Burham & Wouldham. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

11. Letter from Rural District Council re:- Rats Order.

12. 4 letters from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for October, November & December.

“The sample was clear, palatable and free from poisonous metals”.

Coal scarcity in Snodland.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter be written to the District Council, complaining of the inadequate supply of coal to Snodland & requesting that it be increased as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Wraight seconded that a receipt be issued on the Overseers for £250. Carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.

Feb' 10th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 10th 1920.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. Hodgkinson (Chairman), Burke. (Vice-Chairman). Butcher, Parris, May. A.M. Smith, Wraight, Wilford, Hawks and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Burke reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 619 and the fees amounted to £6.6.8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 415 and £4.1.9d.

Mr. Burke proposed that two dozen small towels be purchased for the Baths, and that Mr. Rogers be instructed to do the usual annual cleaning. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Finance.

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

Gladdish. C.	Repair of Barrow & C.	1. 4. 2.
Hilder. T.	Laying out Allotments.	1. 0. 0.
Draycon. H.	Repair of Water Pipes.	1. 2. 0.
Mid Kent water Co.	Water Rate.	11. 7.
“	“	4. 6.
Barnard. J.	Manure & Carting.	1. 16. 0.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 18. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
“	1 deep Grave.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	4. 6.
“	“	6. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	1. 0.
???????????????	Subscription to F.B. Union.	1. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 4. 11.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 0. 4.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	Total.	£25. 9. 10.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the land at Holborough made 20 new Allotments.

Mr. May recommended that the Clerk be paid 4d per Allotment per year for collecting the rents. The Chairman ruled, that this could not legally be done.

Old Forge.

Mr. Burke reported that the Council had met as a Committee and inspected the Old Forge, and had decided not to pull it down and sell the material, but to let it to Messrs J. Nichols and Son Ltd' for 7/1 per week to store paper.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 7/- per week and the tenant pay the rates. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Correspondence.

1. Malling R.D. Council re:- Ferry Footpaths.

2. “ “ re:- A. Norman.

3. Letter from Neal & Sons re:- Willow Trees.

4. Malling R.D. Council re:- Registration Act.

5. Letter from Town Clerk Chatham re:- Petition to C.C.

6. Royal Insurance Co. re:- Compensation Act.

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

8. “ “ “ “ “

9. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Loan.

10. Letter from Public Loans Board re:- Loan.

11. Letter from Ministry of Health. Re:- “

12. “ “ “ “ “ “

Mr. Burke proposed that another letter be written to the District Council protesting against their action in the matter of the Scavenging. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Loan.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk apply to the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, The Prudential Assurance Co. The Pearl Assurance Co for a loan of £530 to purchase land for Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Tender for Work.

Only one tender was received from Messrs J. Wilford & Sons for work at the Cemetery. £10.17.6d. for fence & £4.5.0d. for gate. Mr. Paris proposed that the tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.

(Chairman).

March 9th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 9th 1920.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that Mr. Corner of Abbey Mead would cut the Willow Trees in the Willow Walk.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that Mr. Corner be allowed to cut the Willow Trees on condition he cut them carefully, and cleared up and carted away all the wood and rubbish. Carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 675 and the fees amounted to £6.19.0d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 495 and £4.19.4d.

Footpath.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Rector be asked to remove the wire hanging over the Footpath from the fence in the Rectory Meadow. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Caretaker had hurt his leg and obliged to have help to dig four Graves as he would be away on holiday for six months. Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. A.M. Smith be elected Chairman of the Cemetery Committee for that period. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Finance.

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

Hambrook. A.N.	Allotment Receipt Book.	1. 0.
“	Stationery.	1. 15. 3.
The Clerk.	Stamps.	17. 1.
Clegg. W.E.	Meetings.	12. 6.
Hulkes. A. J.G.	Rent of Allotments.	4. 17. 6.
R.D. Council.	Tar-Painting.	27 19. 5.
Dobbie & Co.	Seeds.	10. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	15. 12. 8.
“	7 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 1.
“	1 deep Grave.	1. 0.
Wall. Rev' C De R.	Ministers Fees.	12. 6.
Williams A.P.	“	12. 6.
Stone Street. Rev. W.T.	“	5. 0.
Russell. H.G.	Repairs to Uniforms.	13. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c. Street Lamps.	73. 2. 6.
Burrow. Alma.	12 bus' wood & 4 posts.	13. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Repairs to Lights.	8. 9.
Hambrook A.N.	Bath Tickets,	18. 0.
Venning.C.H.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	12. 0. 4.
“	9. N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 3.
	Total.	£142. 9. 4.

Correspondence.

1. Hood. Mrs. resigning office of Gatekeeper.
2. S. Mummery giving notice of accident to leg.

3. Hilder. T. Jnr' re:- Trees in Allotments.
Mr. May proposed that the trees in the Allotments be removed including the Oak Tree. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.
4. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Tar-Painting.
5. Letter from Chatham Town Clerk re:- Bridge Petition.
6. Letter from Mr. Chas' Roper re:- Halling Footpaths.
7. Letter from Hearts of Oak B. Society. re:- Loan.
8. Letter from Pearl Assurance Co. re:- “
9. 4 letters from Prudential Assurance re:- “
10. Letter from Long & Co. re:- “
11. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Scavenging.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the offer of the Prudential Assurance Co. of a loan of £530 at 6 1/8% for 30 yrs. Be accepted by the Council and that the Clerk take immediate steps to secure same. Carried.

Date of A.P. Meeting.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting take place in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 23rd at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Gatekeeper.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the question of appointing a Brook Gate-Keeper be left in the hands of the Committee. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Draft report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The Draft Report of the Parish Council Proceedings was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. Burke proposed that the part dealing with the Peace Celebrations be entered in the Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Wilford's Journey.

Mr. Hodgkinson on behalf of the Council wished Mr. Wilford Godspeed in his journey to America and a safe return.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No' 819 Section B. To Rowland Alfred Draycon be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Letter to Ser' Emptage.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Serjeant Emptage.
Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

School Representative.

Mr. A.M. Smith asked the Council to relieve him of his office as their representative on the School Managers Committee of the Church of England Schools.

Mr. Wilford asked him not to resign, and proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Wall calling his attention to the unsatisfactory way the business of the Committee had been carried on. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.
(Chairman).
March 26th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 26th 1920.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Correspondence.

Letter to Mr. A.M. Smith from the rector was read, stating that there had been no necessity for a meeting of the Managers since November, but a meeting would be called soon.

Loan.

The Papers relating to the loan to purchase land for Allotments were discussed.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Messrs. Burke and Wilford sign the Authorization together with the Chairman. Seconded by A.M. Smith and carried.

The Papers were duly signed.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.
(Chairman).
April 13th 1920.

Stamped by.
Ministry of Health.
West Kent Audit District.
28th July. 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 13th 1920.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. Hodgkinson. (Chairman). Burke. (Vice-Chairman), Councillors. Fletcher, Thomson, R. Smith, A.M. Smith, May, R. Parris, N, Hawks, Butcher, Godfrey, Penny, Hopper and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. W.R. Hoidgkinson be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Parris proposed that Mr. Burke be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by A.M. Smith and carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Messrs. S. Dedrick, A. Norman J.C. Butcher and A. Penny be re-elected Overseers. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Committees.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Footpaths and Allotments Committee's be merged into one. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

It was resolved that Mr. R. Smith take the place of Mr. Wilford on the Cemetery. Mr. Hawks the place of Mr. Wilford on the Finance Committee, and Mr. Burke be placed on the Allotments Committee, and the rest of the Committees stand as before.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that a man, H. Corner had been working on the Brook doing good work for the last two weeks.

Gate-Keeper

Mr. A. Penny proposed that Thomas Cowen of East Street, who has land near the Brook Gate, be appointed Gate-Keeper. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks was 936 and the fees amounted to £9.7.8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 861 and £8.16.4d.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that the Caretaker was asking for an increase in wages. Mr. Burke proposed that his wages be increased from 45/- per week to 50/- per week. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

.Finance.

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

Wilford & Sons.	Repairing Fence. New Gate.	4. 5. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Stumps & C. for Allotments.	1. 5. 6.
"	Stumps for Willow Walk.	16. 8.

Moore & Co.	3lbs of Nails.	2. 3.
Corner. H.	Man working on Brook.	2. 10
“	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 2.
Bond. Miss.	Financial Statements.	2. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium.	10. 6.
Wilford & Sons.	Digging Graves & C.	4. 4. 3.
“	Repairing Fence.	10. 17. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co.	1 ton Coal.	2. 7. 6.
Hinds C.W.	Repair of Barrow.	3. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	4. 9. 4.
“	2. N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 2.
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium.	6. 9.
Betts. W.C.	Repair of Boots.	6. 6.
Wilford & Sons.	Alterations at Forge.	1. 8. 6.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs at Fire Station.	13. 6.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Sons.	½ yrs Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coke.	13. 0. 0.
Moore & Co.	Wire Mat & Soap.	14. 11
	Total.	£60.18. 10.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Allotment holders at Holboro' had been shooting rubbish on the roadway, and asked the Clerk to send notes to them & also to put up a notice forbidding same.

Mr. May also reported that a stile had been erected instead of a gate in a path leading from the Claypit.

The Clerk was requested to draw the owners attention to the matter.

Correspondence.

1. Two letters from Prudential re:- Loan.
2. Letter from the Malling R.D.C. re:- Rats & Mice Act.
3. Letter from Messrs Doulton & Co. re:- Indicators.
4. Letter from Mr. D. Thomson re:- Water Connection.
Mr. R. Parris proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Mr. Thomson have permission to make the connection at an Annual Charge of 10/- per year, subject to determination by six months on either side. Carried.
5. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. re:- Soot.
6. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water for the month of January.

Footpath.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the resolution passed by the Council on January 13th 1920 agreeing to the closing of the path by Clements Farm be confirmed by this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

“It having been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Public Notice of Resolution passed at the meeting of the said Parish Council held on the 13th day of January 1920 consenting to the proposal of The British Portland Cement Manufacturers Limited to stop up so much of a certain footpath as is situate in the Parish of Snodland aforesaid, had been given in accordance with such Resolution. It was resolved that such resolution be confirmed”.

Loan.

Mr. J.A. Penny proposed and Mr. C. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved –

1. That the Parish Council of Snodland do borrow from the Prudential Assurance Company Limited the sum of £530 for the purchase of land for purposes of Allotments, the said sum with interest thereon at a rate of £6.2.6d. per cent per annum to be charged on the Poor Rate of the said Parish and the Revenues of the said Parish Council, and to be paid by sixty equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined of Nineteen Pounds, Eight Shillings and Two Pence each.

2. That Robert Smith and James Hy' Burke, two members of the said Parish Council and William R. Hodgkinson, the Chairman of the said Parish Council do execute the Mortgage the engrossment of which is now before the Council Charging the Poor Rate and the Parish of Snodland Revenues in favour of the said Company with repayment of the said sum of Five Hundred and Thirty Pounds with interest thereon at Six Pounds, Two Shillings and Sixpence per cent per Annum by equal half yearly instalments of principal and interest combined as mentioned above.

3. That the said Robert Smith and James H. Burke, two members of the said Council and William R. Hodgkinson the Chairman thereof do execute the Instrument, the engrossment of which is now before the Council authorizing the Prudential Assurance Company Limited to pay the said sum of Five Hundred and Thirty Pounds to Mr. William Jacob the Treasurer of the said Parish Council as therein mentioned and his receipt at the foot of the above mentioned Mortgage shall be a good and sufficient discharge.

Receipt.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that a receipt for £100 be issued on the Overseers under the Baths Acts. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Spaces

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that Conveyance of Grave Space 818 to Mrs. Ethel Judges, and the Conveyance of Grave Space 823 to Mr. James Daniels be signed by the Council. Carried.

Kerb & Inscription.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb for Mr. Tongs Grave be approved by the Council, and that the fee be 7/6. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Kerb & Inscription for Mr. Batemans Grave be approved by the Council, and that the fee be 5/-. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Additional Inscription.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the additional inscription on Mr. Shays Grave be approved by the Council and that Mr. Fowle be allowed to remove the stone from the Cemetery for renovation. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Deacon's Grave.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Cemetery Committee be requested to put Mr. Deacon's Grave in order. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Footpath.

Mr. Burke's proposed that East Malling Parish Council be approached with the view of joint action in an application to the County Council for the formation of a suitable new path on the West Side of Railway from New Hythe to Snodland. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Wm' R. Hodgkinson
May 11th 1920.

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Present.. Messrs Hodgkinson. (Chairman), Burke. (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, R. Smith , Thomson, Penny, Hawks, Wraight, A.M. Smith and the Clerk T. Hider.

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bather for the last four weeks to be 936 and the fees amounted to £9.7.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 935 and £9.5.3d.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that the Committee had met at the Cemetery and inspected the fence which Messrs Wilford had now put in a decent condition and had promised to sent up 50 extra pales.

The Wheelbarrow was nearly worn out and would have to be replaced at an early date.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates. Malling Rd Allotments.	14. 7 ¾ .
"	" Birling Lands Allotments.	1. 10. 10.
"	" Holborough.	18. 6.
"	" Brook.	15. 5.
Corner. Hy.	Work on Brook.	7. 10. 8.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Cemetery.	2. 16. 3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate,	Cottage.	4. 6.
"	"	Cemt' & Mort'.	11. 7.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.		51. 5. 10.
Salvation Army.	Ministers Fees.		2. 6.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.		9. 18. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Fire Station.		1. 0.
Webster. W. G.	Long Service Medals.		18. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	Cottage.	3. 4. 0 ³ / ₄
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Fire Station.	4. 6.
"	"	Cottage.	6. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		8. 8. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		1. 19. 1.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.		4. 10. 0.
Rogers. T.	Repair & Cleaning Tanks.		5. 14. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		6. 0. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 4.
	Total.	£108. 2. 7 ¹ / ₂ .	

Mr. A.M. Smith suggested that the Council consider the question of raising the Bath & Cemetery Fees.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded the Committee of the whole Council be called to consider this question, and in the mean time the different Committees come to some definite conclusions on the matter. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. 4 letters from Mr. Chambers respecting the load & two statements of expenses. Mr. Burke proposed that Cheque of £27.13.0d. be drawn to pay Mr. Chambers expenses and a Cheque for £461.3.0d., being balance of purchase money & Interest to May 11th. Mr. R. Smith seconded and it was carried.

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

3. Letter from Messrs. Fowle & Sons re:- Inscription.

4. Letter from Mr. Hulkes re:- Stiles.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Clerk write again to Mr. Hulkes stating the fence was new and that a gate would be much better than this almost insurmountable stile. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

5. Letter from Mr. W. Lane re:- Path from New Hythe.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk write again to Mr. Lane urging the necessity of the Path, and suggesting a joint meeting of the two Councils to arrange the best method of approaching the County Council. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

6. Letter from Lenham Parish Council re:- Sextons Fees.

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

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 825 to Mr. A. Tong be signed by the Council. Carried.

Vote of Condolence.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported the death of Mr. Corney a former Chairman of the Council. Mr. Burke proposed & Mr. Fletcher seconded that a letter of Condolence be sent to the family. Carried.

Wm' R. Hodgkinson.

Chairman.

June 8th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 8th 1920.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the man was still working on the Brook. – 120 loads of Ashes had been put on the Willow Walk, and the ditch round the Allotments was being cleaned out. This ditch received the water from Ham Hill Brook.

Baths.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 1339 and the fees amounted to £12.5.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1286 and £12.16.0d.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that a load of white sand be purchased for the use of the Caretaker in striking plants. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Smith proposed that a Committee Meeting of the whole Council be held at the Cemetery on Thursday at 7.30pm to make the final arrangements for unveiling and dedicating the Cenotaph on Sunday June 13th. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Smith also proposed that Mr. Hinds be allowed to erect a low Iron Fence round Mr. F. Taylor's Grave, the usual fee of 10/- being charged. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that the Clerk be instructed to ask Mr. Hulkes to repair the fence on the north side of Oast House Field near the railway arch to prevent trespassers on the Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. May reported that Mr. Wraight would inspect the Allotments on June 18th and invited the Councillors to join him.

Finance.

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

Corner. Hy'	Work on Brook.	10. 10. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Parris. A.	Carting Ashes.	10. 0.
Bishop. E.	Carting Ashes.	15. 0.
Cook. A.	7 Chestnut Poles @ 2/-	14. 0.
Bond. Miss.	1lb Grass Seed.	2. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 18. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
French. Rev' G.	Ministers Fees.	7. 6.
Stonestreet. Rev. W.J.	“	5. 0.
Shand Mason & Co.	2 Brass Rosettes.	2. 6.
Betts. W.C.	Repair of Fireman's Boots.	1. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	8. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 0. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
	Total.	£30. 2. 8.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mrs. Penny be allowed three pieces of paper a pail of Distemper, and that the copper be repaired. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Chambers re:- Transfer of Land.

2. Letter from D. West re:- Hassall's next of kin.

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

Mr. A. M. Smith proposed that Mr. Hulkes be asked to put up a gate in the place of the stile. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

4. Letter from Mrs. Corney in answer to letter of Condolence.

5. Letter from Doulton & Co. re:- Indicators.

6. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- United Services Fund.

7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

8. Letter from Mr. Gates. Re:- Ditch & Fence.

Draft of Address to Admiral Sturdee.

Mr. Hodgkinson read the draft address to Admiral Sturdee on the occasion of his visit to Snodland to unveil the Cenotaph.

Mr. Parris proposed that the address be approved by the Council, and that it be signed by the Chairman, Messrs Burke & R. Smith and the Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mr. R. Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hodgkinson for carrying out the duties of Chairman of the Memorial Committee during his absence on holiday. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

The Clerk submitted the Conveyance and abstracts of title of the land in Malling Road purchased by the Council for the purposes of Allotments

Robert Smith.
Chairman.
July 13th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 13th 1920.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs R. Smith, Fletcher, Thomson, Parris, Godfrey, Hawks, A.M. Smith, Penny, Burke and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Mr. Robert Smith take the Chair.

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 1559 and the fees amounted to £19.10.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1269 and £12.0.10d.

Dinner Hour.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Baths be closed from 1pm to 2pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to enable the Caretaker to get his dinner. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Mr. Burke now arrived and took the Chair.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Bath Chair be repaired. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Tax. Allotments.	1. 6. 3.
"	Tax. Allotments.	12. 5.
Corner & Judge.	Work on Brook.	13. 8. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
Hinds. C. W.	Repairs & C.	3. 13. 7.
Doulton & Co.	103. Indicators.	11. 1. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	12. 8. 3.
"	5. N.H.I. stamps.	3. 2.
"	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Tax on Cottage.	1. 16. 0.
Webster. W.G.	Haywards Medal.	6. 0.
"	Ribbons for Medal.	7. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr'	Insurance Premium.	3. 9.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs.	8. 0.
Dedrick. T. S.	15 gross of Soap.	9. 10. 0.
Hilder. T.	Tax.	14. 19. 10.
Judges. A.	Caretakers wages.	6. 0. 0.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 11.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	17. 10. 0.
Rotherham. E.T.	Combs and Jeyes Fluid.	1. 13. 3.
	Total.	£88. 13. 5.

Mr. Smith proposed that Mr. Hinds account of 4/- for the repair of the Scavenging Cart be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Cottage Rent.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Council deal with the rent of the Cottage at once. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the tenant of the Cottage be charges 1/- per week to help defray the extra cost of Rates. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried. (One weeks notice only).

Correspondence.

1. Post Card from Mr. Hodgkinson.

2. Letter from A.H. Bolton tendering his resignation of member of Fire Brigade. Mr. Godfrey proposed that his resignation be accepted with regret and that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to him for his past services. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

3. Letter from Fire Brigade re:- Closed Hydrants. Clerk to write to Mr. Chapman.

4. Letter from Rev' Butcher re:- Paper Bag Factory.

5. " " " " " " "

6. Letter from Mr. Hulkes. re:- Stile.

Mr. Parris proposed and that Mr. Hulkes be again asked to erect a gate in place of the stile. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

7. Letter from Case & Roper re:- Path at Clements Farm.

8 & 9. Letters from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the months of April and June .

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 829 to Mrs Charlotte Lane be signed by the Council. Carried.

Wm' R. Hodgkinson.

Chairman.

August 10th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 10th 1920.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

The Clerk stated that Messrs Hawks & Godfrey asked to be excused attending, being otherwise engaged.

The Chairman in feeling terms to the recent severe illnesses connected to the families of the Councillors and of the Deaths which have been taking place in the Parish.

Mr. Burke proposed that Council sent a vote of condolence to Mr. A. Norman on the great and sad loss of his wife. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Fred' Botten made application for the hire of a portion of the Brook Land adjoining the Mill Stream.

Mr. Burke proposed that the matter be referred to the Brook Committee. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks was 463 and the fees amounted to £4.12.6d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1030 & £9.17.0d.

Fees.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the second class fee be increased from 3d to 4d.
Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the price of the soap tablets be increased from 1/- to 1/2d. Mr. R. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the fee for the first class bath be increase from 6d to 8d.
Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith.

Mr. Hopper moved and amendment that the first class fee be raised to 9d. Seconded by Mr. May. Amendment was carried by 4 to nil.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that he had held a Committee Meeting for the purpose of discussing the fees, but none attended,
He now proposed that the Council double the whole scale of fees. No one seconded.
Mr. Hopper proposed that the question be referred back to the Committee to report to the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Barrow.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed & Mt. Hopper seconded that Mr. Barnard be charged 7/6 for the grass in the Cemetery. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. May seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 8334, Section B to Mr. Coomber be signed by the Council. Carried.

Finance.

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

Dennis & Paine & Co..	Lock & Key for Gate.		3. 6.
Hilder. T.	Audit Stamp.		4. 0. 0.
Cowen. T.	Gate Keepers Salary.		4. 0. 0.
Corner. Hy.	Work on Brook.		1. 19. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.		9. 18. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		3 4.
S.E. & C. Railway. Co.	Carriage of Crate.		6. 9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Cottage	4. 6.
"	"	Cemetery.	11. 7.
"	"	Cottage.	6. 6.
"	"	Fire Station.	4. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.		8. 5. 7.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		6. 2.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.		6. 0. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		3. 4.
		Total.	£36. 14. 7.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Committee had met and inspected the Allotments and found them generally in good order.

Lighting.

Mr. Burke proposed that a small Committee, consisting of Messrs. R. Smith. Burke and Hodgkinson be appointed to wait on Mr. Ball, to invite terms for the Lighting the Parish from October 1st 1920 to March 31st. 1921. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Lane re:- Path from New Hythe.

Mr. Hodgkinson kindly promised to attend the meeting at New Hythe on the 11th instant.

2. Letter from Mr. Hulkes re:- Stile at Graves Farm.

Mr. Burke proposed that a further letter be written to Mr. Hulkes that gate be erected in the place of the stile. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

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

4. Letter from Messrs Case & Roper re:- Footpath.

5. Letter from Messrs Doulton & Co. re:- Indicators.

6. Letter from Mr. Hayward resigning his membership of the Fire Brigade because of inability to attend drills.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Hopper seconded that his resignation be accepted with regret and that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to him for his past services. Carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that a receipt under the Burials Acts for £150 be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.

Chairman.

September 14th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 14th 1920.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Vote of Condolence.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed a vote of Condolence with Mr. A. Thomson in the sad loss of his wife. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Road from New Hythe.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported he attended the Meeting of East Malling Parish Council on August 11th to discuss the desirability of a road from Mill Hall to Snodland via New Hythe.

He proposed that the Council give their best of support to this scheme. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Mr. Wilfords return.

Mr. Hodgkinson on behalf of the Council heartily welcomed Mr. Wilford on his return to the Council.

Brook.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Brook Gate Keeper be requested to insist on No. 6 of the Brook Rules being adhered to. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks to be 1393 and the fees £14.0.0d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1283 and £12.2.3d.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported the result of a Cemetery Committee Meeting which took place on Wednesday Sept' 8th.

The Committee recommended the Council to double all the fees & suggested taking them in sections.

Mr. Smith proposed that No. 1 to 7 be doubled. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Mr. Smith proposed that fees in class A be doubled. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

The Kerb to be 30/-.

Mr. Smith proposed that Class B. Be doubled and the Kerb 20/-. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Mr. Smith proposed that the fees in Class C. be doubled & the Kerb to be 7/6.

Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Smith proposed that sundries be increased as per marked book. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried. Emergency cases, Ministers Fee to be not more than 1/1/-.

Mr. Smith proposed that tolling bell be charged double. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Ministers fee be five shillings in the future and that it be paid on the day of the Funeral at the Cemetery, by the Undertaker. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Allotments.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that the land at Constitution Hill, Claypits had been neglected and Thistle Down was blowing all over the Parish. He proposed that the attention of the Allotments Committee be called to the matter. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance Premium.	2. 11. 3.
Prudential.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	13. 18. 4.
Carslaw. Sam'	Valuation. (Land for Allotments).	30. 0. 0.
Chapman. W.T.	Carting of sand from Ham Hill.	3. 0..
S.E. & Ch' Railway. Co.	Carriage of Empty	5 1.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	12. 7 11
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 2.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 0. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 4.
	Total.	£65. 13. 1.

Correspondence.

Letter from Mr. A. Norman – answer to letter of Condolence.

2. Letter from Messrs Case & Roper re:- Footpath at Clements Farm.

3. Letter from Mr. Barker re:- Land for Allotments.

4. Letter from Mr. Chester. (Mr. Hulkes). Re Stile.

5. Letter from Messrs J Nichols & Son re:- Purchase of Lease.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the question be referred to the Brook Committee to report to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- terms for Lighting 39 Lamps from October 1st to March 31st 1921.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the offer of £4.6.6d. per lamp be accepted by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

7. Letter from Mid Kent water Co. giving notice of a 50% increase in the charge for water and also an increase in the charge for metre.

8. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Bath Fees.

9. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of July.

Grave Spaces.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed the following Conveyances of Grave Spaces be signed -

Grave Space.	462.	To	Mr. Earnest Harris.
"	838	To.	" " "
"	839	To,	" " "
"	666	To.	Mrs. W. M. Pankhurst.
"	836	To.	Mr. Albert Norman.
"	837	To	" " "

Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Hospital. St. Barts'

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of St Bartholomews Hospital asking the Council to Co-operate with the Committee of the Working Men's Club in a house to house collection for the benefit of the Hospital. No action was taken.

West Kent General Hospital.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the sum of £75 had been forwarded to the west Kent General Hospital on the understanding the Council become Life-Governors, and receive 5 in patients. 20 Outpatients tickets and two pass tickets to be held by the Chairman & Clerk.

War Memorial.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council write to the War Memorial Committee thanking them for making the arrangement. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

John Fletcher.
October 12th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 12th 1929.

At 8pm.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mr. Fletcher take the Chair in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

A letter from Mr. Hodgkinson was read stating his inability to attend the meeting.

Vote of Condolence.

Mr. Fletcher proposed a vote of Condolence with Mr. Godfrey in the loss of his wife. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Fletcher read a letter from Mr. Godfrey to Mr. Hodgkinson expressing his grateful thanks for the sympathy of the Council in his great trouble.

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a lease of 99yrs be granted to Messrs J. Nichols and Son, of the portion of the Brook Land on which their shed stands, that the rent be increased by 30% to £13 and that the portion of land not covered be fenced with a fence 6ft in height – erected and maintained. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mr. T Cowens rent be increased from 2/6 to five pounds. Seconded by Mr. Wilford.

Mr. A.M. Smith moved an amendment that the future rent be £1. Seconded by Mr. May.

The amendment was carried by 6 voting.

Mr. Wilford who had given notice proposed that the rent be 2/6 as before. No seconder.

As being put as the substantive motion it was carried Nem Con. The agreement to date from the 1st of January 1921.

Mr. R. Smith, on behalf of Messrs C.T. Hook and Co. made application for the piece of land between the road to the Mill and the Stream

Mr. Burke proposed that the question be referred to the Brook Committee. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the date for closing the Brook be the Fifth of November. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 932 and the fees amounted to £9.5.8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 716 and £6.18.7d.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the gate leading to the Allotments in the Malling Road needed attention. He moved that the Clerk attend to it, agreed.

Mr. May proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Garrod, calling his attention to the Thistles in the "Claypits" belonging to Mr. Brooker. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Finance.

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

Shaw & Son.	Two Receipt Books.	8. 3.
Hambrook. A. N.	Stationery.	3. 18. 11.
Hulkes. C.J.G.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	4. 17. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co.	1 Chaldron of Coke.	1. 12. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 18. 4.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 4.
"	2. Deep Graves.	2. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Man to Help dig 10ft Grave.	3. 6.
Whitfield. Rev' G.	Ministers Fees.	5. 0.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	½ yrs Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	120 Note Headings.	7. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 19. 2.
"	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 0.
Sims. C.	2 dozen Towels.	1. 8. 0.

Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	30. 14. 0.
Hambrook A.N.	Bath Tickets.	5. 6. 6.
Wraight. L.	Mantles & Metal Polish.	14. 3.
	Total.	£76. 2. 9.

Mr. Wilford proposed, that the price of the Bath Tickets be invested by the Baths Committee with the view to obtaining them a cheaper rate. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the closing the Baths for the Winter Season be left to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. T. Hilder re:- Felling Trees.

Mr. May proposed that if W. Holt neglected to cut down the trees. The Rectors tenant be allowed to do so. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

2. Letter from Lever Bros' re:- Advertisement Board.

3. Letter from K.C.C re:- Land for Allotments.

4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Light & Coke Co' re:_ Lighting.

5. Letter from Home Office. Re:- Cemetery Fees.

6. Letter from J. Nichols & Son re:- Land.

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

Scavenging.

Mr. Burke proposed that an advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger inviting tenders for the Scavenging the Parish for the year 1921. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 841 to Charles John State, and Conveyance of Grave Space No. 840 to Charles Godfrey be signed by the Council. Carried.

Erection of Cross.

Mr. Smith proposed that Mrs. Lawrence be allowed to erect an Oak Cross at the Grave of her Mother No. 762. The fee to be 2/6. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Trees in Avenue.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Vickery and ask him to top the trees in the Avenue by his house. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Path in Church Field.

Mr. May proposed that the attention of Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. be drawn to the path in the Church Field, where the ashes causes the water to run over the path & causes ruts. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Rifle Range.

Mr. Penny reported that it was proposed to erect a Rifle Range in Church Field. Mr. Parris proposed that the Council raise no objection to the enterprise. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Banks.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the Council on behalf of the Parishioners make applications to the Managers of the two Banks, to revert back to the pre-wartime practice and open the Banks twice a week. Viz. On Tuesdays and Fridays. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.

Chairman.

November 9th 1920

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 9th 1920.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Fire Brigade.

3 Probationers, Owen Burrluck, T. Finn & J. Hollands attended and signed the Declaration on acceptance of Office.

Baths.

Mr. J. Fletcher, read the report as to the purchase of tickets in the future, and proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried. He reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 765 and the fees amounted to £7.15.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 594 and £5.11.10d.

Winter Season.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Winter Season commence on Monday November 15th. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

The Clerk was requested to prepare a return of the Baths Income & Expenditure for two years 1919 and 1920. Christmas to Christmas.

Cemetery.

Mr. A. M. Smith read the report of the Cemetery Committee recommending a new Scale of Charges.. He proposed that this new Scale be approved by the Council and forwarded to the Ministry of Health. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

The Caretaker at the Cemetery made an application for an increase in his wages. Mr. Burke proposed that his present wage of 50/- per week be increased to 60/- per week. Seconded by Mr. Penny.

Mr. May moved and amendment that his wage be increased to 60/- per week. Seconded by Mr. Parris.

5 voted for amendment & 6 voted against.

The resolution was carried. Nem Con.

Iron Fence.

Mr. Hinds submitted plane of Iron Fence to be placed round Mr, Wenham's Grave. No. 140.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the plan be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried. Fee 10/-

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Brook.	13. 1. ½
"	"	Holboro' Allot'	15. 9.
"	"	Birling Lands.	1. 6. 3.
"	"	Malling Road.	12. 5. ¾
Cowen. T.	Gate Keepers Salary.		6. 6. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		2. 9. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		11. 7
"	"	Cottage.	4. 6.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.		51. 10. 6.
Wall Rev' C de R.	Ministers Fees.		1. 2. 6.
French Rev' E.	"		5. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.		9. 18. 4.
"	One Deep Grave.		1. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		3. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.		4. 6.
"	"	Cottage.	6. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c		1. 0.
Moore. T.J. & Co.	Brasso.		10 ½
Hilder. T.	Poor Rate.		2. 16. 4 ½
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs at Cottage.		1. 9. 1.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.		7. 12. 5.
Burrow Alma.	12 Bus' Firewood.		9. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c		12. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		7. 8. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		6. 0. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		3. 4.
		Total.	£103. 3. 5. ¼

Fire Brigade.

It was decided to defer the fixing a Hydrant at Groves. The matter of Fire Station left to later & cheaper times. Repair of present Fire Station.

Mr. Burke proposed that this matter be referred to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Uniform.

Mr. Burke proposed that Suit, Boots & Cap be purchased for Owen Burrluck conditional on a good & satisfactory report from the Captain. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Uniform be supplied by the same firm as supplied the others. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

The question of providing Fire Extinguishers was left for the Committee to obtain prices.

It was decided to fire a Maroon on Armistice Day. November 11th.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter of the lamps be left to the Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

It was decided the Committee should meet on Thursday evening, Devonshire Rooms at 7pm.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that 3 tenants of Allotments had not yet completed the payment of the valuation.

He proposed that the Clerk be instructed to give them 3 months notice to quit at Christmas. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Sillibourne re:- Rent of Land.

2. Letter from J. Nichols & Son re:- Brook Land.

3. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. re:- Brook Land.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. go on a lease of 7, 14, or 21 years at a yearly rental of 50/-, the land to be fenced in. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

4. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Trees in Avenue.

5. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Trees in Avenue.

6. Letter from E.J.G. Hulkes re:- Holborough Allotments.

7. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Sec' 37 of Baths Act.

8. Letter from Mr. Cox re:- Thistles in Claypit.

9. Letter from N. Prov' U. Bank of England re:- Opening.

10. Letter from London C & W Bank re:- Opening of twice weekly.

11. Letter from T. Cowen re:- Rent of Land.

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

Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Burke proposed that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Wilford.

Mr. Thomson moved an amendment that they be considered on their merits.
Seconded by Mr. Godfrey.

The Amendment was carried by 8 voting in favour.

The Tenders were as follows.

Rogers. T.	£335	£355.
Quarrington.F	£310.	£350.
Barnes. R.	£325	£365.
Cook. A. E.	£315.	£355.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the District Council be recommended to accept Mr. Roger Barnes tender of £365. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Receipt.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that a receipt for £200 under the Lighting Act be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Dust – Cart.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Mr. Hinds do the extra work to the Dust – Cart at the extra cost of 15/-. Carried.

J. Fletcher.

Chairman.

December 14th 1920.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 14th 1920.

At 8pm.

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

Mr. Fletcher was elected to sit in the Chair. Pro' Mr. Thomson Sec', Mr. R. Smith.

Minutes.

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

Letter of Condolence

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that a letter of Condolence be sent to Mr. Burke on the loss of his wife. Carried.

The Chairman read a note from Mr. Hodgkinson stating his inability to attend.

Mr. Hawks and Mr. Parris also notified that they were too ill to attend.

Baths.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 724 and the fees amounted to £7.9.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 583 and £5.15.7d.

He also reported that the front window and fence needed repair.

Mr. A. M. Smith proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Committee with power to act if necessary. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that the revised scale of fees had been returned from the Ministry of Health for alteration.

The Committee had met and the specified alterations made, and he now proposed that these alterations be approved by the Council. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	9 Council Meetings. `	1. 2. 6.
"	7 Committee Meetings.	7. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Salary.	14. 16. 3.
"	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
"	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 2.
"	3 Unemployment Stamps.	3. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	½ Gas a/c Street Lamps.	83. 15. 11
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 18. 8.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 4.
"	4 Unemployment Stamps.	2. 8.
	Total.	£106 14. 10.

Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. A.M. Smith seconded that the bill for re-painting and repairing the Scavenging Cart be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment.

Footpath.

Mr. May reported that the footpath from Ladds Farm to the top of the hill had been ploughed up by Mr. Higham.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Higham be asked to make up the path. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Hulkes had offered to put back the fence and make up the path at Gorham's Meadow in Paddlesworth Lane.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Hulkes offer be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Table of Fees.

2. Letter from Mr. Mummery thanking the Council for increasing his wages.
3. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Fees.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Hydrants.
5. Letter from Mr. Farley re:- Land by River.
6. Letter from Mr. Jacob re:- Names of Councillors.
7. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:_ Trees in Avenue.
8. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Scavenging.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Conveyances of Grave Space No. 846 to Mr. J.H. Burke be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Headstone for Mercer Collin's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Headstone – Stone Book.

Mr. A. M. Smith proposed that the stone and inscription for Frank Peter State's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.
Chairman.
January 11th 1921