

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 11th 1921.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Standing Orders.

Mr. Godfrey moved that the Standing Orders be suspended that the Rules of Debate may be considered. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that rule 5 of the Rules of Debate be strictly observed.

Seconded by Mr. Penny.

After explanation by Chairman, and a general discussion, the proposition was withdrawn.

The Brook.

Mr. Wilford reported that Cattle were still turned on the Brook, and probably by Mr. E. Hayward. He moved that steps be taken to stop this infringement of the Brook Rules. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks was 544 and the fees amounted to £5.11.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 530 and £5.5.1d.

Mr. Fletcher reported that it being a matter of urgency the Clerk, had employed Mr. Wilford to put spurs to it to prevent it being blown down.

He moved that the action of the Clerk be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

It was decided to invite tenders for fifteen gross of soap & to have the valves at the Baths repaired & the cistern cleaned out.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported

that the Caretaker wished to thank the Council for the Coal.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that six loads of Manure, and three casts of pots (No 60), and seeds to the value of 10/- be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Table of Fees.

The new table of fees for the Cemetery were submitted in a printed form.

Mr. Burke proposed that the new Table of Fees as submitted be approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Messrs. A.M. Smith and Hawks be the two members to sign the Table of Fees. Mr. Penny seconded and it was carried.

The Chairman read the Notice to be inserted in the paper publishing the deposit of the Table of Fees. Mr. Burke proposed that the Notice be approved by the Council and inserted in the Kent Messenger for two weeks. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that after the Table of Fees had been approved by the Minister of Health, a dozen copies be printed on cards. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Plan of Fence.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the plan of the fence to be placed round Mr. Randell's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Income Tax. Allotments.	12. 5.
"	" "	1. 6. 3.
Hinds. C. W.	Post & Wires.	10. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co.	1 ton of Coal	3. 4. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax. Interest.	5. 8. 0.
Watts. Rev' W.	Ministers Fees.	2. 6.
Hinds. C. W.	Barrow & Repairs.	3. 10. 10.
Mummery. S. W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 17. 0.
"	4 N.H. I. Stamps.	3. 4.
"	4. Unemployment Stamps	2. 8
"	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs to Cottage.	11. 9.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	3. 2. 5.
"	"	4. 19. 11.
Wilford & Sons	Repair to Fence.	4. 9. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	9. 12. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 11.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 2.
"	5 Unemployment Stamps.	3. 4.
	Total.	55. 19. 6.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Dr. Roberts. re:- Deposit of Dry Refuse.

2. Letter from Mr. Hulkes. re:- Path in Paddlesworth Lane.

3. Letter from Mr. Vaughan. re:- Kerb for Grave 827.

4. Letter from Minister of Health re:- Table of Fees.

Hook's Lease.

The Chairman read the Draft Lease of parcel of Brook Land to Messrs. C.T. Hook. and proposed that it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Penny proposed that it be signed by the Chairman and Messrs. Burke & Wilford. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Clerks Salary.

Mr. Burke reported that the Clerk had to collect a large number of Allotment Rents, and the Finance Committee having considered the matter recommended the Council to increase his Salary by five pounds.

Mr. Burke proposed that five pounds be added to the Clerk's Salary. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Complaints of Lamps.

Complaints were lodged with the Council of ill lighted places in the Parish.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Lighting Committee. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.

February 8th 1921.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 8th 1921.

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs Hodgkinson (Chairman), Fletcher, Thomson, R. Smith, May, A.M. Smith 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 to be 612 and the fees amounted to £6.5.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 617 and £6.6.8d.

Two tenders for soap were opened.

Mr. Rotherham. 10/6 per gross & 8/6 per gross.

Mr. F. S. Dedrick 90/- per cwt.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the purchase be left in the hands of the Clerk on finding the cheapest. Seconded by Mr. A. M. Smith and carried.

Allotments.

It was stated that the gatepost leading into the Malling Rd Allotments was again knocked over.

Mr. May proposed that a spur be put to the post to keep it upright. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Stamp for Lease.	1. 0.
Whitfield. Rev' G.	Ministers Fees.	2. 6
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cemetery.	11. 7.
"	" Cottage.	4. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 17. 0.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 4
"	4 Unemployment Stamps.	2. 8.
"	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Chapman. W.T.	Carting load of Sand.	3. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Fire Station.	8. 11.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Fire Station.	4. 6.
"	" Cottage.	6. 6.
N.F.B. Union.	Annual Subscription.	1. 10. 0.
Wraight. L. A.	Headlight.	4. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 18. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	8. 1. 3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 11.
"	5 N.H. I. Stamps.	4. 2.
"	5 Unemployment Stamps.	3. 4.
	Total.	£32. 6. 2.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that account for advertising the Scavenging be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the London County & Westminster Bank re:- opening.

2. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Assistant Overseers Guarantee.

3. Letter from Mr. Lane re:- Road from New Hythe to Snodland.

Mr. May proposed that the Clerk write a letter to the County Council, similar to the one by East Malling Parish Council. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith & carried.

4. Letter from N.T. of D.S. & S re:- War Memorial, drawing the Council's notice to the running paint & the placing of wreaths on the Memorial. The matter of placing the wreaths was referred to the Cemetery Committee, and the running paint to the War Memorial Committee.

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

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

Receipt.

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

Conveyance.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 848 to Mrs Ada Patey be signed by the council. Carried.

Notice of Relieving Officers Visits.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the matter of the Relieving Officers visits to Snodland be inquired into, and that the Guardians be asked to place a notice, giving the days & hours when he can be seen at Miss Penny's. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.
March 8/21.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 8th 1921.

At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that Chas' Bishop was at work on the Brook. He proposed that the Brook gate be repaired and also the fence. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Baths.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of bathers for the last four weeks to be 601 and the fees amounted to £6.4.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 695 and £6.19.0d.

It was suggested that the baths be opened at 9am instead of 6am, and not at all on Sundays – also that the price of soap be increased. Mr. Wilford proposed that it be left to the Committee to decide these questions. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Cemetery.

The Clerk reported, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee that a meeting had been held on Saturday March 5th, and had decided to recommend the Council to make a gravel path round the Cenotaph, the seats to be cleaned and varnished & the iron work painted black, and that 50 slats be purchased to mend the fence.

Mr. Parris proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

It was decided to refer the question of the Cenotaph back to the Committee of the whole Council, and that the seats be painted 3 coats & varnished, & repair where necessary, and that Messrs Draycon, Wilford, Brattle and Rogers be invited to tender for the work. Proposed by Mr. Burke and seconded by Mr. Thomson.

Table of Fees.

It was reported the new Table of Fees had been approved by the Minister of Health. Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that 6 copies be printed & 6 copies on Card Board glazed. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 857 to Mr. Ernest Robins be signed by the Council. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Allotments.

The Clerk reported that all the rents had been paid.

Finance.

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

Clegg. E.	3 Council Meetings.	7. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Pens String & Book.	8. 9.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Payment of Loan & Interest.	14. 11. 5.
Hilder. T.	Stamps.	13. 11.
Bishop. Chas'	Work on Brook.	3. 8. 6.
"	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 0.
Hulkes. C.J.G.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	4. 17. 6.
Dobbie & Co.	Seeds.	8. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing of Fees.	2. 9. 6.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	20. 14. 9.
"	3 Deep Graves.	15. 6.
"	7 N.H.I. Stamps.	10. 6.
Williams Rev' A.P.	Ministers Fees.	15. 0.
Whitfield. Rev' G.	"	5. 0.
Wall. Rev' C de R.	"	2. 6.
Stonestreet. Rev' W.	"	5. 0.
French. E.G.	"	5. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs To Hydrants.	18. 9.
Hinds. C.W.	Sharpening Pick & Mending Of Hose.	9. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Street Lamps.	83. 15. 10.
Dedrick. F.S.	1 cwt Soap.	4. 10. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Tickets & Sheets.	2. 16. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers wages.	11. 17. 10.
"	7 N.H.I. Stamps.	10. 6.
Venning C.H.	Guarantee. Judges. A.	7. 6.
	Total.	£156. 7. 3.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison. Re:- Registration.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk write to the Guardian and ask that a Deputy Registrar of Births & Deaths be appointed in Snodland. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

2. Letter from K.C. Council re:- Road from Aylesford.

3. Letter from Prudential Assurance re:- Income Tax.

4. Letter from Graves Registration Officer re:- Fees for Head-stone.

Mr. Smith proposed and Mr. Penny seconded that no fee be charged. Carried.

5. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries re:- Allotments.

Date of Parish Meeting.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Penny seconded that the Annual Parish Meeting be held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 20th at 7.30pm. Carried.

Brook Gatekeeper.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Penny seconded that Miss. Stevens and her Mother be appointed Gatekeeper this season & that the gate be open from 6am to 8pm, and be closed on Sundays. Carried.

Brook Fee.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the fee this season be 7/6 for cattle and 10/- for horses. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Draft report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The Clerk read the report of the Parish Council Proceedings for the year 1920 – 21. Mr. Thomson proposed that the 18th day of April be the day for commencing turning cattle on the Brook. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hopper seconded that the report be adopted as read. Carried.

Account for repairing Dust Cart.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Hind's bill for repairing the Dust Cart be approved by the Council, and sent to the District Council for payment. Carried.

Cenotaph.

Mr. Robert Smith reported that Mr. Witcomb accepted all responsibility in regard to the lettering on the Cenotaph for two years from its erection.

Wm. R. Hodgkinson.

April 19th 1921.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Parish Council Meeting.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 19th 1921.
At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that J.H. Burke be elected Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Burke on taking the Chair proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hodgkinson for so ably and expeditiously conducting the business of the Council for the last two years. Mr. R. Smith seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Fletcher be elected Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Parris.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed Mr. Godfrey as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr Hawks. Mr. Fletcher withdrew in favour of Mr. Godfrey. Mr. Godfrey was unanimously elected.

Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that two Overseers be elected from inside the Council and two from the outside. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Messrs Thomson and Wraight be appointed Overseers from inside the Council. Seconded By Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed, Messrs Stotesbury and G. Russell be appointed Overseers from outside the Council. Seconded By Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Committees.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that all the Committees be merged into three Committees —Brook and Allotments, Baths and Cemetery and Finance and Lighting. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Brook and Allotments.

Messrs, Butcher, Hopper , Parris, Thomson, Hawks, May, Penny A.M. Smith & Wraight.

Baths and Cemetery.

Messrs. Fletcher, Godfrey, Hodgkinson, R. Smith, Wilford, Hawks, May, Penny, A.M. Smith, and Wraight.

Finance and Lighting.

Messrs. Fletcher, Godfrey, Hodgkinson, R. Smith, Wilford, Butcher, Hopper, Parris, and Thomson.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the business of the Committee Meetings, as far as possible be placed on the Notices calling the meetings. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Committees stand as arranged. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Gate & C had been repaired.

Mr. Ripley, a dweller in a house Cart had made an application for ticket to turn horse on Brook. Mr. Wilford proposed that his application be refused. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

It was decided to keep the Brook Gate open on Sundays to tea-time.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last six weeks was 1033 and the fees amounted to £10.10.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1159 and £11.11.2d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the Committee had met, and now recommended the Council to place a Kerb and Chain round the Cenotaph, and repair two burst pipes & purchase a small tank to replace tub.

As the cost of erecting Kerb and Chain was estimated by Mr. Witcomb to be A. £59.10.0d & £58.13.0d. B. Mr. Fletcher proposed that the matter be referred to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the pipes be repaired and the 50 gall tank be purchased by the tradesman who obtains the work of painting the seats. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Finance.

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

Bishop. C.	Work on Brook.	10. 9. 10 ½
“	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 0.
Bond. Miss.	Financial Statements.	2. 0.
Kent Messenger.	Advertisement.	2. 2. 0.
Cowen. T.	Carting Chalk.	3. 0. 0.
Hilder. T.	Insurance Premium.	10. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 17. 9.
“	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 6.
“	1 deep Grave.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 6.
Hilder. T.	Insurance.	6. 9.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	½ yrs Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 3. 3.

Seaborne Coal Co. Coal & Coke.	22. 8. 0.
Rogers. T. Repairs.	10. 14. 2.
Total.	£71. 11. 3 ½ .

Fire Brigade.

Two members of Brigade refused to send back Uniforms.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to both men requesting them to return the Uniforms. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Fire Extinguishers.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the question of the Fire Extinguishers be referred back to the Committee to obtain prices. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Old Forge.

The Brigade asked the Council to renovate the Old Forge and convert it into a Fire Station.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the whole Council meet as a Committee & discuss the question. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Penny applied to have front Bedroom papered and Whitewashed & the other two distempered. Mr. Wilford proposed that the work be done. Seconded by Mr. Wraight & carried – to be done by Messrs Wilford and Son.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Owen Burrluck had failed to cultivate his Allotment, and moved that he be written to & told that he must cultivate the land or he would have notice to quit. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Scale of Fees.
2. Letter from Mr. Thomson, asking to be allowed to tap the Council's main. Mr. Wilford proposed that he be allowed to tap the main for a sum of 10/- per year, conditionally on the supply being able to sustain it. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co asking permission to tap the main.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Hydrant by the Cedars.
5. Letter from Kent Agriculture Committee. Left to Clerk.

Electric Lights.

Mr. Wilford brought the matter of lighting the streets with electricity before the Council. He moved that it be referred to the Finance & Lighting Committee for consideration & report. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 862 to Mr. John Crittenden be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Tenders.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the tenders for painting the seats be opened and that the lowest tender be excepted. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

The Tenders were.

Brattle & Sons	£5.
Draycon.	£9.2.6d.
Rogers.	£13.
Wilford & Son.	£9.2.6d.

Mr. Wilford moved Brattle's tender be excepted. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

J.H. Burke.
Chairman.
10/5/21.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 10th 1921.

At 8pm.

Present. Councillors, Burke (Chair), Godfrey (Vice-Chairman), Hodgkinson, R. Smith, A.M. Smith, May, hopper, Butcher, Hawks, Penny, Fletcher, Wraight and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Mr. Hoadley.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the standing orders be suspended in order to take Mr. Hoadley who had been invited to attend the Meeting to explain the working and probable expense of lighting the Parish with electricity. Mr. Butcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hoadley lucidly explained the method to be an adoption order to light the Parish with electric lights, and gave some sound and useful advice in carrying out the proposed object.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hoadley for so kindly coming over from Maidstone and giving such explanation of the subject the Council wished. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the usual business be proceeded with. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the man was still working on the Brook but would finish soon.

The Clerk reported that certain persons had been cutting down the Willow Trees on the Brook, and the Police had caught two in the act. William Markham, 9 Queens Road and Thomas Charles Shirley, 8. Waghorn Road.

The Council decided not to prosecute and Mr. Thomson proposed that the Clerk write to Shirley & Markham, as a cautionary measure. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 583 and the fees amounted to £5.19.6d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 715 and £7.3.11d.

Fuel Scarcity.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that under the present circumstances, the Council revert to the Winter Season arrangements and open the Baths only on Thursday, Friday & Saturday until the present crisis was passed. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Smith stated Messrs.Brattle had not yet started the repairs. The Clerk reported that they had been up there all day.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Malling Road.	14. 7 ³ / ₄
"	"	Birling Road.	1. 10. 10
"	"	Holborough.	18. 6.
"	"	Brook.	15. 5.
Bishop. Chas.	Work on Brook.		5. 1. 7 ¹ / ₂
"	3 N.H.I. Stamps.		4. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Mort' & Cem'	11. 7.
"	"	Cottage.	4. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		2. 16. 3.
Mummy. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.		11. 17. 0.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		6. 0.
"	3 Deep Graves.		3. 0.
Prudential Assurance.	Repayment Of Loan & Interest.		51. 15. 3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate .	Fire Station.	4. 6.
"	"	Cottage.	6. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	"	3. 4. 0 ³ / ₄
Dennet J.R.	Lubricating Oil.		1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		8. 8. 9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.		6. 6. 9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		5. 17. 11.
"	5 N.H.I. Stamps.		7. 6.
		Total	£101. 16. 1.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Gate leading into Birling Lands had been broken. He proposed that the hook be stapled to prevent being taken off, and the Gate repaired. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Mr. May proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Roberts asking him to remove the tree in Paddlesworth Lane. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Hoadley promising to attend meeting.
2. Letter from L.C & Westminster Banks re;- Bank Interest.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp at Bull Corner.
Mr. Burke stated that the Police had asked to have the lamp lighted as a matter of precaution, and he had requested the Clerk to get it lighted.
Mr. Fletcher proposed that the action of Mr. Burke be approved by the Council, and that the Gas Co. be asked to discontinue lighting the lamp. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.
4. Letter from Cleeves & Co. re:- Coal.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of Water for the month of March.
6. Letter from Hoath Parish Council re:- Resolution respecting the Tithe Redemption Act & County Council expenditure.
Mr. A. M. Smith proposed that the Resolution be signed. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb to be placed on Mrs. Weaire's Grave No. 708 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Path.

Mr. May reported bad state of path by Mr. Dennants Garage and proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Chapman. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Electric Lighting.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the question of Electric Lighting be again discussed in 2 months time. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.
Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Clerk write to the C.C. respecting the Tar-Painting the roads. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

J.H. Burke.
Chairman.
June 14th 1921.

Meeting of the Council.

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At 8pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 1183 and the fees amounted to £12.5.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1535 and £15.5.1d.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that the spile fence requires attention, and a few spiles are missing. Mr. Smith moved that a few spiles be purchased and a few posts. Seconded By Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Finance.

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

Bishop Charles.	Work on Brook.	6. 13. 2.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	6. 0.
Barnard James.	6 Loads of Manure.	1. 10. 0.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 17. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	6. 0.
Beadle. F.C.	6 Ariel Maroons @ 5/9	2. 12. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lighting Lamp @ Bull Corner.	1. 1. 0.
Burrow Alma.	12 Bus' Fire Wood.	9. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 18. 8.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	6. 0.
	Total.	£30. 19. 4

Allotments.

Mr. Hopper reported bad condition of path in Birling Lands and the large deposits of garden refuse in the wood adjoining the Allotments.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that these matters be referred to the Allotments Committee for consideration. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- New road from Aylesford.
2. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Footpath by Dennants.
3. Letter from Federation of Trades Council re:- Housing.
Mr. Hopper moved that the Council urge the District Council to build 50 houses in Snodland. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.
4. Letter from Mr. Cutting. re:- Lighting Conductors.
5. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Provisions of N.H.I. Acts.
6. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Transfer of Power.
7. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

8. Letter from Nichols & Sons giving notice of appeal against rating assessment.

Receipt.

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

Miss Gorham.

The Clerk reported that Miss Mary Gorham had expressed a wish to present the Parish Council with a sum of money to be invested, and the interest devoted to the upkeep of the 8 Graves belonging to the Gorham Family in the Cemetery, in perpetuity. Mr. Godfrey proposed that Miss Gorham be asked to invest £100 for this purpose. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Station Gate.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk write to the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Co. requesting them to keep the Railway Gates open between the Traffic. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Hour of Meeting.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the hour for Council Meetings be fixed at 7.30pm until further notice. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

J.H. Burke.

Chairman.

July 12th 1921.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 12th 1921.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported the Creek had dried up, and the Cattle had strayed behind the Cottages. He had given Hinds the order to put up a fence to prevent them straying.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last month to be 625 and the fees amounted to £6.15.1d. One week the Baths had been closed for lack of fuel. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1249 and £12.11.1d. The Clerk reported that he had been able to get a small quantity of Coke from the Gas Works.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Income Tax. Allotments.	1. 6. 3.
“	“ “ “	12. 5.
Hinds. C.W.	Work on Brook.	3. 11. 9.
“	Work on the Allotments.	7. 0.
Bishop Charles.	Work on Brook.	5. 9. $\frac{3}{4}$
“	1 N.H.I. Stamp.	1. 6.
Withers. E.	3 Casts of Flower Pots.	1. 2. 6.
Hinds. C. W.	Scythe.	12. 8.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 16. 9.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	6. 9.
Betts. W.C.	Repair of Boots.	1. 6.
Hilder. T. Jnr'	Insurance Premium.	3. 9.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax. House & Forge.	3. 2. 4.
Prett. F.	Carting Coke.	2. 0.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	4. 19. 10.
Mid Kent Water.	Water Supply.	7. 16. 9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 11.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 6.
	Total.	£42. 15. 0.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Housing.

2. Letter from Superintending Engineer. Re:- Way leave Rentals.

3. Letter from E. Salter Davies. re:- Appointment of Managers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the present representatives, Mr. A.M. Smith, for the C of E. Schools and Mr. A. Thomson for Hook Schools be appointed. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. R. Smith correspondent of Hooks, reported that Mr. Thomson's attendance at meetings and attention to business were excellent.

Mr. A.M. Smith stated that he had some hesitation in again excepting the appointment as Manager of the C of E. School as the business was conducted in a very unsatisfactory manner.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk ask the Kent Education Committee, to take some steps to see that the business be conducted in a proper manner in future. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mowing Machine.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a Mowing Machine be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that prices be got from two firms for a Shanks & Ranson's 14in Machine, Gear Driven, with Grass Box. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Cemetery Committee have power to make the purchase. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Miss Gorham's Investment.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Jacob be consulted as to the best form of investing the £100, the interest of which is to be devoted to the upkeep of the Gorham's Family's Graves. 8 in number. Seconded by Mr. Penny.
Mr. R. Smith moved an amendment that the money be invested in the 3% Local Loans. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Memorial Committee.

Mr. R. Smith handed over to the council the papers relating to the War Memorial together with letter from Mr. Witcomb promising to re-letter the Memorial as soon as the reaction of the cement has ceased, and a cheque for the balance £8.13.4d.
Mr. R. Smith proposed that the balance of £8.13.4d be handed over to the Clerk to be paid into the Cemetery Fund. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to the War Memorial Committee, for so ably and satisfactorily carrying out the work of erecting the Cenotaph in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

J.H. Burke.
Chairman.
August 9th 1921.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 9th 1921.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs. Burke(Chairman), Godfrey (Vice-Chairman), Thomson, R. Smith, A.M. Smith, Hopper, Hawks, The Clerk T. Hilder & The Deputy Clerk. T. Hilder Jnr.

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that several fences had been repaired on the Brook to prevent the Cattle straying,

Baths.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 953 and the fees amounted to £9.14.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1162 and £11.13.6d.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that the Lawn Mower had been purchased and it was a very satisfactory machine. A few stakes had also been purchased for the Cemetery.

Allotments.

Mr. Hopper proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of the fence at back of Oldbury Place, and ask them to repair it. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Catt's Alley.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that Mr. Eveling be asked to trim up the Trees overhanging the path leading to the Rectory Meadows. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Bramley Road.

Mr. Hopper proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to a hole in the path in Bramley Road by Miss Smith's Shop. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Finance.

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

Clifford & Son	20' Rope.	8. 1 ½
Wilford & Sons.	Repairing Gate.	1. 19. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance Premium.	2. 17. 9.
Wilford & Sons.	Fencing Slats.	13. 6.
Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	4. 6.
"	" Cem' & Mort'.	11. 7.
Haynes Bros'	Lawn Mower.	11. 18. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	12. 11. 0.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	8. 2.
"	5 Deep Graves.	2. 0.
Gas Co,	Gas a/c.	1. 0.
Water Co.	Water Rate.	4. 6.
"	"	6. 6.
Wilford & Sons.	Repairs to Cottage.	6. 14. 9.
Hilder. T. Jnr'	Insurance Premium.	6. 6. 0.
Brett. F.	Cartage of Coke.	5. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 8.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	8. 4.
Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	7. 3.
	Total.	£52. 5. 1.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Manager.

2. Letter from Mr. Boorman re:- Graves.

3. Letter from Mr. Jacob re:- Investment.

Miss. Gorham having expressed a wish to make other arrangements about investing the £100. Mr. R. Smith moved that the money be returned to her. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

4. Letter from Mr. W. Day. Mayor of Maidstone re:- Financial help to Montauban. Mr. Godfrey proposed that we join hands with the Maidstone Council and make some effort to raise funds to help restore Montauban. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hopper proposed that seven Councillors be chosen as a Committee with Mr. Burke as Chairman, with power to act in inviting outsiders to join the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Messrs. Hodgkinson, Wilford, Thomson, R. Smith, Godfrey and Hopper were chosen and it was decided to meet in the Devonshire Rooms on Thursday 11th at 7pm.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A. M. Smith proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 872 to Mrs. Drusilla Randell be sign by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Street Lighting.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a deputation wait on Mr. Ball with the view to making a contract for lighting the Parish from October 1st 1921 to March 31st 1922. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. A. M. Smith proposed that the deputation consist of the Chairman, Mr. Godfrey and the Clerk. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Painting Columns.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the question of painting the lamp columns be referred to the Lighting Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Fire Brigade.

Mr. Godfrey read the report of the Fire Brigade Sports at West Malling, at which the members had won several prizes.

The drills of the Fire Brigade now took place in the Queen's Meadow for which a fee of 5/- had to be paid to Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Sports Club.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the sum of 5/- be paid to the Club, seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

J.H. Burke.

Chairman.

September 13th 1921.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 13th 1921.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 1182 and the fees amounted to £11.18.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1393 and £14.0.0d.

Soap.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 1 cwt of soap be purchased from Mr. F. S. Dedrick at current prices. Seconded by Mr. A. M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the present arrangement for opening the Baths be continued until October 1st. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that the Caretaker had his son-in-law & his wife living with him in the Cottage had proposed that the Clerk be instructed to tell him to get rid of them as soon as possible. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith read a request from Mr. Holman for permission to place a small stone on his Father's Grave.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the stone & inscription be approved by the Council and the fee be 2/6. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the additional inscription for Mr. Hughes' Head Stone be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Committee meet at the Cemetery on Saturday afternoon at 3pm to decide on path round Cenotaph, with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Firemen B. Cox and F. Nye attended and signed the declaration on acceptance of office of Firemen.

Finance.

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

Prudential Assurance Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	14.	12.	0.
Hinds. C. W.	Repairs on Brook.	2.	8.	4.
"	Repairs on Allotments.		7.	0.
Stevens Mrs.	Part Gatekeepers Salary.	4.	0.	0.
Hinds. C. W.	Rubber, Key & C.		3.	10.
Brattle & Sons.	Work at Cemetery.	18.	12.	0.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	15.	0.
"	5 N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	5.
Tobin. W.G.	Use of Queen's Meadow.		5.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs of Hydrant.		2.	6.
Hinds. C. W.	Repairs.	4.	0.	0.
Rogers. T.	Repairs & C.		12.	9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	17.	8.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		8.	4.
	Total.	£66.	14.	10.

Gas Contract.

Mr. Godfrey read the letter from the Mid Kent Gas Co, offering to light 39 street lamps from October 1st 1921 to March 1st 1922 for £4.4.0d. per lamp. The lamps to be lighted half an hour after sunset, and extinguished at 10.30 except the two nights before the Full Moon and the night of the Full Moon.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that these terms be accepted on condition that the lamp at the Bull Corner be kept lighted till 12 o'clock. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Mr. Godfrey read the report of Fire Brigade. He proposed the report be referred back to the Lighting Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that a notice board be erected in the new Allotments, and the two in Birling Lands be renovated. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. May reported that some of the Allotment holders were digging into the roadways in Birling Lands Allotments, and the Clerk was requested to attend to the matter.

Path in Church Field.

Mr. May reported that the path in Church Field by the Gas works needed attention, as during rain it was flooded. Mr. R. Smith promised to get the matter put right.

Path by Gammon's.

Mr. Parris proposed that the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the state of the path by Mr. Gammon's premises in Malling Road. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Meeting of the Drainage Committee.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water for the month of June.
3. Letter from Cleaves & Co. giving prices of coal.

Receipt.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a Receipt for £150 under the Burial's Acts be issued on the Overseers. Seconded By Mr. W.W. May and carried.

Montauban.

The Chairman reported that the Committee appointed to raise funds in the aid of Montauban was doing fairly well.

Mr. Burke also reported that the Memorial Service had been carried through without a hitch.

J.H. Burke.
Chairman.
October 11th 1921.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 11th 1921.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Unemployment.

Mr. Burke explained what was proposed to be done by the District Council to find work for the unemployed.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the County Council, and the District Council be urged to proceed with the making of the new road from Snodland to New Hythe. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the Committee recommended the Council to make a Gravel Path round the Cenotaph with some inexpensive stout bordering.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that his matter be referred back to the Committee to report to the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that 1 Chaldron of Coke be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 809 and the fees amounted to £8.5.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 932 and £9.5.8d.

Finance.

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

Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery	5. 13. 11.
Cobb.R.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	4. 17. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	4. 16. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	8. 4.
Hambrook A.N.	Forms & new Charges.	2. 14. 6.
Hook Miss.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	½ yrs Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 8.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	8. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	7. 1. 9.
Dedrick. F.	13. Gross of Soap.	7. 0. 9.
Burrow A.	12 Bus' of Wood.	9. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	24 cwt, 3 grs of Coke.	3. 1. 11.
Hambrook. A.N.	Tickets & C.	11. 0.

Total. £60. 0. 8.

Fire Brigade.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a spoke, Brushes, 2 wash Leathers, 2 Scrubbers, 1 Hand Saw, be purchased for use of the Fire Brigade. Seconded by Mr. A. M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a 2nd Officer's Tunic at 68/3 (1383) be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 4 men's Tunics at 46/3 be purchased. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 12 Caps at 3/9 be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the necessary Epaulettes be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Petrol Extinguishers not be purchased. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 12 pairs of Boots be purchased from Mr. Hinds for £1 per pair. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Fire Brigade be permitted to dispose of the old Clothed. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Plans for Fire Station.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Council proceed to obtain plans and specifications for a new Shell Fire Station. Seconded by Mr. A. Penny and carried

Mr. May proposed that Mr. J. Mason be asked to prepare plans and specification. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Montauban

The Chairman read a report and statement of the Montauban fund which amounted to £19.5.4d, and moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the Secretary of the British Legion asking the Council to take part in a parade and service at the Parish Council on November 13th.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Council take part in the procession & service. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. respecting the lighting of 39 lamps, and stating that they would light the lamp at the Bull Corner till 12 o'clock for the sum of 25/-. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the additional 25/- be paid. Seconded by Mr. Thomson & carried.. Letter from Mr. M.H.T. Chapman respecting the path by Gammon's premises.

4. 2 letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the months of July and August.

5. Letter from Mr. Dyke. re:- Allotment on the Brook.

Mr. Penny proposed that this matter be reported to the Allotment Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.
It was decided that the Committee meet by the Brook Gate on Saturday at 3.30.

Scavenging 1922.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that an advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger inviting tenders for Scavenging for the year 1922. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

It was suggested by Mr. May that the Council find their own tip on the Brook this year.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the matter be left till Saturday for the Committee to decide at a meeting on the Brook.

Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that Plan & Inscription of Headstone & Kerb to be placed on Mr. Putt's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Painting Lamp Columns.

The matter of painting the Lamp Columns was referred to the Lighting Committee to obtain tenders from Messrs Rogers, Brattle and Langridge – The Committee to have power to act. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed. Mr. Penny seconded and it was carried.

Lamp by Dr Gash.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Lighting Committee meet and inspect the lamp by Dr. Gash, the lamp at Holborough & the lamp in Malling Road. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

J.H. Burke.

Chairman.

November 8th

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 8th 1921.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Road to New Hythe.

Mr. Wilford explained that on account of the great expense the County Council would not entertain the scheme of making a new road to New Hythe, but had proposed to widen the road from Halling to Strood.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the County Council be asked to receive a Deputation for Snodland, East Malling, Aylesford and Ditton Parish Council on Wednesday the 16th day of November to again urge the matter. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Chairman and Mr. Hodgkinson form the Deputation for Snodland Parish Council. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Allotment on the Brook, be divided between Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Dyke. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

New Tip.

Mr. Thomson reported that it would not be possible to have a tip for house refuse on the Brook.

He also reported that the high tide had done considerable damage to the Willow Walk, and asked to have a Brook Committee Meeting on Saturday at the Brook Gate at 3pm.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the offer of Messrs J. Wilford & Sons to place a Kerb round the Cenotaph at 3/- per ft be accepted.

Mr. Wilford reported that the matter of the Kerb be referred back to the Committee and that Mr. Mason be asked to get out a plan, and tenders be invited. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 620 and the fees amounted to £6.7.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 765 and £7.15.5d.

Finance.

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

Stevens. Mrs.	Brook Keepers Salary.	4. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	4. 6.
“	“ Cem. & Mort.	11. 7.
Prudential Ass. Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	52. 0. 2.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 18. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	8. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	6. 6.
“	“ Fire Station.	4. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c. “	1. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	2 pairs of Boots & Hand Saw	2. 14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	8. 9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 16. 8.
“	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	10. 5.
	Total.	£79. 4. 5.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the account of 17/- for advertising the Scavenging be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Mr. A.M. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Lighting Committee.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that 3 additional lamps be lighted.

1 in Malling Road opposite Woodcroft.

1 in Holboro' Road opposite Mr. Hawks.

1 in Holboro' Road opposite the New Road.

And that the lamp on Mr. Brattle's house be moved to the opposite side of the road, on Mr. Pries House. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Godfrey reported that four tenders had been received for painting the Lamp Columns.

Messrs. Brattle. £16.11.9.

Mr. Draycon. £17.11.0.

Messrs. Wilford. £18.10.6.

Mr. Langridge. £13.0.0.

And that Mr. Langridge's tender be excepted.

Mr. Godfrey reported also that the Lighting Committee had also met at the Fire Station and instructed Mr. Mason to prepare a plan for a new Fire Station, and also a specification.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Committee's action be approved by the Council and that a copy of the plan be sent to the District Council for approval. A specification be prepared by Mr. Mason & tenders be invited for the work. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Sub-Committee still act to assist Mr. Mason in preparing of specification. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Mason be asked to attend the next Cemetery Committee Meeting to prepare plan of paths round the Cenotaph. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Correspondence.

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

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

3. Letter from County Council re:- Road.

4. Letter from Education Committee re:- New School

5. Nuroads. re:- Wood.

6. Letter from Mr. Hinds re:- Maroon on 11th.

7. Letter from British Legion re:- Names on Cenotaph.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the two names be added by the Tradesmen who obtained the job to place Kerb round the Cenotaph.

Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Plan & Specification.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Plan & Specification of Cross to be placed on Mr. Fairman's Children's Grave and that the fee be 2/6. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Tenders for Scavenging.

Five tenders for Scavenging were received and Mr. Wilford proposed that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. A. M. Smith and carried.

The Tenders were as follows.

1. J.J. Hammond.	£250	&	£275.
1. Mr. R. Barnes.	£260	&	£300.
3. J.L. Langridge.	£260	&	£298.
4. A.C. Cook.	£260	&	£290.
5. A.J. Terry			£300.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the tender of Mr. J.J. Hammond be recommended to the District Council for acceptance. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Receipt.

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

Trustees of Godden's Charity.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Messrs A.M. Smith and May be appointed Trustees of Godden's Charity in the place of Messrs Parris and Hawks who retire by rotation Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Trustees of May's Charity.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Messrs Wilford and Parris be elected Trustees of May's Charity in the place of Messrs Butcher and Penny who retire by rotation. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

J.H. Burke.

Chairman.

December 12th 1921.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 13th 1921.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs. Burke (Chairman). Godfrey (Vice-Chairman), R. Smith , Wilford, A.M. Smith, May, Hawks, Penny, Hopper, Wraight, Thomson, the Clerk T. Hilder and the Deputy Clerk T. Hilder. Jnr.

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the willow Walk had been "patched up". He advised that the further repair be deferred till the Spring. He had started 3 men, to clear out the Ditches and Grips.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that Mr. Russell be asked to make a new Cassock for the Caretaker. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that a new bottom and a set of fire Bricks be purchased for the Kitchener in the Scullery. Mr. R. Smith seconded and it was carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Bells Range in the living room be thoroughly overhauled. Seconded by Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Wilford proposed that this matter be referred back to the Committee to see if a register stove could not be placed here, the Committee to have power to act.

Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

It was decided that the man who repaired the Stove be asked to repair the soft water pump.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Caretaker be presented with a Ton of Coal this Christmas. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Baths.

Mr. R Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 598 and the fees amounted to £6.0.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 724 and £7.7.11d.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the matter of the annual cleaning of the tanks & boiler & C. be referred back to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Wraight & carried.

Allotments.

It was decided to call a Committee Meeting.

Path.

Mr. May proposed and Mr. Hopper seconded that the District Council be asked to take over the path from St Katherine's to Hollow Lane. Carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Allotments.	12. 3. $\frac{3}{4}$
"	"	"	1. 5. 10.
"	"	"	15. 6.
"	"	The Brook.	12. 11.
Clegg. W.E.	9 Council Meetings.		1. 2. 6.
"	Annual Meeting.		5. 0.
"	11 Committee Meetings.		13. 9.
Dickenson. W.P.	Cheque Book.		1. 14. 2.
Bishop & Others.	Wages of Men on Brook.		7. 13. 3.
"	7 N.H.I. Stamps.		15. 4.

“	Wages of Men on Brook.	4. 5. 3.
“	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 8.
Hilder. T.	Audit Stamp.	4. 0. 0.
“	Rates.	2. 9. 6.
Crowhurst M.	Spiles & Posts	9. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	17. 13. 0.
“	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 6.
“	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	2. 16. 4 ½
Hazel & Co.	Uniforms.	20. 18. 8.
Wilford & Sons.	Finding Drain.	10. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Half Gas a/c.	86. 19. 9.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	7. 8. 6.
Seaborne Coal Co.	Coal & Coke.	21. 2. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 6.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
	Total.	£191. 13. 4 ¾

Fireman J. Piper attended and signed the Declaration on acceptance of Office.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Scavenging.
2. “ “ “ “ “
3. Letter from General Manager of S.E. & Ch' Ry. Co. stating the Wednesday Trains would stop at Snodland Station on alternate Wednesdays.
4. Letter from S.E. & Ch' Ry. Co. Notice of appeal rates.
5. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Charges.
6. Letter from W.B. Prosser re:- Deputation.
7. Letter from Mr. Souter re:- Plan of Fire Station.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Stop Cock at Penny's Cottage.
Mr. Wraight proposed that the Water Co. be instructed to repair the Stop Cock.
Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.
9. Letter from Minister of Agriculture re:- Allotments.
10. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 882 to Mr. John Reynolds of Plunstead be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Fire Station.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Plan & Specification for the new Fire Station, prepared by Mr. Mason be approved by the Council and that Tenders be invited for building of the same. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

Advertisement.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that an advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger inviting Tenders to build a new Fire Station. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Kerb round Cenotaph.

Mr. Wraight proposed that the matter of the Kerb round the Cenotaph be referred back to the Committee for further consideration with Mr. Mason. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

J.H. Burke.

Chairman.

January 10th 1922.