

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 1922**  
**At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs, Burke (Chairman), Godfrey (Vice-Chairman), Thomson, Fletcher, R. Smith, Hodgkinson, Wraight, A.M. Smith, Penny, Butcher, May, Hawks and 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 four weeks to be 447 and the fees amounted to £4.10.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 544 and £5.1.3d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the usual Spring Cleaning be done, the Taps and Joints be overhauled and repaired, the Hinges of the Front Door be oiled, and that Mr. Rogers be employed to do the work. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the front of the Baths be painted two coats, grained varnished – the rest of the building be painted two coats and the exposed woodwork be Creosoted – tenders to be invited from the local tradesmen. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

**Cemetery.**

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the usual amount of seeds & six loads of Manure be supplied to the Caretaker at the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that the Caretaker had expressed a desire to retain the Belle Range in the living room, in preference to the Register, and the Belle Range had been repaired accordingly.

**Finance.**

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

Moore & Co.	Shovel.	5.	3.
Hinds. C.W.	Grinding of Handbell & Sho'	1.	0.
Botten. F.	Timber for Path.	2.	0. 0.
Bishop & Others.	Wages of Men on Brook.	12.	8. 2.
“	11 N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0. 3.
Moore. T.J. & Co.	5 galls' of Oil & Oiler.	8.	4.
Hinds. C. W.	Repairs at Cemetery.	4.	9. 0
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11.	15. 4.
“	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	9.	8.
“	Help for Deep Grave.	5.	0.
Moore. T.J. & Co.	Broom, Scrubs & C.	1.	5. 8.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	3.	2. 5.
Moore. T.J. & Co.	Mantles & Pail.	15.	0.
Hilder. T.	Tax.	4.	19. 11.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9.	8.

Total. £49. 11. 8.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Caretaker thanking the Council for Coal.
2. Letter from J.W. Ellingham re:- Fire Station.
3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
4. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
5. Letter from Fleming Bros.
6. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Road.
7. Rural District Council re:- Footpath.
8. “ “ “ re:- Lundsford Lane.
9. Doulton & Co. re:- Grave Indicators.
10. Letter from Mr. Stockdale offering to buy the Willow Trees on the Brook Allotments at 6d each. Mr. Thomson proposed that the offer of 6d per pole be accepted. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a receipt for £150 under the Burials Acts be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 885 to Mrs. Harriet Maddox be sign by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. A.M. Smith proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Oaken Cross to be placed at Mr. Patterson's Grave be approved by the Council and that the usual fee of 3/6 be charged. Seconded by Mr. Wraight and carried.

Tenders for Fire Station.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Tenders be opened. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey & carried.

The Tenders were as follows:-

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|-----------------------|------------|
| 1. J.A. Draycon       | £730.0.0   |
| 2. E & W.G. Brown     | £669.0.0.  |
| 3. C. Brattle & Sons. | £629.13.6. |
| 4. R.T. Langridge.    | £500.15.0. |
| 5. J.J. Wilford.      | £698.10.0. |
| 6. J.H. Durrant.      | £710.0.0.  |

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Langridge, the lowest Tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

South Eastern & Chatham Railway Co.

Mr. Smith proposed that a letter of thanks be sent the General Manager of the S.E. & C. Ry. Co. for allowing the cheap Wednesday Train to stop at Snodland Station, but in as much as the Train did not return to Snodland till 2am the benefit to the Comp. and also to the Public was nullified to a large extreme. If the 8.44 at Snodland could be utilized for the excursionist it would be greatly appreciated. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Committee Meeting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a Meeting be held to discuss the means of providing cash for the building the fire Station. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

It was decided to hold a Finance Committee Meeting on Friday the 13th at 8pm, and a Council Meeting on Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Sewer.

Mr. Penny proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Rogers, complaining of Sewer overflowing in Mill Street. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

J.H. Burke.  
Chairman.  
February 14<sup>th</sup> 1922.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

**At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs, Burke.(Chairman), Godfrey (Vice-Chairman), R. Smith , Fletcher, May,Parris, Hawks, Hopper, Butcher, Hodgkinson, Wilford, A.M. Smith Wraight, Penny, 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 531 and the fees amounted to 35.7.7d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 735 and £7.10.0d.

Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported, the Committee decided to ask for two prices for the erection of a Kerb round the Cenotaph, one according to plan and the other with straight run.

Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that three loads of Ashes be put on the path of the Holboro' Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

### Finance.

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

Randerson. J.	Subscription to N.F. B. U.	1. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate .	4. 6.
“	“	6. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 9.
Kent Messenger.	Advertisement for F.S.	17. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Column & Removing.	6. 7. 9.
Langridge. R.T.	Painting Lamp & Columns.	13. 4. 0.
Russell & Son.	Repairs to Uniforms.	1. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	4. 6.
“	“	11. 7.
“	Cem' & Mort.	10. 10.
S.E.& C. Ry. Co.	Carriage of Indicators.	3. 0. 0.
Russell & Son.	Cassock.	1. 16. 0.
Hayward. E.	6 Loads of Manure.	18. 0.
Prett & Heasman.	Carting Manure.	4. 15. 4.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 8.
“	4 N. H.I. Stamps.	2. 1. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 12. 0.
Burrow Alma.	48 Bus' Fire Wood.	4. 18. 3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	5. 17. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 8.
“	4 N.H. I. Stamps.	17. 0. 5.
Bishop & Others.	Men Working on Brook.	16. 3.
“	10 N.H.I. Stamps.	Total. £76. .2 0.

### Fire Station.

Mr. Godfrey reported that the Committee had met three times, to endeavour to find means of reducing the cost of the Fire Station, but had finally resolved to recommend the Council to adhere to the original plan.

He proposed that the original plan be adhered to. Seconded by Mr.Parris.

Me. Wilford moved and amendment that the 9in wall adjoining the Cottage be left out, which would result in a saving of £22.15.0d. Seconded by Mr. Wraight.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was lost by 11 votes to 2.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

### Loan.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Parish Meeting be asked to grant powers to the Council to raise a loan of £500, to provide funds to build a Fire Station, to be repaid in five years. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Putting out Lamp.
2. Letter from S.E. & C. Ry. & Co. re:- Trains.
3. Letter from Phoenix Industrial Services.

4. Letter from Clerk to Murston Parish Council re:- Cemetery.

5. Letter from Mr. Stockdale re:- Willows.

6. “ “ “ “ “ “

7. Letter from Mr. Witcombe giving prices for Kerb round Cenotaph. £45. Alternate Plan. £30.

As these prices were out of the question, Mr, Fletcher proposed that the matter be referred to the Cemetery Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

8. Letter from Mr. Rogers re:- Overflowing Sewer.

#### Tenders for Painting Baths.

Mr. Parris proposed that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

The Tenders were as follows.

1. Mr. R. T. Langridge.	£19.0.0.
2. Mr. J. Wilford.	£11. 19. 6.
3. Mr. E. Norman.	£17.0.0.
4. Messrs Brattle & Sons.	£9.18.0.
5. Mr. H.R. Draycon.	£9.10.6.
6. Mr. T. Rogers.	£9.18.6.

Mr. Wraight proposed that Mr. Rogers tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

J.H. Burke.

Chairman.

7<sup>th</sup> March 1922.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

**At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs Burke (Chairman), Godfrey (Vice-Chairman), R. Smith, Fletcher, Wilford, Hawks, May, Hopper, A.M. Smith, Wraight, Butcher, Penny, 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 three men were working on the Brook and were making good progress with the work.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks was 417 and the fees amounted to £4.4.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 478 and £4.19.7d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. A.M. Smith reported that Mr. J. Wilford had agreed to put the rope staging round the Cenotaph at 2/6 per yard, the Council finding the Materials. The Council agreed to this.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Mr. Hinds had agreed to put Oak Posts to the Gate in exchange for present Posts. Council to pay for labour & Bolt. The Posts to be put in the ground four feet.

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

Mr. May proposed that 9 loads of Ashes be carted on this Allotment by Mr. Ashby. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

#### Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	Preparing Room For Meetings	17. 6.
Draycon. H.R.	Notice Board.	3. 10. 3.
Hambrook A.N.	Stationery.	1. 8. 11.
Hilder. T.	Taxes.	1. 6. 3.
"	"	12. 5.
"	"	12. 6. 0.
Bishop & Other.	Work on Brook.	12. 11. 3.
"	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 9.
Cobb. R.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	11. 17. 6.
The Clerk.	Stamps.	19. 4.
Davison & Co.	Grave Indicators.	9. 5. 0.
Hilder. T.	Tax	2. 2. 0.
Knight & Co.	2 Receipt Books.	1. 3. 6.
S.E. & C. Ry. Co.	Return of Crate.	2. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	20. 11. 10.
"	7 N.H.I. Stamps.	16. 11.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Street Lamps.	86. 19. 9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bath Tickets.	8. 0.
Venning C.H.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 12. 10.
"	9 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 1. 9.
Prudential Ass' Co'	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	14. 12. 7.
	Total.	£188. 3. 4.

#### Lamps.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the attention of the Gas Co. be called to the irregularities in lighting the Street Lamps. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs J. Nichols & Son re:- Forge.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs Nichols & Son Ltd, and inform them that no fixed date could be given, but could retain the Forge till the Council wanted it.

2. 2 letters from the P.C.M. re:- Wall at Abbeymeads which was being destroyed by water from the Brook.

The Chairman reported that he, Mr. Fletcher and the Clerk had met the representative of the A.P.C.M. on the Brook, and had agreed to certain cutting in the stream where by the rush of water on the wall would be relieved.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Council approve of the action of Messrs. Burke & Thomson who met Mr. Cox. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

3. Letter from Mr. Horace Wells re:- Damage to Cabbage Bed, caused by removal of tree from Mr. Lavender's garden, by Mr. Gates.

Mr. May proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Lavender there on. Seconded by Mr. Hopper and carried.

#### Date of Parish Meeting.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> be the date of the Parish Meeting at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

#### Date for turning on Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the date for turning Cattle on the Brook this year be the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April and the fees be the same as last year. Viz. 7/6 for Cattle & 10/- for Horses. Seconded by Mr. A.M. Smith and carried.

#### Draft Report.

The Draft Report of the Parish Council proceedings for the year 1921 – 22 was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Wraight proposed that the Report be adopted as read. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Prudential.

Mr. Wilford proposed that cheque be drawn to pay instalment of Loan & Interest on the Allotments. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

#### Road Between Covey Hall & British School.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the attention of the County Council be called to the bad state of the Holborough Road between Covey Hall Farm and the British School.

Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

J.H. Burke.

Chairman.

April 18<sup>th</sup> 1922.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

**At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs. Burke, Godfrey, Thomson, Hodgkinson, R. Smith, Fletcher, Wilford, May, Coleman, Wall, Penny, Monk, Butcher and the Clerk T. Hilder.

The Councillors signed the Declaration on Acceptance of Office.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Messrs. Hawks and Parris be allowed to sign the Declaration at the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Minutes.

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

Arising out of the Minutes, a letter from Mr. Walter Gates was read refusing to admit liability for damage to Mr. Well's garden in removing an Oak Tree.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the matter be referred to the Allotment Committee. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

#### Chairman.

Mr. Penny proposed that Mr. Godfrey be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Burke for the able way in which he had carried out the duties of Chairman during the past year. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

#### Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Thomson be elected Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Wilford.

Mr. Thomson declined the honour.

Mr. Wilford then proposed Mr. Penny. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson.

Mr. Coleman proposed Mr. Butcher. Seconded by Mr. Penny.

Mr. Butcher declined the honour.

Mr. Penny's nomination on being put to the Meeting was carried unanimously.

#### Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Messrs, Stotesbury, Russell, Thomson and May be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

#### Committees.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the following Committees be appointed.

Brook & Allotment Committee – Messrs. Thomson, Butcher, Parris, Hawks, Penny, May, Coleman & Monk.

Mr.

Thomson was elected Chairman of the Brook and Mr. May Chairman of the Allotments.

Baths and Cemetery Committee – Messrs. Fletcher, Burke, Hawks, Hodgkinson, May, Smith, Wilford, Wall, Coleman, Monk.

Mr.

Fletcher was elected Chairman of Baths.

Mr. Wilford was elected Chairman of Cemetery.



Finance and Lighting – Messrs. Penny, Fletcher, Butcher, Wall, Hodgkinson, Thomson, Wilford, Parris, Burke and Smith.

#### Cards.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 25 cards be printed. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

#### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the men had finished the work on the Brook. One Trunk needed replacing, but that would have to be done later.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last six weeks was 714 and the fees amounted to £7.3.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1033 and £10.10.11d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the date of opening the Baths for the Summer time be left to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the fences at the Cemetery needed repair &c. He proposed that these matters be left with the Cemetery Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

#### Finance.

Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. May seconded that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Ashby.	12 loads of Ashes.	1. 4. 0.
Monk. A.J.	2lbs of Nails.	8.
Bond. Miss.	Financial Statements.	2. 3.
Hilder. T.	Income Tax.	6. 12. 0.
Bishop & Other.	Work on Brook.	22. 16. 6.
“	12. N.H.I. Stamps.	19. 6.
Hilder. T.	Insurance.	10. 6.
Wilford. J.J.	Kerb Round Cenotaph.	5. 10. 3.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 8.
“	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 10.
Hilder. T. Jnr'	Insurance.	6. 9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	1. 5. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	3. 18. 9.
Dennant J.R.	Tin of Lubricating Oil	1. 0.
Prett & Heasman.	Carting Coke from Gas House.	5. 0.
	Total.	£49. 16. 2.

#### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Ashes had been placed on the Malling Road Allotments.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lighting Lamps.

2. Letter from Mr. Cobb. Re:- Gate to Holboro' Allotments.
3. Letter from K.C.C. re:- Repairs to Holboro' Road.  
The Clerk was instructed to write again to Mr. Chapman & arrange a meeting.
4. Letter from M.R.D.C. re:- Woodlands Corner.
5. Letter from Messrs Long & Co. re:- Loan.
6. Letter from Home Office re:- Election by show of Hands.
7. Letter from Mr. A.M. Smith re:- Offices.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of Water for January and March
9. Letter from Burney & Others re:- Fish Papers.  
The Clerk was instructed to put up a notice calling attention to County Council Bye-Law, made on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1915 re:- "Throwing Paper & other Refuse about, and also speak to the Police".

Mr. Smith proposed that Mr. A.M. Smith be asked to retain the two offices till the end of the term. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

#### Receipt.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a receipt for £100 on the Baths a/c be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

#### Conveyance.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Penny seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space 890 to Mrs. Jane Boorman be signed by the Council. Carried.

#### Loan for Fire Station.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Prosser for permission to raise a loan. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried. Also, to write to the Ministry of Health for their sanction. Also to Mr. Allison re:- "War Saving Certificates and Loan".

#### Mr. Burks Notice of Motion.

Mr. Burke gave Notice of Motion at next meeting to propose :-

"That Mr. T. Hilder Jnr, now acting as Assistant Clerk to his Father, be here appointed as Deputy Clerk to the Council without Salary. And should the appointment be made, such appointment shall not in any way whatsoever bind this Council to any further appointment that may thereafter arise".

It was decided that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Postmaster General, and ask him to order the Post Office to open at 8am instead of 9am.

Chas. Godfrey.  
Chairman.  
May 9<sup>th</sup> 1922.

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1922.**  
**At 7.30pm.**

Messrs. Hawks and Parris who were absent at the Annual Meeting, signed that Declaration on Acceptance of Office.

Present. Messrs Godfrey (Chairman), Penny (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Parris, Butcher, Hodgkinson, Smith, Coleman, May, Monk, Hawks, Burke, Thomson and the Clerk T. Hilder.

**Minutes.**

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

**Allotments.**

Mr. May reported that Mr. Lavender had agrees to compensate Mr. Horace Wells for the loss of his Cabbage plot, by the dragging of an Oak Tree across it.

**Baths.**

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks was 441 and the fees amounted to £4.7.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 583 and £5.19.6d.

The Baths had been open one week for the Summer Season, - The returns were not satisfactory, but suggested that no alteration should be made till after the next Meeting of the Council.

**Cemetery.**

Mr. Fletcher reported that the Cemetery Committee had met at the Cemetery on April 24<sup>th</sup> and decided to purchase 60 pales 4' 6" long – 12 Spurs to place against the rotten posts – 100 pales 5' long – 14 lbs Galvanized Rose Headed Nails – to repair the upper gate, with two new posts and a bottom rail – new pane of glass over list of fees – paper and Whitewash Living Room – 7 pieces of Paper at 1/-. Caretaker to choose paper, also to Tar-paint the paths in the Cemetery previously tarred – in months time.

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

**Finance.**

Mr. Penny proposed and Mr. Smith seconded and it was resolved to draw cheque to pay the following accounts:-

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Malling Rd Allotments.	11. 11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
“	“	Birling Lands “	1. 5. 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
“	“	Holborough “	15. 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
“	“	The Brook	12. 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
“	Audit Stamp.		8. 0. 0.
“	Rates.	Cemetery.	2. 8. 9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Cottage.	4. 6.
“ “	“	Mortuary & Cemetery.	11. 7.
Haymans. R. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.		4. 12. 0.

Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 16. 6.
"	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 3.
Wilkinson & Son.	Annuity. (Miss Hook).	7. 10. 0.
Miss Hook.	½ yrs rent on Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates. Cottage.	2. 15. 6 ¼
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs to Stop & Cock.	15. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c. Fire Station.	1. 9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage	6. 6.
"	" " " " Fire Station.	4. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates. Baths.	7. 6. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 16. 4.
Hayman. W. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	15. 8. 0.
Judger. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
	Total.	£73. 6. 9. ¼

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Rev. C de R. Wall stating inability to attend.
  2. Letter from Stewart & More Ltd re:- Fire Station.
  3. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Holborough Road.
  4. Letter from Postmaster General re:- Opening Post Office at 8am.  
Mr. Coleman proposed that application be made to open the Post Office at 8.30am.  
Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.
- 6 & 7. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- fire station Loan.  
Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Clerk write to other sources for loan & rate of interest and submit to finance Committee, to enable them to report to next Council Meeting.  
Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

### Mr. Burke's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Tom Hilder Jnr. Be appointed Deputy Clerk without remuneration. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Chas' Godfrey.  
Chairman.  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1922.

### **Meeting of the Council.** **Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1922.** **At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs. Godfrey (chairman), Penny (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Wall, Hodgkinson, Smith, Thomson, Hawks, Butcher, Monk, Coleman, May, Wilford and the Clerk T. Hilder and Assistant Clerk T. Hilder Jnr.

### Minutes.

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

It was decided that the Clerk write again to Mr. H.T. Chapman respecting the Holboro' Rd.

### Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Willow Walk had been thoroughly repaired. 50 loads of Ashes, having been used in the work. The best of thanks of the Council are due to Mr. Smith for supplying the Ashes free of cost.

Mr. Thomson also reported that a Horse & Heifer had died on the Brook.

### Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Tenants encroaching on the footpaths had been notified, and they had rectified the matter.

He proposed that Six Boundary Stones be purchased and that price for Concrete Blocks 3'6" x 8' be obtained from B.T.C.M. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried. Mr. May proposed that Owen Burrlock be requested to clean his Allotment forthwith, failing which to have notice to quit. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 1138 and the fees amounted to £11.5.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1183 and £12.5.8d.

Mr. Fletcher also gave the Daily Returns for the last month.

The Daily Returns for the first three days in the week were very unsatisfactory, and suggested that Baths be closed those three days. Mr. Monk proposed that for the next month the Baths be opened on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2pm. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

### Cemetery Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that additional inscription for Miss Mary Gorham's Grave Stone be approved by the Council. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

### Plan & Inscription of Headstone.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Headstone & Kerb for Mrs. Durling's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

### Grass in cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Barnard be asked to take the Grass in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

### Finance.

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

Crowhurst M.	Spiles & C.	11. 10.
Bishop & Others.	Work on Brook.	11. 13. 10.
"	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 3.
Bishop A.	Bundle of Bean Sticks.	9.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairing Room.	1. 11. 8.

“	Repairing Fence.	20. 11. 4.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	52. 11. 3.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	14. 14. 2.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
Wilford J.J.	Repairs to Boiler.	19. 9.
Hayman W.	Coal & Coke.	11. 10. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers ages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
	Total.	£121. 15. 7.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from G.P.O. re:- Opening the Post Office at 8.30 am.  
It was decided to write again, asking the P.M.G. to give the matter further
2. Letter from Mr. Vickery respecting the District Roads.
3. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Tar-Painting Cemetery Paths.  
The Clerk was instructed to see Mr. Hammond respecting the paper in the streets on Sunday morning.
4. Letter from Inland revenue re:- tax.  
The Clerk stated the Minister of Health had not yet given his consent to loan.
5. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Loan.
6. Letter from Public Works Loan Board re:- Loan.
7. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Loan.
8. Letter from Prudential Assurance Co, re:- Loan.
- 9 & 10. Letters from Mr. Jacob re:- Loan.
11. Letter from National Provincial & Union Bank of England
12. Letter from Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.

Mr. Smith proposed that in the interval between now and the next Council Meeting, after receiving the Certificate from the Ministry of Health, the Clerk be instructed to interview Mr. Langridge requesting him, in consequence of the reduction in wages and the price of Materials to revise his estimate. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

### Mr. Burke's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Burke proposed “That it be an instruction to this Council to take immediate steps, in order to procure by purchase or hire by agreement a piece of land situated within the Parish, suitable for or Play or Recreation Ground for the Children of this Parish”. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Messrs. Burke, Fletcher, Hodgkinson, Wilford, Monk, Godfrey and the Rev. C de R. Wall with power to act were appointed a Committee to inquire into this matter and the

Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs Langridge & Freeman and Major Roberts respecting land in Bramley Road and Constitution Hill.

The Clerk was also asked to call Mr. Vickery's attention to hole in the path in Queen's Avenue by Mr. A. M. Smith's, and also the drain by the Congregational Church.

Chas. Godfrey.  
Chairman.  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 1922.

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1922.**  
**At 7.30pm.**

Present Messrs. Godfrey (Chairman), Penny. (Vice-Chairman), Hodgkinson, Wall, Thomson, Burke, Coleman, Fletcher, May, Wilford, Hawks and T. Hilder the Clerk & T. Hilder. Deputy Clerk.

Minutes.

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

Mr. Burke apologised for not attending the Recreation Ground Committee Meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Clerk's Office.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 706 and the fees amounted to £6.15.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 625 and £6.18.1d.

The arrangement for opening the Baths on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2pm and all day on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays having proved unsatisfactory. Mr. Wall proposed that the Baths be open on Tuesdays at 2pm, and all day Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays and closed on Mondays and Wednesdays. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

It having been stated that Mr. Philip Champion a former member of the Council had died. Mr. Wilford proposed that a vote of Condolence be passed & notified to Mrs Champion. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk obtain a new Register of Burials. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Finance.

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

Hinds. C.W.	Repairs to Gates. Allotments.	1. 1. 0.
Monk. A.J.	Nails for Brook.	1. 9.

Reeves. Frank.	Income Tax. Allotments.	1. 18. 8.
Bishop & Others.	Work on Brook.	1. 11. 7.
“	1 N.H.I. Stamp.	10.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs & Oil.	3. 6.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 15. 4.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
“	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Monk. A.J.	Glosso.	9.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance.	3. 9.
Reeves Frank.	Income Tax.	3. 2. 4.
Stedman. A.	Salts & C.	1. 7.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	4 Chal' of Coke.	5. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	6. 23. 9.
Reeves Frank.	Income Tax.	4. 19. 10.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
	Total.	£43. 2. 0.

Mr. Penny proposed that Mr. Hind's account for new Ladder for the Scavenging Cart, amounting to one Pound be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

The Chairman read a Bill notifying Meeting for an inquiry by the Ministry of Health respecting the loan for the new Fire Station to be held on Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 am.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from the G.P.O. re:- Postal Facilities.

2. Kelly T. “ “ “ “ “

3. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- 'Slat' on Bridge on Willow Walk.

4. Letter from Secretary of British Legion asking to be allowed to hold a service at the Cenotaph, and inviting the attendance of the Council and the Fire Brigade.

Mr. Wilford proposed that permission be given. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

5. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Gully by the Congregational Church.

6. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Slat on Bridge.

7. Letter from A.P.C.M. re:- Boundary Stones

8. “ “ “ to cost £3.0.0d.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the price of Three Pounds at the Burham Works and that Mr. Prett be employed to fetch the Stones. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

9. Letter from The Ministry of Health re:- Loan.

10. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Meeting in the Holborough Road.



11. Letter from The Coroner re:- Fee at Inquest.

12. Letter from The S.E. & C. Ry. Co re:- Rate Appeal

13. Letter from Mid Kent water giving analysis of water for the month of April.

Holborough Road.

Mr. Coleman proposed that the owners of Covey Hall, Prospect Place and Mr. Ashby's be approached in respect of allowing the front wall to be put back in line with Mr. Roberts wall & Mr. Thomson's Fence, and a Committee consisting of Messrs. Godfrey, Penny, Wilford, Coleman and Hawks be appointed to interview the owners. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Report of Recreation Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that a letter had been received for Major Roberts, who valued his land at £400 per acre, and from Messrs Langridge & Freeman who offered 7 acres for £900. On account of the large initial cost and the amount which would be required in fencing and laying out, the Committee could not recommend the Council to proceed farther in the matter.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk be instructed to ask Messrs Langridge & Freeman to lease the land to the Council for a term of years. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Burke's Motion.

Mr. Burke in accordance with previous Notice of Motion, proposed that this Council do urge the Kent Education Committee to proceed with the building of a Central School in Snodland. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson.

After some discussion and explanation Mr. Burke agreed to withdraw his resolution. Sine die.

Mr. May proposed that the District Council be asked to remove Hedge and make up the Path in Paddlesworth Lane opposite Cox's Farm. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Chas' Godfrey.  
Chairman.  
August 8<sup>th</sup> 1922.

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

**At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs Godfrey(Chairman), Penny (Vice-Chairman).Hodgkinson, Thomson, Smith, Fletcher, Wall, May, Coleman, Hawks, Butcher, Monk, 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 a Heifer had been found dead on the Brook – owner of which was Mr. George Tomlin.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that if a similar case occurs, a Veterinary Surgeon be employed, to make a Post Mortem, with the view of ascertaining the cause of death. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bather for the last four weeks to be 869 and the fees amounted to £8.13.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 953 and £9.14.1d.

### Finance.

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

Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance. (Employees).		3.	4.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Cottage.			4. 6.
“ “	“	Cem' & Mort.			11. 7.
Knight & CO.	Register of Burials.				2. 8. 3.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.				11. 15. 4.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.				9. 8.
“	1 Deep Grave.				1. 0.
“	Help for Deep Grave.				3. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Fire Station.			4. 6.
“ “	“	Cottage.			6. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	Fire Station.			1. 0.
“ “	“	Baths.			8. 1.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.				5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.				9. 8.
		Total.			£26. 5. 4.

### Correspondence.

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

2. Letter from Mrs. Champion re:- Letter of Condolence.

3. Ministry of Health re:- Loan.

The Rev C de R Wall proposed that the building the new Fire Station be commenced at once.

Seconded b Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Messrs. J. Nichols and Son be given 14 day notice from the 9<sup>th</sup> to clear away their paper & vacate the premises. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

4. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Path in Paddlesworth Lane.

5. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Land.

6. Letter from British Legion re:- Parade & Service.

7. Letter from Mr. Jacobs re:- Loan.

8 & 9. Two letters from St. Johns Ambulance re:- Appeal for funds.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Council undertake a house to house collection in aid of The St. Johns Ambulance Association whose work and claim on the Public had been so lucidly and ably placed before the Council by Mr. J.C. Dunk.

Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a small Committee be formed with power to act.

Consisting of Messrs Penny, Fletcher, Butcher, May, Coleman, Monk and Wall.

Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Conveyance.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 895 to Mrs Emma Louisa Gray be signed by the Council. Mr. Hawks seconded and it as carried.

#### Kerb.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Marble Kerb for Mrs. Kate Reynold's Grave No. 882 be approved by the Council. Seconded b Mr. Smith and carried.

#### Receipt.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a receipt for £150 under the Burials Acts be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

#### Lighting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk wait on Mr. Ball, with the view of obtaining terms for lighting the Parish during the coming winter, and that the said terms be submitted to the whole of the Council as a Committee. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Chas. Godfrey.

Chairman.

September 12<sup>th</sup> 1922.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 1922**

**At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs, Godfrey (Chairman), Penny (Vice-Chairman), Hodgkinson, Fletcher, Parris, Burke, Thomson, Wall, Smith, Hawks, Coleman, Butcher, 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 979 and the fees amounted to £9.13.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1182 and £11.18.11d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 1 cwt of Soap be purchased for the use of the Baths. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

#### Finance.

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

A.P.C Manufacturers Ltd.	6 Boundary Stones.	3. 0. 0.
Burns. L.	Carting on Brook.	1. 2. 6.
Prett. F.	Carting Boundary Stones.	11. 6.
Bond. Miss.	Receipt Book.	4. 6.
Bishop & Semark.	Erecting Boundary Stones.	1. 11. 1.
“	1 N.H.I. Stamps.	2. 5.
Stevens. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary. Part.	2. 0. 0.
Prudential Ass. Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	15. 9. 9.
Barnes. L.	Carting Chalk.	2. 2. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Salary.	14. 14. 2.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
Judges. A.	Caretakers salary.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
	Total.	£47. 16. 8.

#### Deputation.

A Deputation consisting of Messrs. Henman & Flint, waited on the Council to state the very great inconvenience caused by the flooding of the Holborough Road after the rain on Sunday evening, and to ask the Council to do their utmost to get the matter remedied.

Mr. Henman said the cause of the trouble lay in the blocking the Manhole at the back of Covey Hall Cottage Gardens.

The Chairman promised on behalf of the Council to take immediate steps to put the matter right.

#### Correspondence.

1. Census Report 1921.

2. Three letters from Mr. Jacob re:- Loan.

3. Letter from A.M. Smith re:- School Manager.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that Mr. Smith be asked to continue in Office to the end of the term of 3 years. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

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

#### Lighting.

Mr. Godfrey gave a report of the Committee Meeting of the whole Council.

The Committee decided.

1. To light 10 extra Lamps.

2. To light the Lamps two weeks in September and two weeks in April
3. That the following be sites for the 10 extra Lamps.

1. Queen's Avenue. (chapel). 2. Mr. Edgeler's in May Street. 3. Corner of Waghorn Road. 4. Birling Road. 5. Foot of Rookery Hill. 6. Orchard Cottages. 7. by the New Road. Holborough. 8. Portland Place. 9. Penrhyn Terrace. 10. The Groves by Terrys.

Mr. Wall proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

#### Contract for Lighting.

The Chairman read the report giving full terms for lighting the Street Lamps for 1922-3. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Council accept the contract as submitted by the Mid Kent Gas Co. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Lamp at the Bull Corner be extinguished at 12 O'clock instead of 10.30. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

#### Mortgage Deed.

The Chairman read The Mortgage Deed, between the Council and the London, County Westminster and Parr's Bank for the loan of £500.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Deed be executed, and that the Chairman and Messrs. Smith and Burke sign the Deed & Mr. Penny to witness all the signatures. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Parris proposed that The Conveyance of Grave Space No. 869 to Mrs. Charlotte Flint be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Mr. Burke gave Notice of Motion re:- Recreation Ground.

#### Postal Dispatch to Maidstone.

The Chairman stated at present the arrangements at the Post Office allowed a letter posted after 9.30am, to reach its destination in Maidstone the next morning. He thought an additional dispatch the same day, would be of benefit to the public.

Mr. Coleman proposed that application be made to the Post Master General to have a second dispatch to Maidstone to ensure delivery the same day, also that the Post Office be opened at 8.45. am instead of nine. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Holboro' Road.

Mr. Parris proposed that the Clerk write to the County Surveyor urging the necessity of carrying out improvements in the Holborough Road be Prospect Place. Seconded by Mr. Penny & Carried.

Chas. Godfrey.

Chairman.

October 10<sup>th</sup> 1922.

**Meeting of the Council.**  
**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> 1922.**  
**At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs. Godfrey (Chairman), Penny (Vice-Chairman). Fletcher, Parris, Thomson, Wall, Coleman, Smith, Butcher, Burke, May, Monk, Hawks, Wilford, the Clerk T. Hilder and the Deputy Clerk T. Hilder. Jnr.

Minutes.

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

Arising out of the Minutes, the Clerk was requested to notify the Gas Co. that the lighting was rather irregular.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Mr. Carslaw's cows had twice strayed on to the Malling Road Allotments and done considerable damage to the Vegetables.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 648 and the fees amounted to £6.7.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 807 and £8.5.10d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Smith proposed that 1 Chaldron of Coke be purchased for use at the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Finance.

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

Stevens. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	4. 0. 0.
Hinds. C. W.	Repair of Brook Gate.	1. 7. 6.
Hinds. C. W.	Rubber.	1. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 15. 4.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
“	2 Deep Graves.	2. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Removing Lanterns.	5. 0.
Hilder. T.	Oath & Fare.	3. 6.
Ellis & Ellis.	Costs of Preparing Meeting Room	17. 0. 6.
Mid Kent Water.	Water Supply.	5. 17. 9.
Hayman. W. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	11. 14. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 15. 10.
“	5 N. H. I. Stamps.	12. 1.
	Total.	£59. 4. 8.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Contract for Lighting.

2. Two Letters from P.M.G. granting second dispatch to Maidstone.

3. Letter from Ellis & Ellis re:- Mortgage Deed.

4. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Holborough Road.

Mr. Wall proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. H.J. Chapman calling his attention to large puddles of water in the Holborough Road, the top of May Street and opposite Veles.

Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

5. Letter from Mr. F. King complaining of damage done to the Malling Road Allotments by Mr. Carslaw's cows, and asking the Council to assist the tenants in obtaining compensation from Mr. Carslaw. Mr. Wall moved that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Carslaw, stating that the Cows had made a second incursion into the Allotments, and that the Council hoped he would repair the fence and compensate for damage. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Thos' Whittaker offering money on loan.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Draycon be employed to clear out the Gutters at the Cemetery, and repair where necessary. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

#### Scavenging.

Mr. Thomson proposed that tenders for Scavenging the Parish for the year 1922-3 be invited by inserting an advertisement in the Kent Messenger. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

#### Mr. Burke's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Burke in accordance with his Notice of Motion proposed that the Clerk be instructed to offer Messrs Langridge and Freeman £30 per year for the lease of the land in Bramley Road for a Recreation Ground.

#### Mr. Wall's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Wall in accordance with previous Notice of Motion, proposed that steps be taken to regulate and reduce the speed of the Motor traffic in the Parish, that the County Council be asked to erect Notice Boards at each end of the Parish, and that the Serjeant of the Police be notified. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

#### Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription for the Kerb to be placed round E.R. Knott's Grave No.856 be approved by the Council. Carried.

Chas' Godfrey.

Chairman.

November. 14<sup>th</sup> 1922.

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

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

**At 7.30pm.**

Present Messrs Godfrey. (Chairman), Fletcher, Wall, Thomson, Hodgkinson, Coleman, Smith, Monk, Butcher, Wilford, May, Hawks, Burke, 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. May proposed that the usual amount of griping and ditching be done on the Brook this year. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

#### Stiles.

Mr. May reported that the two Stiles in the path leading from Bramley Road to the Rookery Farm needed alteration in order to allow the easy passage of fully grown persons. He proposed that Mr. Carslaw be requested to make the necessary alterations & improvements. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Owen English be asked to open up the path leading from the dust dump to Paddlesworth. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 640 and the fees amounted to £6.11.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 718 and £7.7.8d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Baths be closed on Tuesdays, and only opened on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays after next Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> May of November. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that there was a great lack of store room at the Cemetery and it was decided to hold a Committee Meeting at the Cemetery as soon as possible to consider the matter.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker at the Cemetery be presented with a ton of Coals this Christmas as usual. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

#### Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Allotments.	Malling Rd.	11. 8 ¼
“	“	“	Birling Lands.	1. 4. 7.
“	“	“	Oast House Field.	9. 2. ½
“	“	“	“	14. 9.
“	“	“	The Brook.	12. 3. ½
“	“	“	The Cemetery.	2. 7. 3.
Rural District Council.		Tar-Painting.		29. 10. 7.
Hayman. Ltd.		1. Chaldron Coal.		1. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.		Water Rate. Cottage.		4. 6.
“		“ Cemetery & Mort'		11. 7.



Prudential Ass. Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	52. 15. 5.
Mummery. S. W.	Caretakers Wages.	14. 14. 2
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
“	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Repairing Lamps & C.	4. 4. 9.
Hilder. T.	Rates. Cottage.	2. 13. 9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate Cottage.	6. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Station.	4. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 0.
Hook. Miss.	½ yrs Rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0
Wilkinson & Son.	½ yrs Annuity.	7. 10. 0.
Dedrick F.S.	1 cwt' of Soap.	3. 14. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	7. 1. 9.
Hayman. W. Ltd.	6 Chaldron of Coke.	6. 0. 0.
Rogers. T.	Repairs & Painting.	17. 6. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	8. 9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
Langridge. R.T.	Fire Station a/c.	275. 0. 0.
	Total.	£438. 16. 10.

Mr. Smith proposed that the account of the Kent Messenger, advertising Scavenging, amounting to 15/-, be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from British Legion re:- Parade & Service.

2. Letter from Ellis & Ellis re:- Cheque for Expenses.

3. Letter from Mr. Dunk re:- Ambulance Collection.

4. Letter from County Council re:- Motor Notices.

5. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Drains at Cottage and Fire Station.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the action of the Chairman in ordering the work to be done, be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Mason re:- Light Railway across Oast House Field.

Mr. Wilford proposed that as far as they were able the sanction of the Council be given to Major Roberts to take a Light Railway across the path from Church Fields to Holborough, by the Railway Arch on to the Marches. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

7. Letter from County Council re:- Surface Water.

8. Letter from Mr. Grieg. re:- Train through Playground.

9. Two letters from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the months of September and October.

Tenders for Scavenging.

There were two Tenders for Scavenging.

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

The tenders were.

Albert Cook.	£250.	£250.
J. Hammond.	£245.	£290.

Mr. May proposed that the Council recommend the District Council to accept Mr. Albert Cook's tender. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Wilford proposed, Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was resolved to issue a receipt on the Overseers for £200 under the Lighting Act.

Mr. Hodgkinson's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Hodgkinson in accordance with previous Notice of Motion proposed that the Council request the District Council to widen the Paddlesworth Lane, so as to make it a serviceable & passable road, and that in the meantime the District Council be asked to allow Mr. Vickery to meet the Parish Council & go over the road. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Tablet.

The matter of the Tablet on the Fire Station was referred to the Finance & Lighting Committee.

Chas' Godfrey.

Chairman.

December 12<sup>th</sup> 1922

**Meeting of the Council.**

**Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

**At 7.30pm.**

Present. Messrs Godfrey (Chairman), Penny (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Wilford, Hodgkinson, Smith, Coleman, May, Burke, Monk and the Deputy Clerk T. Hilder Jnr.

Minutes.

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

Footpaths.

Mr. May proposed that a letter be writes to Mr. English asking him to place a step to each Stile. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Allotments.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Cob to repair the Gate to Holborough Allotments as it would not shut.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 499 and the fees amounted to £5.2.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 500 and £5.0.6d.

#### Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a building to be used as a store, be erected on the South side of the Mortuary, and that three tenders be invited for the job from Messrs, Draycon, Brattle and Wilford - the Committee to have power to act provided that cost does not exceed £20. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 6 Iron-gratings with frames be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 50 Oak Poles to repair the Cemetery Fence, be purchased together with the necessary quantity of Galvanized Nails. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

#### Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	9 Council & 13 Committee Mtgs.	1. 15. 6.
Bishop & Semark.	Work on Brook.	5. 12. 4.
“	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 10.
Withers. E.	Twine.	2. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 15. 4.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
“	2 Deep Graves.	2. 0.
Ministry of Health.	Cost of Inquiry.	5. 14. 2.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	½ cost of lighting Lamps.	112. 14. 8.
Hayman. W. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	2. 4. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
	Total.	£147. 1. 2.

#### Money on Deposit.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the £150 on deposit be transferred to the current account. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Tablet.

Mr. Penny proposed that a Marble Tablet with S.P.C. 1922 & This Site was given by Miss Hook. be placed on the right hand side of the Fire Station. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

#### Maroon.

Mr. Penny proposed that a Maroon be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Penny proposed that the action of the fire Brigade to raise funds to entertain their friends after the opening ceremony, be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

### Fire Station.

Mr. Penny moved that the concrete be broken up & rammed down in the yard at the back of the Fire Station, for a drill ground.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that this matter be referred to the Lighting Committee with the power to act. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Wall, asking to be excused attendance.

2. Letter from Wouldham P.C. re:- Bridge across the river.

Mr. Penny proposed that the support of the Council be given. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the County Council be asked to provide better means of communication across the river Medway at Snodland. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

The Chairman & Clerk to draft the letter.

3. Letter from Langridge & Freeman. re:- Recreation Ground.

4. “ “ “ “ “

5. Letter from Mr. Dunk re:- St John's Ambulance.

It was decided that this matter be deferred.

6. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Relief Work.

7. Letter from Messrs. Wilkinson & Son re:-Annuity.

### Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 904 to Mrs. Ellen Crispin be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

The item on the Agenda re:- Prince of Wales Fund was abandoned as the Clerk had been misinformed on the matter.

Mr. Monk reported that it was possible to get a grant from the United Service Fund for the relief of ex-servicemen & their dependants.

### Condolence.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk write a letter of Sympathy to Mr. Hawks. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Chas' Godfrey.

Chairman.

January 9<sup>th</sup> 1923.