

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 9th 1923.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Deputation.

Mr. Burke moved that the standing orders be suspended in order to receive a Deputation of the unemployed in Snodland.

Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

The Clerk read the letter from Mr. Cogger who headed the Deputation, asking the Council to receive the Deputation.

There were about 30 men in the Deputation and Mr. Cogger appealed to the Council on behalf of the unemployed to form a relief Committee, in order to raise funds to relieve necessitous cases.

Mr. Godfrey assured the Deputation that they had the sympathy of the Council, and promised to give the matter serious consideration.

Mr. Godfrey advised the men to send a Deputation to the Malling Guardians on the matter.

The Deputation then retired.

Public Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 475 and the fees amounted to £4.16.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figured were 447 and £4.10.3d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Boiler and Tanks at the Baths be cleaned out and that Mr. Rogers be employed to do the work. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Kitchen ceiling and the ceiling of the staircase & passage be washed off and distempered, and the walls of the Kitchen, Staircase and Passage be papered, and that tenders be invited from Messrs, Rogers, Brattle, Wilford & Draycon. Mr. Coleman seconded and it was carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that only two tenders were received for the building a store at the Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford. £17.7.6d.

Mr. Draycon. £8.19.0d.

The Committee decided to accept Mr. Draycon's tender.

The Council approved the decision.

Mr. Wilford proposed that seeds to the amount of 10/- be purchased & 6 loads of Manure be provided for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clergymen's fee for conducting the Funeral Service, be collected from the Undertaker by the Clerk, placed in an envelope & given to the Caretaker, who would hand it to the Parson when he signed the book. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Finance.

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

Bishop & Others.	Work on Brook.	10. 14. 5.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 4..
William Hayman Ltd.	1 ton of Coal.	2. 8. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 15. 4.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
James Pain & Sons.	4 ½” Iron, Mortar.	1. 10. 0.
N.F.B. Association	Subscription & Medals.	2. 9. 0.
Mid Kent Water.	Water Supply.	4. 7. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Repairs.	6. 3.
Moore. J.T. & Co.	Glosso, Broom & Mantles.	19. 6.
Wm. Hayman Ltd.	Coke	2. 0. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 15. 10.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
	Total.	<u>£43. 15. 2.</u>

Yard.

Mr. Penny reported that the Lighting Committee had accepted Mr. Langridge's price for laying down the yard at the fire Station. £18. And for the erection of the fence, £25.

Tablet.

He also reported that Miss Hook had agreed to have her name put on the Tablet, which would cost £7.0.0.

Mr. May proposed that the action of the Committee in laying down yard and erecting fence be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Langridge's tender for the Marble Tablet, £7 be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Wall & carried.

The Council decided to allow the G.P.O. to erect the Telephone Pole in the corner inside the yard.

The Clerk was instructed to get the leak at the Cottage stopped.

Petition.

A Petition from the Ratepayers in Malling Road was read, asking to have the Lamp by Mr. Dedrick's in the Malling Road lighted.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter stand over. Seconded by Mr Coleman.
Mr. Burke moved an amendment that the Lamp at Rookery Hill be transferred to the Lamp Standard by Mr. Dedrick's in the Malling Road. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Cogger. re:- Deputation.
2. Letter from Mr. Mummery thanking Council for Coal.
3. Letter from Miss. Hook. re:- Name on Tablet.
4. Letter from Mr. Cobb. re:- Gate at Holboro' Allotments.
5. Letter from S.W. Ring re:- Pilgrims Road.
Mr. Burke moved that the Council support this recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Harris and carried.
6. Letter from Messrs. Nichols & Son re:- Lease.
Mr. Wilford moved that the resolution of Oct' 12th 1920 be rescinded and that Messrs James Nichols & Son be granted a 20 yr lease, at a rent of Ten Pounds per Annum. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.
7. Letter from G.P.O. re:- Telephone pole.
8. Letter from County Council re:- Motor Notices.
9. Letter from Mr. D. Thomson re:- Rats at Refuse Dump.
10. Letter from County Council re:-Communication across ????
11. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co, giving analysis of Water for the month of November.
12. Letter from The British Legion re:- Names on the Cenotaph.
Mr. Burke proposed that this matter be put in hand at once. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Train.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Railway Co. be requested to stop the 9.57 down Train all the week instead of, as at present on Saturday nights only. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Penny gave Notice of Motion for next Meeting:- Re. Godden's Charity.
"That application be made to the Charity Commission for the revision of the terms and regulations of the Charity to cover payment out of the Trust money for the following additional purposes.

1. To assist any Boy or Girl learning a trade – whether bound as an apprentice or not – with fare and School fees to Maidstone or Rochester.
2. To assist apprentice, Boy or Girl, attending Classes at the Technical Schools – Rochester or Maidstone, by paying the School fees and travelling expenses for no more than five sessions, the continuation of time to be left to the discretion of the

Parish Council and report of the School Authorities on the attendance and conduct of the Scholars”.

Relief Committee.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Council form themselves into Committee to discuss the question of unemployment. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council form themselves into a Relief Committee to raise funds to enable them to alleviate the distress in the Parish. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

It was decided to ask Messrs Cogger and Ashenden to join the Committee & write to all the firms & c. in the neighbourhood.

The next Meeting to take place on Tuesday the 16th at 7.30pm.

Chas' Godfrey.

Chairman.

February 13th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 13th 1923.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Major Roberts, required a portion of Oast House Field, now occupied as Allotments, to erect a cement factory, and had promised land abutting on the new road for the replacement Allotment holders, and also reasonable compensation for disturbance.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Council get into communication with Mr. Cobb, the agent in reference to compensation, and new land for Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 556 and the fees amounted to £5.18.3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 531 and £5.7.7d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed the 3 Firebricks, and three pieces of paper be purchased for Mr. Penny at the Cottage. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Finance.

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

Hinds. C. W.	Repair of Lock.	2. 0.
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Reeves. F.	Tax on Allotments. B.L.'s	1. 1. 11
"	"	10. 5.
"	"	6. 15. 0.
Bishop & Others.	Work on Brook.	16. 3. 10.
"	9 N.H.I. Stamps.	15. 5.
Batcheller & Sons.	50 x 5ft Cleft Oak Poles.	1. 5. 0.
"	Carting.	2. 6.
Barnard. J.	6 loads of Manure.	1. 1. 0.
Prett. F.	Carting Manure.	18. 0.
Dobbie & Co.	Seeds.	11. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	4. 6.
"	" Mort' & Cemt'	11. 7.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	14. 14. 2.
"	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
"	One Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Reeves. F.	Income Tax.	2. 12. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	1. 8.
Hambrook. A.N.	Map & Bills.	19. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	4. 6.
"	"	6. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Tickets & Return Sheets.	3. 11. 0
Burrow. A.	24. Bus' Fire Wood.	12. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co'	Gas a/c.	2. 2. 2.
Wm' Haywood Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	3. 4. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
Reeves. F.	Income Tax. A	4. 3. 3.
"	" D	1. 5. 0.
	Total.	<u>£70. 17. 8.</u>

Mr. Penny proposed that C.W. Hinds bill shutting tyres of Dust Cart amounting to £1 be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher & carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Ashenden re:- Names on Cenotaph.

2. Letter from Messrs. Nichols & Son. re:- Lease.

It was decided to allow him to have option of renewal of 21 years at £10 per annum.

3. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Deposit Book.

4. Letter from Mr. Souter re:- Sludge Cart.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Council try to purchase a second-hand Sludge Cart.

Seconded by Mr. Monk & carried.

5. Letter from Mr. Wilford re:- Storeroom at the Cemetery. Mr. Draycon's contract countermanded ended. Mr. Fletcher proposed that the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Witcombe re:- Letters on Cenotaph.

7. Letter from Southern Railway re:- Train.

8. “ “ “ “ “ “

9. Letter from County Council re:- Drain in High Street.

Grave Space.

Mr. Coleman proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 903 to the Rev. Joseph Wardle be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Inscription.

Mr. Coleman proposed that the additional Inscription to Mrs. Durling's Headstone be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Penny proposed that a receipt of £150 under the Burials Acts be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Tenders.

Mr. Burke proposed that the lowest Tender for the work at the Baths be accepted.

The Tenders were.

Brattle & Sons.	£2.18.6d.
Rogers. T.	£2.9.6d.
Wilford. J.J.	£1.13.6d.
Draycon. H.R.	£2.2.4d.

Mr. Wilford's Tender was accepted.

Mr. Penny's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Penny proposed that his suggestion be sent to the Charity Commissioner –

1. To assisting Boy or Girl training a trade whether bound as an Apprentice or not – with fare and School fees to Maidstone or Rochester.

2. To assist Apprentice Boy or Girl attending classes at Technical Schools – Rochester or Maidstone by paying the School fees and travelling expenses, for no more than five sessions, the continuation of same to be left to the Trustees, after consideration of report of the School Authorities on the attendance and conduct of the Scholars, and that the Birling Trustees be asked to co-operate with them in the matter.

Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Chas' Godfrey.

Chairman.

March 1st 192

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 1st 1923.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Godfrey (Chairman), Penny (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, May, Burke, Butcher, Coleman, Thomson, Monk, Rev' C de R. Wall, R. Smith, Wilford. The Clerk T. Hilder and the Deputy Clerk T. Hilder Jnr'.

Minutes.

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

Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that he had written four firms inquiring for second-hand Tumbler Sludge Cart.

1. Letter from Mr. Arnold, he had no Cart for sale.

2. Letter from Mr. Lynch, “ “ “ “

3. Letter from Gasson & Son, “ “ “
Mr. R. Hook of Chatham had not yet replied.

4. Letter from Mr. Souter asking to be told what the Council had decided to do in respect of the Sludge Cart, as it had entirely broken down. He had also called since and stated he should recommend the District Council to purchase a new cart which would cost about £60 at the next meeting on March 6th.

The Clerk submitted Mr. F. Abery's estimate to repair the old cart for £17.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Abery's tender be accepted and be requested to proceed with the work at once. Seconded by Mr. Wilford & carried.

In the meantime the Clerk was requested to see Mr. Brattle, and ascertain how long he could go on without the cart, and if necessary to write to Mr. Chapman for loan of cart.

The Bridge.

A letter was read from Mr. N.T. Chapman stating that he and Mr. Chalmers, Chairman of the Roads & Bridges Committee would hold a meeting in the Devonshire Rooms on March 5th at 2.30pm to discuss the question of "Better Communication across the Medway" with representatives of the different Councils interested.

It was decided to support the provision of a subway.

Path at Abbey Mead.

The Clerk was requested to write to Mr. Vickery respecting the bad state of the path between the bridge at the end of the Willow Walk and Abbey Mead Cottage.

Parish Meeting.

Mr. R. Smith proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 20th at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Chas' Godfrey.

Chairman.

March 13th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 13th 1923.
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs, Godfrey (Chairman), Smith, Wilford, Rev. C de R Wall, May, Hawks, Burke, Coleman, Butcher, Thomson, Hodgkinson, T. Hilder. Clerk 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 men working on the Brook would finish their work this week.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that new Allotments had been laid out for those holders who were being displaced by the building of the Factory.

Baths.

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 510 and the fees amounted to £5.4.8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 546 and £5.10.0d.

Finance.

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

Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	4. 1. 7.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan &Interest.	15. 9. 7.
Bishop & Others.	Work on Brook.	14. 7. 8.
"	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	13. 0.
The Clerk.	Postages.	14. 9.
Clegg. W.E.	Preparing Room for Meeting.	1. 6. 0.
Cobb. R.	Rent of Allotments.	4. 17. 6.
Draycon. R.	Repairs.	1. 1. 7.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers wages.	20. 11. 10
"	7. N.H.I. Stamps.	16. 11.
"	One Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Wilford J.J.	Repairs to Cottage.	12. 8.
Vaughan & Son.	Firebricks.	2. 0.
"	Carriage.	3.
Hayman. W. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	1. 4. 6.
Dracon. H.R.	Repairs.	18. 8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Street Lighting.	112. 14. 8.
"	Extra Lamp.	4. 6. 4.
"	Removing Lantern.	4. 8.
Smith. R.	½ yrs Rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Wilford. J.J.	Papering & Whitewashing	1. 18. 6.

Haman. W. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	3. 0. 0.
Venning. C.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Draycon. H.R.	Cord for Pulley.	6. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 11. 8.
“	11. N.H.I. Stamps.	<u>1. 4. 2.</u>
	Total.	<u>£205. 13. 0.</u>

Sludge Cart.

Mr. Smith proposed that Mr. Abery's bill of £17.0.0d. for repairing the Sludge Cart be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment.
Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Mr. Langridge's Bill.

Mr. Burke proposed that £30 be kept back. Seconded b Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a Cheque for £373 be drawn in favour of Mr. Langridge.
Seconded b Mr. Wall and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to call the County Surveyors attention to the hole in the road in the High Street.

Mr. May proposed that the County Council be asked to widen the road at Holboro' between the Prince of Wales inn and the New Road. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs. Butcher & Barlow re:- J. Nichols Lease.
- 2.. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Footpath.
3. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Sludge Cart.
4. Letter from S.H. Ring re:- Motor Cycles in Church Field.
Clerk instructed to see Police.
5. Letter from Mr. J. Smith re:- Buckland Road.
6. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Buckland Road.

Date for Turning Cattle on Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed the 23rd of April as the date for turning Cattle on the Brook.
Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Gatekeeper.

Mr. May proposed that Mrs. Stevens be re-elected Gatekeeper and the fees remain the same as last year. Viz. 7/6 for Cattle & 10/- for Horses. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Draft Report.

The Draft Report of the Parish Council proceedings for the year 1922-3 was read by the Clerk and approved by the Council.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Report be adopted by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Date for Opening the Fire Station.

Mr. Burke proposed that the New Fire Station be opened on Wednesday April 4th. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Mr. Smith proposed the hour for opening be 6pm. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried. It was decided to leave the arrangements with the Fire Brigade Management Committee at a Meeting to take place on Friday the 16th inst. at 7pm, when Mr. Langridge's bill will also be checked.

Chas. Godfrey.
Chairman.
April 17th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday, April 17th 1923.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Mr. Penny be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Rev. C de R. Wall and carried.

Mr. Penny on taking the Chair, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman Mr. Godfrey for the very able way in which he had conducted the business of the Council during the past year. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. W.W. May be elected Vice- Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. J. Fletcher be appointed an Overseer. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that Mr. Smith be appointed an Overseer. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. C. Sims be appointed an Overseer. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried. Mr. Fletcher proposed that Mr. F. Dedrick be appointed an Overseer. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Monk proposed that the Brook and Allotment Committee stand as printed. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Baths and Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Baths & Cemetery Committee stand as printed with the addition of Mr. Godfrey. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Finance and Lighting.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Finance and Lighting Committee stand as printed, with the exception of W. May in the place of J.A. Penny, A. Monk in the place of J.H. Burke, and the addition of C. Godfrey. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Brook Committee had met and decided. To purchase a piece of Timber 12ft long, 1ft wide and 1 ½ " thick to repair the broken trunks. To purchase 24 stakes and ½ cwt barbed wire to repair fence next Ham Hill Brook, the old men doing the work. Mr. Parris proposed that the action of the Brook Committee be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks to be 667 and the fees amounted to £6.9.4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 585 and £5.19.4d.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Allotment holders at Holboro' were being supplied with new ground, and as Mr. Roberts had promised to compensate for less, he hoped to settle the matter satisfactorily.

The Chairman stated in answer to Mr. Thomson that, the substance found in the Brook Ditch was not Chloride of Lime but China Clay, which would not injure the Cattle drinking the water.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the question be referred to the Brook Committee. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Finance.

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

Bishop & Others.	Work on Brook.	11. 12. 9.
“	7. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 2.
Hilder. T. Jnr'	Insurance.	10. 6.
Dobbie & Co.	Seeds.	2. 0.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 8.
“	2. N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 10.
Hilder. T. Jnr'	Insurance.	6. 9.
Mason. J.	Architects Fees.	23. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4. 4. 9.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	<u>4. 5. 0.</u>

Correspondence.

1. Letter from A. Burney. re:- Scavenging.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a letter be written to Mr. Miskin at once asking that immediate steps be taken to remedy the same. Seconded by Mr May and carried.

2. Letter from Miss Hook, congratulating the Council on the completion of the Fire Station.

Mr. Wilford suggested the letter be picked in the Minute Book.

3. Letter from Riley and Co. re:- Fire Brigade Equipment.

4. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:- “

5. Letter from Mr. Jacob. Re:- Overdraft.

6. Letter from The County Surveyor re:- Hole in High Street.

7. Letter from County Surveyor re:- Unemployed.

8. Letter from Mr. Lee re:- Brook Fence.

9. & 10. Two letters from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water for January and March.

Receipt.

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

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 215 to Mr. Ed Lucas be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Draft Lease.

The Draft Lease of land to Messrs. J. Nichols and Son was read by the Clerk.

The Council decided not to be responsible for the property tax, but to have £10 rent clear of all rates and Taxes, also that the company should keep the road at the entrance to the premises in good repair.

Mr. Burke proposed that with these two exceptions the Draft Lease be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Insurance of Fire Station.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Fire Station be Insured for £800. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Map.

Mr. May proposed that the Ordinance Map be hung in the Fire Station. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

J. Penny.
Chairman.
May 8th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 8th 1923.
At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs J.A. Penny (Chairman), W.W. May (Vice-Chairman), R. Smith, J. Fletcher, A. Thomson, W.R. Hodgkinson, Rev' C de R Wall, J. Coleman, H. Hawks, C. Godfrey, A. Monk, T. Hilder. Clerk and T. Hilder Jnr' Deputy Clerk.

Minutes.

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

Allotments.

Mr. W.W. May reported that all the displaced Allotment holders at Holborough had been supplied with new plots.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 499 and the fees amounted to £4.16.8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 441 and £4.9.1d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the Cemetery Committee recommended the Council.

1. To allow the Caretakers Salary to stand as at present till Christmas, when it will come up again for consideration.
2. To build a storeroom next the Greenhouse 15ft x 8ft in the clear, of red bricks and tiles with pair of folding doors at east end.
3. To paint Greenhouse 3 coats outside, and 2 coats inside, repair woodwork where necessary, and put up 6 stays and one shelf.

The last two items to stand over till next Meeting to allow Mr. Wilford to prepare plan & specifications. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Allotments.	M.R.	12. 10 ½
"	"	"	B.L.	1. 7. 1.
"	"	"	O T	16. 3.
"	"	"	"	10. 1. ¾
"	"	The Brook.		13. 6 ½
Dickinson P.	Cheque Book.			1. 3. 2.
Bishop & Others.	Work on Brook.			2. 17. 6.
"	1 N.H.I. Stamp.			2. 5.
Hilder. T.	Rates.			2. 11. 9.
Mummery S.W.	Caretakers Wages.			8. 16. 6.

“	3 N.H.I. Stamps.		7. 3.
“	1 Deep Grave.		1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	Fire Station.	5. 0. 7 ½
“	“	Cottage.	2. 18. 11 ¼ .
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	Fire Station.	2. 4.
“	“	“	3. 4.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance.	“	8. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	Baths.	7. 15. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		1. 9. 0.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Coke.		2. 6. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		9. 8.
			<u>£46. 19. 7 ½</u>

Relief Committee.

Mr. Godfrey reported that the Relief Committee had suspended its action till the Autumn.

The total amount collected was £230.7.7d.

The total amount expended was £182.8.0d.

Incidental Returns £3.19.8d.

Leaving a balance of £43.19.11d.

The total number of tickets issued is 845. Mr. Godfrey proposed that the report be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. May & carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Miss. Hook re:- Fire Station.

2. Letter from Messrs Wilkinson & Son stating that Miss Hook made a present of the site of the new Fire Station to the Council and would require the annuity of fifteen pounds to be no longer paid as from “Michaelmas 1922”.

Mr. R. Smith proposed and Mr. J. Coleman seconded that the best of thanks of the Council be given Miss Hook for her very kind and generous gift. Carried Unanimously.

3. Letter from M.R.D. Council re:- Scavenging.

4. Letter from Butcher & Barlow re:- Lease to J. Nicholson.

5. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Mr. Smith proposed that the modified lease to Messrs James Nichols & Son be agreed to and accepted by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:-County Rate Basis.

7. Letter from St John Ambulance Brigade. re:- Collection.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that this matter be taken up and that Ladies be invited to assist, the whole Council forming the Committee with power to add. Seconded by Mr. Monk and Carried.

Mr. May proposed that the first meeting be held on Tuesday May 15th at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of April.
9. Letter from Inland Revenue re:- Tax.

Sash Lines.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 3 sash lines at Cottage be replaced, and that one sash cord at the Baths be replaced & window frames repaired. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Light at Bull Corner.

The Chairman reported that the Police had asked to have the lamp at the Bull Corner lighted till midnight, as on dark nights this corner was a dangerous spot. He had consulted the Clerk, with the result that orders had been given to light the lamps at once, and he now asked the Council to approve of what had been done.

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

Mr. May proposed that this lamp be lighted throughout the year except two weeks before the longest day and two weeks after subject to approval of Police. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Notice Board.

The Clerk reported the new people at Milton's Shop had asked to have the Notice Board removed from the wall, but had agreed to ask the Manager to allow it to stay.

Wire Fence. Catt's Alley.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Clerk ask Mr. Ball to remove wire fence in Catt's Alley as it was dangerous to the public. Seconded B Mr. Smith and carried.

Danger Sign.

Mr. Coleman proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Chapman and ask him to remove the triangular motor sign in front of his cottages to some more suitable spot – also call his attention to hole in road opposite Mr. Godfrey's house, and the pool of water at the top of May Street.

Seconded b Mr. Wall and carried.

J. Penny

Chairman.

June 12th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 12th 1923.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs. Penny (Chairman) May (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Parris, Hodgkinson, Thomson, Wilford, Godfrey, Butcher, Coleman, 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.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Mr. Roberts had given a cheque for £36.10.8d. To compensate the Allotment holders who were disturbed and the Allottees on the whole were satisfied.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 716 and the fees amounted to £6.19.0d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1128 and £11.5.1d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Mummery in her great trouble at the sudden loss of her Husband, the late Caretaker at the Cemetery – an industrious, hardworking and conscientious man, whose loss is felt by all the Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Withers be asked to dig the Graves during the interregnum. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council advertise for Caretaker – emolument 45/- per week and house – applications to be in by Saturday June 30th. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Advertisement to appear in the Kent Messenger and the Ashford News.

Mr. Wilford reported that he had engaged Wm. Papworth, son-in-law of the late Caretaker to do the work in the Cemetery at a wage of 5/- per day.

He moved that his action be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mrs. Mummery be appointed Caretaker till the new man is appointed, with the same wage as her Husband had been receiving. Viz. £3 per week. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mrs. Mummery be allowed to pick any Grave Space in section C. to bury her Husband. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Wilford submitted plan and specification of proposed new Store Room, and specification for painting the Greenhouse.

Mr. Wilford proposed that tenders be invited for this work. Seconded by Mr. Parris.

Mr. Godfrey moved that the whole matter be adjourned sine die. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Brattle requesting him to repair the zinc trays which are placed round the Cenotaph. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Finance.

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

Bond. Miss.	Financial Statements.		2. 6.
Stevens. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	Part.	2. 0. 0.
The Clerk.	Audit Stamp.		8. 0. 0
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Cottage.	4. 6.
“	“	Cemetery & Mort'	11. 7.
Prudential Assur' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest,		53. 2. 0.
Mummery. S.W.	Caretakers Wages.		14. 14. 2.

“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
“	2 Deep Graves.	2. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Beadle. F.	3 doz' 2" portfires at 2/-	6. 0.
Tobin. W.G.	Rent of Meadow.	5. 0.
Wm. Hayman Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	4. 14. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	<u>7. 8.</u>
		<u>£91. 15. 0.</u>

Mr. May proposed that Mrs. Penny have 3 pieces of Wall Paper & Distemper. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Wall asking to be excused attendance.
2. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Repair to Roads.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Repairs to Fence.
4. Letter from Butcher & Barlow re:- Nichols Lease.

Lease.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the lease be executed and that the Chairman, Mr. Wilford and Mr. Burke sign same and The Clerk witness all three signatures. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a receipt for £150 under the Baths Acts be issued on the Overseers. Mr. May seconded and it was carried.

Conveyance.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 915, section B to Mr. Albert Tong be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Chairs for Fire Station.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council purchase 1 doz' chairs from Mr. Camm at 4/- each, for the Fire Station. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Typewriter.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Council purchase a Typewriter from Mr. Camm for £8. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Broken Kerbs.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the attention of the Council be called to the broken Kerb Stones in Malling Road & Holborough Road and the District Councils attention to the Kerbs in Queens Road & Brook Street. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Stiles.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. English be asked to improve the Stiles in the path leading to Parson's Corner, from the Clay-pit. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.
Mr. Parris proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to the closing of footpaths at Paddlesworth. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. F. Miskin asking for subscriptions for the Somme Memorial Fund.
It was decided to let it lie on the Table.

J. Penny.
Chairman.
July 10th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 10th 1923.
At 6.15pm.

Present. Messrs, Penny (Chairman), Parris, Fletcher, Wilford, Godfrey, Monk, Hawks, Thomson, Burke, Coleman, Smith, Butcher, 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, Mr. Burke proposed that Mrs. Mummery should be paid another weeks salary. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Burke moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to interview the selected candidate for the appointment of Caretaker at the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

The Chairman reported that the Council had met on Monday July 3rd and out of the 51 applications, had selected four to interview by the Council, and make an appointment. The Committee also decided to pay the selected Candidates, return 3rd class Railway Fares, and half-a-crown each for tea.

The Selected Candidates were –

Basil G. Coleman.	Deal.	Aged 31.
Ernest Woolley.	Dover.	“ 51.
F.F. Macey.	Ashford.	“ 34.
J. Evenden	Ashford.	“ 40.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Basil G. Coleman be appointed Caretaker at the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried unanimously.
Mr. Smith proposed that J. Evenden be the second choice. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Compensation.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mrs. Mummery be compensated for the vegetables in the garden when she leaves. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that he had had the grass cut along the Willow Walk.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 556 and the fees amounted to £8.8.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 706 and £6.18.2d.

Finance.

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

Moore. T.J & Co.	Nails, Staples & C.	1. 4. 1.
Smythe. A.F.	Wood for trunks	7. 5.
Hambrook. A.N.	Analysis Book.	3. 6.
Camm. W.	Typewriter.	8. 0. 0.
Reeves. F.	Tax on Allotments.	1. 1. 11.
“	“	10. 4.
Bishop & Others.	Work on Brook.	1. 12. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Scythe, Rubbers.	12. 3.
Kentish Express.	Advertisement.	13. 0.
Moore. T.J. & Co.	Hoe & Shovel.	7. 6.
Mummery. Mrs.	Caretakers Salary.	19. 3. 8.
“	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	19. 4.
Camm. W.	12 Chairs.	2. 8. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 8.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairs.	11. 11.
Hambrook. A.N.	250 Notices of Meeting,	7. 6.
Moore. T.J. & Co.	Oil, Mantle, Tapers & C.	13. 6.
Reeves. F.	Tax on Cottage.	1. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	9. 2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4. 16. 9.
Moore. T. & Co.	Lifebuoy & M. Brand	12. 0.
Reeves. F.	Income Tax.	4. 3. 3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
		<u>£56. 16. 5.</u>

Correspondence.

1. Letter from J.C. Dunk, St. Johns Ambulance Brigade thanking the Council for donation.
2. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Footpaths at Paddlesworth.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of June.
4. Letter from British Legion, asking permission to hold Memorial Service at Cenotaph on Sunday July 29th. Decided to grant permission.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan of Kerb and small Headstone for Miss Wardle's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan of Iron Kerb for William Thomas Wood's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan & inscription of Stone Tablet to be placed on William Brook's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Scavenging Cart.

Three tenders for the repair and painting the Scavenging Cart were received by the Council.

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

The tenders were -.

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| 1. Mr. Gladdish | £20.5.0d. |
| 2. Mr. Hinds. | £21.0.0d. |
| 3. Mr. Abery. | £30.0.0d. |

Ditch.

Mr. Godfrey complained about the smell arising from the ditch by Mr. Hind's Forge.

Cheap Trains.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk ask the Railway Co. to issue cheap tickets at Snodland Station, similar to those issued at Maidstone and Strood. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Balance Sheet.

Mr. Godfrey submitted the Balance Sheet of the Relief Committee, which had been duly audited by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Godfrey proposed the Mr. T. Hilder Jnr' be paid five pounds as an honorarium out of the funds. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

J.J. Penny.

Chairman

August 14th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 14th 1923.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Penny (Chairman), Hodgkinson, Burke, Fetcher, Wall, Smith, Godfrey, Wilford, 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.

Dust Cart.

The Clerk reported that he had found the Dust Cart needed 3 coats of paint to make a good job, and had arranged with the painter to give it three coats for the extra sum of £2.

Mr. Burke proposed that the action of the Clerk be approved by the Council.
Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Burke gave Notice of Motion for next meeting, respecting honorarium to Mr. T. Hilder Jnr for services rendered. Mr. Hilder, having refused to receive anything from the relief fund.

Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Agreement with Caretaker.

The agreement with the Caretaker at the Cemetery, Basil George Coleman was read and approved by the Council and signed by all parties concerned.

Mr. Wilford proposed, that as the house was not yet available, the Caretaker be paid for his lodgings, the rent of house at Deal, his own & his wife's third class fare from Deal and the extra 1/- for the deep graves.

Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 1079 and the fees amounted to £10.3.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1032 and £10.5.6d.

Finance.

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

Stevens. Mrs.	Brook-keepers Salary. Part.	1. 0. 0.
Witcombe & Son.	Adding two names to Cenotaph.	19. 6.
Draycon. H.R.	Fixing Gate & C.	3. 18. 0.
Coleman & Others.	Candidates Fares.	2. 9. 2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	4. 6.
"	"	11. 7.
Mummery, Withers, Coleman.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 4. 0.
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 3.
Betts. W.C.	Repairs Fireman's Boots.	6. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Langridge.R.	Balance of Account.	30. 1. 9.
William Hayman Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	6. 17. 0.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	14. 9.
Rogers. F.	Repairs.	5. 17. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	5. 15. 10.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
		<u>£75. 13. 5.</u>

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Mace asking for job for Husband.

2. Letter from World Stores re:- Notice Board.
3. Letter from Mr. D. Thomson re:- Rats at Dust Dump.
Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that he be referred to the District Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.
4. Letter from Charity Commissioners re:- Sale of old Fire Station.
5. Letter from Mr. Golding re:- Accident to his Child.
Letter from Messrs. Ellis & Ellis re:- Compensation.
Mr. Smith proposed that the Clerk write to Messrs Ellis & Ellis, admitting no liability and explaining that no fence had been repaired since the accident. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.
6. Letter from G.P.O. re:- Repair of yard & Slates at Fire Station.
7. Letter from Railway Co. re:- Cheap Trains.
8. “ “ “ “ “
It was decided to write again.
9. Letter from Water Co. re:- waste of Water.
10. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Reduction in price of Gas.

House at Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk serve a statutory notice to quit on Mrs Ellen Curtin Mummery, and a Police Court Emergency Summons. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Contract for Lighting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Clerk interview Mr. Ball, with the view of obtaining a price for lighting the Parish during the coming winter on similar lines as last year, and that the next meeting take place on the 4th of September to approve or otherwise of the same. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Iron Fence.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the iron fence to be put round Mr. Hatch's Grave be approved by the Council and that the fee of 10/- be charged, and that no more of these fences will be allowed till the matter has been considered by the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

W.W. May.

Chairman.

September 4th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 4th 1923.
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs May (Chairman), Parris, Thomson, Burke, Hodgkinson, Coleman, Smith, Butcher, Wall, Hawks, Monk, the Clerk T. Hilder and the Deputy Clerk T. Hilder. Jnr.

Mr. Penny sent note asking to be excused attendance.

Minutes.

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

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the whole of the compensation had been paid to the Holborough Allotment Holders.

Baths.

Mr. Burke reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 425 and the fees amounted to £4.2.6d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 634 and £6.5.6d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that tenders be invited for the painting & repair of the greenhouse at the Cemetery from Messrs. Brattle, Rogers, Wilford and Draycon. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Committee have power to act, and that a time limit be fixed. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the fee for Iron Kerb be doubled – one guinea instead of half a guinea. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Council purchase a load of white sand for potting purposes. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Finance.

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

Bond. W.	Financial Statement.	1. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance Premium.	3. 9. 9.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest	15. 18. 4.
Stevens. Mrs.	Gatekeepers salary. Part.	1. 10. 0.
Post Office.	Stamp on Agreement.	6.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Salary.	12. 14. 10.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers salary.	5. 17. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
		<u>£40. 8. 4.</u>

Correspondence.

1. Letter from C.W. Hinds re:- prizes & cupboard.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the purchase of the cupboard be referred to the Finance & Lighting Committee. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

2. Letter from J. Brattle & others asking to have a lamp in front of the eight Cottages by the Cottage Home, and three new lamps in Bedlam Lane.

Mr. Smith proposed that the matter be referred to the Lighting Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

3. Letter from Mr. Souter re:- Rats at dump

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk write to the Rural District Council, stating that the Rats had manged and liable to spread disease. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

4. Letter from Messrs Wilkinson & son re:- Strip of land by the Church Yard.

Mr. Burke moved that the Clerk ascertain the price of same. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

5. Letter from The Treasurer re:- Loan.

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

Contract for Lighting.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that the Lamps be lighted from October 1st to March 31st 1924. Seconded by Mr. Wall, the Lighting Committee to have power to start earlier if necessary. Carried.

Mr. Monk moved that the Contract of the Mid Kent Gas Co to light 53 Lamps from Oct' 1st to March 31st 1924 at £3.12.9d per Lamp be accepted. – If extra time is needed each Lamp to be charged 2/9 per week.

Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Grave Space No. 912 Conveyance to Mrs Towers and the Conveyance of Grave Space 919 to Mr Trowell be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr Hawks and carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Butcher proposed that a receipt for One Hundred Pounds for general Purposes be issued on the Overseers. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it as carried.

Mr. Burkes Notice of Motion.

In accordance with previous Notice of Motion, Mr. Burke moved that the sum of five Pounds be granted Mr. T. Hilder Jnr. for special services rendered to the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

It was decided that the Clerk call the County Council's attention to bumps in Malling Road footpath & Footpath in High Street.

J. Penny.
Chairman.
October 9th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 9th 1923.
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs. Penny (Chairman), May (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Wilford, Thomson, Burke, Smith, Coleman, Wall, Hawks, Monk, Godfrey, 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 was 718 and the fees amounted to £6.17.0d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 530 and £8.3.8d.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that there are 54 Allotments at Holborough now in the place of 52 previously.

Fence.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Roberts be asked to put up a fence by the Allotments at Holboro'. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. May proposed that a notice board be erected in the Holboro' Allotments threatening trespassers & thieves with prosecution and that Mr. Wilford be employed to do the work. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that Mrs. Mummery had moved out of the Cemetery Cottage. Mr. Wilford reported that the work of painting and repairs of the Greenhouse had been completed satisfactorily – several extra items had been done, the cost of which amounted to £3.2.6d, also 16 extra squares of glass. Mr. Wilford proposed that the action of the Committee be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

The Council approved the action of the Clerk in obtaining the services of a Solicitor re:- Mummery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Cottage had been papered and whitewashed &c, by J.J. Wilford.

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

Mr. Wilford proposed that a Committee Meeting take place at the Cemetery on Saturday at 3pm. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Finance.

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

Wilford. J.J.	Repairing Notice Board.	17. 7.
Cobb R.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	4. 17. 6.
Stevens. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	1. 10. 0.
Alexander & Co.	Load of sand & Cartage.	6. 6.
Gates & Waller.	“ “	6. 6.
Wood. Ed'	Sweeping Chimneys.	4. 6.
Dobbie & Co.	1lb of Grass Seed.	3. 3.
Brennan & Brennan	Costs in re:- Mummery	1. 11. 6.
Wilford.J.J.	Painting Greenhouse & C.	16. 12. 0
Cozens & Roberts.	Removing Caretaker from Deal.	10. 0. 0.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Wages.	15. 9. 2.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
Merryweather & Son.	20 Leather Washers.	14. 0.
Burrow. A.	24 Bus' fire wood.	12. 0.
William Hayman Ltd.	Coke	2. 6. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	6. 3. 9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers salary.	5. 17. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
		<u>£68. 13. 0.</u>

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Gladdish's account for painting the Dust Cart be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment £22.5.8d. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from R.D. Council re:- Rats.
2. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Repair to Kerb & C.
3. Letter from Mr. Brennan re:- Mrs. Mummery.
4. “ “ “ “
5. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lighting Lamps.
6. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of September.
7. Letter from British Legion inviting the Council to attend a service to be held at the Parish Church on November 11th. The Council decided to attend.

Mr. Smith reported that the Iron Channel in the path in front of Lyndhurst Villa was raised above the level of the surface, and very dangerous. He proposed that the County Council's attention be called to the matter. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Smith proposed that an advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger inviting tenders for Scavenging the Parish during the year 1924. Mr. Thomson seconded and it was carried.

Kerb.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the iron Kerb to be placed on Grave 667 be approved by the Council and the maker be instructed to imbed the legs in concrete. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Holborough Road.

Mr. May proposed that the County Council be asked to take steps to get the Holborough Road widened. Mr. Monk seconded and it was carried.

Unemployed.

Mr. Burke proposed that the District Council be asked to do something towards providing work for the unemployed in the Parish of Snodland. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Relief Committee.

Mr. May proposed that the Relief Committee be called together on Tuesday October 20th in the Devonshire Rooms at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

J.J. Penny. Chairman. November 13th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 13th 1923.

At 7.30pm.

Present Councillors, Penny (Chairman), May (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Parris, Wilford, Burke, Coleman, Hodgkinson, Thomson, Godfrey, Butcher, Wall, 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 Ditching and Gripping on the Brook, be carried out as usual. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 581 and the fees amounted to £5.17.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 640 and £6.11.10d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the work of whitewashing, papering, painting & varnishing the Cemetery Cottage had been carried out satisfactorily, and that the Caretaker had replaced two panes of glass in the Greenhouse, which had been smashed by accident.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the matter of the new stove for the Caretaker be left to the Committee with power to act, and report to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Finance.

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

Stevens. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary. Bal'	2. 0. 0.
Cobb. R.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	4. 17. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	5.
"	"	10.
"	"	4 ¾
"	"	10. 8.
Kent Messenger.	Advertisement.	15. 0.
Hilder.	Rates.	2. 8. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	4. 6.
"	"	11. 7.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	53. 5. 10.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairs to Cottage.	13. 7. 3.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers salary.	10. 19. 2.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
"	Railway Fare.	7. 2.
Stedman. A.	Carbolic Acid.	2. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 8.
"	Lamp at Bull Corner.	3. 13. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	4. 13. 4.
"	"	2. 14. 8.
Wm' Hayman.	Coal & Coke.	5. 16. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	8. 3.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	7. 4. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 15. 10.
"	5. N,H,I. Stamps.	12. 1.
		<u>£121. 16. 2. ¾</u>

Fire Brigade.

Mr. May read the report of the Fire Brigade Committee. He proposed that the cupboard as per plan be supplied and that tenders be asked from Messrs. Hinds, Draycon. Wilford and Brattle, also that Mr. Monk supply the door mats and a blind. Seconded b Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Footpaths.

Mr. Parris reported that the path between Birling Road through Bishop Reeds was in a dangerous state and that Mr. Alfred Terry be asked to repair it. Seconded by Mr. Hogkinson and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Sillibourne re:- Rent of Charity Land at Ivychurch.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas. re:- Lamp at Bull Corner.

3. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Unemployment.

4. Letter from Mr. Rust re:- Shed on Allotment.

Mr. May proposed that Mrs. Rotherham be given 6 months notice to clear away the Shed. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

5. Letter from Mr. Miskin asking for loan of Tumbler Cart to empty Cesspool at the Council Cottages Birling and promising to credit the Snodland special account with 5/- each time it is used.

The Clerk reported that he had lent the Cart.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that the action of the Clerk be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Ditch in Allotments.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the clearing of the ditch be left in the hands of the Allotment Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

7. Letter from Mr. Cobb re:- Allotment Agreement.

8. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Rats & Dump.

Decided that new dump be referred to the Brook Committee & the Clerk write to District Council.

9. Letter from County Council re:- Holboro' Road.

10. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Jobs in Snodland.

11. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Unemployment.

Mr. Godfrey moved that a letter be sent to the Rural District Council urging them to push matters on and start relief work. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

The Clerk was also requested to suggest to the District Council the great improvement of making a new road from Ham Hill to Lunsford Lane.

12. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Assessment on Fire Station & the Cemetery Cottage.

13. Letter from Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- Land in Church Field which Miss Hook offered to sell for £30.

Mr. May proposed that the letter lie on the table. Carried.

Receipt.

Mr May proposed that a Receipt for £300 be issued on the Overseers under the Lighting Act. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Godden's Charity Trustees.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Messrs. Fletcher and Coleman be elected Trustees of Godden's Charity in the place of Messrs. Hopper & Fletcher who retired by rotation. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

May's Charity Trustees.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Messrs Godfrey and Thomson be elected Trustees of May's Charity. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Tenders for Scavenging.

There were six tenders for Scavenging. –

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that on being opened the tenders should each be taken on its own merits. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

The Tenders were:-

1. A.E. Cook.	£207. 10. 0.
2. E.A. Lambert	£240. 0. 0.
3. G. Beal.	£200. 0. 0.
4. E.A. Ashby.	£243. 0. 0.
5. J.J. Hammond.	£230. 0. 0.
6. A.H. Lambert.	£220. 0. 0.

G. Beal not being a Rate Payer of Snodland was disqualified.

Mr. Burke proposed that the District Council be recommended to accept Mr. J.J. Hammond's tender of £230.0.0. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried. 2 voting against.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Souter be instructed to clear up all refuse by the end of the year. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plans and inscriptions of Headstones & Kerbs to be placed on:-

1. Mr. Ed. Quarrinton's Grave.
2. Mrs. A. Norman's Grave.
3. Mr. J. Woodruff's Grave.

Be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

J. Penny.

Chairman.

December 11th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 11th 1923.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Penny (Chairman), May (Vice-Chairman), Smith, Fletcher, Wilford, Burke, Monk, Hodgkinson, Thomson, Butcher, Hawks, Godfrey, T. Hilder. Clerk. And T. Hilder Deputy Clerk.

Minutes.

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

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Southern Railway Co. be asked to clean Ditch by the Railway, in order to allow the water to drain from the Brook. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the ditch by the Allotments had been cleaned out. He proposed that Mr. Rust be notified that he had no right of way through the Allotments to his stable at the back of Devonia, and no ancient light or lights in the Stable. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Land.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Clerk make inquiries as to the price of the land adjoining Birling Lands, owned by Mr. Carslaw, - also the rent if it could be hired. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 366, and the fees amounted to £3.11.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 499 and £5.2.9d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Thomson proposed that 3/- be given to the Dust Man for removing the rubbish from the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Finance.

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

Semark & Bishop.	Work in Allotments.	9. 4.
“	Work on Brook.	1. 4. 0.
Clegg. W.C.	Preparing Room.	2. 2. 0.
Wilford.J.J.	Notice Board.	2. 3. 7.
Wilford. J.J.	Glass & Putty.	4. 3.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers wages.	8. 15. 4.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
“	1 deep Grave.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	½ charge for Street Lamps.	96. 7. 10.
Judges. A.	Caretakers wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps	9. 8.
		<u>£118. 3. 8.</u>

Committee Meeting of whole Council.

Mr. May reported meeting of Committee of whole Council in the Fire Station on November 15th to deal with County Court Summons – Golding v's Parish Council – re:- escape of Mr. Cook's horse from the Brook & injury to Golding's Child. Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Mr. Robert Brennan, Solicitor of Maidstone be employed by the Council to defend the case.

Tenders.

Mr. May reported a meeting of Finance and Lighting Committee held in the Clerk's Office on Nov' 30th to open tenders for making Cupboard at fire Station.

There were four Tenders –

Wilford. J.J.	£5. 12. 6.
Draycon.N.R.	£6. 4. 1.
Brattle. Messrs.	£5. 12. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	£4. 18. 6.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Hind's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Both reports were adopted, proposed b Mr. May and seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson.

Resolution.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved that Messrs Brennan & Brennan of 86 Week Street, Maidstone be instructed to defend on behalf of the Council, the action brought against them by Frank Edgar Golding, and if they think it desirable to engage Council.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Merryweather & Co. re:- Chinstrap & C.
2. Letter from Malling Rural District Council.
3. Letter from Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- Land.

The Clerk was instructed to call Mr. Chapman's attention to rough path by Gammon's corner. Also to write to the Rural District Council urging them to commence relief works.

J. Penny.

Chairman.

December 20th 1923.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 20th 1923.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Penny (Chairman), May (Vice-Chairman), Ilford, Butcher, Fletcher, Godfrey, Smith, Coleman, Hawks, Wall, Burke and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Broken Lamp Column.

The Clerk reported that the Lamp Column opposite the Co-operative Society's Shop, was knocked down b a lorry belonging to Messrs. Peak Frean & Co. Ltd. of Bermondsey on the 11th inst. He had given instructions to the Gas Co, to erect a new Column & c. and recover the cost from the damaging Co.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the action of the Clerk be approved by the Council. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Southern Railway Co. re:- Ditch on Brook.
2. Letter from Mr. Rust re:- Right of way & ancient lights.

3. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Gammon's Corner.
4. Letter from The Sergeant re:- Broken Lamp Column.
5. Letter from Gas Co. re:- Broken Lamp Column.
6. Letter from Insurance Co. re:- Workmen's Compensation Act 1923.

The Clerk reported that the Sludge Cart wheels were falling to pieces, and that he had instructed Mr. Hawks to repair them.

Mr. Smith proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the action of the Clerk be approved by the Council. Carried.

County Court Action.

The Clerk reported that the County Court Action as tried on the 19th inst, Golding versus the Parish Council, - a Horse escaped from the Brook and injured a Child in Brook Street, July 12th, and that the County Court Judge had given the verdict against the Council, with permission to appeal, notice of which must be given in 21 days.

After as lengthy discussion, Mr. Burke moved, Mr. Fletcher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, not to appeal against the verdict of the County Court Judge given against the Council on December 19th 1923.

Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed that a Committee of the whole Council meet on the Brook on Wednesday, February 4th 1924 to decide what repairs shall be done to make the Brook quite safe. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and Carried._

J. Penny.
Chairman.
January 8th 1924.