

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 8th 1924.
At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Penny (Chairman), May (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Parris, Monk, Thomson, Butcher, Coleman, Burke, Godfrey 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 Southern Railway Co. was having the ditches adjoining the Railway cleaned out.

Cemetery.

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

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 334 and the fees amounted to £3.5.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 475 and £4.16.11d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the question of repairs be referred to the Baths Committee. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Finance.

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

Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	3. 14. 9.
Semark & Bishop.	Work on Brook.	8. 10. 8.
Brattle & Sons.	Repair of Trough.	1. 4. 8.
Wm. Hayman Ltd.	Coke.	1. 3. 0.
Moore & Co.	Rake, Broom & Co.	19. 10.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 15. 4.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
“	2 Deep Graves.	2. 0.
Killick. S.	Clearing Rubbish.	3. 0.
Burrow. A.	2. Bus' Firewood.	1. 0.
Moore & Co.	Blind, Mats & C.	1. 11. 2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	3. 2. 3
Wm. Hayman Ltd.	Coke.	2. 6. 0..
Moore & Co.	Brushes.	3. 4.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
	Total.	<u>£38. 13. 4.</u>

County Court.

Mr. May proposed that a cheque be drawn to the order of Messrs. Ellis & Ellis in settlement of damages & costs in the County Courts Action. "Golding versus the Parish Council", £148. 4. 0. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Coleman thanking Council for Coal.
 2. Letter from Mr. Wall stating inability to attend Meeting.
 3. Letter from Mr. Brennan re:- Appeal.
 4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Broken Column.
 5. Letter from Royal Insurance Co. re:- Third Party Risk.
 6. Letter from Mr. W. Martin re:- Land on Brook.
 7. Letter from Mr. Rust. Re:- Ancient Lights.
 8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of December.
- (6). The Clerk was instructed to refuse the application of Mr. Martin for Brook Land.

Receipt.

Mr. May proposed that a receipt for £150 be issued on the Overseers, to enable the Council to pay Messrs. Ellis & Ellis account for damages and costs in County Court Action. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 922, Section B to Mrs. Gertrude Emily Norman be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

It was decided to call a Baths Committee for Wednesday January 16th at 7pm. at the Baths.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Souter to remind him that Mr. Cook clear up before he receives his cheque.

J. Penny.
Chairman.
12th February 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 12th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Penny, (Chairman) May, (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Wall, Wilford, Thomson, Hodgkinson, Monk, Burke, Butcher, Coleman, Hawks, Godfrey, 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 Committee Meeting of the whole Council had taken place on the Brook at 4pm on February 6th and decided to recommend the Council to carry out certain repairs – new gate & repair of fences.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the report be adopted, and that Messrs Hinds, Wilford and Draycon be invited to tender for the work, and provide Larch Boards for path. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Coleman reported that the Baths Committee had met and decided to recommend the Council,

To employ Mr. F. Abery to repair boiler, clean out tanks, & overhaul taps and one valve, & repair door fastenings.

To employ Mr. Wilford to , clean off, and distemper two bedrooms & the Scullery. Being a matter of urgency the Committee had carried out the work.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Wall seconded that the action of the Committee be approved by the Council. Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the matter of the Notice Boards and painting the interior of the Baths be referred to a Committee to meet on February 27th at 4pm. Carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks was 316 and the fees amounted to £3.1.3d. (Two weeks closed for repairs). For the corresponding period last year the figures were 624 and £6.7.5d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford submitted a pattern of Register Stove to be placed in the Cemetery Cottage. Mr. Coleman proposed that tenders for this work be invited from Messrs. Rogers, Wilford & Draycon. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Finance.

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

Royal Insurance Co.	Premium. 3 rd Party.	1. 17. 6.
Hinds. C.W.	Gate Hook.	2. 6.
Brennan & Brennan.	Costs. Golding. V. P.C.	42. 2. 5.
Reeves. F.E.	Income Tax. Brook.	9. 6.
“	“ Birling Lands.	19. 8.
“	“ Malling Rd.	14. 7.
“	“ Scl. D.	6. 6. 0.
Semark & Bishop.	Work on Brook.	12. 13. 4.
Dobbie & Co.	Seed.	10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	4. 6.
“	“ Mortuary & Cem’	11. 7.
Haman. Wm Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	3. 11. 0.
Reeves. F.E.	Tax on Cottage.	16. 10.
“	“ Sch. D.	2. 14. 0.
Coleman B.G.	Caretakers Wages.	10. 19. 2.

“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
“	2 deep graves.	2. 0.
Reeves. F.E.	Tax. Cottage. Waghorn Rd.	1. 5. 3.
“	“ Fire Station.	2. 2. 2.
Merryweather & Sons.	Straps & C.	2. 19. 9.
Randerson. R.	Subscription to N.F.B.U.	1. 10. 0
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	3. 11.
Hinds. C.W.	Cupboard.	4. 18. 6.
Vaughn Ed. Ltd.	1 Rubber Plunger.	11.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	3. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 8. 8.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairs.	4. 15. 3.
Abery. F.	Repairs.	9. 10. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers wages.	5. 15. 10.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
Reeves. F.E.	Income Tax.	<u>3. 7. 6.</u>
		<u>£128. 0. 6.</u>

Mr. May proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Kent Messenger's bill for advertising the scavenging, 16/-, and Mr Hawks bill for repair of Sludge Cart £6.1.6d. be approved by the Council and forwarded to the district Council for payment.
Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Royal Insurance. re:- Fence repair.
2. Letter from British Legion asking Council to attend mass meeting. Council decided to accept invitation on Feb' 28th at the Institute. Proposed Mr. Monk. Seconded Mr. Godfrey.
3. Letter from British Legion asking for the assistance of four members of the Fire Brigade on the 28th.
4. Three letters from Mr. Brennan re:- Costs.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Broken Column.
6. Letter from Mid Kent water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of January.

Conveyance of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyances of the following Grave Spaces be signed by the Council.

No. 921	to	Mrs. Julia Champ.	Section B.
No. 924	to	Mrs. Louisa Collier.	“
No. 928	to	Mrs. Louisa Collier.	“

Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 4 loads of Manure, 200 flower pots, and a watering can be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

The Clerk reported that Major Roberts had offered to buy the shrubbery in the centre of the cemetery.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the matter of the sale of the land to Major Roberts be referred to a Committee of the whole Council. Carried.

Mr. Coleman moved that the Committee meet at the Cemetery on Saturday February' 16th at 3pm. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. May proposed that a receipt for £140 be issued on the Overseers, £40 under General Account & £100 under Cemetery Account. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wall's Notice of Motion.

Mr. Wall in accordance with previous Notice of Motion proposed, "That immediate steps be taken in an effort to obtain Urban Powers for the Parish of Snodland".
Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. May proposed that a Committee consisting of Messrs, Hodgkinson, Wilford, Penny, Burke, Wall, Godfrey and May be appointed to inquire into the matter & report to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Thomson & carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson suggested that the attention of the County Council be drawn to the bad state of the paths in the High Street.

J. Penny.
Chairman.
March 11th 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 11th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Penny, (Chairman), May (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Burke, Thomson, Hodgkinson, Monk, Butcher, Wilford, Godfrey, Coleman, Rev' C de R 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. Thomson reported that Mr. Wilford had made a specification of the work to be done on the Brook, to whom are due the best of thanks of the Council.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the Baths Committee had met on February 27th and decided to have the walls and ceiling of the Baths distempered with Halls Distemper, two coats, French Grey and the Notice Board repaired & painted black two coats, & Snodland Parish Council placed on top.

He proposed that tenders for this work, be invited from Messrs Rogers, Wilford, Draycon and Brattle. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.
 Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 339 and the fees amounted to £3.6.5d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 510 & £5.4.8d.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Mr. Noah Eastwood would let his land on a 7yrs lease for £12 per year or sell for £200.
 Mr. May proposed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Wilford and the Clerk have power to purchase this land adjoining Birling Lands. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Holboro' Allotments.

Mr. May proposed that if an agreement cannot be obtained from Mr. Cobb for the Holborough Allotments, they be handed over to Major Roberts. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Cemetery Committee met on February 16th and resolves to recommend the Council to offer Major Roberts the centre piece of the Cemetery:-
 1st. Half the piece in exchange for two acres of the football ground.
 2nd. The whole piece for two acres of the football ground and two hundred pounds.
 The Clerk reported that Major Roberts had promised to look at the ground, but in any event he would not give the football ground but land on the west of the Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford moved that the offer be entered in the Minute Book.
 Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Finance.

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

Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	15. 18. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	10. 0.
Clegg. W.E.	3 Meetings.	7. 6.
Bishop & Semark.	Work on Brook.	11. 10. 8.
The Clerk.	Postages.	1. 6. 6.
Cobb. R.	Rent of Allotments.	4. 17. 6.
Barnard. J.	4 Loads of Manure.	12. 0.
Prett. Frank.	Carting Manure.	8. 0.
Hayman W. Ltd.	2 Chaldrons of Coke.	2. 6. 0.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Wages.	15. 6. 10.
"	7 N.H.I. Stamps.	16. 11.
"	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	½ of Gas a/c Street Lighting.	96. 7. 11.
Simpson. H.	Guarantee Premium.	7. 6.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	7. 2. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 12. 10.
"	9 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 1. 9.
		<u>£170. 13. 5.</u>

Fire Station.

Mr. May proposed that the burst pipe in the lavatory be repaired, the door re-hung and one new hard broom, one tin polish, 1yd of ½ inch lamp wick, and one drill book be purchased for use at the Fire Station. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. W. Honey re:- Timber for Brook.

Mr. Wilford suggested that Mr. Honey be asked to give price of per ft run – 2 x 6, 2 x 4, 2 x 5 in lengths of 12ft & 15ft or longer

2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Five Hydrants.

The Clerk was requested to see Captain Hinds and arrange the inspection of the Hydrants.

3. Letter from Mrs. Rotherham asking to have her 6 months notice to quit cancelled.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the notice be withdrawn. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Date to Turn Cattle on Brook.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Monday, April 21st be the day for turning cattle on the Brook this year. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Gatekeeper.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Mrs. Blackman be appointed Gatekeeper this year. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Draft Report.

The Clerk read the Draft Report of the Parish Council proceedings for the year 1923 -4.

Mr. Wilford proposed that £325 be voted for the purposes of the Lighting Act instead of £300. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the report be adopted subject to the suggested alterations. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Date of Parish Meeting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the date of the Parish Meeting be Tuesday, March 25th at 7.30pm in the Devonshire Rooms. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Mr. May's Notice of Motion.

In accordance with previous Notice of Motion Mr. May moved –
“That this Council makes application to the Malling Rural District Council, to erect in the Parish of Snodland, 24 Cottages to extend over a period of three years. – 8 to be completed this year, - the last 8 to be completed by March 31st 1927, on the same terms, and on the same conditions as previous Council Cottages have been erected”. Seconded by Rev' C de R. Wall & carried.

Tenders for Cemetery.

Mr.

Thomson proposed that the lowest tender be excepted. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

1. J.J. Wilford. £8.17.6d.
2. T. Rogers. £11.10.6d.

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. J.J. Wilford's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr Butcher and carried.

Tenders for Work on Brook.

1. C.W. Hinds. £19.5.0d.
2. J.J. Wilford. £21.17.6d.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Hinds tender be accepted. Seconded and carried.

J. Penny.
Chairman.
April 15th 1924.

Annual Parish Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 15th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Mr. Walter Maybe elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. Seconded by Rev' C de R Wall and carried.

Mr. Burke moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Penny, the retiring Chairman, for his services during the past year. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Coleman be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Overseers.

Mr. Wilford proposed that all four Overseers be chosen from inside the Council. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Coleman proposed. Messrs C. Godfrey, J.H. Burke, A. Monk and J. Fletcher, be appointed Overseers of the Parish for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that the work on the Brook was going on satisfactorily.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the field to be purchased for £200 for the purpose of Allotments had been stumped out, and nearly the whole let. Mr. May proposed that the purchase money be found by issuing a receipt on the Overseers for £200.

Seconded by Mr. Parris.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the money be raised by a loan of 20 years. Seconded by Mr Coleman.

The amendment was carried by 6 votes to 4.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a Dutch Hoe, a Steel Trowel, and a small Shears be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Withers be paid for taking charge of the Cemetery while the Caretaker was away at the weekend. £1.2.6d. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. Wilford moved as an amendment that the claim not be entertained.

The resolution was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that in future no one be employed in the Cemetery without an order from the Clerk. Seconded by the Rev' C de R Wall & carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 526 and the fees amounted to £5.0.11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 667 and £6.9.4d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 4 dozen Towels be purchased for the Baths. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that some Hair Brushes be purchased for the Baths. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Finance.

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

Honey & Son.	Wood for Brook.	4. 4. 1.
Prett. Frank.	Carting Wood from Mereworth.	15. 0.
Bond. W.T.	Financial Statements.	4. 6.
“	Pens & Pencils.	9. 0.
Semark & Bishop.	Work on Brook.	10. 16. 0.
Wither. E.	200 Flower Pots.	19. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance.	10. 6.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Coke.	1. 5. 0.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 9. 8.
“	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	4. 10.
“	3 Deep Graves.	3. 0.
Wilford. J.J.	Work at Cemetery.	7. 7. 6.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance.	16. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	2. 19. 9.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Coke.	2. 10. 0.
		<u>£39. 10. 4.</u>

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be allowed timber & corrugated iron to build himself a potting shed. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Langridge & Freeman re:- Land for Recreation Ground in Bramley Road which they offer for. £700

Mr. Burke proposed that a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Wilford, Wall, Burke, Monk & Coleman be formed to inspect the land and report to next meeting, and in the meantime, the Clerk to make an offer of £600.
Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Reduction in price of Gas.

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

Mr. Fletcher moved that the action of the Chairman in lighting the lamps for a week be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lights.

5. Letter from Messrs Honey & Sons re:- Timber.

6. Letter from Wouldham Parish Council re:- Rate of pay to roadmen.

7 & 8. Two letters from Mr. Cobb re:- Holborough Allotments.

The Clerk was instructed to accept terms on condition agreement be sent at once.

9. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries re:- Scholarships.

10 & 11. Letters from Malling R.D. Council re:- Housing.

12 & 13. Letters from Mr. Chambers re:- Land.

14. Letter from C.O. C.W. Hinds re:- Fire Extinguishers for Fire Brigade.

Mr. Wilford proposed that it stand over till next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

15. The County Rate Basis.

Committees.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Committees stand as last year with the exception of May, Penny & Coleman. Seconded by Mr. Coleman & carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Coleman proposed that a receipt for £300 be issued on the Overseers for General & Bath expenses. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space 933. Sec. B. To Arthur Allchin be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Plan of stone.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the small stone in the form of a heart shield and the inscription be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried. The fee to be 2/6d.

Tenders.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the lowest tender for the work at the Baths be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

The Tenders were as follows –

1. Brattle. £3.5.0d.
2. Wilford. £5. 12.6d.
3. Draycon. £3. 14. 0d..
4. Rogers. £4.7.6d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Mr. Brattle's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the matter of the electric lighting & C. be referred to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

W.W. May.
Chairman.
May 13th 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 13th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

Present.

Messrs May (Chairman), Coleman (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Parris, Burke, Hodgkinson, Smith, Thomson, Wilford, Butcher, Hawks, Penny, Godfrey, Rev' C de R Wall, Monk, T. Hilder, Clerk & Mr. T. Hilder Jnr. Deputy Clerk .

Minutes.

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

Mr. Parris proposed that Mr. May still retain the Chairmanship of the Allotments Committee. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that a meeting had been held on the Brook to inspect the repairs, carried out by Mr. Hinds, and found everything done satisfactorily, except top of one post which needed rounding, an extra brace on the gate, and a rest for the main gate, all of which had been executed since the meeting.

Mr. Thomson proposed that the piece of land next to entrance of Hammond's Meadow be let to Mr. John Bates at a yearly rental of ten shillings. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 507 and the fees amounted to £4.16.10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 600 and £5.15.10d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that iron fence for Mrs. Readers Grave and Headstone & Kerb and Inscription for Mr. J. Champ's Grave, be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Finance.

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Brook.	7. 6.
"	"	Allotments.	6. 9.
"	"	"	15. 0.
"	"	"	7. 1 ½
"	"	"	12. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Gates, Fences		20. 5. 0.
"	Additional Brace.		5. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Laying Out Allotments.	2. 0. 0.	
Crowhurst. Messrs.	Posts & Labour.		1. 2. 4.
"	Stumps for Brook.		10. 10.
Semark & Bishop.	Work on Brook.		2. 13. 4.
Hilder. T.	Audit Stamp.		8. 0. 0.
Prudential Assur'	Repayment of Loan & Interest.		53. 9. 10.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		2. 14. 0.
M.K.W. Co.	Water Rate.		4. 6.
"	"		11. 7.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Wages.		6. 15. 4.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		9. 8.
Hinds. C.W.	½ Gall' of Oil.	3. 9.	
M.K.W. Co.	Water Rate.		14. 0.
M.K.G. Co.	Gas a/c.		3. 11.
Betts. W.C.	Repair of Fireman's Boots.		1. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	Station.	5. 5. 0.
"	"	Cottage.	3. 1. 6.
M.K.W. Co.	repairs to Hydrants.		2. 11. 5.
Reese. Henry.	4 Doz' Towels.		4. 2. 0.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	2 Chal' Coke.	2. 10. 0.	
Hilder. T.	Rates.		8. 2. 0.
M.K.G. Co.	Gas a/c.		1. 11. 10.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		5. 17. 0.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		9. 8.
			<u>£136. 2. 10 ½</u>

Mr. Godfrey gave a report of the Relief Committee's work during the winter. He stated that the whole of the funds had been expended.

Votes of thanks was accorded Mr. T. Hilder Jnr. and Mr. Godfrey Chairman, for the time and trouble they had given to the cause, and the efficient way they had carried out the work.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Cobb re:- Allotments & the agreement.

Mr. Burke proposed that the agreement be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

2. Letter from C.O. Hinds. re:- Petrol Extinguisher.

Mr. Hodgkinson moved that the matter be referred to the Lighting Committee to report to the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

3. Letter from Prudential As' Co. re:- Loan.

4. " " " " " "

5. Letter from Westminster Bank re:- Loan.

6. Letter from Mr. Chambers. re:- Loan.

7. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Land for Recreation.

8. " " " " " " " " " " "

Mr. Coleman reported that the Committee recommended the Council to purchase the whole of the land for £700.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a further offer of £650 be made for the land. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

9. Letter from Mr. Rust offering waters Field at £100 per acre as a recreation ground

10. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of April

Holboro' Road.

Mr. Burke proposed that the County Council be requested to take immediate steps to widen Holborough Road between the Butchers shop and Covey Hall Place, the increasing large vehicular traffic, and the proximity of the School causing it to be a very dangerous spot. Seconded by Mr. Wall & carried.

High Street.

Mr. Burke proposed that the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the dirty pavement in the High Street. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Thomson having withdrawn his notice of motion respecting the rescinding the resolution that a loan be raised to buy the land for the Allotments, proposed that a cheque for £200 be drawn to pay for the land and that the question of a loan be deferred till Michaelmas when the purchase of a Recreation Ground would be under consideration. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Stop Cock Cover.

Mr. Coleman proposed that the attention of the Water Co. be called to the loose cap of a stop cock in front of Mr. Norman's shop. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Sharnal Lane.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the attention of the District Council be drawn to the dirty state of Sharnal Lane. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

J.G. Coleman.
June 10th 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 10th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs J. Coleman (In the Chair), Fletcher, Parris, Thomson, Hodgkinson, Rev. C de R Wall, Monk, Hawks, Butcher, Penny, Burke 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 738 and the fees amounted to £7.3.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 615 and 5.17.10d.

Urban Powers.

The Rev' C de R Wall read the report of a Committee Meeting of the whole Council held in the Fire Station on May 27th to discuss the question of Urban Powers for the Parish of Snodland.

It was unanimously decided to recommend the Council to postpone the matter for the present. The Draft Conveyance of the Allotment Field was read and approved. The report was adopted.

Finance.

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

Betts. W.C.	Repair of Water Boot.	3. 0.
Dennis Paine & Co.	2 Padlocks.	5. 8.
Semark & Bishop.	Work on Brook.	2. 10. 8.
Coleman. B. G.	Caretakers Wages.	10. 19. 2.
"	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
"	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repair of Pipe & C.	3. 4.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	3. 17. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 15. 10.
"	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	<u>12. 1.</u>

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Godfrey stating inability to attend.
2. Letter from Mr. Chambers re:- Conveyance of Land.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Stop Cock Cover.
4. Letter from K.C.C. re:- Widening Holboro' Road.
5. Letter from Messrs. Langridge & Freeman re:- Land for Recreation Ground
6. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Sharnal Lane.
Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the matter be referred to the Allotments Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.
7. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water for the month of May.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Penny seconded the Conveyance of Grave Space 763 to Mrs. Annie Wightman, be signed by the Council. Carried.

Plan of Kerb & Inscription.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb to Richard Carr's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Thomson seconded that a receipt for 3150 under the Burials Acts be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

School Managers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Thomson be re-elected a Manager of Hooks School. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Wall proposed that Mr. A.M. Smith be re-appointed Manager to the Church of England Schools. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Agreement with Mr. J. Bates.

The agreement with Mr. Bates for the hire of a portion of the Brookland at a rent of ten shillings per year was read by the Clerk. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Butcher seconded that the agreement be signed. Carried.

Conveyance of Land.

The conveyance of Mr. Noah Eastwood's land to the Council for Allotments was signed by the Council.

Mr. Burkes Notice of Motion.

Mr. Burke in accordance with previous Notice of Motion proposed that an honorarium of £5 be presented to Mr. Tom Hilder Jnr. For services rendered. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Fire Extinguishers.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Council purchase a Petrol Fire Extinguisher for the use of the Fire Brigade. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

W.W. May.
Chairman.
July 8th 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday July 8th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs May, (Chairman), Fletcher, Parris, Wilford, Thomson, Smith, Burke, Hodgkinson, Godfrey, Monk 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 all the new Allotments were now let.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Committee had engaged George Perrett, to assist the Caretaker at the Cemetery for a month at 35/- per week.

He proposed that the action of the Committee be approved by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. David Thomson be paid one pound to cut and take away the grass in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that an additional charge of 2/6 be made to Kerbs with one head and 5/- with two heads. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Mr. Wilford moved that a specification for the painting of the buildings, gates and fence be prepared, and tenders invited from Messrs Wilford, Rogers, Brattle and Draycon to be returned by next meeting. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be supplied with three dusters, and 50 5ft Oak Pales to repair lodge, also have the handle of the Lawnmower repaired.

Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 678 and the fees amounted to £6.6.8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 856 and £8.5.9d.

Finance.

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

Reeves. F.E.	Tax on Brook.	9. 7.
“	Tax on Allotments. Birling Lands.	19. 8.
“	Tax on Allotments. Malling Road.	14. 8.
Blackman Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary Part.	2. 10. 0.
Semark & Bishop.	Work on Brook.	1. 12. 0.
Reeves. F.E.	Tax on Cemetery Cottage.	16. 11.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Salary.	6. 17. 4.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 3.
Perrett.	Caretakers Help.	5. 10.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4. 9. 3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 19. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
Reeves. F.E.	Tax on Public Baths.	3. 7. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing Notices.	8. 0.
Reeves. F.E.	Tax on Cottage.	1. 5. 4.
“	Tax on Fire Station.	<u>2. 2. 2.</u>
		<u>£32. 6. 4.</u>

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be not allowed to keep Chickens in the Cemetery and that the Clerk be instructed to try to obtain the old garden opposite the Cemetery now occupied by Mr. Withers. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Wall stating inability to attend.
2. Letter from Mr. Chambers re:- Eastwood's Land.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp at Bull Corner.
4. Letter from Mr. F. Bird re:- Cemetery Fees.
5. “ “ “ “ Kerb.
6. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Tax on Interest.
7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
8. Letter from Pure Russian Paraffin Co Ltd. re:-Pipe.
9. Letter from M.R.D. Council re:- Wrangling Lane.
10. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Land for recreation Ground.
Mr. Wilford proposed that the terms (£650) for the whole piece be accepted and that a deposit of £10 be sent as part payment. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.
11. Letter from Southern Railway .Notice of Objection to Assessment

12. Letter from St. Johns Ambulance Brigade.

13. Letter from British Legion asking permission to hold service at the Cenotaph on Jul 20th and inviting Councillors to attend.

It was decided to give permission & to attend.

14. Letter from Mr. Coleman stating inability to attend Meeting.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the following plans & inscriptions be approved by the Council. Mr. Hinds, small Marble slab – Mrs. Annie Wightman, Kerb with one head, Mr. Dedrick, cross 6ft and Kerb, Mrs Sears double Kerb, Mr. F. Bird Kerb, Mrs. Norman Headstone & Kerb Mrs Norman, Kerb. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Grave Spaces.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of grave Space No. 938 to Mr. Alfred Wooding and the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 939 to Mrs Hannah Hodges be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Furious Driving.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk write to Supt' Wratten, & speak to Sergeant Rivers and ask them to endeavour to reduce the furious speed of Motor Cars & Motorcycles when passing through the place. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Path in High Street.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the attention of Mr. H.J. Chapman be drawn to the bad state of the path in the High Street. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

W.W. May.

Chairman.

August 12th 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 12th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs May (Chairman), Coleman (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Smith, Rev' C de R Wall, Wilford, Godfrey, Hawks Butcher, Penny, Monk, 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. Penny proposed that the ditch round the Allotments be cleaned out as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Allotment Committee recommended the Council to have ashes spread on the path at the Lowers, a gate and wire fence at the top, and a fence with opening at the bottom entrance, - also ashes on the Birling Lands paths, and re-lettering and erection of Notice Board.

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

Mr. Godfrey proposed that tenders be invited for the work, from Messrs. Brattle, Wilford, Draycon and Hinds. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 989 and the fees amounted to £9.5.2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1079 and £10.3.7d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the man at the Cemetery had been kept on an extra week to complete the job.

Mr. Wilford proposed that his action together with the Clerk be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Finance.

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

Stevens. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	10. 0.
Semark & Bishop.	Work on Brook.	4. 0. 0.
Rees Henry.	Dusters (3).	1. 8.
Thomson. D.	Cutting & Clearing Grass.	1. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	4. 6.
“	“ Cemt' & Mort'	11. 7.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Salary.	10. 19. 2.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
“	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Perrett. G.H.	Caretakers Help.	8. 3. 4.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
Monk. F.	Removing Rubbish.	3. 0.
Tobin. W.G.	Practice in Meadow.(Hose).	5. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 7.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Stedman. A.	Rodine.	1. 3.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coke.	2. 10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	10. 3.
Burrow. Alma.	24 Bus' Wood.	12. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
		<u>£38. 0. 2.</u>

Mr. Coleman reported that the Fire Brigade Management Committee recommended the Council to purchase a 2 gal' Petrolux Fire Extinguisher in the place of the ½ gal' one previously decided on. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Mr. Coleman proposed that a dust bin be purchased for Mr. Penny. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Barnett re:- Nuisance, arising from B.A.P. Cesspool.

Also a deputation asking the Council to do their utmost to remove the nuisance. The Council recommended the deputation to complain to Dr. Greenwood Medical Officer for the County of Kent.

Mr. Godfrey proposed. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was resolved that the Council write to Dr. Greenwood and also the District council on the mater.

2. Letter from Mr. Hodgkinson tendering his resignation.

Mr. Fletcher moved that his resignation be accepted with regret. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that a letter be written to Mr. Hodgkinson, thanking him for his long and helpful services during the life of the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

3. Letter from K.C.C. re:- New School.

4. Letter from Mr. Rogers re:- Bricklayers Arms.

5. Letter from Messrs Hammond & Son re:- Way leave for roundabouts.

Mr. Wilford proposed that permission be given but all damage must be put right. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Brown re:- Wooden Cross.

7. Letter from Southern Railway re:- Cheap Fares.

8. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- High Street Footpath.

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

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11. " " " " " " " " "

12. Letter from Messrs. Allen & Sons re:- Contract.

13. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Loans.

14. Letter from Public Works Loan Board re:- Loan.

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

Draft Contract.

The Clerk read the Draft Contract, for the purchase of land for the recreation Ground from Messrs Allen and Son.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the day for the completion of the purchase be September 30th instead of August 30th. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Cheque.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a cheque for £65 be drawn in favour of Messrs Allen & Son as a deposit, being part of the purchase money of £650. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Loan.

Mr. Burke proposed that a loan of £850 be negotiated by the Council, to purchase 3 acres of land for Allotments, to cost £200 and 7 acres 1 rod 6 poles for Recreation Ground to cost £650. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Parish Meeting.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a Parish Meeting be held in the Devonshire Rooms on Thursday August 21st at 7.30pm to pass a resolution authorizing the Parish Council to raise a loan of £850, to purchase 3 acres of land for Allotments and 7 acres 1 rod 6 poles of land to be used as a Recreation Ground. Seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Wilford proposed the Conveyance of Grave Space 942, Section B to Ernest Ribbons be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb for Mr. Cliffords Grave be approved by the Council, and that all future plans & C. be made in ink. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Lighting.

The Clerk read a Draft Contract for lighting 63 lamps from October 1st 1924 to March 31st 1925, - the lamps to be lighted half an hour after sunset, and to extinguish at 10.30 but not to be lit the two nights preceding and the night of the full moon, for £3.8.0d. per lamp.

If the lamps are lighted irrespective of the full moon the charge would be £3.12.3d. per lamp.

Date of Lighting.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the lamps commence to be lighted on September 21st and more than the 53 lamps be provide, & Committee select places for extra lamps. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the lamps be lighted every night irrespective of the full Moon. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

It was decided to keep the lamp at the Bull Corner alight till 12 o'clock at a cost of 16/9d.

It was decided that the Lighting Committee meet at the Bull Corner on Thursday 14th at 7.30pm to inspect the lamps.

Work at Cemetery.

There were three tenders for the work at the Cemetery.

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

The Tenders were:-

1. J.J. Wilford. £29.17.6d.
2. C. Brattle & Son. £19.7.6d.
3. T. Rogers. £24.18.6d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Messrs. Brattles tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Cheap Fares.

Mr. Wilford moved that the Clerk write to the manager of the Southern Railway Co, thanking him for granting cheap fares to Maidstone and asking to extend the privilege to Chatham. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

W.W. May.

Chairman.

September 2nd 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 2nd 1924.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs May (Chairman), Coleman (Vice-Chairman), Parris, Fletcher, Wilford, Monk, Hawks, Burke, Smith, Godfrey, Penny, Wall and the Clerk T. Hilder and the Deputy Clerk T. Hilder. Jnr'

Minutes.

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

Brook.

The Clerk reported that the ditch had been cleaned out and paid for.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 577 and the fees amounted to £5.5.9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 425 and £ 4.2.0d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Caretaker had taken his holiday and that he had employed Georg Perrett to look after the Cemetery during his absence for the sum of 10/-. Mr. Godfrey proposed that the action of Mr. Wilford be approved by the Council. Seconded By Mr. Coleman and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb for Mrs. Esther Efford's Grave No. 369, be approved by the Council. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Finance.

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

Bond. W.	Minute Book.	1. 3. 6.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance Premium.	3. 2. 6.
Bishop. Chas.	Work on Brook.	1. 15. 0.
Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers salary.	1. 10. 0.
Hinds. C.W.	Scythe & Handle to Machine.	19. 0.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers salary.	6. 11. 6.
“	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 3.
Perrett. G.	Caretakers Help.	10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lighting Lamps. Extras.	11. 13. 9.
Betts. W.C.	Repair Fireman's Boot.	1. 0.
Hinds C.W.	Petrolax Fire Extinguisher.	7. 6. 6.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs at Fire Station.	2. 2. 10.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	3. 15. 0.
Brattle & Sons.	Repairs at Baths.	3. 5. 0.
Draycon. H.R.	Repair Sink, Drain.	6. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Salary.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
		<u>£50. 15. 6.</u>

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Hodgkinson re:- Resignation.

Mr. Burke proposed that some recognition of his services should be made by the Council, - that it be confined to past & present members of the Council, and that a Committee, consisting of Messrs, May, Burke, Wilford, Godfrey, Hawks, Coleman, Monk and Fletcher, be appointed to carry out the object. Seconded by Rev. C de R Wall & carried.

Mr. Wilford kindly promised to provide tea on the occasion of the presentation

2. Letter from Allen & Son re:- Land – recreation Ground.

3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

4. Letter from Mr. Chambers re:- Recreation Ground.

5. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

6. Letter from Allen & Son. re:- “ “ “ “

7. Letter from Mr. Chambers. re:- “ “ “

8. Letter from Mr. Prosser. :- Loan.

9. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- 3feet.

10. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

11. Letter from Mr. Miskin. :- re B.A.P.

12. “ “ “ “ “

13. Letter from Dr. Greenwood. “

14. “ “ “ “ “

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Souter be asked to visit the premises of the B.A.P. more frequently. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

15. Letter from Southern Railway re:- Cheap Fares to Chatham.

16. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

17. Letter from War Graves Commission re:- Soldiers Graves.

18. Petition form Groves re:- Lights.

The Council decided not to erect a lamp in front of the 12 Cottages, but to light the one half way up Rookery Hill.

19. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. giving price of new Lanterns.

20. (Agreement). Letter from Mr. J. Bates asking to have the one year's lease extended to five.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the agreement stand as it is. Viz. For one year. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. Parris moved an amendment that he have an agreement for 5 years. Seconded by Mr. Penny.

Only 2 voted for the amendment and the resolution was carried.

New Councillor.

New Councillor.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Adolphus Maisey Smith be elected a Councillor in the place of Mr. Hodgkinson resigned.

Mr. Parris proposed Mr. George Knott. Seconded by Rev. C de R. Wall.

5 voted for Mr. Knott and 4 for Mr. Smith.

Mr. Knott was accordingly declared elected.

Godden's Charity.

The Clerk read the draft scheme from the Charity Commissioners, for the future management of Godden's Charity. Mr. Fletcher proposed that the new scheme be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Lighting Contract.

Mr. Coleman read the report of the Lighting Committee.

The Committee recommended that Council to light the following new lamps.

1. Malling Road, opposite Mr. Fullers House. 2. Malling Road opposite Rose Cottage, 3. Alma Place, 4. Church Fields, 5. High Street opposite Dr. Gash, 6. At the junction of Queens Road & Queens Avenue, 7. Holboro. Road opposite Mr. Normans shop, 8. Holboro. Road opposite Co-oP Shop, 9. Holboro Road Further end of Prospect Place, 10. Holboro Road Tower end of Victoria Cottages, 11. Halfway up Rookery Hill, 12, Birling Road opposite Schoolings.

He also decided to recommend the Council to move the lamp opposite Schoolings, to the other side of the road in the Allotments owned by Mr. Peters.

It was further decided to write to different owners of property asking them to cut back trees which obstruct the light.

1. The Mid Kent Water Co, Mr. A.M. Simmons & Messrs W. Cox & Co – for Catts Alley.

2. The District Council – for Queens Avenue.

3. Mr. Ashby in Holboro' Road,

4. Mr. Wilford – trees in his garden.

Mr. Coleman proposed that the report be adopted as read. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

The Gas Co. agreed to light 65 lamps every night from October 1st to March 31st 1915 for £3.12.3d. per lamp, and the lamp at the Bull Corner extra 17/9d for the week Sept' 21st to Oct' 1st 3/9d extra per lamp.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Council accept the contract. Mr. Monk seconded and it was carried..

Fire Brigade.

Mr. Monk proposed a vote of congratulations to the Fire Brigade on their success in the recent sports. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

W.W. May.

Chairman.

October 14th 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 14th 1924.

At 7.30pm

Present.

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

Mr. George Edward Knott signed his declaration of acceptance of Office.

Minutes.

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

Lamp.

Mr. Thomson made application to have the lamp in Holborough Road, opposite Jasmine Cottages lighted.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that this extra lamp be lighted. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

It was decided to have a pane of frosted glass placed on the east side of lamp in Birling Road when moved into the Allotments.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the paths in the Allotments, Birling Lands & the Lowers had been covered with clinker.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Lighting had struck the chimney & furnace and split it all down. He had put in a claim from the Insurance Co. as the Caretaker might want a fire at any time, he had instructed Messrs Brattle to replace it with a new one.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the action of Mr. Wilford be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Wall & carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last six weeks to be 908 and the fees amounted to £8.10.1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 849 and £8.2.7d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the blocks of line post and the gate be repaired and Mr. J.J. Wilford employed to do the job. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Finance.

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

Bishop. Chas.	Work in Allotments.	1. 13. 4.
Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers salary.	2. 0. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery & Printing.	5. 9. 6.
Prudential Insurance Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	15. 19. 1.
C. Brattle & Sons.	Work at Cemetery.	19. 7. 6.
Smythe. A.S.	50 cleft Oak Pales & C..	1. 7. 9.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Wages.	13. 3. 0.
“	6 N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing 200 Circulars.	10. 6.
Watts Bros'	Repair Fireman's Boots.	6. 0.
N.F.B. Association.	Long Service Medal.	7. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Altering Position of Lamp.	1. 1. 6.
Vaughan. Ed' Ltd.	Dust Bin.	7. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	6. 3. 9.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	<u>2. 10. 0.</u>

£78. 0. 1.

Mr. Coleman proposed that Mr. Brattles bill of 4/8d for repair of Sludge Cart be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Chambers re:- Recreation Ground.

2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

3. Letter from Mr. Dabner re:- Lamp in Birling Road.

4. Letter from E. Butcher re:- Fire Engine.

5. Letter from Mr. Champion re:- Fevers Hedge.

6. Letter from Imperial war Graves Commission.

7. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Consent to Loan.

8. Letter from Allen & Son re:- Loan.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs Langridge & Freeman for permission to take over the Recreation Ground.

Recreation Ground Committee.

The Rev' C de R Wall proposed that a Recreation Ground Committee consisting of seven members be formed. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed & Mr. Smith seconded that Messrs. Wall, Coleman, Fletcher, Knott, Butcher, Monk & Wilford form the Committee. Carried.

Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Thomson proposed and Mr. Penny seconded that the Council insert an advertisement in the Kent Messenger inviting tenders for Scavenging the Parish for the year 1925. Carried.

Mr. Coleman proposed that the Contract be open to other Parishes. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Receipt.

Mr. Coleman proposed that a receipt under the Lighting Act for £325 be issued on the Overseers. Mr. Penny seconded and it was carried.

Painting Columns.

The Rev. C de R Wall proposed that the Lamp Columns be painted.

Mr. Wilford suggested that the painting be deferred till March or April as the paint would not dry in this weather.

Iron Dump.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council, calling their attention to the Iron Dump in Birling Road.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Headstone and Kerb for Mrs. Allchin's Grave, No. 933 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Penny & carried.

W.W. May.

Chairman.

November 11th.1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 11th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs, May (Chairman), Coleman (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Thomson, Wall, Butcher, Hawks, Godfrey, Knott, Monk, Penny, 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. Penny proposed that the usual ditching & gripping be done on the Brook this year. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Mr. Wall proposed that Mr. John Bates be accepted as tenant in place of Mr. Thomas Gowen, on the understanding that the old buildings be cleared away. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that the Committee had had Sharnal Lane hedge trimmed up, also hedge between Lowers & Birling Lands at a cost of 35/-, also the cleaning out of ditch in Malling Road Allotments at a cost of 16/-.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the action of the Committee be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. May also reported as to the proposed fencing to be done in the Lowers Allotments.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 509 and the fees amounted to £4.14 3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1150 and £11.11.6d.

Finance.

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

Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	1. 10. 0.
Bishop. Chas.	Cleaning out Ditch.	16. 0.
Dence. John.	Clipping Hedges.	1. 15. 0.

Dickenson. W & Son.	Cheque Book.	1. 13. 2.
Hilder. T.	Rates. Bramley Rd.	14. 8.
"	" Sharnal Lane.	6. 0.
"	" Holborough.	10. 8.
"	" Malling Road.	6. 4 ½
"	" Birling Lands.	13. 4.
"	" The Brook.	6. 8.
Ashby.	Carting Ashes.	3. 8. 0.
Cobb. R.	½ yrs rent of Allotment.	4. 7. 6.
Brattle & Sons.	Repair of Stove & Chimney.	3. 17. 6.
Mid Kent water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	4. 6.
"	" Cem, & Mort.	11. 7.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	2. 8. 0.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	53. 13. 11
Coleman. B. G.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 15. 4.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
"	4 Deep Graves.	4. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates. Cottage.	2. 14. 8.
"	" Fire Station.	11. 13. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 7.
Hayman. W. Ltd.	Coke.	2. 10. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	7. 4. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	10. 3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 15. 10.
"	5 N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 1.
		<u>£111. 8. 7 ½</u>

Mr. Coleman proposed that the account for 16/- for advertising Scavenging be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson's Testimonial.

Mr. Godfrey gave the report of the Testimonial Committee. (Mr. Hodgkinson). That an Umbrella & a Walking Stick be presented - & the Tea (Mr. Wilford's Gift) & presentation take place on Tuesday the 25th inst at 6.30pm

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Recreation Ground.

Mr. Fletcher read the report of the meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held on the 8th. The Committee recommended the Council to erect gates, fences & C, but before inviting tenders for the work, the Council should each view the ground, and attend a meeting at the Fire Station on Tuesday November 15th at 7.30 and discuss the whole matter.

Mr. Burke proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wall proposed an amendment that the fence on the east end of the ground be carried out in a line with Jenner's Garden. Seconded by Mr. Penny, lost & resolution carried.

Hedge, Stile & Fence.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the hedge be grubbed, stile & fence removed and the trees topped. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Specification.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that, Mr. Wilford be asked to kindly prepare a specification & that a copy of by-laws & rules be obtained.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mrs. Blackman asking for increase in wages.

Mr. Smith moved that the matter stand over till April. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp in Holborough Road.

3. “ “ “ “ “ Lamps being turned out.

4. Letter from P.O. Telephones re:- Telegraph Posts.

5. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Land.
Clerk to sign agreement.

6&7. Letters from Messrs Allen & Son re:- Recreation Ground.

8. Letter from Westminster Bank re:- Repayment of loan.

9. Letter from Mr. Prosser giving C.C. consent to loan.

10. Statement to Ministry of Health.

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

Tenders for Work in Allotments.

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

1. Brattle & Sons. £16.5.0d.

2. Hinds. C.W. £15.10.0d.

3. Wilford. J.J. £15.15.0d.

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mr. Hinds tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Thomson proposed that they be judged on their merits. Seconded by Mr. Wall & carried.

1. Lambert. E.A. £230.

2. Hammond. J.J. £220 & £220

3. Cook A.E. £205 & £215.

4. Ashby £210.10.0.

The Rev. C de R Wall proposed that the District Council be recommended to accept Mr. Hammond's tender. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Plan & Inscription.

Mr. Smith proposed that the Plan & Inscription of a small Tablet to be placed on Mr. Ashby's Grave No.929 be approved by the Council. He stated it was wood and he was of opinion the Council did not approve of Wooden Memorials.

Mr. Fletcher proposed the matter be referred to the Cemetery Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Smith proposed that the Conveyance of Grave space No.948 to Mrs. Gordon Harry Russell be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Houses.

Mr. May proposed that the District Council be reminded of the application of 24 houses to be erected in Snodland, made twelve months ago. Seconded by Rev' C de R Wall and carried.

B.A.P. Sewage.

Mr. Monk proposed that the District Council be asked to compel British Animal Products Co. to empty their blood hole during the night and completed before 8am. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Miskin and ask him to direct Mr. Souter, to pay more frequent visits to the Slaughter House. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

W.W. May.
Chairman.
December 9th 1924.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 9th 1924.

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Mr. Bates attended the Meeting to sign the agreement for hire of Brookland, lately in occupation of Mr. T. Cohen.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the agreement be signed. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Brook.

Mr. Thomson reported that two men were working on the Brook.

Allotments.

Mr. May reported that Mr. Hinds had finished the gate and fencing on the Allotments satisfactorily.

Public Baths.

Mr. Fletcher reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 491 and the fees amounted to £4.11.8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 366 and £3.11.2d.

Finance.

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

Clegg. W.E.	Meetings.	1. 10. 0.
Moore. J. & Co.	Nails & Rubber.	1. 9.
Hinds. C.W.	Work on Allotments.	15. 10. 0.
Shaw & Son.	Byelaws & Stationery	16. 6.
Dennis Paine.	2 Padlocks.	3. 5.
Moore. J.T. & Co.	Tools & Oil.	1. 7. 4.
Hayman. Wm Ltd.	Coke.	1. 2. 0.
Coleman. B.G.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 15. 4.
"	4 N.H. I. Stamps.	9. 8.
"	1 Deep Grave.	1. 0.
Moore. J.T. & Co.	Broom, Wick & C.	12. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lanterns & C.	19. 13. 2.
"	Lighting Street Lamps.	131. 2. 3.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Coke.	11. 0.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairs to Gate & Post.	12. 5.
Moore J. T. & Co.	Mantles & C.	6. 3.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	7. 10. 0.
"	Coke.	2. 10. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 17. 0.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 8.
Dence. John.	Work in recreation Ground.	1. 10. 0.
"	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 8.
		<u>£200. 13. 2.</u>

Recreation Ground.

Mr. Fletcher read the report of the Recreation Ground Committee. It stated that Mr. Wilford was to be asked to prepare a specification of the work proposed to be done on the ground.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Cobb. re:- Allotments.
2. Letter from R.D. Council. re:- Scavenging.
3. Letter from Mr. E. Ashby. re:- Scavenging.
4. Letter from R. D. Council. re:- Scavenging.
5. Letter from Mr. G.A. Cooper. re:- Valuation.
6. Letter from R.D. Council. re:- Housing.
7. Letter from R.D. Council. re:- Housing.
8. Letter from R. D. Council. re:- B.A.P. Cesspool.
9. Letter from Mr. Chambers. re:- Right of Way.
10. Letter from Mr. Chambers. re:- Recreation Ground.
11. Letter from Royal Assurance Co. re:- Increasing the amount insured on the Buildings in the Cemetery.
Mr. Fletcher proposed that the matter be referred to the Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.
12. Letter from Mr. Hodgkinson thanking Council & particularly Mr. Wilford for entertainment and present.
13. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of Water for the month of October.

W.W. May.
Chairman.
January 13th 1925.

