

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 12th January 1926
At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Recreation Ground

Mr. Burke proposed that the matter of the purchase of Mr. Albert Cooks land be dropped for the present. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Allotments

Mr. May reported that the footpath at Holboro' had been diverted and several Allotments had been over-run by Carts.

He moved that the District Council's attention be called to the diversion of the Footpath across the field, but the Clerk to see Mr. Roberts first. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Path by Orchard Cottages

Mr. May proposed that the District Council be asked to repair the path by Orchard Cottages. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be supplied with seeds to the value of 10/-. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Baths

Mr. Wall reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 511 and the fees amounted to £4-16-1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 456 and £4-8-0d.

Soap.

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

Finance

Mr. Monk proposed, Mr. Wall seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Hinds. C.W.	Sharpening Tool.	1.	8.
"	Lock & Key & Erecting Fence.	3.	11. 0.
Insurance Co.	Third Party Insurance.	1.	17. 6.
Kent Messenger.	Advertising Bye-Laws.	1.	7. 0.
Shaw & Sons.	Stationery.	14.	9.
Reeves. F.E.	Income Tax.	1.	3. 6.
Dence John.	Work on Brook.	8.	0. 8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	12.	5.

Cashier of Bank of England. Repayment of Loan & Interest.	24.	0.	4.
Reeves. F.E. Tax.		15.	0.
Hinds C.W. Repairing Fork.		1.	0.
Russell. G. Black Hat.		8.	6.
Crowhusrt. Messrs. Repairing fence.	1.	17.	0.
Harrison & Son. Flower Pots.		14.	0.
Hayman W. Ltd. Coal & Coke.	3.	11.	1.
Evenden. J. Caretakers Wages.	12.	4.	0.
“ 5. N.H.I. Stamps.		12.	5.
Reeves. F.E. Tax.		3.	0.
Hinds C.W. Expenses to Staplehurst.	1.	0.	0.
Russell. G. Firemen’s Uniforms.	18.	5.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co. Raising Hydrant Cover.		9.	10.
Russell. G. Repair Firemen’s Trousers.		4.	6.
Burrows A. 24, Bushels Firewood.		12.	0.
Hayman. W. Ltd. 2, Chaldrons Coke.	2.	6.	0.
Judges. A. Caretakers Wages.	5.	17.	0.
“ 4. N.H.I. Stamps		9.	8.
		<u>103.</u>	<u>16.</u>
			<u>3.</u>

Mr. Monk proposed that Mr. Hinds a/c for repair of Scavenging Cart and the Kent Messenger a/c for advertising Scavenging Contracts be approved by the Council, and sent to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Caretaker thanking Council for Coal.
2. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Bye-Laws.
3. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries re:- Allotments.
4. Letter from Kent Electric Power Co. re:- Cable across Brook.
5. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Housing.
6. Letter from M.R. D. Council re:- Housing.
7. Letter from M.R.D. Council re:- Numbering Houses.
Mr. Burke proposed that the matter of numbering the Houses be left in the hands of the District Council, and that they be asked to proceed forthwith. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.
8. Letter from Mr. Cooper giving valuation of piece of land in Malling Road.
9. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Widening Holborough Road.
10. Letter from National Association of Assessment & Rating Authorities asking Council to fill up Questionnaire.
Mr. Wilford proposed that the subscription be 6d per 100 of population. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

It was decided to agree to 2, 3, and 4 questions, and also to the suggested questions to be discussed.

11. 9 letters from the Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamps that have been knocked down.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Gas Co. be asked to replace the three Lamps knocked down, and the Council take proceedings to recover the cost of erection. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

12. Letter from Kent Rural Community Council inviting the Council to send representatives to a Meeting on Wednesday January 27th at 2.30pm at the Corn Exchange, Maidstone. Messrs Combe & Godfrey were appointed to attend.

13. 2 letters from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for November & December.

J. Coleman.
February 9th 1926.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 8th February 1926

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Coleman (Chairman), Monk (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, May, Thomson, Burke, Butcher, State, Wall, Knott, Godfrey, Dr. Combe, T. Hilder, Clerk and T. Hilder Jnr' Deputy Clerk.

Minutes

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

Path

Mr. May proposed that the District Council be asked to repair the path in Paddlesworth Road, and the end of Bramley Road. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

The Clerk reported that he had seen Major Roberts respecting the path across Chapel Fields who had suggested diverting the path to the back of the Cottages in Holborough Road.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Roberts be asked to use the uncalled to make an embankment across the Pit, on which to run the path. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Baths

Rev. C De R Wall reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 399 and the fees amounted to £3-14-2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 476 and £4-15-2d.

The Rector reported that the Baths Committee recommended the Council to increase the 2nd class cold bath fee from 1d to 2d, and the 2nd class warm bath fee from 2d to 3d and the first class warm bath fee from 6d to 7d.

He proposed the fees be raised as recommended by the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey.

Lost. For 3. Against 7.

Time for Bath

Mr. Wall proposed that the maximum time for a Bath be half an hour, when the Caretaker after due notice shall turn off the water – Notices to this effect to be placed in each bathroom and in the corridor. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Wall proposed that the Boiler & Tanks be cleaned out, two sets of new bars for the Boiler Furnace be purchased, the pipes and valves be examined, the front gate raised by placing a washer and the Mr. J. Rogers be employed to do the work. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wall proposed that 5 ten feet lengths of railing 3' x 2' be purchased to enable the Caretaker to repair the fence. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Byelaws

Mr. Fletcher reported that the Byelaws for the management of the Recreation Ground had been approved & confirmed by the Ministry of Health. He proposed that Mr. Hambrook be asked to give a price to print 250 copies. Seconded by Mr. Burke. Mr. Thomson proposed an amendment that Mr. Hambrook be given the work to print 250 copies of the Byelaws. Seconded by Mr. Monk. The amendment was carried.

Finance

Mr. Monk proposed, Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Shaw & Son.	3 letter Books.	1. 11. 9.
Dence John.	Work on Brook.	9. 1. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Dobbie & Co.	Seeds.	12. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate. Cottage.	11. 6.
“	“ Cemetery & Mortuary	11. 7.
Vaughan E. Ltd.	Galvanized Sheets.	3. 6. 10.
“	Carriage.	7. 6.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 14. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	4. 8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lantern. Groves.	1. 13. 3.
Hinds. C.W.	Motor & Manual Fire Engine	50. 7. 8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4. 7. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 3. 3.
Dedrick. F.S.	10 gross of Soaps.	3. 5. 0.
Judges A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 11. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
		<u>£93. 15. 5.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from A. Cook re:- Purchase of Ground.

Mr. Burke proposed that the land be purchased for £40 and Mr. Chambers be asked to convey it to the Council. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

2. Letter from National Association of Parish Councils.

It was decided to send 10/- and the names of the Delegates to the Meeting to be held in Kingsway Hall on February 25th at 3pm.

3. Letter from the Ministry of Health re:- Byelaws.

4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co offering to replace old Lamp at Church Terrace with a new one for £3-12-6d.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the offer be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

5. Letter from Major Barnes re:- Questionnaire.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Lamp at Baldocks

7. Letter from American Oil Co. re:- Lamp Column.

8. Letter from Ocean Insurance Co re:- Lamp.

9. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Lamp at Holborough.

10. Letter from County Council re:- Licence.

11. Letter from M.R.D. Council re:- Path by Orchard Cottages

12. " " " " re:- Housing Site.

13. " " " " re:- Numbering Houses.

14. Letter from Mr. Dennant re:- Lamp at Bull Corner.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Sergeant of Police to prevent people congregating around this Lamp late at night.

Receipt

Mr. May proposed that a receipt for Three Hundred Pounds be issued on the Overseers, under the General Expenses and The Burial accounts. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Road by Orchard Cottages.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the B.P.C.M. Comp' asking them to put the road by Orchard Cottages in repair, in order that the District Council may consider taking it over and maintaining it for the future.

J. Coleman

March 9th 1926.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 9th March 1926
At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that one man was still working on the Brook, and the Mid Kent Gas Co. was laying a gas-main along the Willow Walk to New Hythe.

Baths

The Rev' C de R Wall reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks was 499 and the fees amounted to £4-13-4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 517 and £4-15-6d.

Recreation Ground

Mr. J. Fletcher reported that the Byelaws had been printed by Mr. Hambrook for the sum of £3-11-6d

Finance

Mr. Monk proposed. Mr. State seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

The Clerk.	Postages.	1.	2.	4.
Clegg. W.E.	Room for Meetings.		12.	6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	5.	14.	8.
“	Printing Byelaws.	3.	11.	6.
“	Window Bills. A. Ass.		9.	6.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	¼ Salary.	6.	5.	0.
Dence. John.	Work on Brook.		7.	11.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Cobb. R.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	4.	7.	6.
Messrs. Burke & Godfrey.	Expenses to Conference.	1.	10.	0.
Prudential Ass; Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	16.	8.	3.
Chambers. A.E.	Payment for Land. (Cooks).	40.	0.	0.
Smythe Messrs.	Wood for Cemetery.	2.	2.	4.
“	Carriage.		1.	6.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Chaldron of Coke.	1.	3.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	17.	0.	8.
“	7. N.H.I. Stamps.		19.	3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Public Lamps.	129.	19.	8.
“	Lamp at Groves.	2.	2.	5.
Hayman W. Ltd.	5 bags of Coke.		10.	0.
Wilford J.J.	Repairs to Cottage & Station.	9.	15.	9.

Smythe Messrs.	Wood for Baths.	6.	3.
“	Carriage.	1.	6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing Cards.	5.	6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	11.	11.
“	9. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	4.
		<u>1.</u>	<u>4.</u>
		<u>£252.</u>	<u>9.</u>
			<u>9.</u>

National Association of Parish Councils

Mr. Godfrey gave a report of the Delegates Meeting at Knightsbridge House, London.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the District Councillors be asked to vote to be attached to Maidstone rather than Sevenoaks in the new grouping of the District Councils.

Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Canhan asking for the loan of the Spinal Chair for Miss. Rogers of Wouldham.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Wall seconded that the Chair be lent Mr. Canhan till it is required in Snodland, the said Mr. Canhan to be responsible for damages and wear & tear. Carried.

2. Letter from A.P.C.M. re:- Road be Orchard Cottages.

3. Letter from Holborough Cement Co. re:- Orchard Cottages.

Mr. May proposed that the Clerk write to the A.P.C.M. asking them to make up a Kerb & Path by Orchard Cottages. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

4. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Housing.

5. Copy of letter from Mr. Miskin.

6. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Byelaws for Recreation Ground.

7. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Byelaws.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Land purchased from Mr. Cook be offered to District Council for £50. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

8. Letter from Hamilton, White & Chambers re:- Conveyance.

9. Letter from District Council re:- Paddlesworth Road and Bramley Road.

10. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

11. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp by Church Terrace.

12. Letter from Major Barnes re:- Delegates to Parish Council's Association Meeting.

13. Letter from Mr. Dawes re:_ Headstone & kerb.

14. Letter from Mr. Wilford asking the Council to excuse his absence as he is unwell.

Conveyance

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Chairman and two members of the Council sign the Conveyance of the land purchased from Mr. A. Cook of Aylesford. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Fletcher and The Rev' C de R Wall signed.

Date of Turning on Brook

Mr. Thomson proposed that the 12th of April be recommended as the date for turning Cattle on the Brook this year. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Gatekeeper

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mrs. Blackman be recommended to be Gatekeeper for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Draft Report of Parish Council Proceedings

The Clerk read the report of the Parish Council proceedings for the year ending 31st March 1926.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Butcher seconded that the report be adopted as read. Carried.

Financial Statements

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 100 copies of the Financial Statement for the year 1924-5 be printed. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Parish Meeting

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

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Smith proposed that the Plan & Inscription for Mr. Flints Scroll Stone, and Mrs. Fairman's Headstone & kerb be accepted and approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Nuisance

Mr. State proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to a nuisance in Queens Avenue arising from attendants at the Picture Palace using the place as a Urinal. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

J. Coleman
April 20th 1926.

District Audit Stamped.
6th May 1926.

Annual Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 20th April 1926
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Monk, Smith, Thomson, Wall, Butcher, State, May, Coleman, Burke, Penny, Wilford, Godfrey, Knott, Combe and the Clerk T. Hilder and the Deputy Clerk T. Hilder Jnr'.

Minutes

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

Chairman

The Rev' C de R Wall proposed and Mr. Smith seconded that Mr. A.J. Monk be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

Mr. Monk proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Coleman for carrying out his duties as Chairman so ably and efficiently during the past year. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Wall be elected Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Overseers

Mr. May proposed that Mr. C. Godfrey, J.H. Burke, J. Fletcher and A.J. Monk, the same as last year be elected Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Committees

Mr. Burke proposed that the Committees stand as last year. The Clerk to arrange the Card. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that the man was still working on the Brook clearing out the big Ditches.

He proposed that the Ditch round the Allotments be cleaned out Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Allotments

Mr. May reported that the lock on the Birling Lands Gate had been damaged. He had engaged Mr. Hinds to repair the Lock and re-hang the Gate. Mr. State proposed that the action of Mr. May be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Path

Mr. May proposed that the attention of the Holborough Cement Co. be called to the dangerous condition of the path in Chapel Field and also of the path in Church Field. Also the attention of the District Council be called to the same. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

High Street

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Skinner's the Builders attention be called to the damage done to the path in the High Street. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Roads

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Chapman's attention be called to the bad state of the road in Malling Road, Holborough Road and High Street. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last six weeks to be 803 and the fees amounted to £9-13-10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 810 and £9-11-11d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford read the report of the Committee Meeting held on April 8th respecting the purchase of ground by Major Roberts.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Major Roberts be offered the land for £50. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Finance

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

Bond. W.,	Financial Statements	2.	0.
Chamber. A.E.	Conveyance of Land.	5.	5. 0.
Reeves. F.E.	Income Tax.	5.	10. 7.
Dence. John.	Work on Brook.	10.	5. 4.
“	6. N.H.I. Stamps.	16.	6.
Burrow. Alma.	Seed Boxes.	5.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	11.	7.
“	“	11.	6.
Moore & Co.	Goods.	11.	4. 8.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	6. 0.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	5.	3.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance.	16.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Attending Hydrants.	3.	6. 0.
“	Water Rate.	14.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Moving & Erecting Column.	8.	6. 10.
“	6. Mantles.	3.	0.
Moore & Co.	Goods.	3.	9
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	3. Chaldrons Coke.	3.	9. 0.
Local Gov' Guarantee.	Guarantee Premium.	7.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Attention to Lanterns & Mantles.	3.	2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4.	7. 9.
		<u>£56.</u>	<u>16. 11.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Canhan re:- Spinal Chair.
2. Letter from Mr. Chambers re:- Conveyance.
3. “ “ “ “ “ “
4. “ “ “ “ re:- Schedule of Deeds.

5. Letter from Mr. Cobb re:- Allotments.

6. “ “ “ “ “ “

7. Letter from Rural District Council re:- Housing.

8. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Footpath.

9. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Housing.

Mr. May proposed that a letter of protest be sent to the District Council, against their schedule of building Cottages at Hollow Lane in the Parish of Birling. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

10. Sharnal Lane.

Mr. May proposed that the District Council be asked to repair Sharnal Lane to the entrance of the Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

11. Letter from Mr. D. Thomson re:- Water to House.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Thomson be allowed to tap the main for an annual charge of 10/-. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

12. Letter from The St John's Ambulance Brigade re:- House to House Collection.

Mr. Burke moved that the application be entertained. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Combe and carried.

13. Letter from Ditton Parish Council re:- Resolution respecting the grouping of the Parish District Councils under the Rating & Valuation Bill.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the resolution be adopted. Carried Unanimously.

14. Letter from the National Association of Parish Councils asking the Council to join the Association.

It was decided to postpone the decision to the next Meeting and in the meantime to ascertain if the Council could use its funds to pay the fees.

15. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Advertisements Regulation Act 1925.

Mr. Coleman proposed that this Council considered that Snodland did not require the protection of this Act at present. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

16. Letter from The Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of January.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 997 to Mrs. Ellen Gorham be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Wall and carried.

Lighting

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Lighting Committee go round the Parish and make an inspection of all the Lamps. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Hydrant

Mr. Wilford proposed that the question of the Hydrant for the groves stand over for 12 months. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Delegates

Messrs. Godfrey & Burke the Delegates to the Parish Council's Conference be paid 10/- each out of pocket expenses and 5/- each was paid to the Provisional Committee to meet expenses of Meeting.

A.J. Monk.
Chairman
3rd May 1926.

A Special Meeting of the Council
Held in the Fire Station on Monday 3rd May 1926
At 8pm.

Present Messrs, Monk (Chairman), Rev. Wall (Vice-Chairman), State, May, Burke, Butcher, Knott, Fletcher and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes

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

Correspondence

1. Letter from the Ministry of Health re:- Resolution under Rating And Valuation Act.
2. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Roads.
3. Letter from Mr. Jacob tendering his resignation as Treasurer of the Council.
4. Letter from Mr. F. Edward, the new Manager applying for the post of treasurer.
Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Jacob's resignation be accepted with regret, and that Mr. Edwards be appointed Treasurer in his place. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.
5. Letter from Major Barnes re:- Subscriptions.
It was decided that the matter stand over till the next Meeting.
6. Letter from Mr. Chambers re:- Receipts.
7. Letter from the County Council re:- Resolution.
8. Letter from Mr. A. Wilkins re:- Collection.
9. 2 letters from District Council re:- Path, Housing & Sharnal Lane.
10. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water for the month of March.

Path

Mr. Burke proposed that the diversion of the present path from Hook's School to the New Road, to the east side of the field, be approved by the Council, on the understanding it made up, kept in repair, and fenced on the west side from the Wash Mill to the New Road. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the District Council be requested to enforce these conditions. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Holborough Cement Co. requesting them to fence the present path from the pit, and remove dangerous obstacles, making it quite safe for pedestrians.

Mr. Hinds Account

Mr. Wall proposed that Mr. Hinds account for the repair of the Scavenging Cart be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. May proposed that the Plan & inscription of the Headstone & Kerb to Mr Wingates Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Letter to County Council

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Wall seconded that a letter be sent to Mr. Prosser asking that the improvement in Holborough Road may be carried out. Carried.

A. J. Monk.
Chairman
11th May 1926.

Meeting of the Council

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Present Messrs, Monk (Chairman), Rev. Wall (Vice-Chairman). Fletcher, Godfrey, Wilford, Smith, May, Burke, Knott, State, Butcher, Thomson, Combe and 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 the Clerk had claimed compensation for the disturbed Allotments Holders at Holborough, and the claims had been paid.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 393 and the fees amounted to £3-12-7d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 465 and £4-7-7d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford proposed that tenders be invited for the erection of a pit the length of the Greenhouse and alteration of the Gutters so as to take water into tubs. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Messrs, Brattle, Wilford, Rogers and Draycon were to be invited to tender.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the path at the end of the Cemetery be rolled and tarred and that the District Council be asked to do the work. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Burrow be offered the grass for the cutting. Failing him, to offer it to Mr. Player. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Committee had supplied the Caretaker with Overalls. He moved that the Council approve of their action. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Wilford also moved that the action of the Committee in supplying the Caretaker with 25 Stakes to mend the fence, be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker have a man for three weeks to help during the planting. Mr. J. Dence was mentioned. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Wages

The Caretaker made an application for an increase in his wages.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Finance

Mr. Wilford proposed, Mr. Knott seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Shorne Hill Field.	5.	9.
"	"	Polly Field	10.	4.
"	"	Slough Field.	6.	1. ½
"	"	Birling Lands.	12.	11.
"	"	The Brook.	6.	5 ½
Dence. John.	Work on Brook.		3.	17. 4.
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	Cemetery.	2.	6. 6.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	1 Chaldron of Coke.		1.	3. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.		7.	6. 4.
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		8.	3.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	Fire Station.	4.	10. 5.
"	"	Cottage.	2.	13. 11 ½
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas.		3.	10.
Hinds. C.W.	Petrol, Oil etc.		1.	19. 2.
Hilder. T.	Rates.	Baths.	6.	19. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		1.	19. 1.
Hayman. Wm Ltd.	Coal & Coke.		3.	11. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		5.	15. 0.

“

5. N.H.I. Stamps.

13. 9.
£45. 12. 11. ½

Brigade

Mr. Wall proposed that certain articles Straps & C. be purchased for the Fire Brigade. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Cottage

Mr. Smith proposed that 2 bedrooms at the Fire Station Cottage be distempered. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

It was decided to leave the matter of the Clerks Salary to the Finance Committee's Meeting to be held on June 3rd at 8.30pm in the Fire Station.

St John's Ambulance

The Rector reported that the Scouts & Girl Guides under Miss Draycon's supervision would make the house to house Collection in aid of the St John's Ambulance Society. Mr. Wall moved that this arrangement be adopted. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from District Council re:- Road by Orchard Cottages.

2. “ “ “ “ re:- Footpath by Hooks School.

3. “ “ “ “ re:- Sharnal Lane.

Mr. Burke reported that if the Snodland and Birling Council's, make up this road the District Council would take it over.

Mr. May proposed that the matter be left to a small Committee from each Council. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Messrs May, Godfrey & Butcher consented to form the Committee.

4. Letter from District Council re:- Footpath.

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

6. Letter from District Council re:- Coal Emergency Act.

7. Letter from Major Barnes re:- Subscription to National Association of Parish Councils.

Mr. Knott proposed that the matter be postponed till the next Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Conveyance of Land

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Land at the Cemetery to Mr. Roberts be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Land for Housing

Mr. May proposed that about 1 acre of land on the west side of the recreation ground be offered to the District Council for £75 on the understanding that twelve houses be

built thereon as soon as possible, and connected with the sewer. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Fence

It was decided that Mr. Stone remove his fence from the land purchased from Mr. Cook.

It was decided not to accept Mr. Jenner's offer for his land.

A.J. Monk
Chairman
June 8th 1926.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 8th June 1926

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Mr. Wilford promised to phone Mr. H. T. Chapman respecting the repair of the Holborough Road.

It was decided to allow the question of the subscription to the Parish Council's Association stand over till the next Meeting.

Allotments

Mr. May reported that the Allotments were in fair order.

Sharnal Lane

He also reported the result of the joint meeting of the Snodland & Birling Councillors in Sharnal Lane.

It was decided to recommend the Council's to spend £10 on the improvement of the lane. Birling Council to pay 1/3 of this amount, and the work be put out to tender.

Mr. Burke moved that Mr. Vickery be asked to view the road and say what he thought should be spent on it before the District Council take it over. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Baths

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 712 and the fees amounted to £6-12-9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 973 and £9-5-9d.

Recreation Ground

It was suggested that the Rules & Regulations be posted in the Recreation Ground. Mr. Fletcher promised to talk the matter over with the Clerk and report to the next Meeting.

Finance

The Rev' Wall proposed, Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Hilder. T.J.	¼ Salary.	6.	5.	0.
Hayman. Wm Ltd.	Coke.	1.	3.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	14.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Dence. John.	Caretakers Help.	3.	17.	4.
“	2. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	6.
Betts. W. Chas'	Repairs of Fireman's Boots.		8.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Replacing Lamp.	3.	12.	6.
Richardson C.	12. Straps.	1.	13.	0.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairs to Cottage.	1.	6.	3.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coke.	2.	6.	0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	16.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
				<u>£37. 10. 1.</u>

St John's Ambulance

Mr. Wall reported that the Boy Scouts & Girl Guides were not allowed to make the collection.

He proposed that Miss Draycon carry out the collection in aid of the St John's Ambulance Association with the assistance of the Children. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Caretakers Wages

The Rev'd Wall proposed that the Caretakers Wages be increased by 2/6 per week after serving the Council a year, i.e from the 1st of August, and then 2/6 per year until a maximum of three pounds per week is reached. This raise to be contingent on the work still being done to the entire satisfaction of the Council. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Clerks Salary

It was resolved that in view of Mr. Hilder's office as Assistant Overseer lapsing on April 1st 1927 under the new Valuation Act, he be granted an increase in salary of £25, for the last year as some acknowledgement of his valuable services to the Parish, and the Parish Council for over thirty years.

Proposed by Mr. Wilford,. Seconded by Mr. Thomson.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Holborough Cement Co. re:- Footpath.

2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

3. Letter from the Inspector of Taxes. re:- Interest.

4. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Housing.

5. Letter from Messrs Martyn & Martyn re:- Stamp.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1004 to Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence be signed by the Council, and also the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1005 to Mr. Robert Body be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Plan of fence

Mr. Wilford proposed that the plan of the Iron fence to be placed on Mr. Martin's Grave be approved by the Council and that the fee of one guinea be charged. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Inscription

Mr. Wilford proposed that the additional inscription for Mr. Wm. Mannering's Headstone be approved by the Council. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Double Fees

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the matter of Burial Fees for people living out of the Parish be referred to the Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Receipt

Mr. Wall proposed that a receipt for £100 under the Bath's Acts be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Seats

Mr. Wilford proposed that in the event of seats being moved that the Clerk have power to get them replaced at once. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

A.J. Monk
Chairman
13th July 1926.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 13th July 1926

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Monk (Chairman), Rev' Wall (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Smith, Thomson, May, Godfrey, State, Penny, Burke, Knott, Wilford, Combe and the Clerk T. Hilder & T. Hilder Jnr.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. May proposed that the ditch in Slough Field be cleaned out, and the hedge in Sharnal Lane be trimmed on both sides, also that Mr. Saul's attention be called to the state of his Allotment. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 1022 and the fees amounted to £9-11-0d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 1149 and £10-19-7d.

Finance

The Rev'd Wall proposed, Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	1.	0.	0.
Dence. John.	Work on Brook.	2.	17.	4.
"	2. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	6.
The Clerk.	Audit Stamp.	8.	0.	0.
Barnes. H.G.H.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	4.	11.	10.
"	" " " "		3.	6. 8.
"	" " " "		14.	15. 5.
"	" " " "		10.	16. 8.
Reeves. F.E.	Income Tax on Brook.		8.	6.
"	" " Holborough Allotments.		15.	0.
"	" " Cemetery Cottage.		11.	11.
Russell. G.	Overalls.		13.	5.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		4.	6.
" "	"		11.	7.
Draycon. H.R.	Work at Cemetery.	9.	12.	4.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	13.	4.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
Dence. John.	Caretakers Help.	3.	17.	4.
"	2. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		14.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		2.	7.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.		7.	8.
Stedman Arthur.	Sundry Brigade Requisites.		10.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		9.	1.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4.	10.	9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	16.	4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
			<u>£91.</u>	<u>15. 0.</u>

Nursing Association

The Rev'd Wall read the report of the Nursing Association Meeting and Mr. Monk agreed to act as Chairman of that Association.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Southern Railway re:- Appeal.
2. Letter from Westminster Bank re:- Bond.

3. “ “ “ “ “ “
4. Letter from Mr. Davies re:- Marble Headstone.
5. Letter from Holborough Cement Co. re:- Path by Orchard Cottages.
6. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Holborough Road.
7. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Claim 1925-6.
8. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
9. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Sharnal Lane.
10. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water.

Mr. May proposed that the Holborough Cement Co. be asked to remove the slurry at the end of the footpath by the New Road, and also to call their attention to the bad state of the road by The Prince of Wales Inn. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Tenders

There were only two tenders for the work at the Cemetery. Mr. Burke proposed that the lowest tender be accepted. They were.

Draycon. H.R.	£42-9-0d
Wilford. J.J.	£29-17-6d.

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Wilford's tender be accepted and the work to proceed at once. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Spaces

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1006 to Mr. Robert Body, and the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1007 to Mrs. Ellen Kate Grows be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Stone & Kerb for Maria Austin's Grave be approved by the Council subject to certain conditions. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Headstone & Kerb for G.J. Barnes Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Waste Paper

It was decided that the Councillors during the next month should consider the question of preventing waste paper or rubbish being strewn in the streets and if necessary the sites for waste paper baskets & the matter be brought up at the next meeting.

A.J. Monk.
Chairman.

10th August 1926.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 10th August 1926
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Monk (Chairman), Fletcher, Thomson, Smith, Knott, Coleman, Burke, Godfrey, Butcher, Combe, Wilford.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that the wire fence across the stream near the bridge had broken away and the Cattle had strayed into the Allotments. He had instructed Mr. Crowhurst to repair and extend the fence for about 30 feet.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher read an epitome of the Byelaws, which he suggested should be printed and posted in the Recreation Ground.

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

Mr. Coleman proposed that the matter of the printing and posting the Byelaws be left to the Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford reported a Meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on Friday August 6th. The Committee recommended the Council to accept Mr. J.J. Wilford's tender to substitute a fifty gallon tank to receive the overflow water in the place of the five tubs, for an extra charge of £2-5-0d.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the recommended action be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Painting Greenhouse

Mr. Wilford proposed that tenders be invited to paint the Greenhouse 2 coats and 3 coats where burnt off, outside, and one coat inside, the broken butts to be replaced by Brass ones, and the frames on the old pits re-adjusted and painted. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Wilford reported that he had employed John Dence for a week to weed the path ready for the Tar-painting. This action was approved by the Council.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 870 and the fees amounted to £8-5-6d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 923 and £8-18-5d.

Finance

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

Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	1.	0.	0.
Dence. John.	Work on Allotments.	2.	5.	4.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamp.	2.	9.	
Knight & Co.	Grant of Right of Burial	3.	15.	0.
“	Register of Graves.	2.	19.	3.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	11.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11.	0.	
Betts. W.C.	Repair of Fireman's Boots.	2.	0.	
Reeves. F.E.	Tax on Cottage.	2.	1.	0.
Burrows. A.	Firewood.	14.	6.	
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	6.	1.	0.
Rogers. T.	Repairs & C.	4.	19.	6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	15.	0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
			<u>£40.</u>	<u>10. 9.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Rev'd C de R Wall stating inability to attend.

2. Letter from M.R.D. C. re:- Housing Site.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Miskin stating that the Council expected to be paid £75 clear of any expenses for the land in the Recreation Ground to be used as a building site. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

3. Letter from M.R.D.C. re:- Housing.

4. “ “ “ “ “

5. Letter from Holborough Cement Co. re:- Path & Road.

6. Letter from The Inspector of Taxes re:- Tax on Cottage.

7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

8. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Sharnal Lane.

Matter to be left till he returns

It was decided to erect a Notice Board in Sharnal Lane cautioning persons against depositing refuse and rubbish in the Lane.

Lighting

The Clerk read a letter from the Gas Co. stating they would light the Lamps from Oct' 1st to March 31st for £3-12-3d per Lamp. The Lamps to be lit half an hour after sunset and extinguished at 10.30pm.

To light the Lamps previous to the 1st of October and after March 31st the charge would be 2/7 per Lamp.

Mr. Smith proposed and Mr. Knott seconded that the extra 10 Lamps be not lighted.
Carried.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the whole question of Lighting be referred to a special meeting of the Council on Tuesday August 17th 1926 at 8pm. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Electric Power Co.

The Kent Electric Power Co. submitted a draft agreement of wayleave across the Brook.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the draft agreement be approved by the Council.
Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Diversion of Footpath

Mr. Wilford proposed that the approval of the Surveyor be added to the agreement.

Mr. Wilford proposed, Mr. Thomson seconded and it was resolved.

“That the consent of the said Parish Council be given to the proposed of the said Holborough Cement Co. Ltd in the County of Kent, that part of a certain Footpath leading from the Malling to Strood Main Road at a point in the area of Hook’s School Snodland, along and over land belonging to William Lee Henry Roberts in a North Westerly direction to the New Road Snodland, and measuring 1431 feet or thereabouts should be stopped up and diverted, and that a new Footpath at Snodland aforesaid being 1320 feet in length of thereabouts and situate near to and to the Eastern side of the new existing Public Footpath, should be substitutes in lieu of the said Public Footpath proposed to be diverted and stopped up, and which said Footpaths respectively are more particularly shewn in the Plan annexed to the Notice given by the said Holborough Cement Co. Ltd as aforesaid-

And it was further resolved that Public Notice of this Resolution be given in manner requires for giving Notice of Vestry Meeting and by posting up a Notice at the end of the said existing Footpath so proposed to be diverted and stopped up as aforesaid.

Dated this 10th Day of August 1926

A.J. Monk.

Chairman of the said Parish Council

Tom Hilder.

Clerk of the said Parish Council.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Headstone & Kerb for Mr. Bates Grave and Plan & Inscription for Kerb for Mr. Russell’s Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Waste Paper

It was decided that the matter of the Waste Paper Baskets be left till the next Meeting.

Notice Boards

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Clerk get the Notice Board on the World’s Stores painted. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

C de R Wall.
Chairman

14th September 1926.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 14th September 1926

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Wall (In the Chair), Thomson, Burke, Smith, Wilford, State, Butcher, Coleman, Godfrey, Knott, May and the Clerk T. Hilder and T. Hilder Jnr'..

Minutes

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

Waste Paper

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Ashby complaining of paper on the streets on Sunday, and in the meantime the Clerk to ascertain the price of wire baskets. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Brook

Mr. Thomson proposed that a Bridge be erected over the Ditch on the south-end of the Brook, to enable the Cattle to reach that portion. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a new flap be placed at the end of the tunnel under the Mill Stream, and the frame repaired, and 9 inches of concrete be placed over the Bridge. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that tenders be invited for the whole of the work. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Allotments

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Hinds be asked to replace the lock on the Gate, at Birling Lands. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Mr. May proposed that the hedge by the Recreation Ground be cut back. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 1095 and the fees amounted to £10-5-9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 954 and £9-2-8d.

Finance

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

Hilder. T.	¼ Salary.	6.	5.	0.
Wilford. J.J.	Notice Boards.	2.	5.	8.
Hinds. C.W.	Repair of Seats.		5.	6.
"	Work on Brook.	1.	11.	0.
Prudential As. Co.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	16.	8.	9.
Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary. Part.	1.	0.	0.

Wilford. J.J.	Work at Cemetery.	32.	2.	6.
Thomson. D.	1 load of Mould.		7.	6.
Dence. J.	Caretakers Help.	1.	18.	8.
Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	18.	4.
“	6. N.H.I. Stamps.		16.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lamp at Bull Corner.	4.	2.	0.
Hinds. C.W.	Hose & Petrol.	1.	1.	2.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	3.	15.	3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	16.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
			<u>11.</u>	<u>0.</u>
			<u>£94.</u>	<u>2.</u>
				<u>8.</u>

Lighting

Mr. Smith reported that a Lighting Committee had been held on the 18th day of August consisting of the whole of the Council, and had decided to extinguish the Lamps at 10.30pm and that the Lamps be lighted from the 15th of September to the commencement of summer time 1927.

He moved that the action of the Committee be confirmed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Coleman gave the report of the Recreation Ground Committee which met on Saturday. Mr. May proposed that three frames be made for the side with wire netting over the front, to be erected on two posts and capable of being opened at the back. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Tenders to be invited.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford proposed that the painting the Greenhouse stand over till next year, but the frames be fitted with brass butts, and the old pits repaired. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Kent Electric Power Co. re:- Agreement.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lighting.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Lamps be lighted on the 15th inst. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

3. Letter from the District Valurer re:- Value of land sold to the District Council for Housing.

4. Letter from Mr. Rogers re:- Spinal Chair.

5. Letter from Imperial War Graves Commissioner.

6. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Sch' D.

7. Letter from Post Office, Rochester & Chatham re:- Erection of Pillar Box & automatic stamp supply machine.

Mr. Coleman proposed that permission be given for the erection. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

8. Letter from The Kent Rural Community Council re: _ Conference.
Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Godfrey be asked to attend the Meeting.
Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

9. Letter from M.R.D. Council re:- Housing Site.

10. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

11. Letter from F.J. Argles re:- Lamp at the Bull Corner.
The Clerk was asked to inform Mr. Argles that it was a matter for the Police.

12. Letter from Birling Parish Council re:- Sharnal Lane.
Mr. May proposed that Mr. Vickery be asked to improve Sharnal Lane to the extent of £10. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried
The portion to be dealt with to be from the top entrance, to the entrance to the Allotments.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Stone Tablet fro Miss Leaver's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Grave Space

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1009 to Mrs. Rebecca Hatch be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Holborough Road

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Chapman and remind him that the work of widening Holborough Road had not yet commenced.

Way Leave

The agreement with the Kent Electric Power Supply Company for wayleave across the Brook was signed.

Obstruction in High Street.

Mr. Smith proposed that the attention of Mr. Chapman be called to the obstruction in the High Street opposite the new telephone Office, of three weeks standing.
Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

A.J. Monk
Chairman.
12th October 1926.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 12th October 1926
At 7.30pm

Present Messrs Monk (Chairman), Rev'd Wall (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Burke, Wilford, Godfrey, Penny, Smith, Thomson, May, Coleman, Knott, Combe, Butcher and the Clerk T. Hilder and T. Hilder Jnr.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 776 and the fees amounted to £7-5-9d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 650 and £6-0-6d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford reported Meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on October 7th 1926, which resolved to recommend the Council "That a person removing from the Parish after twenty years residence shall be considered an inhabitant"

He proposed that the recommendation be adopted by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Wall moved and amendment that anyone who has either Husband or Wife buried in the Cemetery be charged ordinary fees.

Mr. Burke moved that the reduction of fees affect only persons who have purchased Graves. No seconder.

Mr. J. Coleman moved that no double fees be charged to any person who has lived in the Parish. No seconder.

Mr. Smith proposed that the Rector's amendment be added to the original resolution. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Plan and Inscription

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of the Stone & Kerb to be place on Mr. C. Brattle's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 6 loads of Manure be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

It was agreed to allow the Fire Brigade to attend the Torchlight Procession at Strood on October 13th in aid of St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher reported meeting of himself & Mr. Wilford respecting the erection of the Recreation Ground Rules & showed the disadvantage of providing Rules.

He proposed that the Rules be written on a board, and erected at the Malling Road entrance and tenders invited from tradesmen. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Finance

Mr. Wall proposed, Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	1.	0.	0.
Cobb. R.	½ yrs rent of Allotments.	4.	1.	3.
Prett. F.	Carting Sand to Cemetery.		7.	0.
R.D. Council.	Tar-spraying.	19.	8.	8.
Clifford & Sons.	11 yds' 3" Pack Web.		10.	8.
"	Carriage.			5.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairs at Cemetery.	3.	5.	6.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	10.	4.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Randerson. J.	Subscription to F.B.U.	1.	10.	0.
Hambrook. A.N.	200, Letter headings.		9.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	2 Mantles and Sockets.			8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	6.	14.	3.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	2.	9.	3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	15.	0.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
			<u>£57.</u>	<u>1. 9.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lighting on 15th Sept'.

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

3. Letter from Mr. Hinds re:- Kerb in Malling Road.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the attention of the County Council be called to this kerb and also the District Council's to the Kerb in the Bye-Roads. Also ask the County Council to run a Kerb from Holborough to Lord's Cross & call its attention to the narrowness of the Path by Mr. Gammons. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

4. Letter from The Ministry of Health re:- Land.

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6. Letter from Mr. Butler re:- Pipe.

7. Letter from Lynch & Son re:- Pipe.

8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Water.

9. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Coal Emergency Directions.

Mr. Coleman moved that in the opinion of the Council no further cutting down in the Lighting should be undertaken. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

10. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Land for Housing.

11. Letter from the Electric Power Co. re:- Agreement.

12. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Widening Holborough Road.

Mr. Wilford stated a Committee was coming to Snodland on Friday to inspect the proposed alterations and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk was asked to attend at 11.30

Police

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Chief Constable and ask that a staff of Sergeant and four Constables be stationed at Snodland. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Trees in Avenue

Mr. Knott proposed that the district Council be asked to lop the trees in the Queen's Avenue, where they obstructed the light from the Lamps. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

A.J. Monk
Chairman
19th October 1926

Special Meeting of the Council
Held at the Fire Station on Tuesday 19th October 1926
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Monk (Chairman), Rev'd Wall (Vice-Chairman), Combe, Coleman, State, Butcher, Godfrey, Burke, Knott, Penny, Fletcher and the Clerks T. Hilder & T. Hilder Jnr.

Minutes

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

Holboro' Road

The Rev'd C de R Wall reported that he had met the Committee from the County Council to inspect the Holborough Road in Friday Oct' 15th. They decided to recommend the improvement and widen the road to 24ft.

St John's Ambulance

He also reported that Miss. Draycon had completed the House to House Collection in aid of the St John's Ambulance brigade, and a sum of £27 had been secured. Mr. Burke proposed that the best of thanks of the Council be conveyed to Miss. Draycon and her helpers for her kindness in carrying out the collection, and to congratulate her on the satisfactory result of her efforts. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Correspondence

Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin asking the Council to confirm their resolution of May 3rd, respecting the diversion of the footpath at the back of Hooks School.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the resolution of May 3rd respecting the diversion of the footpath be confirmed by the Council. Carried.

Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Tar-Spraying.

Letter from The Chief Constable re:- Police.

Scavenging

Mr. Burke proposed that tenders be invited from Parishioners, for the Dry Scavenging, i.e. House refuse for the year 1927, and that special attention be paid to clearing the streets of paper & C. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 600 to Mrs. Evelyn Clara Brattle be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Nuisance B.A.P.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Miskin complaining of the stench caused by carting the Offal from the B.A.P. premises to the small holding Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

A.J. Monk
Chairman
9th November 1926.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 9th November 1926

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Monk (Chairman), Rev'd Wall (Vice-Chairman), Thomson, Knott, State, Butcher, Penny, May, Smith, Wilford, Fletcher, Burke, Combe and T. Hilder Jr. Clerk.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 505 and the fees amounted to £4-14-1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 593 and £5-12-1d.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher recommended that only one Notice Board be erected in the Recreation Ground instead of three.

He read the specification and exhibited the plan of the board to be erected.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and the Rector seconded that the work be carried out in accordance with the plan and specification submitted. Carried.

Mr. Fletcher moved that tenders for the work be invited from Tradesmen in the place. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Finance

Mr. Wall proposed, Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Brook.	5. 10.
"	"	Birling Lands.	11. 8.
"	"	Slough Field.	5. 6 ½
"	"	Shorne Hill.	5. 3.
"	"	Polly Field.	9. 4.
Dence. J.		Cutting Hedge.	5. 0.
Blackman. Mrs.		Gatekeepers Wages.	4. 0. 0.
Hilder. T.		Rates.	2. 2. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.		Water Rate.	11. 7.
"		"	4. 6.
Evenden. J.		Caretakers Wages.	10. 4. 8.
"		4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Hilder. T.		Rates.	2. 7. 10.
"		"	4. 1. 8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.		Gas a/c.	2. 7.
Mid Kent Water Co.		Water Rate.	14. 0.
Austin. B.		Repair of Trousers.	3. 0.
Hilder. T.		Rates.	6. 6. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.		Gas a/c.	9. 1.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.		Coal & Coke.	4. 4. 0.
Judges. A.		Caretakers Wages.	5. 16. 4.
"		4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
			<u>£44. 11. 10 ½</u>

The Rector proposed that the Kent Messengers account for advertising the Scavenging, 19/- be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from the Ministry of Health.

Mr. May proposed that the letter be shown to Mr. Miskin and a personal visit made with the view to an increased offer and reply to the Ministry of Health in accordance with his advice. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

2. Letter from Messrs Hook & Co. re:- Pipes.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the three pipes be purchased for £3. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that tenders be invited to make the improvement on the Brook. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

3. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of August.

4. Letter from Messrs Bracher & Miskin re:- Diversion.

5. Letter from the Rural District Council re:- Nuisance arising from the carting from B.A.P.

Tenders for Scavenging

Mr. Wall proposed that tenders be sent to the Rural District Council unopened.

Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Burke moved an amendment that tenders be opened. Seconded by Mr. Wilford.
Resolution carried 5 to 3.

C de R Wall

Chairman

14th December 1926.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 14th December 1926

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Rev. C de R Wall (Chairman), Fletcher, Thomson, Smith, Wilford, Godfrey, Butcher, May, Penny, Burke, T. Hilder & T. Hilder Jnr. Clerks.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Wilford proposed that a certain amount of Gripping and Ditching be done, as little as possible as the expense of erecting a bridge was very heavy. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a letter be written to the Gas Co. respecting the state of the Willow Walk. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Baths

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 540 and the fees amounted to £5-1-3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 547 and £5-4-4d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford reported that everything was well in hand.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 100 Oak Pales 5ft long and 7lbs 1 ¼ " galvanized nails be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a new screw chain for the Lawn Mower be purchased from Messrs Haynes Bros. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

10ft Grave

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be allowed 2/6 extra pay for digging a ten foot Grave. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Ladder

Mr. Wilford proposed that a new 15 stave ladder be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Coal

Mr. May proposed that the Caretaker be presented with ½ ton of coal at Christmas and ½ a ton on the 1st of March. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Finance

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

Hilder T. Jnr.	Salary for ¼ ending Xmas	6.	5.	0.
Dickenson & Son.	Cheque Book.	1.	13.	2.
Clegg. W.E.	Preparing Room.	1.	10.	0.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Chal' of Coke.	1.	10.	0.
Hammond & Son.	4 loads of Manure.		18.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	15.	10.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lighting Street Lamps.	139.	2.	7.
Wilford J.J.	Repairs to Cottage.		18.	7.
Westminster Bank.	Repayment of Loan.	50.	0.	0.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	5.	3.	8.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	15.	0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
				<u>£226. 19. 4.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Holborough Cement Co. re:- Path.
2. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Sale of Land.
3. Letter from Mr. Prosser. re:- Sale of Land.
4. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- refusing consent to the sale of land on account of price.
5. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Tip.
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Sale of Brook Land

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk be instructed to negotiate with Mr. Dedrick respecting the purchase of the four acres of Brook Land now held on 40 yrs lease by Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd, at 20yrs purchase and 20 yrs lease of right of way to the tip on Major Roberts seed bed. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription for the Kerb for Mrs. Lawrence's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan and Coat of Arms for the Monument for Col' Roberts Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1018 to Mrs. Annie Terry and the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1019 to Mr. Adolphus Maisey Smith be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Caretaker asking him to keep the Chicken out of the Cemetery.

Receipt on Overseers

Mr. Butcher proposed that a receipt for £500 under the Lighting Act be issued on the Overseers. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Tenders

The tenders for the Notice Board were opened.

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| 1. Mr. Wilford. J.J. | £17-12-5d |
| 2. Mr Hinds. C.W. | £16-10-0d. |
| 3. Langridge. R.T. | £19-18-6d. |
| 4. Rogers. T. | £15-2-6d. |

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

The tenders for the Brook were opened.

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| 1. Wilford. J.J. | for Truck. | £45-7-6d. |
| “ | for Slab & C.. | £10-5-0d. |
| 2. Hinds. C.W. | for Trunk. | Nil. |
| “ | for Slab & C.. | £8-10-0d. |

Mr. Godfrey proposed that Mr. J.J. Wilfords tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Road by Paddlesworth.

Mr. May proposed that the R.D.C. be asked to widen the road by Paddlesworth now that the trees are cut down. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Hole in Road

Mr. Godfrey moved that Mr. Chapman's attention be drawn to the hole in the road opposite the Telephone Exchange. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

A.J. Monk
Chairman.
11th January 1927.

