

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 11th January 1927
At 7.30pm

Present Messrs Monk (Chairman), Fletcher, Wilford, Coleman, State, Butcher, Smith, Thomson, Godfrey, Burke, May, Penny and the Clerks T. Hilder & T. Hilder Jnr.

Minutes

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

Complaint of Nuisance

Mr. A.M. Smith appeared before the Council and complained of a nuisance arising from children & others, using the two seats in the Queen's Avenue, and creating a noise, and behaving in a disorderly manner.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Police be asked to take the matter in hand. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that one man was working on the Brook.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be supplied with 10/- worth of seeds. That the action of the Clerk in paying 2/6 extra for a ten foot Grave be approved, and that the Caretaker be paid 2/6 extra for a ten foot Grave in the future, and nothing for other depths. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Baths

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 418 and the fees amounted to £3-17-2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 383 and £3-12-1d.

Finance

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

Hilder. T. Jnr.	3 rd Party Insurance.	1. 17. 6.
Crowhurst. Messrs.	Repairing fence on Brook.	5. 0.
Moore & Co.	Shovel for Brook.	4. 3.
Barnes. H.G.H.	Repayment of Loan and Interest.	25. 10. 0.
"	" " " "	7. 16. 11.
Reeves. F.E.	Income Tax. Brook.	8. 6.
"	" " Holboro' Allot'.	15. 0.
"	" " Schedule D.	2. 19. 5.
Dence. John.	Work on brook.	6. 1. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	11. 7.
" "	" "	4. 6.
Hilder. T. Jnr'	Insurance.	19. 9.
Batchellor & Son.	100 Cleft Oak Pales.	2. 10. 0.
"	Carriage.	2. 0.

“	Carriage of Chain.	3.
Crowhurst Messrs.	Spiles & Firewood.	15. 0.
Moore & Co.	Tools & C.	1. 0. 2.
Reeve. F.E.	Income Tax.	15. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	10. 4. 8.
“	2 Deep Graves.	5. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	4. 8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Reeves. F.E.	Income Tax.	1. 2. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 10. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	3. 9. 9.
Moore & Co.	Swabs, Towels & C.	6. 3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 16. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Reeves. F.E.	Income Tax.	3. 0. 0.
		<u>£82. 2. 10.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Rev' Wall stating inability to attend on account of sickness.
2. Letter from Mr. G. Knott stating inability to on account of previous engagement.
3. Letter from Mr. Evenden, thanking the Council for the gift of ½ ton of coal.
4. Letter from Electric Power Co re:- Cable.
5. Letter from Westminster Bank Ltd re:- Loan & C.
6. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Willow Walk.
Mr. Burke moved that a letter be sent to the Gas Co. asking the path to be put in order as per promise. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.
7. Letter from Rural District Council re:- Scavenging.
8. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
9. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Paddlesworth Road.
10. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
11. Letter from Mr. Vickery re:- Recreation Ground.
12. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Potholes in the High Street opposite Telephone Exchange.
13. Letter from Water Co. giving analysis of water.
14. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Rating Valuation Act 1925 asking the Council to allocate the Salary of the Clerk to the Parish Council and the Assistant Overseer.

The Council decided to recommend the sum of £50 as being a fair Salary for the Clerk.

Sale of Brook Land

The Clerk reported that Mr. Dedrick had offered £1000 for the four acres of land now held on a 99year's lease by Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd. Also to let the Scavenging Contractor the right of way to Major Robert's Reed Bed for a tip at a fair rent. Mr. Wilford moved that Mr. Dedrick's offer of £1000 for the freehold of the four acres of Brook Land be refused. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription of Headstone & Kerb for Miss. Smith's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Nuisance

Mr. State complained about the nuisance at the Picture Palace.

A.J. Monk.

Chairman.

1st February 1927.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 1st February 1927

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Monk (Chairman), Rev' C de R Wall (Vice-Chairman), Knot, Wilford, Burke, State, Butcher, Godfrey and the Clerk T. Hilder & the Deputy Clerk T. Hilder Jnr'

Minutes

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

Cemetery

It was reported that a portion of the Cemetery fence had been blown down. Mr. State proposed that the Cemetery Committee inspect the broken fence, and if not being too big an item to get it repaired. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 930 to Mr. James Barnes be signed by the Council. Mr. State seconded and it was carried.

Baths

The Rev' C de R Wall reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 278 and the fees amounted to £2-11-7d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 275 and £2-11-7d.

Finance

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

Dence. John.	Work on Brook.	5.	6.	0.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		8.	3.
Dobbie & Co.	Seeds.		9.	6.
Robinson. J.	Manure.		6.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	13.	6.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		8.	3.
Crowhurst. Messrs.	Firewood.		3.	6.
Randerson. J.	Subscription to F.B.A.	1.	10.	0.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	7.	10.	8.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	15.	0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
			<u>13.</u>	<u>9.</u>
		<u>£30.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>5.</u>

Copper & Gratuity

Mr. Wall proposed that the Copper at the Fire Station Cottage be repaired, and that a gratuity of 10/- be given to Mr. Penny for preparing room for Meetings. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Receipt on Overseers

Mr. Wall proposed that a Receipt for £300 be issued on the Overseers - £200 on the General account and £100 on the Cemetery account. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Golding asking the Council to have the Parting Ditch cleared out. Mr. Wilford proposed that the matter be referred to the Brook Committee. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

2. Letter from Mr. H. Langridge complaining of the refuse tip.

Mr. Burke proposed that a letter be sent to the District Council and acknowledged to Mr. Langridge. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

3. Three letters from the Gas Co. arranging for Meeting of the Brook Committee on the Willow Walk.

4. Two letters from the Inspector of Taxes re:- Taxes.

5. Letter from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Sale of Brook Land.

6. Letter from the District Council re:- Sale of portion of the Recreation Ground for building purposes for the sum of £225.

Mr. Burke proposed, Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved that the Council sell to the District Council about an acre of the Recreation Ground, on the western side for the sum of £225 on which to erect twelve Cottages,

Parish Meeting

Mr. Wall proposed that a Parish Meeting be held in the Devonshire Rooms on Thursday February 10th for the purpose of passing a resolution consenting to the sale by the Parish Council of a portion of the Recreation Ground, to the District

Council for £225 on which to build twelve Cottages & 25 bills be printed advertising of the Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Sharnal Lane

The Clerk reported that the Birling Parish Council had expressed a wish that the Snodland Parish Council should proceed with the repair of Sharnal Lane. Mr. Wall proposed and Mr. State seconded that the matter be left in the hands of the Clerk.

A.J. Monk
Chairman
8th March 1927.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 8th March 1927

At 7.30pm.

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

Typewriter

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk get the Typewriter repaired. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Minutes

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Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that Mr. J.J. Wilford had finished his contract on the Brook and that some of the Councillors had inspected the work.

Mr. Thomson proposed that a letter be sent to the District Council asking that the path in Paddlesworth Lane, and the path in Birling Road by the Bungalows and the Groves Cottages be repaired. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Cemetery

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

– No. 1026, Section B. to James Barnes.

No. 1036, Section A. to Albert Frank Harman.

No. 1027, Section C. to Thomas Ennis.

Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Russell be asked to supply the Caretaker with a Skull Cap. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Wilford read a letter from the Caretaker asking for an increase in wages and permanent help.

He moved that the matter be referred to the Cemetery Committee and any other Councillor who cared to attend. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 544 and the fees amounted to £5-4-4d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 621 and £5-15-11d.

Mr. Smith proposed that the annual overhauling of the Boiler, Taps & Tanks be carried out, and that Mr. Rogers be asked to do the work. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Bungay

Mr. Burke proposed that the standing orders be suspended in order that Mr. Bungay, the Sanitary Inspector might give his report on the building of the Council Cottages. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

The plan and layout were inspected by the Council and Mr. Bungay agreed to shift the footpath as requested.

Finance

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

Hilder. J. Jnr.	¼ Salary.	6.	5.	0.
Hilder. T. Snr.	Stamps.	16.	10.	
Penny. Mrs. R.	Preparing Room.		10.	0.
Prudential Ass. Co.	Principat Repaid	4.	14.	0.
"	Interest.	11.	15.	4.
Reeves. F.E.	Tax.	2.	18.	10.
Hook. C.T. & Co.	Rough Clinker & Carting.	5.	11.	0.
"	3 x 2ft Pipes.	3.	0.	0.
Hambrook. A. N.	Stationery.	8.	10.	7.
Hinds. C.W.	Lock, Key & Head to Gate.		12.	6.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairs on Brook.	55.	12.	6.
Dence. J.	Work on Brook.	8.	3.	4.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
Haynes. Bros.	Screw Chain.		8.	0.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs.		8.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	20.	9.	4.
"	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	2.	0.
Perrett. G.H.	Caretakers Help.	1.	14.	0.
Evenden. J.	1 Deep Grave.		2.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Public Lighting.	150.	5.	1.
Hinds. C.W.	Petrol & C.	1.	2.	8.
Wilford. J.J.	Repairs.	2.	0.	10.
Simpson. H.M.	Judges Guarantee.		7.	6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Tickets.	2.	14.	0.
"	7. N.H.I. Stamps.		19.	3.
		<u>£303.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>10.</u>

Mr. Hinds A/C.

Mr. Wall proposed that Mr. Hinds account for repairing the Dust Cart be approved by the Council and sent to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Fire Station

Mr. Wall proposed that 4 strips of Coconut Matting be purchased for the Fire Station. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Cupboard

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk write to Miss. Hook, and ask if the cupboard belonging to the Nursing Association be allowed to remain in the Devonshire Rooms. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Rating Act.

2. “ “ “ “ “

Mr. Wilford proposed that Messrs Monk & Thomson be approved to serve on the Rating Authority for one year. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

3. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Rates & Receipts.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the date for paying 2 ½ % to Ratepayers be shifted from May 14th to June 14th. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the receipt for £450 on the Rating Authority be approved. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

4. Letter from The Ministry of Health re:- Consent to sale of a portion of the Recreation Ground.

5. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Scavenging.

6. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Housing Site.

7. Letter from the Ministry of Health re:- Consent to sale.

8. Letter from Mr. Wm. Hayman Ltd re:- Coke.

9. Letter from the Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp Column at Bull Corner.

10. Letter from Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd re:- Damage to Lamp Post.

11. “ “ “ “ “ enclosing Cheque for £7-8-5d.

12. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of November.

Date for Turning Out

Mr. Thomson proposed that April 18th be the date for turning Cattle on the Brook. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Brook Keeper

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mrs. Blackman be appointed Brook Gate Keeper again this year. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Draft Report

Mr. Coleman proposed that the draft Report of the Parish Council Proceedings for the year 1926-7 be approved by the Council. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Financial Statement

Mr. Fletcher proposed that 50 copies of the Financial Statement for the year 1926 be printed. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Parish Meeting

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Thursday March 24th at 7.30pm in the Devonshire Rooms. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Railway Gate

Mr. Knott proposed that the Southern Railway Co. be asked to fix rubber pads on the swing gates at the Railway Crossing. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Manager

Mr. Wall proposed that Mr. A.M. Smith remain a School Manager to the end of the Council term – 1928, and then some member of the Council be appointed. Decided to leave the matter till the next Meeting.

A.J. Monk.
Chairman
14th April 1927.

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District Audit.
2nd February 1928.

Annual Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 12th April 1927

At 7.30pm.

Present, Messrs Wall, Thomson, Smith, Monk, Butcher, Godfrey, Wilford, Knott, May, Burke, State, Combe and the Clerks, T. Hilder & T. Hilder Jnr.

Minutes

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

School Managers

It was decided that the matter of the appointment of a School Manager in the place of Mr. A.M. Smith be left till the end of the year when a new Council will have been appointed.

Chairman

Mr. May proposed that the Rev' C de R Wall be elected Chairman. Seconded by Mr. J. Wilford and carried.

The Rev' C de R Wall proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. Thomson proposed that Mr. Butcher be elected Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Committees

Mr. Burke proposed that the various Committees stand, with the exception that Mr. Wall takes the place of Mr. Monk & Mr. Butcher the place of Mr. Wall. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Finance

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

Clegg. W.	Preparing Room.	12.	6.
Bond. F.W.	Financial Statements.	2.	0.
Dence. J.	Work on Brook.	1.	16. 0.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	8.	3.
Cobb. R.	Rent of Allotments.	4.	1. 3.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	8.	0. 0.
Crowhurst. Messrs.	Firewood.	7.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	4.	6.
“	“	11.	7.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Salary.	5.	2. 4.
“	2. N.H.I. Stamps.	5.	6.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Insurance Premium.	16.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas A/C	4.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	2 Mantles.	1.	0.
“	Gas A/C.	1.	17. 8.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coal & Coke.	10.	17. 6.
Crowhurst. Messrs.	Firewood.	14.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	3.	3. 9.
		<u>£44.</u>	<u>0. 0.</u>

Hinds A/C.

Mr. Butcher proposed that Mr. Hinds a/c for repairing the Dust Cart, 7/6 be approved by the Council and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Mr. Butcher proposed that 3 rooms in the Fire Station Cottage be papered and whitewashed. 6d paper to be allowed, and that Mr. Brattle to do the work. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that a Committee Meeting had been held on the Brook. He proposed that Mr. Crowhurst be asked to fix some stakes by the Ditch near the first Stile. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 699 and the fees amounted to £6-10-10d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 692 and £6-12-7d.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford reported he had called a Committee Meeting but only two attended and no business was done.

Correspondence

1. Two letters from Mr. Miskin re:- Footpaths.

Mr. May proposed that a letter be sent to the District Council asking that the path be made straight instead of round the Shed, and that the path is left in a rough state. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

2. Two letters from Mr. Miskin re:- Cement Dust.

3. Two letters from Southern Railway re:- Pad on the Swing Gates.

4. Letter from Gas Co. re:- Damaged Lantern.

5. Letter from Maidstone & District Motor Service re:- Payment for Damage.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Damaged Lantern in Malling Road.

7. Letter from Kemps Biscuit Makers stating that the account had been sent to Metropole Lane Supply Co.

8. Letter from Langridge & Freeman re:- Brook Wood.

9. Letter from Miss. Hook re:- Cupboard in Devonshire Rooms.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a meeting of the Fire Brigade Management Committee be held and in the meantime ask Mr. Draycon to remove the cupboard to the Fire Station. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

10. Letter from the Ministry of Health enclosing formal consent for the sale of part of the Recreation Ground.

11. Letter from Bracher Son & Miskin, enclosing Conveyance of land.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the £250, the price of the land be placed on deposit. Seconded by Mr. Knott.

The Conveyance was signed by Messrs. Wall, Butcher and Monk & witnessed by the Clerk.

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

Application from Caretaker

The Caretaker of the Cemetery made application for permanent help, and for an increase in wages.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council adhere to their agreement Viz. An increase of 2/6 per week till the maximum of three pounds is reached. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that permanent help be not entertained by the Council, but occasional help be rendered when the Committee think it is necessary. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1039 to Mr. William Charles Betts, be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Path

Mr. May proposed that the owners of the land by Paddlesworth Gate be asked to allow the path to be made straight, and that the Clerk write to the District Council to carry out the improvement. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Path

Mr. May proposed that the Holborough Cement Co. be asked to board the rails under the arch and make the ground up. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

House Refuse

The Clerk reported a possible scheme for the destruction of house refuse by utilizing a Lime Kiln for the purpose on Lee's Works, and he was instructed to write to the Company concerning the matter.

C de R. Wall.
Chairman.
10th May. 1927.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 10th 1927

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs C de R Wall. (Chairman), Butcher (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Smith, Thomson, Penny, Godfrey, Knott, May, Wilford, Monk and the Clerks T. Hilder & T. Hilder Jnr.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that Mr. Crowhurst had been asked to repair the fence on the Brook.

Mr. Godfrey reported as to the condition of the Allotments owned by Mr. Golding through the silting up of the Ditch between the Allotments.

Mr. Godfrey moved that the whole of the Council meet on the Brook to inspect the Ditch on Wednesday the 11th. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Allotments

Mr. May gave the report of the Allotment Committee Meeting, and proposed that the action of the Committee in letting one Allotment in a bad state, to Mr. Gifford rent free for a year. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

The question of the fence between Slough Field & the Recreation Ground was referred to the Recreation Ground Committee.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 661 and the fees amounted to £6-1-7d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 504 and £4-13-10d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford reported as to Caretaker charging for removing Headstones & C.

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Thorne's letter lay on the table. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a Committee Meeting of the whole of the Council be held on Tuesday the 17th at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Finance

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

Hilder. T.	Rates.	Polly Field.	11. 1.
"	"	Shorne Hill.	6. 11. ½
"	"	Slough Field.	6. 8. ¾
"	"	Birling Lands.	13. 11.
"	"	The Brook.	7. 1.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coke.		2. 10. 0.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		2. 9. 11.
Wilford.J.J.	Repairs.		7. 17. 2.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.		10. 4. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11. 0.
Perrett. G.	Caretakers Help.		3. 19. 8.
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		4. 6.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		4. 16. 11.
"	"		2. 16. 10.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coke.		4. 0. 8.
Hilder. T.	Rates.		7. 9. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		5. 16. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11. 0.
			<u>£55. 13. 4 ¼</u>

Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a Meeting of the Council be held on the Recreation Ground. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from A. Batchelor re:- Path.

2. Letter from M.R.D. Council re:- Holborough Cement Co.

3. Lancashire Insurance Co. re:- Lamp.

4. “ “ “ “ “

5. Letter from Mr. Miskin. F. re:- Land.

6. “ “ “ “ “

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Council refuse to be responsible for the payment of the Solicitors fee for the transfer of the land. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

7. Letter from B.P.C.M. re:- Refuse disposal.

8. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Tax.

9. “ “ “ “ “ “

10. Letter from Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd. re:- Lamps.

Mr. May proposed that permission be given to remove the Lamp further up the Street. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

School Manager

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Thomson be appointed School Manager for Hook's School. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed the Mr. Monk be appointed School Manager for the Church of England School's for 3 years. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Plan & Inscription for Headstone & Kerb to Mr. Maddox's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Penn and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the additional inscription to Mr. Gash's Headstone 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. 1043, Section B. to Mr. J.S. Preston be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Notice at Post Office

Mr. Wilford proposed that the notice of the times of delivery and despatch be posted up in the Post Office. Seconded by Mr, Godfrey and carried.

Kerbing in Brook & East Street

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the District Council be asked to raise the kerb in Brook Street & East Street. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Scavenging

Mr. May proposed that at the Brook Committee Meeting on Wednesday the 11th, the question of a Scavenging Dump be considered. Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

C de R Wall
Chairman
14th June 1927.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 14th 1927
At 7.30pm.

Present The Rev' C de R Wall (Chairman). Messrs J. Wilford, J, Fletcher, G. Knott, C. Godfrey, A. Thomson, A. May, J. Coleman, J.H. Burke, J. State, Dr. Combe, A.J. Penny, and the acting Clerk Tom Hilder.

Vote of Sympathy

The Chairman moved a vote of deep sympathy to Mrs. Hilder & family on the recent loss of their Clerk the late Tom Hilder. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

The Chairman read a letter of sympathy & condolence from Mr. Hodgkinson and each Councillor expressed his sorrow & sympathy individually.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Ditch be deepened between Mr. Golding's land & the Council's Allotments & that Mr. Golding be asked to give a price to carry out the work. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Sluice

Mr. Thomson reported that the sluice under the Mill Stream was working correctly.

Bridge

Mr. Thomson moved that three sleepers be placed across the ditch to form a Bridge to enable the Allotment holders to reach their gardens. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Refuse Dump

Mr. Thomson proposed that the Malling R.D. Council be informed that a suitable refuse Dump be provided for 1928. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Holes on Brook

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the question of the soft spongy holes on the Brook, caused through the operations of the Cable Comp' be left with the Brook Committee. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Allotments

Mr. Thomson moved that about 100 yards of fencing (Posts & 3 strands of barbed wire) be erected across the wood in the corner of Birling Lands to prevent the Cattle from Ham Hill Brook straying on to the gardens. Mr Hinds to do the work as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Hedges & C

Mr. May proposed that the Hedges & Ditches around the Allotments be brished back as usual. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Baths

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 881 and the fees amounted to £8-4-4d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 895 and £8-7-7d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford moved that the corner of the Greenhouse be repaired & painted & that Mr. J.J. Wilford to do the work. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Godfrey moved that the proposition of the late Mr. Joseph Deacon be recinded, and in future all Headstones be placed at the head of the Graves and face the same way. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Extra Water Supply

Mr. Burke moved that the action of the Cemetery in carrying out this work be approved. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford reported that the Caretaker had received the extra manure and that Mr. Burrow had agreed to take the grass.

Gratings

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Mr. Draycon be asked to supply 1 dozen gratings and fix where required, the surplus to be handed to the Caretaker for future use. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Rubbish

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Caretaker to burn up all the rubbish.

Chalk

Mr. Wilford moved that Mr. D. Thomson be asked to cart the surplus chalk from the Cemetery to the Brook. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Cleaning Headstones

Mr. May moved that in future the Caretaker be not allowed to clean Headstones. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Grave Space

Mr. Wilford moved Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1044, Section A, to Mr. W. Gooding be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Inscription

Mr. Wilford moved that the additional inscription to Mrs. Bishops Grave No. 46 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. J. State and carried.

Finance

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

General

Fidelity Bond.	Clerk.	4.	0.
Mills. E.	Repair Typewriter.	7.	6.
Bond. Mr. J.	Local Government Journal 2/3		
	Envelopes 9/2.	11.	5.
Clifford. J.	Rope for Brook.	5.	0.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	¼ Salary.	6.	5. 0.
Hilder. T. Exors.	2 Months Salary.	4.	3. 4.
Dence John.	Work on Brook.	10.	0.
Rogers. J.	Notice Board. Recreation Ground.	15.	2. 6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing & C.	3.	14. 8.

Cemetery

Russell. G.	Cap.	3.	6.
Player. R.	Manure 12/- . Powder 2/6.	14.	6.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Coke.	1.	5. 8.
Knight. Chas.	Receipt Books.	18.	9.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	15. 10.
“	1 Deep Grave.	2.	6.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	13.	9.
Perrott. G.	Caretakers Help.	7.	2. 6.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	7.	6.
Betts. W.C.	Repair of Boots.	5.	6.
Brattle C. & Sons.	Repairs to Cottage.	8.	11. 6.

Baths

Rogers.	Repairs.	4.	13. 0.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Coke.	4.	8. 8.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	15. 0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	13.	9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing.	2.	13. 6.
		<u>£82.</u>	<u>8. 10.</u>

Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Clerk write to Messrs Bayliss & Co. asking them to send catalogue of fencing & prices. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Meeting.

It was decided to hold a Meeting on the Recreation Ground on Monday June 20th at 7.30pm.

Correspondence

1. Letter from The Postmaster re:- Notice giving times of clearance and dispatch.

Mr. Godfrey moved that the Clerk write to the Postmaster re:- difficulty in obtaining Postage Stamps & ask for early erection of automatic machine as promised some time ago. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

2. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Kerbing.

3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp Column Receipt.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Water supply Cemetery.
6. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
8. “ “ “ “ “ Analysis of water for May & June.
9. Notice of Objection to Assessment from Southern Railway Co.
10. The A.P.C.M Ltd re:_ Paddlesworth Path.
Mr. May proposed that the Malling R.D. Council be informed in this matter & requested to straighten the fence & make up the path. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.
11. Letter from Messrs Bracher, Son & Miskin forwarding Cheque for £225 for purchase of 1 acre of Recreation Ground.

New Path at Holborough

Mr. Burke moved that a letter be sent to Malling R.D. Council in reference to the unsatisfactory path from back of the British School to the New Road. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Clerkship

Mr. May proposed that Mr. Tom Hilder be appointed Clerk to the Council pro-tem to the end of the year (31st December) at a salary of £50 pro rata, and that the matter be put on the agenda for the November Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Cheque

Mr. May proposed that the Clerk be given a Cheque for the sum of £30 to pay wages and other expenses up to the next meeting of the Council. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Joshua Wilford.
12th July 1927.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 12th July 1927
At 7.30pm.

Present. Mr. J. Wilford (Chairman), Fletcher, Smith, Thomson, Knott, Godfrey, Coleman, Burke, May, Penny and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Letter from Chairman

The Clerk read a letter from The Rector apologizing for his absence on account of Holiday, and bringing to the notice of the Council, defect in the Birling Road, and Church Field Path & overhanging trees at Holborough. Messrs Butcher & Monk also sent messages.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that John Dence had been employed brushing back the Nettles and grass along the Willow Walk.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford reported that the Caretaker had been away on his annual week's holiday and that Mr. G. Perrott had been in charge during his absence.

Baths

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 782 and the fees amounted to £7-5-2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 839 and £7-6-2d.

Finance

Mr. Fletcher moved. 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 Brook.	2.	18.	6.
“	2 N.H.I. Stamps.		3.	0.
Barnes. H.G.H.	Repayment of Loan.	7.	15.	4.
“	“	25.	4.	10.
Hinds. C.W.	Fence Allotment.	2.	9.	0.
“	“ Brook.	3.	17.	6.
Wilford. J.J.	Bridge to Allotment.	1.	1.	1.
Reeve. F.E.	Tax on Brook.		8.	6.
“	Tax on Holboro. Allotment.		15.	0.
Evenden. J,	Caretakers Wages.	10.	4.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Perrott. Geo.	Caretakers Help.	5.	2.	7.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		4.	6.
Reeves. F.E..	Tax on Cemetery House.	15.	0.	
Mid Kent Water Co.	Mortuary.		11.	7.
“	Cottage.		4.	6.
Hinds. C. W.	Repairs.		7.	6.
Wilford. J.J.	“		13.	1.
Moore & Co.	Canes & C.	3.	9.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	House & Fire Station.		14.	0.
Gas Account.	Fire Station.	2.	7.	
Reeves. F.E.	Tax on House.	1.	2.	6.
“	“ Fire Station.		1.	4.
Hands. C.W.	Petrol.		9.	8.
Moore T.J. & Co.	Matting & C.	2.	2.	6.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Shifting Column.	2.	1.	9.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	16.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	5.	11.	9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas A/C		9.	1.
Reeves. F.E.	Tax.	3.	0.	0.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Coke.	2.	11.	4.
Moore & Co.	Blind Cord & C.		7.	3.
			<u>7.</u>	<u>3.</u>
			<u>£92.</u>	<u>17.</u>
				<u>11.</u>

Wages Cheque

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a Cheque be drawn in favour of the Clerk for the sum of £25 to pay wages & C up to the next Meeting of the Council. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Dust Cart

Mr. Fletcher moved that the account for repairs by Mr. Hinds to the Dust Cart £2-3-0d be approved and forwarded to the Malling R.D. Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Correspondence

1. Postcard Mr. D. Thomson re:- Carting Chalk.

2. Letter from Mr. H. Ferrell re:- Automatic Stamp Machine.

3. Letter from Postmaster Rochester re:- “ “

Mr. Godfrey proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. H. Ferrell suggesting that the Post Office be opened at 8.30am. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

4. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Footpaths & Co.

5. “ “ “ “ “ Paddlesworth.

6. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

7. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Interest & Tax.

8. “ “ “ “ re:- Sch' D. Tax.

9. Letter from St John's Ambulance Brigade re:- Collection.

Mr. Coleman moved that the Clerk write to the Divisional Secretary informing him that the Annual collection will be arranged as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

10. Mr. N. Golding, the owner of the Allotments next to the Parish Council's Gardens on the Brook, wrote agreeing to clear out the Ditch in question – from the stream to the Wood. His price is £6, and from the stream right through to Ham Hill Brook his price is £10.

Mr. Burke moved that Mr. Golding's price of £10 be accepted, on the condition that he guarantees that it will not require cleaning out during the next 10 years. The Council requiring this in writing from him. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Cutting back Trees

The Council approved of the action of the Clerk in speaking to Major Roberts in reference to the cutting back of the Trees between the Rising Sun and the Lodge House, Holborough Court on account of the danger to the passengers on the Top Decker Buses.

Kerbs

Mr. Wilford moved that the following Kerbs and Inscriptions be approved to Grave Viz:- Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Edgeler, Mr. Ed. Long and Mr. Herbert Adams. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

The defects in the Birling Road and path by the Gas Works in Church Field were left to Messrs. Godfrey & Burke to bring before the District Council.

The Clerk was asked to inform the Gas & Water Comp' of missing covers to their Turn Cocks in Church Fields and May Street, also to ask the Comp' to repair W.C. Cistern Valve at the Fire Station Cottage.

Kerbs in High Street & C

Mr. Burke moved that Clerk write to the County Surveyor requesting him to remove the Kerbs in the High Street and the lower part of the Malling Road paths. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

C de R Wall
Chairman
9th August 1927.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 9th August 1927

At 7.30pm.

Present Rev'd C de R Wall (Chairman), Butcher (Vice-Chairman), Smith, Godfrey, Burke, Wilford, Coleman, May, Penny, State, Monk and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Wilford moved that the Clerk see Mr. Thomson in reference to filling up the hole by the new Culvert, with the Chalk carted from the Cemetery as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 815 and the fees amounted to £7-13-3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 870 and £8-5-6d.

Mr. Smith moved that Mr. T. Rogers be asked to repair the Boiler Chimney Shaft, also the lead flashing over the Scullery Roof. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford moved that Mr. H. Hawks be asked to make a 16 stave ladder for the Cemetery. The ladder to have 3 iron tie rods, painted 3 coats and S.P.C. marked on the side. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Caretakers Salary

The Clerk reported that he had paid the Caretaker of the Cemetery 2/6 extra on August 5th rise in wages as agreed.

Finance

Mr. Butcher read the Statement of Accounts and proposed that Cheques be drawn in settlement. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried:-

Dence. John.	Work on Allotments.	1. 11. 10.
“	2. N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 0.
Employers Insurance.	T. Hilder.	1. 15. 6.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	10. 7. 2.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Ashby. E.	Carting 12 loads of Chalk.	1. 4. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 16. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
		<u>£21. 19. 10.</u>

Clerk Cheque on account wages.	£20. 0. 0.
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Correspondence

1. Letter from H. Ferrell, Postmaster re:- Hours of opening Post Office.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Broken Lamp opposite Christ Church.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Lighting Committee view the site with the idea of finding a safer spot for the Lamp. The Committee having the power to act. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

3. Postcard from the Maidstone & District Motor Services re:- Broken Lamp.

4. Letter from The Mid Kent Gas Co. quoting price to supply and fix new Lamp at Christ Church for the sum of £2-0-6d.

5. Letter from same re:- Broken Lamp Column at the corner of Waghorn Road.
It was decided to place the matter in the hands of the Police.

6. St John's Ambulance Brigade Maidstone re:- Annual Collection.

7. Kent County Council re:- Kerbs in High Street and the lower part of Malling Road.

8/9. 2 letters from Mr. Golding giving prices for cleaning out Ditch near his land. Mr. May proposed that the Clerk inform Mr. Golding that the Council cannot accept his terms. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

10. Letter from Mr. Cherryman re:- Cemetery.

11/12. 2 letters from the Inspector of Taxes re:- Sch. D. Income Tax Assessment.

13/14. 2 Copies of the Analysis of the Mid Kent Water Co samples taken from Matfield Green and Plaxtol.

Lighting

The Mid Kent Gas Co. quoted the following price for Street Lighting for the ensuing season.

To light the Lamps (about 67) from the 1st of October 1927 to the 31st March 1928 for the sum of £3-12-3d per Lamp.

To keep the Lamp at the Bull Corner alight each night until 12 o'clock, the extra charge for the above period will be 16/9.

If the Lamps are lighted previous to the 1st October and after the 31st March next, the charge would be 2/7 per Lamp per week.

Mr. Butcher moved that a small deputation Viz. He Rev'd C de R Wall. Mr. R.H. Smith and the Clerk interview Mr. Ball on the matter. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Mr. May moved that the Lamps be lighted a September 17th next up to summer time 1928. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Mr. Coleman moved that after the next meeting with Mr. Ball the Clerk call a special Meeting of the Council for August 23rd. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Receipt

Mr. Butcher proposed that the following receipt be issued on the Malling Rural District Council:-

General expenses of the Parish Council.	100
Lighting & Watching Act.	250
Rural Act.	50.
Baths & Wash-Houses Acts.	<u>50</u>
	<u>£450.</u>

Seconded by Mr. Penny and carried.

Hedges

Mr. May proposed that the Clerk write to Mrs. Beadle of Alma Villa and several residents in Providence Place requesting them to cut back their Hedges. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Kerb

Mr. May reported that the Kerb opposite the Gas Works Main Gate had been broken and asked that the attention of the Malling R.D. Council be drawn to it.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Sergeant Parsons complaining about the groups of young girls standing about on the paths on Saturday & Sunday nights using the

most objectionable language, & suggesting that a plain clothes Constable might be sent over from Malling as a means of checking this nuisance.

C de R Wall
Chairman
23rd August 1927.

Special Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd August 1927
At 8pm.

Present The Rev'd C de R Wall (Chairman), Butcher (Vice-Chairman), Wilford, Smith, Burke, Coleman, Fletcher, Penny, Dr. Combe and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes

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

Light at the Bull Corner

Mr. Burke moved that the light at the Bull Corner be kept alight until 1am instead of 12pm. Seconded by Mr. Coleman.

Mr. Wilford moved an amendment that the matter be left over until the extra cost be ascertained, and put on the agenda for the next Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey. The amendment was put to the Meeting and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Receipt for £450.

2. Letter from same re:- Kerb at the Gas Works.

3. H.M. Inspector of Taxes re:- Tax on Brook.

4. Postmaster Rochester re:- Extension of hours.

5/6/7. Maidstone & District Motor Services Ltd. re:- Lamp at St. Catherines & enclosing Cheque for £2-0-6d.

8. Superintendant Fuller re:- Nuisance.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford reported that the Notice Board at the entrance to the Cemetery had been blown down and broken.

It was decided to leave this matter to the Committee to report.

Street Lighting

Mr. Butcher read the report of the Meeting held at St Catherines on Thursday August 16th which recommended the Council to have the Lamp Column shifted to the opposite side of the road, at a spot midway between the sewer shaft, and the gate to Victoria Rooms, also the glass on the south side of the Lanterns to be frosted.

Mr. Butcher moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Smith & carried.

Contract.

Mr. Smith gave an explanation to the question raised in reference to the Mid Kent Gas Co's price for the Street Lighting and proposed that the Company's price be accepted. The Lamps to be lighted on the 17th September and extinguished at Summer Time 1928. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher gave the report of a Meeting held on August 19th on the Recreation Ground.

Grass

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. J. Dence be employed to cut the rough grass. Seconded by Mr. Butcher & carried.

Iron Fence

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Clerk obtain a quotation for Iron Fencing from Messrs Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss, and that tenders be invited for the erection of the same. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

C de R Wall

Chairman

September 13th 1927.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 13th September 1927

At 7.30pm.

Present The Rev'd C de R Wall (Chairman), Butcher (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Knott, Thomson, Smith, Wilford, May, Burke, Monk and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 950, and the fees amounted to £8-13-3d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 954 and £9-2-8d.

Mr. Smith moved that the Back Brushes be renewed at the Public Baths. Seconded by Mr. J. Wilford and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford moved that a Committee Meeting take place at the Cemetery on Tuesday September 27th at 6.45pm. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Mr. Monk moved that the action of the Chairman and Clerk in allowing the Caretaker to be away for the weekend be approved. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Finance

Mr. Butcher read a Statement of Accounts and proposed that Cheques be drawn in settlement of same. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried:-.

Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers salary.	2.	0.	0.
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Dence. John.	Work at Recreation Ground.	4.	14.	6.
“	2. N.H.I. Stamps.		3.	0.
Hilder. T.	Insurance.		15.	10.
Prudential Insurance Co.		4.	16.	10.
“	“		11.	13.
“	“		1.	
Hilder. T.	3. Months Salary.	12.	10.	0.
Evenden.J.	Caretakers Salary.	13.	8.	4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
Thomson. D.	1 Load of Manure.		7.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Stand Pipe.	1.	17.	6.
“	New Stop Cock.		14.	3.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	15.	0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
Hayman. Wm. Ltd.	Fuel.	11.	3.	0.
		<u>£71.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>4.</u>

Mr. Butcher moved that a Cheque amounting to £30 be drawn in favour of the Clerk for expenses to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. R. Smith and carried.

Correspondence

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Miskin to Clerk to Malling R.D. Council, inviting him to attend a meeting for the selection of the tenants for the 12 new Cottages at Rookery Hill.

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

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. requesting price for moving Lamp at Christ Church £4-14-7d.

Mr. Smith moved that the price be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

3. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. stating that the extra cost for keeping the Lamp alight at the Bull Corner till 1am was 10/- to cover the period from 1st October to March 31st.

Mr. Wilford moved that the price be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Monk moved an amendment that the Lamp be put out at 11.30pm. No seconded. The proposition was carried by 9 to 1.

4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp at Christ Church.

5. “ “ “ “ re:- Broken Base of Lamp Column opposite Alma Villa, and quotation of £3-9-4d for new Column.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Lamp Column next to it and not in use be put up in the broken ones place & the question of purchasing a new one be left for the time being. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

6. Mid Kent Gas Co. submitting price £3-5-7d for shifting Lamp at the British School to the opposite side of the road. Mr. Monk moved that the price be accepted. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

7. Quotation for $\frac{3}{4}$ " Iron Fencing for the Recreation Ground from Messrs Bayliss Jones & Bayliss. Mr. Fletcher moved that the Clerk write asking for price of 5/8 " fencing. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

8. Copy of the analysis from the Mid Kent Water Co. Halling water taken at Longfield.

Trees in Avenue

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Vickery asking him to have the Trees in the Queens Avenue cut back in the autumn.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Wilford moved that the Plan & Inscription of Kerb and Stone to be placed on the Grave of Mary Laura Betts be approved and that the fee of £1-11-6d be charged. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford moved that the Plan & Inscription of Edging & Tablet to be placed on the Grave of Mary Annie Wells be approved and that the fee be 12/6. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Conveyance

Mr. Wilford moved that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1046 to the Excors' of the late Tom Hilder be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Land for Cemetery

Mr. Burke moved that steps be taken to acquire reserve land for the extension of the Cemetery. Mr. Wilford moved that the matter be left to the Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Paddlesworth

Mr. May moved that the District Council be asked to approach the owners of the land i.e. Major Roberts asking them to grub the Hedge between the rope way & the gateway at Paddlesworth, hereby making the roadway quite 2ft wider at this spot. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Lunsford

Mr. Fletcher moved that a letter be forwarded to the County Surveyor in reference to the bad footpath condition between the pond at Ham Hill and the Lunsford Lane Corner. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Dust Dump

The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council asking for their approval of the proposed site on the Brook for the Refuse Dump for 1928, also in reference to the cutting up of the new path in Chapel Fields by the Holborough Cement Co.

C de R Wall
Chairman
11th October 1927.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 11th 1927

At 7.30pm.

Present The Rev'd C de R Wall (Chairman). Messrs Smith, Wilford, Fletcher, Burke, State, Penny, May, Coleman, Monk, Godfrey and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Housing

The Chairman reported that he attended the Meeting of the Housing Committee at West Malling, and gave a list of the successful applicants for the 12 Houses.

Public Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 600 and the fees amounted to £5-10-11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 650 and £6-0-6d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford gave the report of a Meeting held on Tuesday September 27th at the Cemetery. The report recommended the following:-

1. A new Notice Board to replace the broken one at the entrance to the Cemetery.
2. To have the cement listing on both sides of the House Roof grouted in with cement.
3. To repair the close boarded yard Gate.
4. To repair and cut one inch off of the bottom of the 2nd yard Gate.
5. To supply one oven plate & repair Belle Range.
6. To supply & fix 1 stop end to Greenhouse Gutter.,
7. To purchase 50 Oak Pales from Messrs Batchelor of Maidstone.
8. Clerk to see Mr. Draycon & request him to replace broken grids with new ones where necessary.
9. To employ Mr. J. Dence for 1 week to cut grass round the borders at the top part of the Cemetery.
10. To send Lawn Mower to Messrs Haynes Bros' Maidstone to be overhauled and put in order at the end of the season.

Mr. Wilford moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Notice Board

Mr. Wilford moved that tenders be invited for the making of the new Notice Board; and promised to prepare the specification. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

The question of purchasing more land for extending the Cemetery was recommended by the Committee to be put off for the time being.

Finance

Mr. Smith read a statement of accounts, and it was resolved to draw Cheques in settlement. Proposed by Mr. R. Smith. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Cobb. H & R.L.	Rent of Allotments less Tax.	2. 11. 3.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	10. 14. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Gas A/C	Fire Station.	2. 0.

Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs to Cottage.	6.	8.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	16.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas A/C.	9.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.		5.	13.
Wilford.J.J.	New Lines.	9.	6.
		<u>£27. 5. 4.</u>	
Tom Hilder Cheque for Wages.		£10.	0. 0.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher reported that a fresh quotation had been received from Messrs Bayliss Jones & Bayliss for the Iron Fencing viz:- 5/8 " Square Bars 9/6d and 5/8d round 8/5 d per yard. Mr. Fletcher moved that the tenders be invited for the erecting the fence 2 ways viz:-

1. For each stay to be embedded in Concrete.
2. The whole of the fence to be fixed in Concrete 9" x 9", 6 inches to show above the surface and 3 below the ground. Mr Fletcher to kindly prepare the specifications. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp at British School & light at Bull Corner.

2. H. Vickery re:- Footpath at the back of the British School.

3. " " " " " " " "

4. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Paddlesworth Road.

Mr. Fletcher moved that owing to the growing traffic on this road, the district Council be urged to widen & improve the whole length of the road. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

5. Letter from Mr. Miskin re:- Kerbing Church Field.

6. H.J. Chapman, County Surveyor re:- Inadequate footpath opposite Lunsford Lane.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Chapman again on the matter.

7. The Holborough Cement Co. Ltd re:- Making up path in front of Dorking Place and Orchard Cottages.

8. Quotation of 5/8 fencing from Messrs Bayliss Jones & Bayliss.

9. J.G. Harrington, Scoutmaster re:- Football in Recreation Ground.

Mr. May moved that the ground be divided and the Scouts allowed to play Football on Saturday afternoons. The Clerk to write and inform Mr. Harrington that the matter would be arranged by Mr. Fletcher if he would call on him. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Grave Space

Mr. Wilford moved that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1051, Section A to Mr. Harold Knell be approved and signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Kerbs & Tablet

Mr. Wilford moved that Kerb & Tablet to Mr. Fred' W. Phillip's Grave and Kerb to Walter Herbert Housden's Grave be approved. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Scavenging

Mr. Burke moved that an advertisement be inserted in the Kent Messenger inviting Tenders for Scavenging. Mr. Godfrey moved that the Parish Council charge a rent of £5 for their Refuse Dump on the Brook. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Park Seats

Mr. Wilford moved that the 3 Park Seats (2 in Queens Avenue), (1 in Malling Road), be repaired and painted. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Miss. Londen in reference to her shop shades.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Godfrey seconded that Mr. John Fletcher be allowed to extend the footings of his wall 2 ¼ inches onto the Council's land at the bottom of his garden. Carried.

Light at Holborough Road

Mr. Fletcher moved that the question of lighting an extra Lamp in the Holboro' Road be referred to the Lighting Committee. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

St John's Ambulance

It was reported that Miss Draycon had kindly undertaken the organizing of the house to house collection.

C de R Wall
Chairman
8th November 1927.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 8th November 1927

At 7.30pm.

Present The Rev'd C de R Wall (Chairman), Butcher (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Knott, Thomson, State, Smith, Wilford, State, Monk, Coleman, Burke, Godfrey, Penny and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Public Baths

Mr. R. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 613 and the fees amounted to £5-10-11d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 505 and £4-14-1d.

Soap

Mr. Smith proposed that 1 cwt of Soap be purchased from Mr. F.S. Dedrick for the Baths, Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Mr. Smith moved that a Branding Iron with ½ inch letters S.P.C. be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford moved that Plans of Headstones & Kerbs and Inscriptions to Graves of Daisy D. Bolton & Mrs. Rowcock be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk request Mr. Dawes to submit his drawings in future drawn to scale and giving dimensions. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Finance

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

Blackman Mrs.	Gatekeeper.	5.	0.	0.
Crowhurst. D.	Fencing on Brook.	19.	0.	
Gen' & Spc' Rates.	The Brook.	7.	1.	
"	Birling Lands.	13.	11.	
"	Slough Field.	6.	8.	¾
"	Shorne Hill Field	6.	4	½
"	Polly Field.	11.	1.	
Dence John.	Work at Cemetery.	1.	19.	3.
"	1 N.H.I. Stamp.	1.	6.	
Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.	10.	14.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11.	0.	
Mid Kent Water Co.	Stop Cock.	18.	9.	
"	Water Rate.	4.	6.	
"	"	11.	7.	
Hayman W. Ltd.	Coke.	1.	4.	9.
Crowhurst.D.	Wood.	6.	0.	
Gen' & Spc' Rates.	Cottage.	2.	9.	11.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs.	4.	0.	0.
Dawes. A.G.	Refund of Fees.	3.	3.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Erecting Column.	12.	14.	2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14.	0.	
Hinds. C.W.	Petrol.	4.	6.	
Gen' & Spc' Rates.	Fire Station.	4.	16.	11.
"	Cottage.	2.	16.	10.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	15.	0.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	13.	9.	
Gen' & Spc' rates.	Baths.	7.	9.	6.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Fuel.	3.	8.	6.
Crowhurst D.	Wood.	11.	8.	

£73. 13. 11.

Cheque. Clerk for Wages.

£20

Recreation ground

Mr. Fletcher reported that the length of fencing requires was 298 yards. Mr. Burke moved that the matter be again referred to the Recreation Ground Committee. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Fletcher also stated that he had met Mr. Harrington (Scoutmaster), and had made arrangements for the Scouts to play football matches on Saturday afternoons. Mr. Wilford moved the Contractors tendering for the work include the cost of the fencing in their tender. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Work at Cemetery

Proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Smith. It was decided the opening of the tenders for this work be left until the next meeting, and that the 2 tenders be handed back to Messrs. Rogers and Wilford. Carried.

Scavenging

Mr. Burke moved that the lowest tender be recommended. Seconded by Mr. Monk. Mr. Thomson moved an amendment that the tender be selected on its merit. Seconded by Mr. Butcher.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 8 votes to 2.

Tenders.

E.A. Lambert.	£235
A.E. Cook.	£275
A.F. Brooker.	£300

Mr. Wilford moved that the lowest tender be recommended for acceptance by the Malling R.D. Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Butcher moved that The Kent Messenger's account for advertising for the Tenders for Scavenging £1-10-0d be approved and forwarded to the Malling R.D. Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Sillibourne forwarding Cheque for rent due ??? £30.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Light & Coke Co. re:- Bad Pressure.

3. " Malling R.D. Council re:- Paddlesworth Road.

4. " " " " " " " "

5. " " " " " Scavenging Dump.

Mr. Coleman moved that The Rev'd Wall, Messrs Wilford, Butcher, Fletcher & Thomson form a Sub-Committee with power to act in the matter of erecting a bridge across the Dyke in readiness for the dumping of the house refuse. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

6. Letter from Mr. Chapman re:- Footpath opposite the Lunsford Lane.

7. Letter from Kent Messenger re:- Advertisement.

8/9. Letter from Messrs H & R.L. Cobb re:- Holborough Allotments.

The Clerk was requested to give the whole of the tenants of Polly Field notice to quit their Allotments at Ladyday 1928.

10/11. Copies of the analysis from the Mid Kent Water Co. Halling Water from Lamberhurst and Snodland.

Birling Lands Footpath

Mr. Fletcher moved that 1 load of Gravel be placed on the path at the junction where the Ham Hill lower path cuts in and Ashes on the remainder up to the Malling Road, that Mr. Ashby be employed to do the carting and Mr. J. Dence the spreading of same. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Recreation Ground Path

Mr. Butcher moved that the gully on the footpath leading to Rookery Farm be filled in with gravel and that Mr. J. Dence quarry for the gravel as before. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Clerkship of Council

It was resolved that Mr. T. Hilder be appointed Clerk for this Council at £50 per annum, and that an agreement be drawn up between the Council and himself.

C de R Wall

Chairman

13th December 1927.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 13th December 1927

At 7pm.

Present The Rev'd C de R Wall (Chairman). Butcher (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Wilford, Burke, Thomson, Knott, Godfrey, May, Penny, State and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes

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

Brook Sub-Committee

Mr. Thomson reported that the Sub-Committee met in the Clerk's Office. Tenders received for building the Bridge were as follows:- C.W. Hinds. £34-1-6d. J.J. Wilford. £39-12-6d. The lowest tender was accepted and the work had been carried out satisfactorily. Mr. Godfrey proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Notice Board

Mr. Godfrey moved that the Malling R.D. Council be asked to place a Notice Board near the Scavenging Dump, cautioning persons against throwing tins and rubbish in the stream and like. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Ditching on the Brook

Mr. Thomson moved that the usual amount of ditching & gripping be done this year. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

Ashing Paths

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the path leading from the bottom of Birling Lands to Shorne Hill Lane be re-ashed. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Allotment Agreement

Mr. Wilford moved that the Clerk obtain a copy of the Agreement of the Holboro' Allotments. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Baths

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last 5 weeks to be 680 and the fees amounted to £6-3-6d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 540 and £5-1-3d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford moved that the Plan of Headstone, Kerb & Inscription to Mr. J.E. Gammon's Grave be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Grant to Caretaker

Mr. Wilford moved that the Caretaker be granted 5/- for taking up and re-placing Kerb to Miss Wardle's Grave. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Caretaker be given 1 ton of Coal. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Finance

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

Hilder. T.	Salary ending Xmas	12. 10. 0
Clegg. W.E.	Meeting.	1. 11. 3.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairing & Painting Seats.	1. 0. 0.
"	Making Bridge on Brook.	35. 9. 0.
Dence. J.	Work on Allotments.	1. 5. 11.
"	" Brook.	3. 6.
"	1. N.H.I. Stamp.	1. 6.
Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.	13. 8. 4.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	13. 9.
Smythe J & A.S.	Oak Palings.	1. 6. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c. Bull Corner.	4. 2. 0.
"	Street Lighting.	139. 8. 3.
Westminster Bank Ltd.	Repayment Loan	50. 0. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	5. 16. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.

Dedrick. F.S.	1 cwt of Soap.	3. 2. 9.
Rogers. T.	Repairs.	<u>1. 9. 6.</u>
		<u>£217 19. 4.</u>

Lamps

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Gas Co. be requested to straighten up the 2 Lamps Columns viz:-opposite Mr. Baldock's & the other opposite Mr. Pries. Seconded by Mr. May and carried.

The Chairman reported that the Inspector Cloke of the County Council had asked that the Lamp at Prospect Place might be kept alight all night for several nights until the wall had been removed & paths & kerb made up. He and the Clerk had agreed to his request.

Mr. May moved that the action of the Chairman and the Clerk be approved. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Mr. Godfrey moved that the Lamp be taken from the standard opposite to the main gates of The Holborough Cement Co. and fixed to the standard between Mr. E. Thorndycrofts shop and Holborough Court Lodge House, the Lamp just above Rookery Farm opposite new Bungalows to be lighted and a Column & Lamp be placed opposite the shops of Magnolia Terrace, Holborough Road. Seconded by Mr. Knott.

Amendment

Mr. Wilford moved that nothing shall be done until the Lighting Committee had made an inspection of the whole of the Lamps. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher. The amendment was lost by 6 – 3 and the proposition was carried.

Correspondence

1. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp Columns.
2. “ “ “ re:- Inspector Cloke.
3. Bayliss Jones & Bayliss re:- Price.
4. Fisher & Ludlow re:- Price.
5. Copy analysis Mid Kent Water Co.
6. Cobb. H. re:- Holboro' Allotments.
7. Neville P. re:- “ “ “
8. Holboro' Cement Co. re:- “

Tenders for work at Cemetery

Mr. Fletcher moved that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

Tenders:-	1. Rogers. T.	£11-10-6d
	2. Wilford. J.J.	£11-17-6d
	3. Draycon. H.R.	£ 8-13-0d

4. Brattle C. & Sons. £ 8-17-6d.

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Draycon,s tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Receipt

Mr. Fletcher moved that receipts amounting to £450 be issued on the Malling R.D.

Council Rating Authority :-

General Expenses	100
Lighting & Watching	200
Burial Acts	50
Baths & Wash-Houses Act	<u>50</u>
	<u>£450</u>

Seconded by Mr. Penn and carried.

Clerk's Appointment

The Clerk's appointment was signed by the Chairman and 2 members of the Council.

C de R Wall
Chairman
10th January 1928.