

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1928  
At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that a Committee Meeting had been held on Jan' 6<sup>th</sup> to view the damage to the Willow Walk path caused through the recent flood water. In the opinion of the Committee the renovation of the path was far too large a job for the Council to undertake. Mr. Burke moved that the Malling R.D. Council be asked to repair the Willow Walk path. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Notice

Mr. Coleman moved that a notice cautioning the public as to the danger of using the path until repaired be put up at each end as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Public Baths

Mr. Smith reported that the number of Bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 425 and the fees amounted to £3-18-1d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 418 and £3-17-2d.

Cemetery

Mr. Wilford moved that the Caretaker be granted the usual amount of flower seeds, (10/4). Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Finance

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

Dence John	Work on Brook	6.	3.	8.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		6.	0.
Penny. Rd	Work on Brook	2.	7.	4.
"	2. N.H.I. Stamps		5.	6.
Penny. Mrs. E.	Preparing Fire Station.		10.	0.
Royal Insurance Co.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Insurance	1.	17.	6.
Barnard. K.G.H.	Repayment of Loan & Interest	24.	19.	7.
"	" " " "	7.	13.	9.
Reeves. F.E.	Sch' A Tax Brook.		17.	0.
"	" Birling Lands.	1.	15.	0.
"	" Slough Field.	1.	6.	0.
"	" Lr' Shorne Hill Field.		18.	0.
"	" Holboro' Allotments	1.	10.	0.
Moore & Co.	Nails for Brook.		1.	6.

Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.		10.	19.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.			11.	0.
Evenden Mrs.	Washing Linen.			2.	6.
Royal Insurance Co.	Fire Insurance.			19.	9.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Fuel		1.	4.	9.
Reeves. F.E.	Sch' A Tax.	Cottage.	1.	10.	0.
Hawks Hy.	Ladder.		1.	12.	6.
Moore & Co.	Oil & C.			13.	7.
Hinds C.W.	Sharpening Pick			1.	9.
Reeves F.E.	Sch'A Tax.	House.	2.	5.	0.
“	“	Fire Stn.	3.	15.	0.
Moore & Co.	Bath		1.	1.	0.
Hinds C.W.	Petrol & C.			11.	6.
Judges A.	Caretakers Wages.		5.	16.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.			11.	0.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Fuel.		7.	4.	3.
Reeves. F.E.	Sch' A Tax.	Baths.	6.	0.	0.
Moore & Co.	Brushes & C.		1.	9.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water to December 31 <sup>st</sup> .		4.	4.	9.
			<u>£101.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Tom Hilder Cheque for wages to next Meeting. £30.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher proposed that a Committee Meeting be held at 3pm on Saturday afternoon next.

#### Cheque Book

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk have 3 Cheque Books made, one to be stamped and the other two not. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Caretaker of Cemetery re:- Coal.
2. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Baths.
3. “ “ “ re:- Public Lamps.
4. Mid Kent Water Co. Copy of analysis of water.

C de R Wall  
Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> February 1928.

#### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1928

At 7.30pm.

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

### Minutes

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

### Brook

Mr. Thomson reported that the ditching work on the Brook was nearly complete and that the man would finish next week.

### Baths

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the past 5 weeks to be 628 and the fees amounted to £5-14-8d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 570 and £4-16-3d.

### Cemetery

Mr. Wilford moved that the Caretaker ascertain the names of the parties owning the broken glass globes & c. on the Graves, and that the Clerk write and ask them to remove same – failing this, the Council would have them removed. The Caretaker to be instructed to remove the old wire & c. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Monk moved that the Clerk write to Mr. Draycon requesting him to push on with the work at the Cemetery as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

### Finance

Dence John.	Wages on Brook.		9.	16.	3.
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.			7.	6.
Penny Rd.	Wages on Brook.		5.	4.	8.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.			11.	0.
“	Work on Allotments.			10.	0.
Clerk	Audit Stamp.		8.	0.	0.
Hook. C.T. & Co. Ltd.	Supplying Ashes.			12.	0.
Ashby & Sons.	Carting Ashes.		1.	12.	0.
Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.		13.	8.	4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.			13.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Cottage.		4.	6.
“	“	Mortuary.		11.	7.
Ryder & Son Ltd.	Seeds.			10.	4.
Draycon H.R.	Repairs.		12.	9.	6.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Coal & Coke.		5.	12.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	Fire Station.		14.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.			4.	6.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Coke			12.	4.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.		6.	1.	8.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.			7.	1.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		2.	3.	10.
“	Repairs.			1.	8.
Wilford. J.J.	“			2.	11.
Rogers. T.	“			16.	6.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Fuel.			6.	16.
					3.

Hilder. T. Cheque for wages. £40

Mr. Fletcher moved that Cheque be drawn in settlement of the accounts. Seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the Hon' Sec' of the Fire Brigade had paid over to the Council the sum of £2-15-6d on account of fire at Ham Hill on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher reported that only he and the Clerk were present at the Committee Meeting called as agreed last Meeting. Mr. Godfrey moved that whole question be referred until next April. Seconded by Mr. J. Fletcher and carried.

#### Willow Walk Path

Mr. Burke moved that the District Council be asked to carry out the repairs needed to the Willow Walk path, the cost not to exceed £200. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Grave Space

Mr. Wilford moved that the Conveyance of Grave Space, No 1055 Sec' C, to Mrs. Eliza Ann Beck be granted. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

#### Library

Mr. Burke moved that if room can be found at the Fire Station the Library of the Kent Education now at the National School be taken there. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

#### Oak Tree

Mr. Monk moved that the Malling R.D. Council be requested to remove the Oak tree in front of the Council Cottage at Rookery Hill. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Parish Council Election Meeting

It was decided to hold the Parish Council Election Meeting on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Devonshire Rooms and the Parish Council Meeting to follow the same evening.

#### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was fixed for Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

C de R Wall  
Chairman  
13th March 1928.

#### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1928

At 7.30pm.

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

### Minutes

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

### Brook

Mr. Thomson moved that after the completion of the repairs to the Willow Walk path the Mid Kent Gas Co. be requested to pay a substantial sum towards the cost. Seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

### Public Baths

Mr. Fletcher reported that the number of Bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 586 and the fees £5-7-4d, and for the corresponding period last year the figures were 492 and £4-12-1d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the usual spring cleaning and overhauling be carried out by Mr. J. Rogers and the repairs to the bedroom sash and lock in front door at the same time. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

### Cemetery

Mr. Wilford moved that 2 additional Inscriptions be approved to Miss Wardle's and Mrs. Hawks (Waterloo U.S.A) Graves. Seconded by Mr. State and carried. Fee 2/6 each.

### Finance

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

Dence. John	Work on Brook.	1.	19.	3.
"	1. N.H.I Stamps.		1.	6.
Knight & Co.	Register of Mortgages		16.	3.
Prudential Ass. Co. Ltd.	Repayment of Loan.	4.	19.	10.
"	Interest.	11.	10.	8.
Clegg. W.E.	Meetings.	1.	3.	0.
Hambrook A.N.	Printing & C.	5.	7.	9.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	12.	10.	0.
"	Postage a/c.		17.	6.
Clive, Knocker A.	Voters List.		2.	6.
Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages	10.	17.	2.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Hayman Wm.	Fuel.	2.	4.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Street Lighting.	122.	2.	2.
"	Extra.	4.	3.	9.
Royal Insurance Co. Ltd.	Insurance Premium.		16.	6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	6.	1.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps		5.	8.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Fuel.	3.	6.	0.
Local Gov' Guarantee	Premium,		7.	6.
			<u>£190.</u>	<u>3. 8.</u>

Cheque for wages to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

£6. 6. 9.

### Draft Report

The Draft Report of the Parish Council Proceedings was read and approved, subject to several additions being made by the Chairman & Clerk.

### Date for turning out Cattle

Mr. Thomson moved that the date for turning Cattle on the Brook be Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> April. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

### Correspondence

1. Malling R.D. Council re:- Willow Walk Path and Oak Tree in Rookery Hill.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “
3. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Reducing the price of Gas.
4. Kent Count Council re:- Housing (Rural Workers Act 1926).
5. Mid Kent Water Co. Copy of the Analysis of Water.
6. Mid Kent Gas Co. stating that they are shortly proceeding to lay an additional high pressure gas main along the footpath at Birling Lands to the bottom of Shorne Hill Lane.  
Mr. Burke moved that the letter be acknowledged and that the advise of Mr. Miskin, Clerk to the Malling R.D.C. be taken on the matter and brought up at the next Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Knott and carried.

### Public Library

Mr. Monk moved that enquiries be made as to accommodation and expenses to be incurred. Seconded by Mr. Butcher and carried.

C de R Wall  
Chairman  
17<sup>th</sup> April 1928.

## Annual Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1928

At 7.30pm.

### Declarations

Declarations on acceptance of Office signed by:-

The Rev'd C de R Wall, F.C. Butcher, J. Fletcher, C. Godfrey, A.J. Monk. J.H. Burke, C.J. State, J.G. Coleman, R. Gower, J.J. Hammond, W. Gooding, W.G. Freeman, W. Bishop, H. Jackson and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

### Minutes

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

Mr. Burke moved that Mr. R.J. Parris be allowed to sign the Declaration at the next Meeting of the Council. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried

#### Chairman

Mr. Monk proposed that Mr. J.C. Butcher be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and carried.

#### Vote of Thanks

Mr. Burke moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

#### Vice-Chairman

Mr. Monk proposed that Mr. J. Fletcher be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Brook & Allotment Committees

The Rev'd Wall proposed that Messrs State, Coleman, Parris, Hammond, Bishop and Gooding constitute this Committee and that Mr. Hammond act as Chairman to the Brook and Mr. Gooding Chairman to the Allotment Committee. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

#### Baths & Cemetery Committees

Mr. Monk moved that Messrs, Godfrey, Fletcher, Burke, State, Wall, Monk, Freeman, Gooding and Gower form the Baths & Cemetery Committees and the Mr. A.J. Monk act as Chairman to the Cemetery and The Rev'd Wall act as Chairman to the Baths Committee. Seconded by The Rev'd Wall and carried.

#### Finance & Lighting Committees

Mr. State proposed that Messrs. Godfrey, Fletcher, Burke, Wall, Monk, Freeman, Jackson, Hammond, Gower, and that Mr. J. Fletcher act as Chairman for both Committees. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher moved that Messrs. Burke, Wall, Monk, Fletcher, Coleman, Bishop, Jackson and Gower form these Committees and Mr. Fletcher to act as Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Correspondence

Application from the Inspector of Taxes for Financial Statement to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1928.

2. Kent County Council re:- Kerbs in Malling Road and High Street.

3. Kent electric Power Co. re:- Way Leave of Power Cable across the Brook.

#### Cards

Mr. Godfrey moved that 50 Council Cards be printed. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Rules of Debate & C

Mr. Burke moved that 50 copies of the Rules of Debate and Standing Orders be printed. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Baths

The Rev'd Wall reported that the number of Bathers for the last 3 weeks to be 450 and the fees amounted to £4-3-10d, and for the corresponding period last year the figures were 426 and £3-16-11d.

Finance

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

Mr. C.W. Hinds.	Work on Brook.	1.	5.	8.
Cobb R. & H.L.	½ yrs rent.	4.	1.	3.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Fuel.	1.	2.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		4.	6.
“	“		11.	7.
Hinds C.W.	Repairs.		10.	9.
Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.	5.	7.	4.
“	2. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	6.
Emptage E.G.	Caretakers Help.		6.	8.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamps		2.	9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c. Fire Station.		3.	10.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		14.	0.
Hinds. C.W.	Petrol & C.		8.	0.
Moore & Co.	Wash Leathers.		5.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs		3.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lighting Lamps.	26.	14.	9.
“	Shifting Column.	6.	14.	9.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Fuel.	4.	6.	6.
Hinds. C.W.	Branding iron.		4.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2.	4.	5.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		3.	11.
			3.	
			<u>£59.</u>	<u>12. 10.</u>

Cheque to Clerk for wages. £20

Statement of Cash in Hand from March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In Hand of Clerk.	15.	1.	0.	Paid Caretaker Cemetery.	8.	1.	0.
				3. N.H. Insurance Stamps	8.	3.	
				Caretaker Baths.	6.	1.	8.
				4 N.H. Insurance Stamps.	5.	8.	
				Balance paid into Bank.	4.	5.	
	<u>£15.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>0.</u>		<u>£15.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>0</u>

Trustees of Godden's Charity

The Rev'd Wall proposed that Messrs Fletcher, Burke, Coleman and Gower be appointed Trustees of this Charity. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

May's Charity



Mr. Monk proposed that Messrs Godfrey, Freeman, Gooding and Bishop be appointed Trustees of May's Charity. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and carried.

#### Ditch on Brook

Mr. Golding wrote asking the Council to have the Ditch cleared out between his land and the Council's.

Mr. Fletcher moved that this matter be referred to the Brook Committee with the power to act. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

#### Grave Space, Inscriptions, Kerbs & C

Mr. Monk moved that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1060 be granted to Mr. Arthur George of Brook Street, Snodland, and Kerb Tablet and Inscription to the Grave of Cyril John Crabb. Additional Inscriptions to Richard Clifford's Headstone be approved. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

#### Scavenging

Mr. Freeman proposed that the Malling R.D. Council be informed that numerous complaints are being received as to the unsatisfactory manner in which the Contractor is carrying out the dry scavenging, and urging them to take immediate action. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

F.C. Butcher  
Chairman  
8<sup>th</sup> May 1928.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1928

At 7.30pm.

Present F.C. Butcher (Chairman), J. Fletcher (Vice-Chairman), The Rev'd C de R Wall, Messrs Gower, Hammond, Jackson, Burke, Gooding, State, Godfrey, Coleman, Freeman, Monk and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

#### Minutes

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

Mr. Burke moved that Mr. Parris be allowed to sign his Declaration at the next Meeting of the Council. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

#### Brook Committee

Mr. Hammond reported that the Ditch between Mr. Golding's land and the Council's to be in a very bad state, and proposed that Mr. Hinds repair the Sluice first before Mr. Golding starts cleaning out the ditch. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Mr. Hammond also reported that one of the Trunks had been washed away preventing the Cattle reaching a part of the Brook. He proposed that Mr. Hinds be asked to give a price to replace same: and that the Committee have power to act. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the matter of persons outside the Parish turning Cattle on the Brook be referred to the Brook Committee. Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried.

#### Allotments

Mr. Gooding reported that Mrs. Blackman had given up her Allotment and it had been re-let to Mr. H. Semark.

#### Baths

The Rev'd C de R Wall reported that number of Bathers for the last 3 weeks to be 559 and the fees amounted to £5-5-3d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 534 and £4-19-10d.

#### Cemetery

Mr. Monk gave the report of the Cemetery Committee and proposed that the action of the Committee in giving the Caretaker extra help for a few weeks be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that Mr. H. Hawks supply 8 new Boards for the Cemetery and also 2 spurs to the fence. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Mr. Monk proposed that tenders be asked from Messrs Draycon, Brattle, Wilford and Rogers to paper & whitewash 3 rooms at the Cottage, paper not to exceed 9d per roll and to paint the park seats 2 coats of paint. The Committee to have the power to act. The Chairman and 2 members of the Committee have the power to act.

Mr. Monk proposed that 4 dozen Begonias, 25 Oak Pales, 6 Loads of Manure and 1 Pail be purchased for the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Committee meet on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> inst. at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Finance

Mr. Fletcher moved and The Rev's Wall seconded and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Mr. D. Crowhurst.	18 Posts for Brook.	4.	6.
Mr. J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	1. 0.
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		8. 3.
Emptage E.G.	Caretakers Help.	1.	18. 8.
"	1. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 9.
Haynes Bros Ltd.	Repair to Mower.	2.	15. 8.
Mr. D. Crowhurst.	Firewood.		7. 0.
Mr. D. Crowhurst.	Firewood.		3. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs.		3. 6.
Beadle. F.C.	½ doz' Maroons.	2.	6. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1. 8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		7. 1.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Repairs & C.		3. 0.
		<u>£23.</u>	<u>2. 9.</u>

Clerk Cheque for wages. £20.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Scavenging.

2. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Representation on the Rating & Valuation Committee.

Mr. Burke moved that Messrs A. Thomson and A.J. Monk represent the Parish on this Committee. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

3 /4. Letters from H.M. Inspector of Taxes re:- Sch' D. Tax.

5. Letter from the Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Bull Lamp.

The Rev'd Wall proposed it still be lighted to 1am. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

6. Copy of the Analysis from the Mid Kent Water Co. (Halling water taken from Halling).

7. Letter from Mr. Blackman re:- Burying Sheep on Brook.

Mr. Hammond proposed that he be paid 2/6d. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

8. letter from Mr. W. Golding agreeing to clean out ditch for the sum of £10.

9. Letter from Mr. H. Deucher (Headmaster) National Schools asking permission to mow and roll several parts of the Recreation Ground for use as Cricket Pitcher.

Mr. Burke moved that permission be given. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

### Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Monk moved that the Conveyance of Grave Space. No. 925 be granted to William Gerald Holman of Waghorn Road, Snodland. Also the designs of Headstones and kerbs to the Graves of Mr. H. Knell and Mrs. Gooding be approved. Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

### Apprentice

Mr. Monk moved that a lad be apprenticed to the Caretaker to learn the raising of plants, gardening, grave digging & all the work at the Cemetery. Seconded by The Rev'd Wall and carried.

### Paddlesworth Road

Mr. Monk moved that the Malling R.D. Council be informed that the Parish Council most strongly object to the manner in which the question of the widening of this road has been shelved. They urge that the matter should be re-opened at an early date; and that a Meeting should be arranged with the Roads and Footpaths Committee and the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

### County Council

Mr. Gooding moved that Mr. Chapman again be written in the manner of the Kerbs in Malling Road and the High Street. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and carried.

J.C. Fletcher  
Chairman  
12<sup>th</sup> June 1928.

Meeting of the Council  
Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30p

Declaration

Mr. R.J. Parris signed the Declaration on acceptance of Office.

Present, F.C. Butcher (Chairman), J.C. Fletcher (Vice-Chairman), Burke, Coleman, Godfrey, Monk, Bishop, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Hammond, Jackson Parris and the Clerk Tom Hilder Jnr'.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed after the Minute re:- Cemetery report of last Meeting was amended.

Brook

Mr. Hammond gave the report of the Brook Committee. He stated that the price quoted by Mr. Hinds was £10 for the construction of the Cattle Bridge. The job was very satisfactory.

The Sluice door had not yet been put on, but would be shortly.

Mr. Latter had been asked to spread a few Ashes on the road from Nichol's Cottage to the end of the Paper Bag Factory. This had been done at a cost of 5/-.

Mr. Hammond moved that the report be adopted and that the action of the Committee approved. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Allotments

Mr. Gooding gave the report of the Allotment Committee.

The Committee recommended the Council to let No. 06 Slough Field to Mr. Hammond rent free to Ladyday 1929, and the No. 25 Lower Shorne Hill Field to Mr. Geo' Bolton on the same terms, both gardens being in a very bad state.

The Clerk to report on No. 55 Slough Field rented by Mr. Allard who has moved to Eccles.

To see Mr. Hucks re:- Wayleave to Kenton Land through Council's fence in Birling Lands.

No. 34 rented by J. Carr in arrears of rent, garden in a dirty state. The Clerk to write and give him 2 weeks to pay & clean up the garden.

Recommended the Council to have the ditch in Slough Field brushed up also the roadway & hedge in Lower Shorne Hill Field. Mr. Gooding moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Baths

Mr. Fletcher reported the number of Bathers for the past 5 weeks to be 863 and the fees amounted to £7-17-2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 881 and £8-4-4d.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the action of the Clerk in getting the Stopcock of one of the Baths repaired be approved. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

### Cemetery

Mr. Monk reported that the work at the Cemetery had been completed by Mr. Wilford to the satisfaction of the Committee and moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Mr. Monk moved that Mr. Emptage be employed again for a short time to assist the Caretaker in planting & C, and that he again be paid 2/- for overtime on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

### Conveyances

Mr. Monk moved that the following Conveyances of Grave Spaces be granted to Mr. F. Leaver No. 1069, Mr. Thomas Batchelor No. 1070, and Mr. T. Calkin No. 1071, and that the Kerb & Inscription to Grave of ;late Mr & Mrs Pett No. 407 be approved, also that the rev's Wardle be charged £4-7-0d for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grave Space in Class B. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

### Committee

Mr. Coleman moved that a Committee Meeting be held at the Cemetery on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> inst at 7.30pm when the applicants could be interviewed for the Apprenticeship to the Council to learn the business of Caretaker. The lad selected to have 1 month's trial at 12/- per week. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

### Finance

Mr. Fletcher read a statement of accounts to be paid and he moved that Cheques be drawn in payment of same:-

Blackman. Mr.	Burying Sheep.	2.	6.
Gen' & Spc' Rates.	Brook.	6.	10 ½
“ “	Birling Lands	13.	9.
“ “	Slough Field.	6.	6. ¼
“ “	Lower Shorne Hill.	6.	2 ¼
Bond. Mr.	Financial Statements.	1.	6.
Local Government Ass'	Clerk's Premium	3.	6.
“ “	“	3.	0.
Knight Chas' & Co.	Rental.	2.	14. 3.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	12.	10. 0.
Wilford. J.J.	Erecting Seat.	16.	1.
Hinds C.W.	Cattle bridge.	10.	4. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	8. 4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	13.	9.
Emptage E.G.	Caretaker's Help.	9.	13. 4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	13.	9.
Gen' & Spc' Rates.	House.	2.	9. 6.
Evenden. Mrs.	Washing Linen	2.	6.

Lee Allan.	4 Loads of Manure.	12.	0.
Burrow Alma.	2 " "	12.	0.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Coke.	1.	2. 0.
Bachelor R. & Co, Ltd.	25 Oak Pales.	12.	6.
Bunyard R. & Co. Ltd.	4 doz' Begonias	10.	0.
Hinds. C. W.	Repairs.	3.	8.
Wilford. J.J.	"	8.	14. 0.
Gen' & Spc' Rates.	Fire Station.	4.	16. 3.
" "	Cottage.	2.	16. 3.
Hinds. C.W.	Petrol.	8.	6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	5.	8.
Gen' & Spc' Rates.	Baths.	7.	8. 6.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Fuel.	7.	11. 0.
		<u>7.</u>	<u>3. 8.</u>
		<u>£97.</u>	<u>3. 8.</u>

Cheque to Clerk for wages & C. to next Meeting £30. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr. Fletcher gave the report of the Committee which recommends the Council to erect a fence right across the Ground wired top & bottom and also a length of fencing from the entrance to the Ground to the junction of the old path at the back of the Council Cottages.

Mr. Coleman moved that the report be adopted and that the two tenders be opened, the lowest to be accepted.

1. Mr. D. Crowhurst, £30-10-0d.
2. Mr. C.W. Hinds. £35-5-0d

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Crowhurst's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Dry Scavenging.

2. " " " " " re:- Paddlesworth Road.

3. Letter from Mr. H. Chapman County Surveyor re:- Kerbs in High Street & Malling Road.

Mr. Godfrey moved that the Clerk write him again on the subject. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

4. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Repayments.

5. Copy of the Analysis from The Mid Kent Water Co.. Halling water from Kemsing.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Light & Coke Co. re:- Painting Lamp and repair any Lanterns.

Mr. Gooding moved that the matter be referred to the Lighting Committee with power to act. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

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

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Council would be grateful if Miss. Draycon undertook the collection. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

#### Cement Dust

Mr. Gooding handed in a protest signed by about 50 people living in the vicinity of Holborough Cement Works, protesting against the dust arising from these works. He proposed that a strong letter to Malling R.D. Council, asking them to take steps to make the conditions better. Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

#### New Road at New Hythe

Mr. Parris moved that a letter be sent to the Malling R.D. Council asking them to consider the question of constructing a road from Snodland to New Hythe & Aylesford. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

#### Gates

Mr. Gooding proposed that the Clerk write to the Southern Railway Comp' in reference to the removal of the Gates near the Willow Walk. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and carried.

F.C. Butcher  
Chairman  
10<sup>th</sup> July 1928.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1928

At 7.30pm.

Present, F.C. Butcher (Chairman), Mr. J. Fletcher (Vice-Chairman), The Rev'd C de R. Wall, Godfrey, Gooding Burke, Jackson, Gower, Hammond, Coleman, Bishop, State, Freeman and the Clerk T. Hilder.

#### Minutes

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

#### Brook

Mr. Hammond gave the report of the Committee Meeting held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, which recommended the Council to have several loads of hard core carted and spread at each end of the new Cattle Bridge, and some rough Concrete spread over the smooth surface to give the Cattle foothold. Also that Mr. John Dence be employed to brush up the sides of the Willow Walk and clear out the reeds and rubbish at the end of the large Dyke.

He reported that Mr. Hinds had promised to have the Sluice completed this week. He also reported that 9 slats were off the Bridge across the salts.

Mr. Hammond moved that the report be adopted and the Clerk write to Mr. Miskin in reference to the bridge. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

Mr. Hammond proposed that Messrs Hinds and Cook be invited to tender for the work on the Brook and if the price is reasonable the Committee to have the power to act. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

### Allotments

Mr. Gooding reported that the Allotment in Slough Field late Mr. Allard had been let to Mr. Hubbard.

Mr. Coleman moved that if an application be made for an Allotment J. Carrs garden should be let forthwith. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

### Baths

The Rector reported that the number of Bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 758 and the fees amounted to £6-18-7d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 782 and £7-5-2d.

### Cemetery

Mr. Godfrey gave the report of a Committee Meeting held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It recommended the following repairs to be carried out. Viz:-

Repair listing on Kitchen Roof, paper & whitewash staircase. Paper not to exceed 9d per piece.

Kitchen to be painted 1 coat as before.

Inside Greenhouse thoroughly cleaned out and given 1 coat best white paint.

Take off boards at the end of the right hand section of same and replace with slats.

Messrs. Brattle, Draycon, Rogers and Wilford had been invited to tender.

4 applicants had been made for the Apprenticeship at the Cemetery. After interviewing the Parents & later, Albert Ronald Relf of Rose Cottage, Birling was recommended.

2 tenders for the work had been received and Mr. Burke moved that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

Tenders:-

1. Mr. H.R. Draycon. £7-18-9d

2. Mr. J.J. Wilford £7-2-6d.

Mr. Godfrey moved that Mr. Wilford's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

The Rector moved that the action of the Committee be endorsed and the report adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

It was decided that Mr. Relf be informed that his Son will commence work at the Cemetery on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. at 12/- per week for 1 month. His time to be from 8am to 5.30pm & 12 noon on Saturdays.

It was decided that G.E. Emptage will finish on Saturday.

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Parrott be employed on Saturday & paid 7/-. Seconded by The Rector and carried.

### Finance

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

Dence. John.	Work on Allotments.	2.	0.	0.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	5.	



Reeves, F.E.	Scd. D. Tax.	4.	12.	9.
Barnes. H.G.H.	Repayment of Loan & Interest.	32.	6.	8.
Moore & Co.	Padlock.		4.	0.
Clerk.	Audit Stamp.	8.	0.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	8.	4.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
Emptage. G.E.	Caretakers Help.	6.	10.	0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		4.	6.
“	“		11.	7.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	8.	13.	0.
Ashby. E.	Carting Manure.		10.	0.
Moore & Co.	1 Pail.		1.	5.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water rate.		14.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		2.	0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	8.
Moore & Co.	Jeyes Fluid.		4.	6.
Hayman Wm Ltd.	Fuel.	2.	4.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		7.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.		5.	17.
			9.	
			<u>£94.</u>	<u>5. 8.</u>

Cheque for wages. £30.  
Carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- New Hythe Road.
2. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Dust Nuisance
3. Rev'd Wardle letter of thanks.
4. Mr. H. Chapman re:- Defective Kerbing.  
Mr. Godfrey moved that a further letter be sent asking Mr. Cloke to make an appointment to meet a deputation from the Council: also to Mr. Wilford asking him to take action also. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried
5. Letter from St John Ambulance re:- Proposed Annual Collection.
6. Mr. F.E. Reeves re:\_ Sch. D. Tax.
7. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Sch. A. Tax and enclosing Cheque for re-fund amounting to £6-16-7d.
8. The Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- The Lamp at the Bull Corner.
9. The Southern Railway re:- Level Crossing.  
Mr. Gooding moved that the matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

10. Letter from Messrs. Ebbutt & Sons Ltd re:- Miss & Mrs Wardle's Grave and Kerbing.

It was agreed to charge the usual fee of 10/- for the Kerb and 5/- each for the Inscriptions.

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

Mr. Godfrey moved that letters be sent to the Holborough Cement Co Ltd. and the Malling R.D. Council in reference to the footpath leading from the Clock Tower to the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Conveyances of Grave Spaces

Mr. Godfrey moved that the following Conveyance of Grave Spaces be granted. Grave Space No. 1068 Section B, to the Rev'd Joseph Wardle and Grave Space No. 1075 to Mr. John Ed' Gammon. Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried.

#### Cinema

Mr. Fletcher proposed that the Clerk write to the Proprietor of the Cinema in reference to throwing dirty water into the water table. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. W. Cox of Maidstone in reference to the bad state of fencing near stream in Malling Road.

F.C. Butcher  
Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> August 1928.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> 1928  
At 7.30pm.

Present, Mr. F.C. Butcher presided also present J. Fletcher (Vice-Chairman), The Rev. C de R Wall, Messrs. Burke, Coleman, Monk, State, Bishop, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Hammons, Jackson, Parris and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

#### Minutes

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

#### Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that Mr. Hinds had carried out the work on the Cattle Bridge satisfactorily and moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

#### Sluice

Mr. Hammond moved that Mr Hinds be asked to give further attention to the Sluice Door to the pipe under the Mill Stream. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

### Ditch

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Golding be informed that he can carry on with the cleaning out of the ditch between his land and the Councils at the price agreed upon. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

### Allotments

Mr Gooding reported that Mr State takes over Mr Whites Allotment in Slough Field from Sept' 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Baths

The Rector reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 1046 and the fees amounted to £9-17-0d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 1026 and £9-10-7d.

Mr Hammond moved that the Baths be opened for Ladies every Tuesday from 1pm to 9pm until further notice in addition to Thursdays. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

### Cemetery

Mr Monk reported that the work had been completed by Mr. Wilford at the Cemetery to his satisfaction, and that the lad Albert Ronald Relf had completed his months probation. He had questioned the lad and his father also the Caretaker, and all the parties be quite satisfied and agreed he moved that the lad be bound apprentice forthwith. Seconded by Mr Fletcher and carried.

Mr Fletcher moved that the lads wages be fixed for the 4 years of his term at 15/-, 18/-, 21/- and 24/-.

The Rector moved as an amendment the following figures Viz:- 15/-, 18/-, 22/- and 27/-.

The amendment was put to the Meeting and carried by 7 votes to 6.

Mr Monk moved that the lads father be given the information. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

### Recreation Ground

Mr Fletcher reported that the new fence in the Recreation Ground had been completed and was a good sound job. Some person had withdrawn a staple from a stake on 2 occasions, and he asked every Councillor to endeavour to find out the culprit.

### Finance

Mr. Fletcher read a statement of accounts and it was resolved to draw Cheques in settlement of same on the proposition of Mr Fletcher. Seconded by Mr. Monk.

Blackman Mrs.	Brook Gatekeeper.	2.	0.	0.
Dence. John.	Work on Brook.	1.	10.	0.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamp.		1.	5.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs to Bridge.	5.	10.	0.
Latter. L.C.	Repairs to Road.		5.	0.
Crowhurst. D.	Recreation Ground Fence.	30.	19.	0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Employees Insurance.	1.	15.	6.
Bond. W. F.	Minute Book.		17.	0.
Dickenson & Son.	Cheque Book.	3.	12.	4.
Wells. Robt.	Caretakers Help.		5.	0.

Perrott. Geo.	“ “	7. 0.
Emptage. E.G.	“ “	1. 18. 8.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamp.	2. 9.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	10. 19. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Relf. A. R.	4 Weeks Wages.	2. 8. 0.
Haynes. Bros' Ltd.	Repairs to Mower.	2. 3. 0.
Wilford J.J.	General Repairs.	7. 13. 4.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 1. 8.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 1.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.	14. 0.
Hayman. W. Ltd.	Fuel.	3. 6. 0.
Royal Insurance.	Fire Insurance.	6. 6. 0.
Rogers. T.	Repairs & C.	4. 5. 3.
		<u>£93. 18. 8.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £30.

### Lighting

Mr Fletcher gave the report of a Meeting of the Committee held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. He moved that the Mid Kent Gas Co's price to paint Lanterns & Columns for 3/6 each, supply 6 new Lanterns and 43 enamelled reflectors, including all labour and materials for the sum of £24-18-11d be accepted. Seconded by Mr Hammond and carried.

### Correspondence

1. Malling R.D. Council re:- Road. New Hythe.

2. “ “ “ re:- Cemetery Path.

3. “ “ “ “ “ “

4. Holborough Cement Co. Ltd re:- “

5. Kent Count Council re:- Kerbing.

Mr Monk moved that the Clerk write to Mr Cloke asking him to fix a date when he can meet the Council. Seconded by Mr Coleman and carried.

6. E. Salter Daves re:- Public Library.

Mr Monk moved that the matter be to the Rector to interview Mr. Argles with the view to hiring part of his office for Public Library. Seconded by Mr Gooding and carried.

7. Copy of the analysis from the Mid Kent Water Co. Halling water taken from Bluebell Hill.

### Mr. Gooding Notice of Motion

Mr. Gooding gave Notice of Motion re:- extension of the Cemetery.

The Rector moved that letter be sent to Major Roberts asking for the option of purchase of land for the purpose of the extension of the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr Gooding and carried.

#### Mr. Gowers Notice of Motion

Mr Gower's Notice of Motion re:- Noisy Motor Traffic.

Mr. Gower moved that a letter be sent from this Council to Sergeant of the Police asking him to endeavour to put a stop to the un-necessary noise caused by Motor Cycles & C. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

Mr Hammond reported that a Heifer had been giving trouble on the Brook. It was decided that Mr. Hammond have the backing of the Council in this matter.

Mr State proposed that a letter of sympathy be written to Mr. Godfrey. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

F.C. Butcher  
Chairman.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> 1928

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs F.C. Butcher, Chairman, J. Fletcher, Vice-Chairman. The Rev' C de R Wall, Burke, Monk, State, Bishop, Freeman, Gower, Hammond, Jackson and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

The Chairman passed a few appropriate remarks on the passing away of Mr. Chas. Godfrey, followed by remarks of sorrow & c from Messrs J. Fletcher & J.H. Burke. The Chairman then called upon the Councillors to stand in silence for a few seconds.

#### Minutes

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

#### Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that a Cow had sunk into a hole by the new Bridge. He had pulled it out with his Horse and employed Mr. A. Cook to fill in the hole.

#### Allotments

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Hinds price to repair the gate at Slough Field be referred to the Committee with power to act. Seconded by the Rector and carried.

#### Baths

The Rector reported that the number of bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 710 and the fees amounted to £6-11-8d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 739 and £6-15-11d.

38 ladies took advantage of the extra ½ day on Tuesday the fees amounting to 6/4. The Rector suggested that the soap dishes would be more handy if they were replaced on the wall in the centre of the Bath. Know as at present at the foot. It was decided to fix them at the foot of each Bath. Mr Monk moved the suspension of the standing orders to deal with the matter concerning the Apprentice at the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and carried. The lad and his father being present the Clerk read the Indentures which were duly signed and sealed

### Finance

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

Clerk's Salary.	1 Quarter.	12. 10. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Accident.	14. 8. 0.
Prudential Ass. Co. Ltd.	Loan & Interest.	16. 11. 2.
Hinds. C. W.	Sluice Door & C.	6. 10. 0.
Cook. A.	Carting & Filling Hole.	1. 2. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11. 4. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Relf. A.	Caretakers Help.	3. 0. 0.
Pay. W.	Carriage & C.	12. 6.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 1. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 8.
		<u>£59. 3. 4.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £25.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the action of Mr. J.J. Hammond in employing Mr. A. Cook on the Brook be approved and the account paid. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried. It was decided that the Cheque for Mr. C.W. Hinds be held over until the Sluice is in working order.

### Correspondence

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

2. " " " " " submitting a price for the Street Lighting at £3-11-3 per Lamp from 1<sup>st</sup> October to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1929 and 2/7 per Lamp extra per week for any extra time; and an extra charge of £1-6-3 for keeping the Lamp alight at the Bull Corner until 1am.

The Rector moved that the terms be accepted and that the Lamps be lighted on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Mr Hammond moved that a light at the Bull Corner and one half way down the High Street be lighted between 5 and 7 o'clock a.m. each morning excepting Sundays. Seconded by the Rector C de R Wall.

Mr Fletcher moved an amendment that the idea not be entertained. Seconded by Mr. Monk.

The amendment was carried by 6 to 3.

3. Letter from Major Roberts re:- Land for extension of the Cemetery.

4. Letter from Mr. Cloke re:- Kerbs & C.

5. “ “ “ “ “ “

6. Communication from the Imperial War Graves Commissions forwarding £2 for the upkeep of the Graves.

7. Letter from the Southern Railway Co . re:- Sign.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Company be allowed to fix a sign “To the Station” to the arm of the Lamp Column at the Bull Corner; and that they be asked to pay a rent of 1/- per year for same. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

Mr. Monk moved that the Southern Railway Co. be asked to place a Lamp on the Railway Gates from 5 to 7 a.m. to help the men on their way to work. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

8. Letter of thanks from the relatives of the late Mr. Charles Godfrey.

#### Late Mr. Charles Godfrey

Mr. Fletcher moved that the action of the Clerk in writing a letter of condolences to the relatives of the late Mr. Charles Godfrey be endorsed. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Vacancy

The Rev' Wall moved that Mr. Earnest Henry Edgeler fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the passing away of Mr. C. Godfrey. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and carried.

#### May's Charity

Mr. Gower moved that Mr. J.J. Hammons be appointed Trustee of May's Charity to fill the vacancy caused through the same. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

#### Plan & Inscription of Headstone & Grave Space

Mr. Monk moved that the Plan & Inscription of Headstone & Kerb to Amos Judge's Grave and Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1078 to Mr. J. Denton of Watering bury be approved by the Council and granted. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Receipt

Mr. Fletcher moved that Receipts be issued on the Rating Authority as follows:-

General Expenses.	£100
Lighting & Watching Act.	£200
Burial Acts.	£ 50.
Baths & Wash-houses Act.	£ 50.
	<u>£400</u>

Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried.

#### Letter of Condolence

Mr. Gower moved that a letter of Condolence be sent to the relatives of the late Rev. Gerald H. Jackson. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

### Churchfield Path

Mr. Freeman proposed that the Clerk request the Malling Rural District Council to repair the path leading from the Gas Works to the Holborough Cement Works. Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to telephone to Mr. H.T. Chapman, County Surveyor in reference to the very bad smell from the catch pits by the World stores premises.

F.C. Butcher.  
Chairman.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> 1928  
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Butcher (Chairman), Fletcher (Vice-Chairman). The Rev' C de R Wall, Burke, Monk, State, Bishop, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Hammond, Jackson, Parris, Edgeler and T. Hilder, Clerk.

### Declaration

Mr. E. H. Edgeler signed the Declaration on acceptance of Office.

### Minutes

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

### Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that Mr. W. Golding had cleaned out the Dyke between his and the Council's land and made a good job of it.

He also reported that the Sluice was working no better.

Mr. Gooding moved that Mr. Hinds be asked to complete the work and make same satisfactory. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

### Allotments

Mr. Gooding reported that the Committee had decided to accept Mr. Hinds price of 30/- to erect 2 new gates at Slough Field. To recommend the Council to write to tenants of No. 11 Gardens Slough Field and No's 11, 41 & 43 at Lower Shorne Hill Field on account of their dirty condition. He reported that tenant No. 55 Slough Field was cleaning his garden, and No. 36 had been let to Mr. Frank Godden, and garden No. 31 Slough Field and No. 34 Lower Shorne Hill Field were to be let.

He recommended the Council to reduce the rent of Allotment No. 45 Lower Shorne Hill Field from 3/6 to 1/9 per annum; and to allow Mr. Pobjee for ½ rod on his Allotment No. 10 to enable the Council to make room to turn a cart.

He further reported that the Notice Board was down in Birling Lands.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the board be re-erected with a new spur. Seconded by Mr. Monk.

Mr. Bishop moved as an amendment that an iron pipe be used inserted in an iron socket. Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried by 7 votes to 4.

Mr. Gooding moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.



### Baths

The Rector reported that the No. of bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 661 and the fees amounted to £6-1-8d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 600 and £5-10-11d.

### Cemetery

Mr. Monk reported that a Committee meeting had been held on Sept' 15<sup>th</sup>. The Committee had invited tenders for the painting of the Greenhouse & Frames, and that 3 tenders had been received. The Committee had employed Mr. J. Dence to cut the grass on the top part of the Cemetery & burn it; and Mr. Ashby to remove the rusty wire & c to the Scavenging Dump and the surplus Chalk to the Brook. The Clerk was instructed to see Mr. Hawks in reference to the spurs and Grave boards. It was decided to recommend the Council to erect a Notice Board requesting the Public to remove all broken bottles, jars & globes from the Graves of their relatives.

To have a Neck Rest made for the Mortuary and to invite Mr. Crowhurst to give a price to repair the Spile fence at the side of the Cemetery.

To purchase one 300 C.P. Harbour Perfection Lamp for the Chapel.

### Tenders

Mr. Burke moved that the Tenders be opened and the lowest Tender accepted.

Seconded by Mr. Hammons and carried.

1. T. Rogers. £8-2-6
2. J.J. Wilford. £12-7-6.
3. C. Brattle & Sons. £12-12-0

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Rogers Tender be accepted and he be asked to make a small Notice Board. Seconded by the Rector and carried.

Mr. Burke moved that Mr. Crowhursts price of £1 to repair fence be accepted.

Seconded by the Rector and carried.

### Lamp

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Clerk purchase one 300 C.P. Harbour Perfection Lamp for the Chapel. Seconded by the Rector.

Mr. Hammond moved that the action of the Cemetery Committee in having the Chalk and rubbish removed be endorsed. Seconded by Mr. State.

### Overalls

Mr. Burke proposed that a suit of Overalls be supplied to the Caretaker. Seconded by the Rector and carried.

### Finance

Mr. Fletcher proposed and the Rector seconded and it was resolved to draw

Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Blackman. Mrs.	Brook Keeper.	3.	0.	0.
Golding. W.	Cleaning Ditch.	10.	0.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	11.	4.	8.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	11.	0.	
Relf. A.	Apprentice.	3.	0.	0.
Dence. J.	Mowing Grass & C.	2.	0.	0.

“	1. N.H.I. Stamp.	1. 5.
Hayman. W. Ltd.	Fuel.	1. 2. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	11. 7.
“	“	4. 6.
Moore. J. & Co.	Brooms & C.	4. 8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	2. 7.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Painting & C.	36. 19. 8.
National Fire Brigade Association .		1. 10. 0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 1. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 8.
Moore. J.T. & Co.	Soap Dishes & C.	9. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	7. 8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	5. 16. 3.
		<u>£89. 13. 7.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £25.

### Baths

The Rector moved that the extra ½ day for Ladies at the Public Baths be continued until next meeting, and the Clerk to make a statement. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. W. Golding re:- Ditch.

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

3. Malling R.D. Council re:- Path in Church Field.

Mr. Freeman moved that the District Council be again asked to repair same. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

4. Malling R.D. Council re:- Rent of Sewage Works & C 2/-.

5. Southern Railway Co. re:- Sign on Lamp Column 7 light on level crossing gates.

6. Kent County Council re:- Catch Pit near World Stores.

Mr. Burke moved that Mr. J. Wilford be asked to communicate with the County Surveyor in reference to the rough state the road has been left in opposite the World Stores and the damaged footpath in the Malling Road. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

7. Letter from The Rector re:- May's Charity.

### Mays Charity

The Rector proposed that the matter of printing posters be left over until the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

### Postal Service

Mr. Jackson moved that the Clerk write to the Postmaster, Snodland asking for better postal services, and to the Postmaster, Chatham asking for the installation of an automatic stamp machine as promised. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

#### Cheap Trains to London

Mr. Gooding having given Notice of Motion moved that the Clerk write to the Manager of the Southern Railway Co. asking for a cheap train to London every day after 8am. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Lopping Trees

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Surveyor of the Malling R.D. Council be requested to lop the trees in the Queen's Avenue as soon as the sap is down. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

F.C. Butcher.  
Chairman  
13/11/28.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 1928

At 7.30pm.

Mr. F. Butcher Presided also present Messrs Fletcher (Vice-Chairman), Rev. C de R. Wall, Burke, Coleman, Monk, State, Bishop, Freeman, Gower, Gooding, Hammond, Jackson, Edgeler and Tom Hilder, Clerk.

#### Minutes

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

#### Notice Board

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Hinds be asked to erect the Notice Board on Birling Lands Allotments with a pipe and socket. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Brook

Mr. Hammond moved that the price (£6-10-0). of John Dence be accepted for the cleaning out of the ditch between the Council's & Mr. Gates property adjoining Ham Hill Brook. Seconded by the Rector and carried.

#### Allotments

Mr. Gooding reported that garden No. 34 Lower Shorne Hill Field to Mr. Tomlin and moved that he be allowed the rent till Michaelmas 1929 on account of the dirty state of same. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Baths

The Rector reported that the number of bathers for the last five weeks to be 633 and the fees amounted to £5-13-1d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 717 and £6-9-8d.

The Rector gave the figures showing the comparison between the Ladies day (Thursday) from the 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Nov' 7<sup>th</sup> 1927; and August 21<sup>st</sup> to Nov' 6<sup>th</sup> 1928 (Tuesdays & Thursdays).

1927:- 16 bathers @ 6d 8/-. 775 bathers @ 2d £6-9-2d. Total bathers 791

Cash £6-17.2d

1928 96 @ 2d (Tuesdays) 16/-.

8 @ 6d & 581 @ 2d (Thursdays) £5-0-10d.

Total bathers 695 Cash £5-16-10d.

Mr. Monk moved that the Baths be closed on Tuesdays and that a notice be erected in the Baths. Seconded by the Rector and carried.

### Cemetery

Mr. Monk reported that 10 squares of glass were needed for the frame lights and that he had requested Mr. Rogers to put them in before painting.

Mr. Monk moved that the action of the Chairman be approved and that the Caretaker be supplied with 3 cast of 60 flower pots. Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried.

### Finance

Mr. Fletcher read the statement of accounts and proposed that Cheques be drawn in settlement. Seconded by the Rev. Wall and carried:-

Gen' & Spl' Rate.	Brook.	7.	1.
"	Birling Lands	14.	2.
"	Slough Field.	6.	8 ½
"	Lower Shorne Hill.	6.	4 ½
Mills. E.S.	Repair to Typewriter.	4.	6.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	0. 10.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	13.	9.
Relf. A.	Apprentices Wage.	3.	15. 0.
Crowhurst. D.	Repairing Fences.	1.	6. 0.
Gen' & Spl' Rate.	Cottage.	2.	11. 0.
Ashby. E.	Carting Chalk & C.	1.	4. 0.
Austin. Mrs.	Repair to Trousers.	2.	0.
Betts. W.C.	Repair to Boots & C.	5.	6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery & C.	1.	7. 0.
Gen' & Spl' Rate.	Fire Station.	4.	19. 2.
"	House.	2.	18. 1.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1. 8.
"	5. N.H. I. Stamps.	7.	1.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.	6.	0.
Hayman W. Ltd.	Fuel.	4.	8. 6.
Gen' & Spl' Rates.	Baths.	7.	13. 0.
		<u>£53. 17. 5.</u>	
Cheque for Wages.	£25.		

### Fire Brigade Cottage

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. J.J. Wilford be asked to repair the Sky Light in Pantry Roof and re-new Slates on W.C. & Pantry also Door Sill to W.C. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

### Fire Brigade

Mr. Fletcher gave the report of the Management Meeting held on Nov' 6<sup>th</sup> which recommended the Council to purchase the following.

6 x 50 feet lengths of hose.

4 x Pairs of Trousers, 1 Undress Cap.

1 Drivers Cap, 1 Pair of Boots.

½ doz' Life Line & Hook. 1 Whistle and Chain.

2 doz' extra stout Leather washes, 6 leather hose straps, ½ doz' Spanners 1 Pouch & American Cloth for Table, Mantles & Opel Globes and 1 ton Ford Jack.

Mr. Monk moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Southern Railway Co' re:- Cheap Trains to London from Snodland.

2. Post Office. Rochester re:- Installation of Automatic Stamp Machine.

3. Post Master Snodland re:- Deliveries.

4. Malling R.D. Council re:- Path in Church Field, and lopping of Trees in the Queen's Avenue.

5. " " " " " " " " " " " "

6. Letter from Mr. A.E. Piper asking to be allowed to take sufficient turf from the Brook for 3 Graves.

Mr. Gooding proposed that his request be granted. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

7. Letter from Mr. Rose asking permission to erect a shed on his Allotment.

Mr. Gower moved that this be not allowed. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

It was agreed to call an Allotment Committee to deal with existing cases.

### Conveyance

Mr. Monk moved that Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1066. Sec' C be granted to Mr. W.F. Mantle. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

### Scavenging

Mr. Monk moved that the Council agree to the extension of the period of the Scavenging Contract to 3 years, and the Contractor to provide a covered cart.

Seconded by the Rector and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to insert the usual advertisement.

### Street Numbers

Mr. Burke moved that the Malling R.D. Council be asked to carry out the re-numbering of the Houses. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

### Late Major Roberts

The Chairman read a letter from Messrs Martyn & Gane, Solicitors to the late Major Roberts, informing him that under the will of the late Major Roberts he had bequeathed to the Parish Council, the Working Men's Club as a Memorial to his

Grandfather Mr. William Lee and his residence "Little Holborough" and contents as a Museum.

It was decided that every member of the Council view the place and that the matter stand over for a time when a special Meeting should be called.

Mr. Burke moved that a small Sub Committee be formed. Seconded by Mr. Gower and carried.

Sub Committee Messrs Butcher, Fletcher, Burke, Gooding Coleman and Monk.

F.C. Butcher  
Chairman.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> 1928

At 7.30pm.

Mr. F. Butcher presided also present Messrs Fletcher (Vice-Chairman), the Rev' C de R Wall, Burke, Monk, State, Coleman, Gower, Gooding, Edgeler, Bishop, Hammond, Freeman, Jackson and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that Mr. J. Dence was making a good job and would be finished in week.

#### Allotments

Mr. Goodman submitted price from Mr. Hinds for repairing & re-lettering & erecting the Notice Board in Birling Lands for £2.

Mr. Gower moved that the Council do not carry out the work. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

Mr. Monk moved that the Clerk write and inform Mr. Rose that the Council will not allow him to erect a shed on his Allotment. Seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried.

The Rev' Wall moved that the Clerk write to Allotment holders who have erected sheds and request them to remove same forthwith. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

#### Baths

The Rector reported that the number of bathers for the last 3 weeks to be 392 and the fees amounted to £3-11-9d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 415 and £3-14-5d.

#### Cemetery

Mr. Monk moved that 1 yard of sand be purchased for the Caretaker. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

#### Finance

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

Blackman. Mrs.	Brook Keeper.	3.	0.	0.
Dence. John.	Work on Brook.	4.	0.	0.
Penny. Mrs.	Preparing Room.	10.	0.	
Clegg. W.E.	Meetings.	1.	7.	6.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	12.	10.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	8.	6.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		8.	6.
Relf. A.	Apprentice.	2.	5.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Street Lights.	143.	18.	9.
“	“	4.	11.	0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	8.
				<u>£187. 6. 4.</u>

Cheque for wages. £30.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the account 15/- for the advertisement for Dry Scavenging in the Kent Messenger be forwarded to the District Council for payment. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

#### Fire Brigade

Mr. Burke moved that Mr. G. Russell's price to supply 4 pairs of Trousers at 29/6, Undress Cap 5/6, Drivers Cap 8/6 be accepted. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Assessments

Mr. Burke moved that the Council instruct the Clerk to appeal against the increased assessment on the Public Baths, Cemetery and the Fire Station. Seconded by the Rector and carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Tenants of Hollicks Cottages complaining about the bad state of the footpath leading to their Houses in the Recreation Ground.

Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. J. Dence be employed ½ day to clear the pipe and fill up the hollow. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Tenders for Scavenging

Mr. Fletcher moved that Tenders be opened and decided on their merits. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Freeman protested against the idea of the 3 years contract on the grounds that it was illegal as the Contract would overlap the term of Office of the present Council by 9 months, and he wished it to be recorded in the Minutes that he declined to vote on the question.

Tenders.

Mr. A.E. Lambert.	£7000
Mr. R. Sparrowhawk.	£670.
Mr. A.F. Brooker.	£709-19-11 ¾
Mr. A. Cook.	£750
Mr. E. Ashby.	£650.

Mr. C.W. Martin.

£675.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the District Council be recommended to accept Mr. Lamberts tender of £700. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

#### Plan & C.

The Rector moved that Plan of Headstone, Kerb and Inscription to Grave No. 1052 late Jack. L. Chapman be approved. Seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

#### Stanley Terrace Fence

Mr. Hammond moved that Messrs Stanley Bros' of Wrotham be asked to repair the fence at Stanley Terrace as it is in a very dangerous condition. Seconded by Mr. State and carried.

#### Crossings

Mr. Fletcher moved that the Council Surveyor be requested to improve the crossing between the P.M. Chapel & Brook Houses, Delemare Road and Lee Road, in wet weather these places are flooded. Seconded by Mr. Gooding and carried.

F.C. Butcher.  
Chairman.



