

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 31st January 1931
At 7.30pm.

Present Mr R. Gower, (Chairman), W. Gooding (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. E. Wolfe, Messrs Burke, Fletcher, Monk, Butcher, Coleman, State, Hammond, Freeman, Jackson, Bishop, Edgeler and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that Mr. Dence would complete the Ditching in the course of another week.

Baths

Mr. Monk reported that the number of Bathers for the past 5 weeks to be 507 and the fees amounted to £4-18-1d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 522 and £4-18-11d.

Finance

Mr. Gooding proposed, Mr. Monk sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Dence. John	Work on Brook	7.	6.	8.
Reeves F.E.	Sch' A. Tax Brook		19.	1.
"	" Allotments	1.	19.	4.
"	" "	1.	9.	3.
"	" "	1.	0.	3.
Royal Insurance Co	Institute	1.	17.	6.
"	3 rd Party	1.	17.	6.
Hambrook A.N.	Books & C	1.	6.	2.
Barnes H.G.H,	Loan & Interest	13.	18.	0.
"	"	7.	4.	3.

Cemetery Account

Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages	14.	13.	4.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps		13.	9.
Relf. A	Apprentice	5.	6.	8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	7 ½
Royal Insurance Co	Fire Insurance		19.	9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke	2.	7.	4.
Reeves F.E.	Schedule A Tax	1	13	9
Moore & Co	Oil & C		10.	5.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water Rate		6.	7.
"	"		11.	7.

Lighting Account

Reeves F.E.	Schedule A. Tax. Cottage.	2.	10.	7.
"	" Fire Station.	4.	4.	4.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs	1.	14.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water Rate		13.	3.

Mid Kent Gas Co	Gas a/c	6.	1.
"	????? & C	2.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co	Tap.	4.	6.
<u>Baths Account</u>			
Judges. A	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1. 8.
"	4.N.H.I. Stamps.	5.	8.
Reeves F.E.	Schedule A. Tax	6.	15. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	8.	13. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	2.	3. 4.
"	Coke	3.	16. 4.
Rogers Thos'	Repairs	11.	6.
		<u>£104 14. 2 ½</u>	

Cheque for Wages £30

Copper

Mr Gooding reported that a new Copper had been put in the Fire Station Cottage. Mr. Monk moved that the action of the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman be approved. Sec'd by Mr Fletcher and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from the Caretaker of the Cemetery thanking the Council for Xmas Coal.

2. Letter from Bratcher, Son & Miskin re:- Sale of land to Kent County Council.

3. " " " " " " " " " "

4. Letter from The Public Works Loan Board re:- The same.

Mr. Burke proposed that the action of the Clerk and Chairman in arranging with the Manager of The Westminster Bank Ltd to pay over the sum of £120 on deposit to The Bank of England by the 15th inst so as to avoid the payment of a premium. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

5. Letter from Bratcher, Son & Miskin re:- Sale of land to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd.

6/7. Re:- The same.

8. Letter from P.C. Goldsworthy re:- Rating of the Recreation Ground.

9. Malling R.D. Council re:- Fire Hydrant.

10. Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Public Baths.

11. " " " re:- Copy of Analysis.

Grave Indicators

Mr. Monk moved that Messrs Doulton's quotation to supply 200 Indicators No's from 1201 to 1400 & 3 letter No's 1137, 1106 and 1144 for the Cemetery be accepted. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Mr. Freeman moved that the attention of the Malling R.D. Council be called to the bad state of the road in Churchfield opposite Messrs Cory's Work and the footpath also. Their notice also be called to the sunken light railroad owned by the B.P.C. Manufacturers Ltd. Sec'd by Mr. Coleman and carried.

Mr. Hammond proposed that a letter be sent to the Malling R.D. Council requesting that in future on frosty mornings arrangements are made for the scattering of sand or grit on the road surface to help the Horse traffic. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Mr. Monk moved that a letter be sent to the Sub Surveyor of the County Council in reference to the bad state of the footpath and crossing in the High Street, Holboro' Road and especially in the Malling Road. Sec'd by Mr Gooding and carried.

Hedge

Mr. Monk moved that Mr D. Thomson be asked to cut back the Hedge of his Orchard by the Cemetery path. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
10th February 1931

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 10th February 1931

At 7.30pm.

Present Mr. R Gower, (Chairman), Mrs Wolfe, Messrs Burke, Monk, State, Hammond, Freeman, Jackson, Bishop 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 had completed the work on the Brook for the season.

Cemetery Path

Mr Hammond proposed that the Clerk write again to Mr D Thomson in reference to cutting back of the hedge on the new Cemetery path. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Allotments

Mr. State reported the following proposed changes of tenancy viz:- Mr Hasemore vacates No. 24 Lower Shorne Hill Field at Ladyday; which will be taken by Mr A. Reffell whose Allotment will then be taken over by Mr. Chapman. This was sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Ashes

Mr. State moved that the Clerk obtain 3 loads of ashes to be spread by Mr J Dence on the entrance to Slough Fields Allotments. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Baths

Mr. Monk reported that the number of Bathers for the past 4 weeks to be 512 and the fees amounted to £4-13-8d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 457 and £4-5-7dd.

Mr. Monk reported that several Valves at the Baths had been repaired by Mr Abery. Mr State proposed that Mr Monk & the Clerk's action be approved. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Mr Monk proposed that new posts and lines be fixed at the Baths. Sec'd by Mr H. Jackson and carried.

Cemetery

Mr Monk proposed that the Caretaker be supplied with 10/- of seeds. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

Finance

Mr Gower proposed, Mrs Wolfe sec'd and it was resolved to pay accounts as follows:-

General Account

Dence. John	Work on Brook	5.	13.	4.
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Cemetery Account

Evenden John	Caretakers Wages.	11.	14.	8.
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"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11.	0.	
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Relf. A.	Apprentice	4.	5.	4.
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"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		8.	6.
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Hayman Wm Ltd.	Coal.	2.	6.	0.
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Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.		17.	0.
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Lighting Account

Draycon H.R.	Repairs	2.	8.	0.
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Fire Brigade Ass'	Affiliation Fee	1.	10.	0.
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Baths Account

Judges A.	Caretakers Wages	6.	1.	8.
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"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	8.
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Hayman Wm Ltd	Coal	1.	3.	0.
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Aberly. F	Repairs.		12.	6.
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			<u>12.</u>	<u>6.</u>
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			<u>£37.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>8.</u>
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Cheque for wages	£30.				
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Firemen's Boots

Mr. Hammond proposed that 2 pairs of Firemen's Boots for C.F. Hinds & Fireman Legg be purchased from Mr W.C. Betts. Sec'd by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Late Miss ???? Hook

A letter was read from Messrs Williamson & Son informing the Council that Miss Hook b her will bequeathed to the Parish Council the sum of £100 free of duty to be applied by them for the up keep of the Public Bath.

A further letter was read from the Solicitors stating that the Trustees of the Clock Tower Deed should convey and transfer the Trust premises to the Snodland Parish Council. The Trust Fund is now represented by twelve freehold premises at Shirley, Southampton the rents of which produce £85-6-0d per annum gross. The Chairman

reported that a special Meeting of the Finance Committee had been called on February 3rd to consider these questions. The Committee decided on 3 choices from the list of Miss Hook's securities viz:-

1st) 1 5/6 1st debenture Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. and balance in War Loan.

2nd) 1929 – 1949 5% War Stock. Tax paid.

3rd) 1929 – 1949 5% War Loan.

The Committee also recommended the Council to accept the Clock Tower Trust.

Mr. Gower proposed that the report be adopted. Sec'd by Mr. Monk and carried.

Mr Monk proposed that Messrs Wilkinson & Son be requested to pay the amount due to Mr Draycon £36-7-9d for painting the interior of the Clock Tower. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Mr Burke moved that the Chairman and Clerk interview Messrs Wilkinson & Son at their office. Sec'd by Mr Bishop and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from the Committee of the Working Men's Club asking for Council permission to install Electric Lighting.

Mr Hammond proposed that the Council agree. Sec'd by Mr Jackson and carried.

2. Malling R.D. Council re:- Fire Hydrants.

3. “ “ “ re:- Snodland drainage.

4. Doulton & Co. Ltd re:- Grave Indicators.

5. Medway Conservancy re:- Beacon.

6. Wallis. M.E. re:- Boundary Fence at the Baths.

7. Public Works Loan Board re:- Recreation Ground

8. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

9. Wilkinson & Son re:- Clock Tower Trust.

10. Ashford U.D. Council re:- B.G. Coleman.

11. Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Lamp on Bramley rd Corner.

Mr Burke moved the Gas Co. be asked to straighten same. Sec'd by Mr. Monk and carried.

12/13. Copies of Analysis from Mid Kent Water Co.

Church Field

Mr Freeman proposed that a letter be written to Mr Pell again calling his attention to the bad state of the road opposite Messrs Cory's Works & request prompt improvement. Sec'd by Mr Jackson and carried.

Paddlesworth Road

Mr Freeman proposed that a letter be written to the Malling R.D. Council in reference to the condition of the Paddlesworth Road. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
10th March 1931.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 10th March 1931
At 7.30pm.

Present. Mr R. Gower presided, also present Mrs Wolfe, Messrs Fletcher, Butcher, Coleman, Monk, State, Parris, Hammond, Freeman, Jackson, Bishop and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

The Chairman & Mr Fletcher passed a few suitable remarks in reference to the late Mr. J. Wilford, and Mr Monk was heartily congratulated on becoming a County Councillor.

Cemetery

Mr Monk proposed that the surplus Chalk be removed from the Cemetery to the Brook and that the Caretaker be supplied with seed boxes. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Baths

Mr Monk reported that the number of Bathers for the past 4 weeks to be 413 and the fees amounted to £3-15-4d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 596 and £4-13-5d.

Finance

Mr Fletcher proposed, Mr Hammond sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques in settlement of the following accounts. Viz:-

General Account

Clerk	¼ Salary	18. 15. 0.
"	Postage a/c	2. 0. 4.
Hambrook A.N.	Printing & C.	1. 5. 7.
Clegg. W.E.	Meetings	1. 15. 0.
Bond. W.F.	Financial Statements	1. 6.
??????? A. Clive	Voters List	2. 9.
Prudential Assur' Co. Ltd.	Loan & Interest	16. 7. 9.

Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11. 14. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Relf. A.	Apprentice.	4. 5. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	8. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	1. 10. 6.

Mr. C.W. Hinds	Repairs	15.	6.
Messrs Moore & Co.	Oil & Pots	1.	3. 4.
Ryder & Son	Seeds	10.	1.
<u>Lighting Account</u>			
Mid Kent Gas Co	Lighting	105.	5. 7.
Hinds C.W.	Petrol	16.	6.
Messrs Moore & Co	Brasso	1.	3.
<u>Baths Account</u>			
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		5. 8.
Local Govern' Garan'Co.	Premium	7.	6.
Messrs Moore & Co.	Mantle.		6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3.	16. 3.
		<u>£178.</u>	<u>1. 9.</u>

Cheque for Wages to March 31st. £16-14-2d.
“ “ “ April 15th £10-0-0d.

Little Holborough

The Chairman gave the report of the Meeting at Little Holborough with Mr. Gane the Solicitor to Mr. J.H. Roberts & it was resolved to recommend the Parish Meeting not to take ???? over.

Miss Hook's Bequest

The Chairman gave the report of his and the Clerks meeting with Mr. Wilkinson at 47, Bloomsbury Square.

Mr Freeman moved the adoption of the report and that the matter be left for the new Council to deal with. Sec'd by Mr Fletcher and carried.

Grave Spaces

Mr Monk moved that the Conveyance of Grave Spaces be granted to the following viz:-

The Exors' of the late J. Wilford No 1165 Section A.

Mr. Ralph Randell. No 1170. Section C.

Mrs. Mary Ann Reynolds. No 1168. Section C.

Mr. William Cook. No., 1172. Section. B.

Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Annual Parish Meeting

Mr. Hammond proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting take place on Tuesday March 24th at 7.30pm in the Devonshire Rooms. Sec'd by Mr Bishop and carried.

Report of Parish Council Proceedings

The draft report of the Parish Council Proceedings was read and approved.

Correspondence

1. Letter from The Board of Agriculture & Fisheries re:- Seed for unemployed Allotment Holders.

2. Malling R.D. Council re:- Drainage Committees.

3. Malling R.D. Council re:- Paddlesworth Road.
4. Ministry of Health re:- The Snodland Investment Order 1931.
The Clerk was instructed to ask the Manager of the Westminster Bank to invest the £100 now on deposit in 3 per cent Local Loan Stock.
5. Messrs Martyn & Gane re:- Major L.H. Roberts ?????
6. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
7. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:_ Lamp Column at the corner of Bramley Road.
8. Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- Late Miss Hook. re:- Legacy £100.
9. “ “ “ “ re:- Clock Tower Trust.
10. J.W. Pell re:- Road & C. Church Field.
11. W.L. Platts re:- River Medway.
12. “ “ re:- Review of County Districts. Northfleet - Rochester Area.

Statement of Wages to March 31st.

Cemetery

Evenden John	Caretakers Wages.	8. 16. 0.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	8. 3.
Relf. A.	Apprentice.	3. 4. 0.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	6. 4 ½

Baths

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	6. 1. 8.
“	5.N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 1.
		<u>£19. 3 4 ½</u>

Ralph Gower
Chairman
21st April 1931

Annual Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 21st 1931

At 7.30pm.

Present, Messrs W. Gooding. J.J. Hammond, Mrs Wolfe, R. Gower, J. Fletcher, J.H. Burke, A.J. Monk, H. Jackson, W.G. Freeman, C.J. State, F.C. Butcher, J.A. Bishop, B.H. Norman and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

The Chairman read letters of apology from Messrs Greenacre & Finch.

Declaration

The Councillors signed the declaration on acceptance of Office.

Mr Fletcher moved that Messrs Greenacre and Finch sign the Declaration at the next Meeting. Sec'd by Mr Burke and carried.

Chairman

Mr Monk moved that Mr Gooding be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

Vice-Chairman

Mr Fletcher proposed that Mr. J.J. Hammond be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Sec'd by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Committees

It was agreed that the Committees stand the same as last year, the new Councillors taking the place of those not elected.

The Chairman of each Committee was appointed. Viz:-

Brook	Mr. J.W. Bishop
Allotments	Mr. C.J. State
Cemetery	Mr. A.J. Monk
Finance & Lighting	Mr. J.J. Hammond
Recreation Ground	Mr. J. Fletcher

May's Charity

Mr Gower proposed that Messrs Gooding, Hammond, Bishop, Freeman and Norman. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

Godden's Charity

Mr Monk proposed that Mrs Wolfe Messrs Fletcher, Gower and Burke be appointed. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Baths

Mr. Monk reported that the number of Bathers for the past 3 weeks to be 428 and the fees amounted to £3-18-8d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 397 and £3-15-8d.

Mr Monk reported that some repairs and the Annual Spring Cleaning was needed at the Baths. He proposed that a Meeting be held on Wednesday evening 22nd inst' at 7pm at the Public Baths to deal with these matters, and that the Committee have the power to act. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Finance

Mr Hammond proposed, Mrs Wolfe sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Royal Insurance Co.	Employers Insurance	1.	3.
"	Casual Labour	13.	6.
Local Government ????	Fidelity Insurance	3.	0.
Bond W.F.	Declaration Book	12.	0
Verrall W.	Envelopes.	7.	0.
Hambrook A.N.	Printing & C.	1.	8. 3.

Cemetery Account

Evenden John	Caretakers Wages	8.	16. 0.
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“	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	8.	3.
Relf A.	Apprentice	3. 3.	7. ½
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	6.	4. ½
Doulton & Co. Ltd.	203 Indicators	20.	6. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke	1. 10.	6.
Ashby E & Son	Carting Chalk	1. 18.	0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Employers Insurance	1. 2.	7.
“	“ “	1.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate	18.	4.
Burrow Alma.	Seed Boxes	8.	4.
Moore & Co.	Nails		9.
<u>Lighting Account</u>			
Beadle. F.C.	Maroons	2.	6. 0.
Betts. W.C.	Firemen's Boots	5.	0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate	13.	2.
Royal Insurance Co.	Fire Insurance	16.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Repairs	6.	7.
“	Gas a/c	7.	10.
<u>Baths Account</u>			
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke.	3.	1. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water	5.	14. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	1.	17. 6.
Hayman Wm Ltd	Coal	1.	3. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Employers Insurance	10.	0.
Stedman A.	Spirits of Salts.	1.	0.
		<u>£63. 12. 7.</u>	

Allotments

Mr Monk moved that a letter be sent to the rector in reference to his dog running over the Allotments. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Mr. Bishop moved that Mr. & Mrs Martin be requested to keep his Chicken off the Allotment gardens. Sec'd by Mr Jackson and carried.

Correspondence

1. Malling R.D. Council re:- Drainage Committee.

Mr Bishop proposed that Mr J. Burke represent the Parish Council on this Committee. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried.

2. Westminster Bank Ltd. re:- Ministry of Health's Order.

3. “ “ “ re:- 3% Local Loans.

4. “ “ “ re:- Balance 5%.

5. Dr. Barnados Day Fund May 9th.

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk see Mrs. Buckingham on the matter.

6. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Street Lighting.

7. “ “ “ re:- Lamp at Mr Baldocks

Mr Freeman proposed that Mr H. Blackwell be again written to on this matter. Sec'd by Mr Gower and carried.

8. Mr W.E. Clegg re:- Meeting.

9. Salvation Army inviting Councillors to Festival on Sunday 26th at the Institute.

10/11/12/13. Messrs Martyns & Gane Solicitors to Mr. J.H. Roberts re:- Working Men's Club, Little Holborough and proposed annual payments of £25 as a Memorial to the late Major W.J.H. Roberts – the Parish Meeting having agreed not to take over Little Holborough. The £25 would be a charge on the estate and would be given away in the shape of coal, blankets, overcoats & c to the old, sick & needy people of the Parish.

Mr Gower moved that a letter of thanks be sent to Messrs Martyn & Gane accepting the offer of £25. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried.

14. Copy of Analysis from the Mid Kent Water Co. Halling water taken from Addington.

Clock Tower Trust

Mr Monk proposed that Messrs Wilkinson & Sons be requested to carry out Miss Hook's wish in giving to the different places of worship the sum of £100 in the proportions mentioned in the letter. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Mr Monk moved that the fare & c of Mr Gower and the Clerk to London on the occasion of their interview with the late Miss Hook's Solicitors be paid. Sec'd by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Magistrates

Mr Gower proposed that the recommendation of the Parish meetings be adopted & forward Mr A.J. Monks name to the Lord Chancellor asking that he may be appointed Magistrate in the place of the late Mr. J. Wilford. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Miss Mary Gorham's Trust

Mr Gower moved that the Charity Commissioners be requested to appoint 2 members of the Parish Council as Trustees of this Charity. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Mr Burke moved that the amount obtained for the land being part of the Recreation Ground sold to the Kent County Council for the building of a Clinic be deleted from the Parish Meeting Minute Book. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried.

Hose

Mr. Hammond proposed that the Malling R.D. Council be lent several lengths of hose for the demonstration in sewer cleaning to take place on Wednesday afternoon. The District Council undertaking to wash & clean it after use and pay for any damage to same.

He also proposed that new ?????? be placed in hose tower at the Fire Station. Sec'd by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Seats

Mr State proposed that the park seats in the Queens Avenue & Malling Road be repaired and painted. Sec'd by Mr. J. Fletcher and carried.

Kent Electric Power Company

Mr. Norman proposed that the Kent Electric Power Co. be requested not to dump surplus earth & c in the Sharnal Lane. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

William Gooding
Chairman
May 12th 1931.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 12th 1931

At 7.30pm

Present Mr. W. Gooding, (Chairman), Messrs J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Gower, Freeman, Jackson, State, Butcher, Greenacre, Finch, Norman and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Declaration

Messrs Greenacre and Finch signed the Declaration on acceptance of Office.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr Gooding gave a report of a Committee Meeting called to meet Mr. S.L. Bundy in reference to filling up Dyke & flooding of Allotments.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the whole of the Council meet on the Brook on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Sec'd by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Allotments

Mr. Hammond proposed that the Clerk write to Dr. Carter asking him to keep his dogs of the Allotments. Sec'd by Mr Norman and carried.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that Messrs Drake & Fletcher were carrying out the repairs at the Public Baths as Mr Rogers was not well enough to undertake the work.

Cemetery

Mr Gower proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1175. Section C, Consecrated Portion to Mrs Lily May Well's be granted, and the Kerb and Inscription to Grave of Walter Gordon peters be approved. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Finance

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

General Account

Chairman & Clerk. Fares to London.		12.	0.
<u>Cemetery Account</u>			
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	8.	16. 0.
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		8. 3.
Relf. A.	Apprentice	3.	2. 10 ½
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		6. 4 ½
Haynes Bros. Ltd.	Repairs to Mowing Machine	1.	3. 0.
Southern Railway.	Carriage of Indicators		8. 4.
Golesworthy. P.G.	Rates	8.	5. 0.
<u>Lighting Account</u>			
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Street Lighting	21.	0. 0.
Golesworthy P.G.	Rates	2.	5. 0.
"	"		5. 10. 0.
<u>Baths Account</u>			
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	6.	1. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		5. 8.
Golesworthy P.G.	Rates.		<u>7. 10. 0.</u>
			<u>£65. 14. 2.</u>

Sec'd by Mr. Gower

Recreation Ground

It was decided to call a Recreation Ground Committee Meeting on Monday 18th May at 8pm.

Correspondence

Letter from Messrs Martyn & Gane informing the Council that Mr Roberts was willing to enter into a deed of Covenant with the Parish Council for the payment of £25 yearly.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the deed be prepared as soon as possible. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

2. Letter from Messrs Wilkinson & Son forwarding contract form for £150. Deb. Stock in Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd.

Mr Gower proposed that the Chairman and Clerk sign it. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

3. Letter from Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- Clock Tower Trust.

4. S.L. Bundy re:- Flooding Brook gardens.

5. Letter from Charity Commissioners re:- Mary Gorham's Trust.

Mr Gower proposed that a copy of the reading on the board in All Saints Church be forwarded to them. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

6. Letter from the Lord Chancellor re:- Appointing Mr. A.J. Monk Magistrate in the place of the Late Mr. J. Wilford.

7. Kent Electric Power Co. re:- Dumping earth in Sharnal Lane.

8. Messrs Drake & Fletcher re:_ Repairs to Public Baths.

9. Mr. H.E. Langford re:- Invalid Chair.

10. Mrs. H. Knell re:- Shifting Lamp Column.

Mr Freeman proposed that no action be taken in the matter. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

11. Letter from Gillingham Fire Brigade asking for the attendance on Saturday next at the Flag Day Collection in aid of the Widow's & Orphan's Fund.

Mr Gower moved that the Brigade be given permission to attend. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

12. Copy of the Analysis from the Mid Kent Water Co. Halling water taken from Blue Bell Hill.

William Gooding

Chairman

9th June 1931.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 9th June 1931

At 7.30pm.

Present Mr. W Gooding (Chairman), J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Wolfe, Messrs Burke, Fletcher, Monk, Gower, Butcher, Jackson, Freeman, State, Bishop, Greenacre, Finch, Norman and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr Gooding reported that a Meeting of the Council had been held on the Brook on May 16th at 3pm.

It was decided to employ Mr. J. Dence to clear out small bridge over dyke which was obstructing the flow of water. To clear out the main dyke starting from the outfall pipe under the Mill Stream and finishing on the boundary line between Snodland and Birling. To open the end of the minor dyke to drain the water more quickly off the land and to clear out part of stream where obstructed by Mr Bishop's cottage and see that the sluice is quite clear.

The Council also viewed the part of the brook Land (2 acres). Recently purchased by Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd and found the boundary line quite correct.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr Draycon to repair the fence & railing by the Brook gate.

Mr Monk moved that the Report be adopted. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

Allotments

Mr State moved that the usual brushing of hedges and dykes in the Allotments, and the Willow Walk be carried out, and that Mr. J. Dence be employed. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the past 4 weeks to be 706 and the fees amounted to £6-14-0d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 874 and £8-7-5d.

Mr Gower reported that on two occasions since the last Council Meeting there had been further trouble at the Baths, owing to certain valves giving out. Messrs Drake & Fletcher's men had been over and put the matter in order.

He further state that Mr Draycon had made a start on papering and whitewashing.

Cemetery

Mr Monk proposed that 200 pales and 4 rails be purchased for the repair of the boundary fence; and that the Caretaker be allowed his usual weeks holiday. Sec'd by Mr Gower.

Mr Burke moved as an amendment that a Committee Meeting be held at the Cemetery, the Committee to have power to act. Sec'd by Mr Norman.

The amendment was put to the Meeting and resulted in 10 votes to 5, carried.

Mr Fletcher proposed that the Meeting take place at the Cemetery on Wednesday evening at 8.30pm. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

Notice of Motion

Mr Gower gave Notice of Motion re:- Extension of the Cemetery.

Finance

Mr Hammond proposed, Mr Fletcher sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Clerk	Audit Stamp	8.	0.	0.
Dence John	Work on Brook	2.	0.	0.
Blackman Mrs	Brook Keeper	2.	0.	0.
Hinds C.W.	Repair Seats & C	1.	10.	0.
Clerk	½ yrs Salary	18.	15.	0.

Cemetery Account

Evenden J	Caretakers Wages	11.	14.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps		11.	0.
Relf A	Apprentice	4.	3.	10.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		8.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Fuel		15.	3.

Lighting Account

Hinds C.W.	re-wiring Hose, Tower & C	1.	4.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Fuel		15.	3.

Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps		5.	8.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Fuel	3.	2.	7.
Crowhurst. D.	Wood & repair	1.	0.	0.
		<u>£62.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>5.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £30.

Recreation ground

Mr Fletcher moved that the Malling R.D. Council be requested to remove gates leading from the Council Cottages to the Recreation Ground. The Council suggest that a pathway be made inside the fence from top to bottom and the top gates be left for the entrance. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Correspondence

1. Charity Commissioners re:- Mary Gorham Trust.

2. Secretary of the Working Men's Club re:- Floor of large Hall.

Mr Hammond moved that the Council allow the Committee to put in the new floor. Sec'd by Mr Bishop and carried.

Mr Freeman moved that the yearly agreement with the Committee stand and no lease be granted. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

3. Dr. Carter re:- Dogs straying on the Allotments.

4. Mreesrs Wilkinson & Son re:- Transfer Deed.

5. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Painting street Lamps & Columns for 3/6 per Lamp and to execute any repairs that may be needed.

Mr Gower proposed, Mr Monk sec'd that the price be accepted. Carried.

6. Eagle ???? Insurance Co. Ltd re:- Cheque for Bramley Road Column.

William Gooding
Chairman
14th July 1931.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 14th July 1931
At 7.30pm

Present. Mr. W Gooding, (Chairman), J.J. Hammond (Vice-Chairman), Burke, Gower, Monk, Jackson, Freeman, Butcher, State, Bishop, Greenacre, Finch, Norman, Mrs. Wolfe and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr State reported that all the Allotments were let and Mr Dence had completed trimming up the dykes, banks & hedges.

Mr Hammond proposed that a few Keys be purchased for the gate to Lower Shorne Hill Field Allotments. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

Mr Monk proposed that Mr Dence be employed to clear away the trees & C from the bank by Stream in Birling Lands. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the past 5 weeks to be 938 and the fees amounted to £8-14-6d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 1031 and £9-10-1d.

Mr Gower reported that Messrs Drake & Fletcher had completed the work at the Baths and that everything was working satisfactorily

Mr Draycon had finished the papering & c and new lines had been put down as agreed.

Cemetery

The Clerk read the report of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday June 10th. Mr Monk reported that Mr Draycon had finished creosoting the timber of the Chapel and Cottage, and he had got him to repair a window frame at the same time. He recommended that the Caretaker be supplied with a $\frac{3}{4}$ Sythe, and a Spade and that the grass be cut back near the Cenotaph to make it easier for Motors to turn at that corner, also that the Clerk obtain price to cut the grass in upper part of the Cemetery.

Mr Monk moved that the report be adopted. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Mr Monk proposed that the Clerk write to Miss Hosburgh asking her to remove the Rose tree from the Grave. Sec'd by Mr Gower and carried. Mr Monk moved that the additional Inscription to Joseph Wardle's stone be approved, also plan of Kerb to Annie Parris with Inscription and Headstone, Kerb & Inscription to late John Goulds be approved. Sec'd by Mr state and carried.

Finance

Mr Hammond proposed, Mr Butcher sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Dence. J.	Work on Brook & Allotments	8.	0.	0.
Clerk	Carriage of Book & C. Audit.	10.	0.	
Barnes H.G.H.	Repayment of Loan & Interest	7.	2.	8.
"	" " " "	8.	7.	9.
Hambrook A.N.	Printing & C.	2.	8.	11.
Moore & Co.	Shovel. Brook	3.	11.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Ashes for Allotments	3.	0.	

Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	14.	4.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	9.
Relf. A.	Apprentice.	6.	4.	9 ½
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	10.	7.	½
Batchelor. R. & Sons	Gate Pales & C.	3.	5.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.		6.	9.
"	"		11.	7.
Moore. J. & Co.	Nails, Broom & C.	3.	3.	

Lighting Account

Betts. W.C.	Repair Boots.	2.	0.	
Moore. J. & Co.	Metal Polish.	2.	6.	
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	13.	2.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	3.	2.	
Austin Mrs.	Repair Tunic.	2.	6.	

Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 1. 8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 1.
Drake & Fletcher Ltd	Repairs.	34. 11. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 10. 6.
"	Gas a/c.	14. 2.
Moore J. & Co.	Lino.	2. 12. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	4. 18. 3.
		<u>£105. 3. f8.</u>
Cheque for Wages.	£30	

Fire Brigade

Firemen, W. Fielder and J. Legge signed their declaration on acceptance of Office.

Mr Butcher moved that the owner of the Hedge beside the path near Council Cottages to asked to cut it back and that Mr. Dence be employed to clean out the weeds from same. Sec'd by Mr. Norman and carried

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mayoress of Rochester asking for Fire Brigade to attend Carnival of 9th September.

Mr Monk moved that the Brigade have permission to attend. Sec'd by Mr. Freeman and carried.

2. Mrs. Freeland re:- Illuminated addresses presented to the late Miss Hook.

Mr. Burke moved that the Trustees of the Devonshire Rooms be asked to allow the Council to hand them in the South Room.

3. Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- First Mortgage Debenture Stock. Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd.

4. Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- The same & Stock Receipt for £24-0-2d War Stock 1929 – 47.

5. Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- Clock Tower Trust.

Mr Monk proposed that the Clerk write stating that – before deciding to sell the Ground Rents at Shirley, the Council would be glad to know the cost of obtaining Council's opinion in the 2 points that are raised. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

6. Charity Commissioners re:- Mary Gorham Trust which states that the Parish Council are precluded from appointing Trustees under the provisions of the Act until the expiration of 40 years from the date of foundation except by the ?????? of the Donor.

7. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- broken Lamp Column at the corner of Church Field.

Mr Monk proposed that a new Column be placed in the same position. Sec'd by Mr Norman and carried.

8. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Painting Lamp Column & Lanterns.

9. W.G. Watts Haulage Contractor, Chatham re:- Broken Lamp Column at Church Field.

10. Maidstone St. John's Ambulance Brigade

11. Copy of Analysis from Mid Kent Water Co. Halling water taken from Halling.

Mr Gowers Notice of Motion

Ref' additional land for Cemetery extension.

Mr Hammond moved that Mr. J.H. Roberts be approached on the matter as soon as possible. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Receipts

Mr Butcher proposed that the following Receipts be issued on the Rating Authority.

General Expenses	50-0-0
Lighting	250-0-0
Burial Acts	50-0-0
Baths & Wash Houses	50-0-0
	<u>£400-0-0</u>

Sec'd by Mr Gower and carried.

Mr Hammond moved that Mr Draycon be asked to repair Sash Cords at the Fire Station Cottage. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

Scavenging

Mr Freeman moved that a letter be sent to the Malling R.D. Council in reference to the irregular manner in which the Scavenging Contractor carries out his work. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

William Gooding
Chairman
11th August 1931.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 11th August 1931

At 7.30pm.

Present Mr Gooding (Chairman), Mrs Wolfe, Messrs Fletcher, Monk, Gower, Jackson, Freeman, State, Bishop, Finch, Norman and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Hammond stating his inability to be present on account of illness, and also informed the Council that Mr Butcher had sent a message of apology.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr State reported that all the gardens were well cultivated this year, and most of them were very clean. He stated that the Clerk had obtained the Keys for Lower Shorne Hill Field Allotments gate. He also reported that the ditch at the bottom of Birling Lands needed clearing out. It was decided to leave this matter to the Allotments Committee.

Brook

Mr Bishop proposed that the Clerk interview Mr Dedrick in reference to the flooding of Brook Land, and ask him to have the faulty places in the Mill Stream bank repaired, and to clear same out as promised. Sec'd by Mr Norman and carried.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the past 4 weeks to be 673 and the fees amounted to £6-5-0d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 749 and £7-1-8d.

Finance

Mr Gower moved, Mr Jackson sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Dence. John	Work on Allotment & Rec' Ground.	1.	1.	0.
Hinds C.W.	Repairs to Fence		7.	6.
Draycon. H.R.	"		15.	0.
Dickinson & Son Ltd.	Cheque Book	1.	19.	2.

Cemetery Account

Evenden. John	Caretakers	11.	14.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Relf. A.	Apprentice	5.	4.	9 ½
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	7 ½
Dence. John	Cutting Grass	2.	0.	0.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs	4.	6.	10.
Hinds C.W.	Sythe & C.	1.	4.	5.

Lighting account

Hinds. C.W.	Petrol & Oil		13.	10.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	1.	8.	10.

Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	6.	1.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	8.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs	5.	15.	5.
Hayman Wm. Ltd.	Coal.	1.	1.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke		2.	5. 9.
			<u>2.</u>	<u>5. 9.</u>
			£47.	7. 8.

Cheque for Wages. £30.

Fire Brigade

Mr Gower moved that the Bell Standard at the fire Station be painted and the gate also to repair staging at the back of the Station.

Messrs Brattle, Draycon & Hinds to be invited to tender. Sec'd by Mr Jackson and carried.

Mr Gower moved that a letter be sent to the Caretaker of the Cemetery asking him in future to notify the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee when he or the apprentice are taking their Annual holiday. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr R. Smith re:- Hanging Pictures in South Room of the Devonshire Rooms.

2. Letter from Mr. C. Lavender forwarding a/c from Mr. Hinds for repairs to Rain Water Tank. He also asks the Council to repair the leak in Billiard Room Roof.

Mr Monk proposed that the account be returned to the Committee of the Institute. Sec'd by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Mr Monk moved that Messrs Fletcher & Gooding inspect the Roof with the power to act. Sec'd by Mrs Wolfe and carried.

3. Letter from Mr. D. Thomson re:- Vacating Farm at 11 ?????.

4. S.L. Bundy re:- Scavenging Contractor.

5. Messrs Wilkinson & Son re:- Clock Tower Trust.

Mr Monk moved that the Council agree to the advice of the Solicitor and take Councils opinion on the points raised. Sec'd by Mrs Wolfe and carried.

6. Letter from same sending list of property as requested.

Conveyance

Mr Monk moved that Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1180, Section C, General Portion to Mr. W.J. Young be granted. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Monk gave Notice of Motion re:- House to House Scavenging Contract.

The Clerk was instructed to get the Parish Council Notice Board in May Street repaired.

Lighting

Mr Monk moved that the Street Lamps be lighted on the same date as last year. Sec'd by Mr Jackson and carried.

Sale of Brook Land

Mr Fletcher proposed that the Clerk see Mr. W. Dedrick on the matter and ask him to put his proposition in writing. Sec'd by Mr Gower and carried.

William Gooding

Chairman

8th September 1931.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 8th September 1931

At 7.30pm

Present Mr W. Gooding, (Chairman), Mr. J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Wolfe, Messrs Fletcher, Burke, Gower, Butcher, Freeman, State, Jackson, Bishop, Finch, Norman and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Deputation

A deputation of the unemployed waited on the Council in reference to the building of Council Houses.

Mr Gower moved that the standing orders be suspended. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Mr Fletcher moved that the Clerk write to Mr. Miskin, Clerk to the Malling R.D. Council and to Mr Burrows the Contractor requesting that the Snodland unemployed be given the first chance of work instead of employing outside labour. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Institute

Mr Fletcher reported that he and the Chairman had visited the Institute and found the leakage complained of was caused through the split Gutters. He strongly advised that the trees at the bottom of the Billiard Room be cut back as they were the cause of a good deal of the dampness.

He further stated that the Chimney Stack was dangerous and should be taken down.

Allotments

Mr State reported that Mr. Dence had cleared out the Council's portion of the ditch at the bottom of the Birling Lands, and proposed that the Clerk write to Mrs Foreman in reference to her portion.

Mr Fletcher moved that the Allotment Committee inspect the same and report at the next meeting. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 640 and the fees amounted to £5-18-10d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 782 and £7-6-11d.

Cemetery

Mr Burke moved that the surplus Chalk be removed from the Cemetery to the Brook, 6 loads of Manure be purchased, also 1 yard of sand for potting, 1 yard of gravel for path & 1 pint of Varnish for seats in the Chapel.

Messrs Ashby, Hammond, Cook & Barnes be asked to tender for the removal of the chalk & supply 6 loads of manure, tenders to be sent to the Clerk on or before the next Council Meeting October 12th. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Finance

Mr Hammond proposed, Mr Fletcher sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Blackman. Mrs.	Brook Keeper	2. 0. 0.
Dence. John	Work on Brook	1. 0. 0.
Clerk	¼ yrs salary	18. 15. 0.
Prudential Assurance Co.	Loan & Interest	16. 8. 7.
Bond. W.F.	Precept Book	8. 0.
Moore. J. & Co.	Deeds Book	19. 6.
Crowhurst. D.	Repairs to Rec' Ground Fences	4. 6.
<u>Cemetery Account</u>		
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 14. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Relf. A.	Apprentice.	4. 2. 10. ½
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	6. 4. ½
Moore. J. & Co.	Webbing & C.	1. 8. 0.
<u>Baths Account</u>		
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 1. 8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 1.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.	6. 0.
		<u>£64. 13. 3.</u>

Cheque for wages £30.

Correspondence

1. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lighting lights in Streets on 15th September.

2. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Painting Lamps & C.

3. Wilkinson & Son re:- Clock Tower Trust.

4. Messrs C. T. Hook & Co Ltd re:- Purchase of a further portion of Brook Land.

Mr Fletcher proposed that the value of the land be ascertained and the matter placed before the Parish Meeting with a recommendation from the Council that it be sold. Sec'd by Mr. Gower.

Mr Burke moved as an amendment that the matter be postponed. Sec'd by Mr Freeman.

The voting was as follows.

For the amendment. 5 votes.

For the proposition. 7 votes.

The proposition was carried.

Tenders for Fire Station

Mr Butcher moved that the lowest tender be accepted. Sec'd by Mrs. Wolfe and carried.

Hinds. C.W. £3-5-0

Draycon. H.R. £4-15-0

Mr Fletcher moved that in future the date be fixed when tenders should be sent in.

Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Conveyances

Mr Gower moved that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1112, Section A. General Portion be granted to Mrs Ellen Rogers. Sec'd by Mr, State and carried.

Mr. Monk's Notice of Motion

Mr Fletcher moved that Mr. Monk's Notice of Motion be postponed until next Meeting. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Mr Hammond moved that the Malling R.D. Council's attention be called to the repairs needed to the footpath leading from the Clock Tower to the New Road. Sec'd by Mr. State and carried.

Fire Brigade

Mr Fletcher proposed that the Brigade be given permission to attend the ??????? at Rochester on Sept' 23rd, and to the wedding of Fireman W. Fielders. Sec'd by Mr Butcher and carried.

Magistrate

Mr Gower moved that a further letter be sent to the Lord Chancellor in reference to the appointment of a resident Magistrate for Snodland. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Mid Kent Water Co. asking them to remove dangerous tree from their property abutting the public footpath from Brook Street to Malling Road.

William Gooding
Chairman
October 13th 1931.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 13th October 1931

At 7.30pm

Present Mr W. Gooding, (Chairman), Mr. J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Wolfe, Messrs Fletcher, Gower, Monk Jackson, Freeman, Butcher, State, Bishop Finch, Norman and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Bishop reported that the Committee had met and decided to recommend the Council to brick up the banks of the Willow Walk path and the like round the Brook Allotments and to clear out Dykes and Grips on the Brook, and that Mr, John Dence be employed for 6 weeks.

Mr Gower moved that the report be adopted. Sec'd by Mr. Monk and carried.

Allotments

Mr Fletcher moved that 6 loads of residue be obtained from the Holborough Works for the repairing of the path at the bottom end of Birling Lands. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried.

Mr State proposed that Mr Dence be employed to cut back the remainder of the Hedge and clear out Ditch adjoining Mr Foreman's land. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried,

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the past 5 weeks to be 829 and the fees amounted to £7-12-3d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 793 and £7-8-2d.

Mr Gower moved that 3 doz' Bath Towels be purchased from Messrs Moore and Fletcher and that ½ cwt' soap from Mr. J.G. Coleman. Sec'd by Mr. Butcher and carried.

Mr Fletcher moved that the action of the Chairman of the Baths Committee and the Clerk in getting the Stop-Cock repaired. Sec'd by Mr. Finch and carried.

Finance

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

General Account.

Crowhurst. D.	Wire & Stakes.	6.	2.
Hambrook. A.N.	Foolscap & C	2.	4.
Hinds C.W.	Keys	5.	0.
Bond. W.F.	Local Govern' Chronicles	13.	0.

Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	14.	13.	1.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps	14.	2.	
Relf. A.	Apprentice	6.	9.	8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	10.	10.	
Water Rate.	Cottage.	6.	9.	
"	Cemetery & C.	11.	7.	
Hinds C.W.	Repairs	3.	6.	
Prett. Frank	Sand & Graves	19.	0.	

Lighting Account

Water Rate	Fire Station & C	13.	2.	
Gas Account	" "	13.	10.	
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs.	3.	18.	10.
London Guarantee Ins' Co'	3 rd Party Insurance	5.	12.	6.

Baths Account

Judges A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1.	8.
"	4.N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	8.
Abery. Frank.	Repairs	6.	1.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas Account.	15.	11.	
"	Coke & Mantle	3.	2.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply	4.	8.	3.
		<u>£52. 4. 8.</u>		

Cheque for Wages. £30

Correspondence

1. Malling R.D. Council re:- Housing.

2. " " " re:- Path from Clock Tower.

3. “ “ “ re:- Rent of Sewage Works.
4. “ “ “ re:- Unemployment.
5. “ “ “ re:- Scavenging Contract.

6. Working Men's Club re:- Repairs.

Mr Monk proposed that the K.E. Library Committee be asked to pay the cost of widening footpath to the Library. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

It was agreed that Mr Fletcher inspect the Chimney and report to Clerk and if necessary ask for Tenders to carry out the repairs.

7/8. Wilkinson & Sons re:- Clock Tower Trust.

The Clerk read the Council's opinion on the points raised in reference to letter left by Miss Hook and Clock Tower ?????? fund. The Council states that the money can be expended for a furtherance or promotion of any secular object for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Town of Snodland, which in his opinion all the inhabitants.

Draft Conveyance

Mr Fletcher moved that the Draft Conveyance of the Clock Tower Trust be approved. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried.

9. Lord Chancellor re:- Appointment of a resident Magistrate.

10. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Damage to Lamp Column at the corner of Church Fields by Mr Eastwoods Motor.

The Clerk reported that he had sent the account 6/1d to Mr Eastwood.

11. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp Column on building site at Constitution Hill.

12. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Same.

Mr Fletcher moved that the Gas Co. be asked to make provision for 2 Lamp Standards to be erected on the site of the Council Cottages, Constitution Hill as soon as Cottages are ready for occupation and the Council accept the price quoted. £5-7-0d each. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

13. Mid Kent Water Co. re:- Removal of a dangerous Branch from tree.

14. Copy of the Analysis from The Mid Kent Water Co. Halling water taken form Halling.

15. W. Burrows and Sons re:- Unemployment.

16. Kent Electric Power Co. re:- Hollick Cottages.

Tender

Mr Fletcher moved that Mr E. Ashby's Tender for removing Chalk from the Cemetery, and supply 6 loads of Manure be accepted.

Messrs Hook & Co. be asked if they would like the Chalk carted to their Wharf. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr Monk proposed that the following Conveyances be granted.

Mrs Jane Grace Tong. Grave Space No. 1135, Section A, William Cook, Grave Space No. 1187, Section B and Elizabeth Turner, Grave Space, No. 1188 Section B. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Mr Monk 's Notice of Motion

Mr Monk suggested that the Council ask the District Council to purchase a light covered in Cart built low for this purpose at the cost of £65. After a good deal of discussion Mr. R. Gower moved that the Contract be again for 3 years and that the Contractor provide a good covered Cart or Motor. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond.

Mr Freeman moved as an amendment that the Council provide the Cart and the Contract be for 3 years. No seconder.

The proposition was put to the Meeting and carried.

Mr Hammond proposed that an advertisement be sent to the Kent Messenger inviting Tenders for Scavenging. Sec'd by Mr Bishop and carried.

Seats in Queens Avenue

The Clerk was instructed to see the Sergeant of the Police in reference to the placing of Grease on the Seats.

Stamp Machine

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Postmaster, Rochester in reference to the bad working of this Machine.

William Gooding

Chairman

10TH November 1931.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 10th November 1931

At 7.30pm.

Present Mr. W. Gooding, (Chairman), J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Wolfe, Messrs Fletcher, Monk, Burke, Gower, Jackson, Freeman, State, Bishop, Finch, Norman and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr Bishop reported that the dredging of the Mill Stream was nearing completion and that a quantity of Silt had been placed on the road leading to the Sanitary Dump, but was being cleared away by Messrs Hook & Co.

Allotments

Mr State reported that Mrs Carter had applied for an Allotment next to their house if it should become vacant.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the Number of Bathers for the past month to be 562 and the fees amounted to £5-4-10d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 568 and £5-7-8d.

Finance

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

General Account

Dence. John.	Work on Brook	7.	0.	0.
Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeeper.	4.	0.	0.

Cemetery Account

Evenden. John	Caretakers Wages.	11.	10.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		12.	8.
Relf. A.	Apprentice	5.	3.	4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		9.	4.
Golesworthy. P.C.	Rates.	7.	19.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke		15.	3.
Ashby. E. & Son.	Carting Manure.	4.	13.	6.

Lighting Account

Westminster Bank Ltd,	Loan	50.	0.	0.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Painting	13.	15.	4.	
"	Gas. Bull Corner		3.	15.	0.
Golesworthy P.C.	Rates. Fire Station	5.	6.	4.	
"	" Cottage.		2.	9.	6.

Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	1.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		5.	8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke	1.	10.	11
Coleman. J.	Soap.	2.	15.	0.
Moore & Fletcher	Towels	3.	18.	3.
Golesworthy. P.C.	Rates.	7.	5.	0.
		<u>£139.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>11</u>

Cheque for Wages £30.

Recreation Ground

Mr Fetcher proposed that the Clerk to the County Council be asked to grub the Hedge on the frontage of land purchased for the erection of a Clinic and to fence it across the back and the front. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. S.L. Bundy asking who gave permission to the Contractor dredging the Mill Stream to dump the Silt on the road leading to the Sanitary Dump.

The Clerk was instructed to reply, that the Council had not given permission and refer him to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd

2. Malling R.D. Council submitting a plan of proposal to continue the fence at the back of the Council Cottages gardens down to Mr Jefferys, so as to create a right of way for the Tenants. The District Council paying for the erection of the fence.

Mr Monk moved that the Council agree to this subject to the Malling R.D. Council paying a Peppercorn rent of 1/- per year. Sec'd by Mr Norman and carried.

3. Malling R.D. Council re:_ Dry Scavenging.

4. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp Column to be erected on the new building estate in Constitution Hill.

5. Miss. Cook, County Librarian re:- Path at Institute.

6. Wilkinson & Son re:- Clock Tower Trust.

7. " " " " " Suggesting that the sum of £300 be kept in reserve for repairs

8. Copy of letter sent to Messrs Wilkinson & Son from the Charity Commissioners advising that the sum of £300 be set aside for future repair to Clock & Tower.

Mr Gower moved that the Clerk reply that in the opinion of the Council the sum of £200 will be quite ample. Sec'd by Mr. Hammond and carried.

9. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Tax deducted for last year.

10. Copy of the Analysis from the Mid Kent Water Co. Halling water taken from Snodland.

Tender's for work at Institute

Mr Fletcher moved and Mrs Wolfe sec'd that the lowest Tender be accepted.

The following Tenders were received.

Mr. E. Norman. £5-10-6

Mr. H.R. Draycon. £3-17-9

Mr Fletcher moved that Mr Draycon's Tender be accepted. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Tenders for Scavenging

Tenders for Scavenging are as follows:-

Mr. S. F. Brooker. £660

Mr. E.A. Lambert. £670

Mr. E. Ashby. £715-10-0d

Mr. A.E. Cook. £685

Mr. W. Golding & Sons. £645.

Mr. J.J. Edwards. £650

Mr. A.E. Jenner. £702.

Mr Gower proposed that Mr. E.A. Lambert's tender of £670 be recommended to the Malling R.D. Council for acceptance. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Conveyances of Grave Spaces

Mr Monk proposed that Grave Space No. 1189, Section C, General Portion be conveyed to Mrs. G. North and Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1190 be granted to Mrs Fanny Louisa Wells. Sec'd by Mr Fletcher and carried.

Monument & C.

Mr Monk moved that the Plan of Monument & Kerb with Inscription to the late Mr. J. Wilford be approved. Sec'd by Mr Fletcher and carried.

Scavenging Account

Mr Hammond proposed that the account of £1-10-0d for advertising Tenders for Scavenging be forwarded to the Malling R.D. Council for payment. Sec'd by Mr State and carried.

Mr Bishop moved that the attention of the Sergeant of the Police be called to the obstruction of the footpaths especially on Sunday evenings by young people of both sexes forcing pedestrians to walk in the road very often. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

Brook Road

Mr State proposed that Messrs Nichols be asked to repair the road leading to the Brook by their premises. Sec'd by Mr Jackson and carried.

Unemployed

Messrs Monk & Fletcher reported on a proposed scheme about to be put in operation be the Public Assistance Authority where by local Parish Councils will be asked to provide relief work for men & the Public Assistance Authority will find the money for wages.

Mr Hammond proposed & Mr Freeman sec'd that Messes Monk & Fletcher have power to action this matter. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

William Gooding

Chairman

8th December 1931.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 8th December 1931.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Mr W. Gooding presided, also present Mr Hammond, Mrs Wolfe, Messrs Fletcher, Gower, Jackson, Freeman, Butcher, State, Bishop, Finch and the Clerk Tom Hilder.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr State reported that Mr Dence had cut back the hedge & cleared the Dyke between the Council's and Mrs Foreman's Allotments and made a good job of it.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the past 4 weeks to be 535 and the fees amounted to £4-19-3d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 550 and £5-2-3d.

Mr Fletcher proposed, Mr Hammond seconded that the action of the Chairman of the Baths Committee and the Clerk in getting the 2 leaking Valves repaired by Mr. Abery be approved. Carried.

Cemetery

Mr Fletcher moved that the plans of Headstone & Kerb & Inscription to the Grave of the late Mr B. Tong be approved. Sec'd by Mr Bishop and carried.

Mr Fletcher moved that the additional Inscription to the Headstone of the late Mr John R. ????????? be approved. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Mr Fletcher moved that the additional Inscription to the Kerb on the Grave of the late Mr G. Russell be approved. Sec'd by Mr Gower and carried.

Mr Fletcher moved that the Mowing Machine be sent to Messrs Haynes Bros' for repairs, & that an Iron Fire Block be purchased for the Greenhouse Furnace and that the above pipe be repaired by Mr Abery. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

Mr Fletcher moved that the Caretaker have his Xmas present of 1 ton of coal to be supplied by Mr Lambert. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

Finance

Mr J. Hammond proposed, Mr H. Jackson sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Dence. John.	Work on Brook & C.	7. 6. 8.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	18. 15. 0.
Bond. W. F.	Minutes Book	10. 6.
Penny. Mr.	Preparing Room.	10. 0.

Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Salary	11. 13. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 8.
Relf. A.	Apprentice	5. 2. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 0.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood	6. 0.

Lighting Account

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lamp Column	3. 19. 4.
"	Street Lighting	123. 19. 0.

Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 1. 8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 11.
Hayman Wm' Ltd.	Coal	1. 3. 6.
Aberly.F.	Repairs.	1. 4. 0.

£182. 3. 11.

Cheque for Wages. £35.

