

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1938  
At 7.30pm

Present Mr. J.J. Hammond, (Chairman), Mr. B.H. Norman, (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Bishop, Freeman, Gower, Greenacre, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr Gower reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 529 and the fees amounted to £4-13-9d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 442 and £3-17-4d.

Brook

Mr Gower reported that a tall tree had been removed, had anybody given permission? As no permission had been given the Clerk was instructed to write Sergeant of Police and ask him to make inquiries.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr Gower proposed that the conveyance of Grave Space No. 1408 to Richard Mitchell be signed by the Council. Sec'd by Mr Wray and carried.

Plans & Inscriptions

Mr Gower submitted the following plans of Memorials, and moved that they be passed. Headstone & Kerb with inscription to Grave No. 11403, Kerb with inscription to Grave No. 977, Cross 2' 3" with inscription to Grave No. 1248 be passed subject to fee of £1-1-0d being paid. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried.

Cemetery

The Clerk was authorized to order seed to value of 10/- for the use of the Caretaker.

Finance

Mr Norman submitted the Financial Statement and proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Sec'd by Mr Hood.

General Account

Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicles.	3.	3.
Hinds. C.W.	Wire Netting etc.	18.	11.
Bunyard & Co.	Trees	16.	0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery	1.	16. 3.
Cheeseman. A.	Planting Trees	1.	5. 0.
"	1. N.H.I.A. Stamp	1.	7.
Monk. C.	Planting Trees	5.	4.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs to Institute	5.	4. 8.

Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11.	13. 8.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3.	0. 0.

“	23 U. Stamps	7.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water Cemetery	11.	7.
“ “	“ Cottage	4.	8.
Hayman Ltd	Coal	1.	18. 0.
Hinds C.W.	Flower Pots etc	2.	14. 4.
“	Jeyes Fluid etc.	11.	3.
<u>Lighting Account</u>			
Betts W.C.	Repairs to Boots	10.	0.
Hinds C.W.	Petrol etc.	11.	2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water	12.	1.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Gas a/c. Fire Stn	9.	4.
Penny. Mrs	Preparing Room	13.	0.
<u>Baths Account</u>			
Judges A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3. 4.
“	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps		6. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c	1.	6. 3.
“ “	Coke	3.	2. 6.
Hayman Ltd	Coal		19. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water	4.	1. 9.
		<u>£51. 19. 7.</u>	

Cheque for wages £25

#### Recreation Ground

Mr Stotesbury reported that he had obtained 6 Common Ashes and 6 Silver Birch trees from G. Bunyard, these had been planted in Recreation Ground, and had been staked and wires round to prevent damage.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. re:- Calor Gas Value.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Damage to Street Lantern
3. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- “ “ “ “ “
4. “ Uniform Clothing Co. re:- Part Worn Boots.
5. “ Malling R.D. Council re:- Scavenging.
6. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Rates to March 1939.  
Mr Gower proposed that £225 under the Lighting & Watching Act & £450, General Charges be requisitioned for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1939. Sec'd by Mr Norman and carried.
7. Letter from Royal Insurance Co. re:- Enclosing Cheque to the value £5-4-8d in settlement of claim for fire at Working Men's Club.
8. Letter from Haynes Bros. re:- Mower.  
It was agreed that repairs to Mowing Machine be left until Haynes Bros. quoted a price for repairs, also a comparative price for a new Machine of same type.

9. Letter from Surveyor of Kent County Council re:- Footpath, High Street.

10. “ Bracher, Sons & Miskin re:- Proposed sale of Brookland.

11. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

12. “ Ministry of Health re:- “ “ “ “ “

13. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

#### Receipt

Mr Tobin proposed that Receipt on Rating Authority be issued for £325, and signed by the Council. Sec'd by Mr Norman and carried.

#### High Street

Mr. Hood called the Council's attention to the bad state of both roadway and footpath on each side of the Railway Crossing, and moved that the Surveyor to Kent County Council be written to respecting this. Sec'd by Mr. Wray and carried.

#### Willow Walk

Mr. Saul spoke of the bad state of the Willow Walk footpath and suggested the Brook Committee should meet and seriously consider this matter. Many work people were considerably inconvenienced. Also near the entrance gate was very bad. The Chairman promised he would get this approach put in better order.

Regarding the question of Jeyes Fluid for use at Mortuary Mr. Monk promised to ask a question with reference to this at the next meeting of Malling Rural District Council.

J.J. Hammond

Chairman

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1939.

#### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1938

At 7.30pm

Present, Mr. J.J. Hammond, (Chairman), Mr. B.H. Norman, (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Bishop, Filmer, Gooding, Gower, Harrington, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

#### Minutes

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

#### Brook.

It was arranged for a Brook Committee meeting to be held about 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> March to inspect Willow Walk footpath.

#### Baths

Mr Gower reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 542 and the fees amounted to £4-15-8d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 445 and £3-18-4d.

He also asked for permission to have the Baths closed for a week (if found necessary) for the annual overhaul of the Boiler & Tanks etc, and for Aberly to attend to this as usual. Mr. Filmer proposed that permission be given. Sec'd by Mr. Stotesbury and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Gower reported that Haynes Bros. had quoted £2-2-0d for repairs to Mower and order had been given for repairs. It was reported the Greenhouse Furnace had given out and Hinds had been given an order to replace plate and put in order. It was arranged for prices to be asked for 4 loads of Manure and clean surplus Chalk to Rubbish Dump. Chairman and Clerk to arrange on receipt of quotation.

Finance

Mr. Norman proposed and Mr. Hood sec'd and it was resolved to draw Cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Crowhurst. D.	Tree Posts	2. 0.
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Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11. 13. 8.
“	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	12. 8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3. 0. 0.
“	4. A. Stamps	1. 4.
Ryder & Son	Seeds	10. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	1. 0. 10.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood	6. 0.

Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7. 3. 4.
“	5. N.H.I.A. Stamps	7. 11.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	<u>2. 1. 8.</u>
		<u>£26 19 9.</u>

Cheque for Wages £20.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Kent County Constabulary re:- Tree felled on Brook.
2. “ Malling R.D. Council re:- “ “ “
3. “ Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of Water.
4. “ Haynes Bros. re:- Repairs to Mower.
5. “ Kent County Surveyor re:- Road at Level Crossing.
6. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

### Annual Parish Meeting

Mr Saul proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday evening 29<sup>th</sup> March 1938 at 7.30pm. Sec'd by Mr. Hood.

J.J. Hammond  
Chairman  
22<sup>th</sup> March 1938.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Thursday 22<sup>th</sup> March 1938

At 7.30pm.

Present, Mr. J.J. Hammond, (Chairman), Mr B.H. Norman, (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Greenacre, Harrington, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

The Chairman apologised for the absence of Mr. Tobin.

### Minutes

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

### Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the annual overhaul of the Tanks & Boiler had been completed satisfactorily without having to close down. He also reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 631 and the fees amounted to £5-14-6d for the corresponding period last year the figures were 501 and £4-8-0d.

### Cemetery

The Chairman reported that the surplus chalk had been cleared from the Cemetery and carted to the Rubbish Dump. Also 4 loads of Manure had been supplied by Cook. Cost £2-9-0d.

### Plans & Inscriptions

Mr Gower submitted the following plans of Memorials and moved they be passed. Headstone & Kerb with inscription to Grave No. 1401, additional inscription to Grave No. 403 and additional inscription to Grave No. 1188. Sec'd by Mr. Monk & carried.

It was arranged for the Cemetery Committee to meet at an early date.

### Finance

Mr. Norman submitted the Financial Statement and proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Sec'd by Mr. Filmer.

#### General Account

Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery	8.	4.	
Prudential A. Co.	Loan & Interest	16.	16.	9.
Cheeseman. A.	Recreation Ground	3.	0.	
Clerk	¼ Salary	17.	10.	0.
"	Postage Account	3.	17.	7.

### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11. 13. 8.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	12. 8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3. 0. 0.
"	4. A. Stamps	1. 4.
Hinds. C.A.	Repairs to Furnace etc	2. 6. 5.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke	1. 0. 10.

### Lighting Account

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Street Lighting	75. 0. 0.
"	All Night Lights	7. 2. 0.
"	Lamp Column & Lantern	9. 2. 0.
"	Painting Columns	6. 9. 6.
"	Repairs Lanterns	15. 10.
Royal Insurance Co.	Fire Insurance. Fire Stn	16. 6.

### Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7. 3. 4.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	6. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	3. 2. 6.
"	Mantles	2. 6.
Hayman Ltd	Coal	19. 0.
Local Government Guarantee	Caretakers Premium	7. 6.
		<u>£168. 17. 7.</u>

Cheque for Wages £25.

### Lighting

The question of extra Street Lighting during the summer months was discussed. Mr Norman proposed that this be carried on throughout the whole year. Sec'd by Mr Freeman.

Mr Filmer moved as an amendment that the period of extra lighting should be one month after commencement of Summer time, and one month before resuming normal time. Sec'd by Mr. Gower.

Voting for Mr Filmer's Amendment (3)

" Mr Norman's Proposition (6).

The Chairman declared the Proposition carried.

The Clerk reported that a Lantern had been damaged by the Post Office Engineering Dept opposite Rectory Gate and a claim had gone forward.

### Recreation Ground

Mr Stotesbury reported that he had received a complaint from a resident stating that one of the new seats was proving a problem to his Bees, garden etc. He moved that it be moved to another site. Sec'd by Mr. Greenacre

Mr Gower moved as an amendment that no action be taken. Sec'd by Mr Saul

Voting for Mr Gower's amendment (2).

Voting for Mr Stotesbury's proposition (8).

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Mr Monk proposed that Terry's be asked to give a price for harrowing, rolling and cutting the grass in the portion of the Recreation Ground as before. Sec'd by Mr Greenacre.

Messrs Filmer, Hammond & Stotesbury be appointed to meet Terry's representative on site. Agreed.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Street Lighting.
2. " " " " re:- Lamp Column.
3. " " " " re:- Damaged Lantern
4. " Post Office Engineering Dept. re:- Damaged Lantern
5. " Mr. Greenacre resigning Office of Temporary Warden for Air Raid Precautions.

It was received with regret, and it was decided to bring forward at the Annual Parish Meeting.

6. " Home Office re:- Lighting restrictions.
7. " Uniform Clothing Co. re:- Fireman's Tunics.
8. " Lower Medway Drainage Board re:- Snodland Mill Stream.  
Mr Monk that this be referred to Malling R.D. Council. Sec'd by Mr Norman.
9. " Kent County Council re:- Local Government Superannuation Act.  
Mr Monk proposed that the Clerk obtain a copy of regulation. 3d. Sec'd by Mr Greenacre.
10. " Kent C of S Service re:- representative of Rural Kent.  
Mr Wray proposed that the Council subscribe £1-1-0d towards this. Sec'd by Mr Hood.
11. " Ministry of Health re:- Sale of Brookland and enclosing constant.  
Mr Greenacre proposed that we reply we propose investing this account received as on the previous occasion. Sec'd by Mr Monk.

#### Draft report

The Clerk submitted a draft report of Parish Council proceedings for the year. With a few minor alterations it was agreed

#### Park Seats.

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that Draycon be given an order for repair and paint seats in Queen's Avenue and entrance to Malling Road Allotments. Sec'd by Mr Freeman.

#### Parish Map

Mr Monk proposed that the Malling Rural District Council be asked to supply us with a map of Snodland Parish under Town Planning Scheme. Sec'd by Mr Wray. Agreed.

#### Brook Gatekeeper's Salary

Mr Greenacre asked that particulars be available for next meeting reference the Brook Gatekeepers salary together with a copy of the resolution.

Balance of Wages to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1938.

Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	2. 18. 5.
“	1. N.H.I.A. Stamps	3. 2.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	15. 0.
“	1. A. Stamp	4.

Lighting Account

Penny. Mrs	Preparing Room	13. 0.
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Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7. 3. 4.
“	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	6. 4.
		<u>£11. 19. 7.</u>

Balance Cash in hand of Clerk 31<sup>st</sup> March 1938      £14-14-8d.

J.J. Hammond  
Chairman  
26<sup>th</sup> April 1938.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1938

At 7.30pm

Present Messrs J.W. Bishop, C. Filmer, W.G. Freeman, W. Gooding, R. Gower, J.H. Greenacre, J.J. Hammond, J.G. Harrington, T.E. Hood, A.J. Monk, B.H. Norman, W.F. Saul, W. Stotesbury, G.A. Tobin, and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Mr Tobin apologized for the absence of Mr. Wray.

Minutes

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

Chairman

Mr. W. Saul nominated Mr. J.J. Hammond as Chairman for ensuing year. Mr. Gower seconded.

Mr Hammond explained the position and with the consent of the proposer and seconder the nomination was withdrawn.

Mr A.J. Monk proposed Mr. B.H. Norman as Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. W.G. Freeman seconded and it was carried.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. J.W. Bishop proposed Mr. A.J. Monk as Vice-Chairman

Mr A.J. Monk      “      Mr. W.G. Freeman.

Mr. W. Gooding      “      Mr. J.G. Harrington.



These three members declined.

Mr. J. H. Greenacre proposed that Mr. J.J. Hammond be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Saul. Carried.

### Committees

Mr. W.G. Freeman proposed that the whole of the Committees stand as now constituted with the necessary alteration owing to change of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

### Allotments

Mr. Freeman reported these were now being cultivated with only three plots being vacant. Arrears of rent for last year £4-19-6d. This was considered a very good record.

### Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 802 and the fees amounted to £7-4-0d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 784 and £7-0-3d.

### Brook

Mr Hammond reported that he had received an application for the clearance of wood from fallen trees and had authorized the man to clear it. Mr Saul moved that the action of the Chairman of the Brook Committee in this matter be approved. Agreed. Mr Saul urged the Committee to meet at an early date to inspect the footpath along the Willow Walk. This was in a deplorable condition and required immediate action on the part of the Council. It was agreed to meet on Tuesday next May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. The Committee to have power to temporary repair the larger spots and fully report at next meeting.

### Cemetery

Mr Gower read the report of the Cemetery Committee which met on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed to recommend to Council to have the woodwork on the North side of the Greenhouse renewed where necessary. The Committee feel this is a most important work and requires a really competent carpenter to undertake and suggested Draycon's man be employed to suit their convenience and also our Caretaker. It is impossible to ask for one estimate for this work. In order to help, they recommend the length of Privet hedge between the two Fir trees be grubbed. The question of repairs and painting the seats was considered, and this the Committee recommended should be left to the Clerk to obtain a good quality paint and get the Caretaker and lad to do the work when convenient.

It was agreed to have the garden seat removed from the Chapel and placed out in the open.

The question of consecrating a further portion of the land together with the question of applying for permission from the Home Office for transfer of a portion of section B. to section C. and the question of paths in Cemetery was also dealt with at length and practically agreed upon, but in view of a new Cemetery Committee being formed within the course of about one month, recommendations on these matters would be made at our May Meeting.

At this Meeting the Committee hope to be able to place before the Council a definite recommendation relating to the purchase of extra land.

This was not approved as submitted, but it was agreed for the woodwork at Greenhouse and Privet hedge to be carried on where convenient. It was agreed to ask Brattle, Draycon, Austin and May to quote price for painting 18 seats.

### Finance

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

#### General Account

Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance Gatekeeper	1.	3.
“	Casual Labour	3.	6
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery	2.	13. 6.
Typewrite Exchange	Ribbon	2	6.
Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicles	3.	3.
Terry Quarries	Hire of Roller	3.	10. 0.

#### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11.	13. 8.
“	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3.	0. 0.
“	3. N.H.I.A. Stamps	2.	4.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	1.	0. 10
Royal Insurance Co.	Ins' Caretaker & Apprentice	19.	6.
Cook. A.	Removing Chalk	1.	5. 0.
“	Supplying Manure	1.	4. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	24. Burial Services	12.	0.
Clifford & Son	Binding Matting	1.	6.
Burrow. A.	Seed Boxes	4.	2.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water Cemetery	11.	7.
“ “	“ Cottage	4.	8.

#### Lighting Account

Mid Kent Water Co	Water	12.	1.
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#### Baths Account

Royal Insurance Co	Ins' Caretaker & Wife	10.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	2.	1. 8.
Butcher & Son	Soap	6.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water	4.	13. 9.
Abrey. F	Repairs	5.	4. 6.
			<u>£41. 13. 11.</u>

Cheque for wages £30

### Recreation Ground

Mr Stotesbury submitted the following report. With regard to the Recreation Ground, as arranged a representative of Messrs Terry & Company was met on the Ground early on April. It was found that the ground was not suitable for harrowing owing to the warm weather of March which had caused rapid growth of the grass, but it was satisfactorily rolled with Terry's 2 ½ ton Roller, the job only taking two days. It will be necessary for the grass to be cut before the end of May. I would suggest that Mr Filmer be asked to give a price for the work.

Mr Gower suggested it would be more satisfactory to employ a casual man for cutting the grass, working under the supervision of Mr Filmer and paid through wages book. This was not agreed to, and it was arranged to ask for tenders from Cook and Filmer for the work. Mr Greenacre proposed Recreation Committee have power to act in this matter.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Kent Electric Power Co re:- Electricity
2. “ Haynes Bros re:- Lawn Mower.
3. “ Terry Quarries Ltd re:- Recreation Ground.
4. “ Mid Kent Water Co re:- Analysis of Water.
5. “ Westminster Bank re:- Mutilated Cheque.
6. “ Post Office Engineering Dept. re:- Payment. Damaged Lantern.
7. “ Post Office Telephones re:- New Telephone Kiosk.
8. “ Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Street Lighting.
9. “ R.C. Cutting re:- Lightning Conductors.
10. “ Snodland C.A.C.E. re:- Improvement of Chapel.  
Mr Monk proposed that this matter be referred to the Cemetery Committee for consideration and report. Sec'd by Mr. Harrington.
11. Letter from Public Loan Works Board re:- Repayment of £225 off loan  
It was agreed the payment to be made periodically as usual. Mr Monk proposed, Mr Gower authorizes to interview Bank Manager with a view to investing the £225 received from sale of Brookland. Sec'd by Mr Greenacre
12. Letter from Royal Insurance Co re:- Insurance of Boiler at Baths.
13. “ St John Ambulance Brigade re:- House to house collecting.  
It was agreed to ask Miss Draycon to organize this.
14. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Drainage Committee.  
Messrs J.H. Greenacre & J.J. Hammond agreed to stand as before.
15. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Footpath Maps.
16. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
17. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Snodland Mill Stream.
18. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

19. “ Lower Medway Drainage Board re:- “ “

20. “ Captain Hordern re:- Head Air Raid Warden.

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23. “ Malling R.D. Council re:- “ “ “ “

24. “ J.H. Greenacre re:- “ “ “ “

25. “ Bracher Son & Miskin re:- Sale of Brookland and enclosing engrossment of Conveyance for signature.

Mr Freeman proposed that Messrs B.H. Norman, J.J. Hammond and J.W. Bishop be authorized to sign the Conveyance on behalf of the Council and the Council's Seal to be affixed. Sec'd by Mr Saul and carried.

#### Air Raid Precautions

The correspondence from Captain Hordern and the position in this matter was discussed at some length. It was decided to inform Captain Hordern the Council had not declined to make provisions in this matter. They were not un-mindful of their responsibilities and had done and were doing all in their power. It was arranged for Messrs Greenacre, Hammond and Norman to canvas Snodland until a Head Warden could be found, if unsuccessful to call a special meeting within a week.

#### Seats

Mr Tobin asked if it were possible to place a seat or two in the Allotments. Mr Hammond proposed that this be referred to the Allotment Committee. Sec'd by Mr Harrington.

Mr Harrington spoke of an elderly lady who had fallen on the steps of the Railway Bridge and moved that a letter be sent to Southern Railway Co. if treads could be affixed on the steps to prevent slipping. Sec'd by Mr Tobin and carried.

The recommendations from the Annual Parish Meeting were partially dealt with.

It was decided to again urge the Kent Education Committee to erect a barrier for the prevention of Scholars, at the entrance to Central Schools. Also to ask the Malling R.D. Council if any bye-laws were in existence in their area regarding the fouling of footpaths in the streets by dogs. If not what steps were necessary to get these.

The question of guard rails at Belisha Crossing, Wire Baskets and Recreation Ground footpaths were deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

B.H. Norman  
Chairman  
May 24<sup>th</sup> 1938.

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Apologies for non- attendance from Messrs, Greenacre and Wray.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr Freeman spoke objecting to the suggestion of sears being placed on Allotment footpaths. He considered they would be a nuisance to the Allotment holders. The objection was endorsed by Mr Hammond and the matter was not proceeded with. Mr Freeman asked for the Allotment Committee to meet one evening during the second week in June on the Allotments.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 650 and the fees amounted to £5-16-2d. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 622 and £5-11-6d.

Brook

Mr Hammond reported that the Committee met on the Willow Walk on May 4<sup>th</sup> and inspected the pathway. It was found to be bad in several places, and it was agreed to ask Malling R.D. Council to give a price for repairing it. Mr Hammond kindly offered to show the Foreman what we considered necessary work to be carried out if he would meet him on site.

Regarding the Railway archway it was proposed to ask Lambert & Ashby to quote for carting 50 yards of Chalk from Gas Works to the archway and tip there. The fencing near stiles is broken down and required renewing. It was decided for iron staunchions and iron piping to be placed here instead of wood. Messrs Freeman and Wray offered to undertake the arrangements. Where clearing chalk from the Cemetery next time it is to be placed near entrance gate by stream instead of at dump. The Clinker and Ashes had been deposited near archway and his man was dealing with it.

A report was read from Mr Monk stating on May 13<sup>th</sup> in company of Mr Pell, Surveyor and his foreman Mr Lane I inspected the path. Mr Pell said he would suggest mending the bad places using about 18 sleepers to hold up the banks where they had given way, fill up the holes, pick up the big stones that are a danger in the paths, level up the last part near the new Bridge. The cost would be from £5 to £8. Then he suggested letting us have the account for that work, after the Council had seen what had been done, he would give us a price for spreading gravel if we think it is required.

Mr Hammond proposed, Mr Saul sec'd that the Malling R.D. Council be asked to proceed with the work of repairs to Willow Walk footpath as suggested to our

representatives they met. The Council would consider the question of having the path re-gravelled at a later date.

### Cemetery

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Gower gave the report of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station as follows. On the proposition of Mr Hammond sec'd by Mr Norman, Mr J.H. Greenacre was elected Chairman for the year, Mr Hammond proposed that tenders for painting seats be opened. Sec'd by Mr Norman.

Draycon	£6-15-0d
Austin	£6-10-0d
May	£4-10-0d

Mr Hammond proposed that May's tender be accepted. Sec'd by Mr Gooding.

The question of changing a certain section of the Cemetery Grave Spaces from Section B to Section C was considered. Mr Norman proposed that this Committee recommend the changes of section be not entertained. Grave Spaces to remain as at present. Sec'd by Mr Freeman.

The letter from Snodland Council of United Christian Effort was next dealt with. Mr Hammond proposed, Mr Gower sec'd, and it was unanimously decided that in view of the heavy expenditure urgently required at Cemetery that this matter be deferred until the next Annual Parish Meeting.

The matter of repairs to fence, Mr Hammond proposed "Lie on the table until the purchase of extra land was complete. Sec'd by Mr Freeman.

Mr Freeman proposed that no action be taken reference the new Wheelbarrow, price too high. Sec'd by Mr Hammond.

Mr Hammond proposed that the Committee recommend the Council to purchase the strip of land adjoining the Cemetery on South side for extension, and get in touch with the District Valuer regarding valuation. Sec'd by Mr Norman.

Mr Monk reported that on May 13<sup>th</sup> with Mr Pell he had inspected the Cemetery paths, who suggests we have the main paths sprayed with Tar and then spread 1/8<sup>th</sup> grit on them. The top paths all need breaking right up and weeding, rolled down and treated with Tar and Gravel as the others are. He suggests we get prices from contractors and let him open the tenders and advise us on the course to adopt. I would strongly urge that we engage a man to thoroughly weed paths and then spray them to kill the weeds. I have particulars for doing this. Mr Hammond proposed, Mr Saul sec'd that Dence be given about a fortnight's work here, and the Clerk purchase a quantity of Weed Killer.

The Clerk reported that the Mowing Machine had been repaired and was now in good order. Mr Hood proposed that the machine on loan be returned to Haynes Bros. with the Council's thanks Sec'd by Mr Bishop.

### Conveyance

Mr Gower proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1410, Section C, Consecrated Portion to Freeman C.H. Bates be signed by the Council. Sec'd by Mr Hood.

### Design

Mr Gower proposed that the plan of Kerb with Inscription for Grave No. 1410 be approved. Sec'd by Mr Hood.

## Finance

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

### General Account

Cheeseman. A.	Removing Seat	2.	6.
Knight & Co	Financial Forms	2.	6.
"	Parish Minute Book	1.	0. 6.

### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11.	13.	8.
"	N.H.I.A Stamps		12.	8.
Lavender. S	Apprentice	3.	0.	0.
"	4. N.H.I.A Stamps		2.	8.
Malling R.D. Council	Rates Cottage & Cemetery	2.	8.	0.

### Lighting Account

Mid Kent Gas Co	Street Lighting	7.	12.	8.
"	All Night Lamps		14.	7.
"	Gas a/c Fire Stn.		7.	1.
Malling R.D. Council	Rates Fire Stn.	3.	4.	0.
"	Rates Cottage	2.	18.	8.

### Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3.	4.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps		6.	4.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	3.	2.	6.
"	Gas a/c	1.	8.	10.
Malling R.D. Council	Rate	8.	0.	0.
Hughes. D.	Spirit of Salts		1.	0.
				<u>£54. 1. 6.</u>

Cheque for wages £25.

### Recreation Ground

The Chairman of the recreation Ground Committee gave the report of Committee meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Only one tender having been received for cutting the grass, it was agreed on the proposition of Mr Greenacre. Sec'd by Mr Tobin to obtain a second tender and arrange for the grass to be cut in approximately a fortnights time. The Gravel footpath leading from Rookery Hill to Bramley Road, about which complaint was made at the Annual Meeting was inspected and considered to be in a satisfactory condition. The twelve trees planted last autumn were all growing well and had not suffered any damage. Regarding the boundary fence near the Malling Road entrance which was in a dilapidated condition, it was suggested that the Chairman of the Council be requested to get in touch with the owner of the adjacent cottage with a view to getting him to put it in order. It was also decided to recommend to the Council that a Privet or similar hedge be planted to screen the fence and to improve the appearance of the entrance to the ground. The Notice Board is in a bad condition and the lettering nearly obliterated. It was resolved to recommend to the Council that it be re-painted.

Mr Stotesbury proposed that the grass be cut in about a week or two. Sec'd by Mr Gooding and carried.

It was arranged to write to the owner of property and get the fence repaired near entrance gates.

Regarding the Notice Board the Clerk would find out if this was necessary here.

### Correspondence

1. Anonymous letter. Mr Freeman proposed and Mr Hammond seconded. Not read.

2. Letter from Miss Draycon re:- St John's Ambulance collection.

3. " Medway education Board re:- Guard Rail. Central School.

4. " Kent Education Committee re:- " " " "

5. " Snodland Church of Christian Effort asking permission to hold united service in Recreation Ground on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr Hood proposed and Mr Bishop sec'd that the Council's permission be given conditionally no collection on ground.

6. Letter from Southern Railway re:- Steps on Railway Bridge.

7. " " " " " " " " " "

8. " Malling R.D. Council re:- Bye Laws (Dogs).

9. " Kent Area Committee for National Fitness.

The Clerk was instructed to fill up questionnaire.

10. Letter from F.G. Ausell asking fee for upkeep of Grave for 20 years.

Mr Gower proposed that this be accepted if sent and instructions issued to Caretaker accordingly. Sec'd by Mr Hood.

11. Letter from Bracher Son and Miskin enclosing Cheque for £225 re:- sale of Brookland.

12. Letter from Westminster Bank suggesting investments

Mr Gower proposed that this be invested in 5 ½ % Commonwealth of Australia Stock subject to consent of Ministry of Health. Sec'd by Mr Hammond. Carried.

13. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Land Cemetery.

14. " Lower Medway Drainage Board re:- Election of Members of drainage Board.

Mr Monk proposed, Mr Bishop sec'd that Mr J.H. Greenacre be authorized to vote on behalf of the Parish Council. Carried.

Suggestions at Annual Parish Meeting.

Wire Baskets in streets. Mr Freeman proposed "Quite impossible to undertake".

Sec'd by Mr Stotesbury.

Barrier at Belisha Crossing. No support from Council.



Footpaths Recreation Ground. Mr Stotesbury reported in good order. No action at present.

#### Fire Station & Cottage

Mr Hammond proposed that tenders be obtained for repairs to platform at the Fire Station, also separate tenders for painting outside back and outside front of the Fire Station and Cottage. Sec'd by Mr Saul and carried.

Mr Freeman proposed that the Sanitary Officer's attention be called to the miniature rubbish dump at the Goods Yard entrance, Southern Railway. In hot weather this would become a nuisance. Sec'd by Mr Hammond.

Mr Gooding called attention to steps in New Road, leading across fields and suggested a letter to Associated Portland Cement Manufactures. Agreed.

Mr Harrington proposed that Malling R.D. Council be asked if any further information could be given about emptying cesspools on sewer in neighbourhood of Groves. Sec'd by Mr Tobin.

#### Head Warden

Mr Monk proposed that a letter be sent to Dr. Combe thanking him for consenting to become Chief Air Raid Warden and assuring him of Council's support. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

B.H. Norman  
Chairman  
June 28<sup>th</sup> 1938.

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1938  
At 7.30pm

Present Mr B.H. Norman, (Chairman), Mr J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Bishop, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Greenacre, Harrington, Hood, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Apology for non –attendance from Mr. Filmer

#### Minutes

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

#### Allotments

Mr Freeman gave the report of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Committee expressed satisfaction of the way the tenants were cultivating their plots again this year. It was agreed to recommend the Council to grant permission to the tenant adjoining the Recreation Ground to take a load of manure across the Recreation Ground to his plot. He promises to use every care.

The Clerk was instructed to writ Mr Fever asking him if he would kindly have the Elm trees etc, at the top of Lower Shorne Hill Field topped and bushes cut back a bit.

This would be to the advantage of holders in this area. It was agreed to employ Dence to cut and burn grass on two or three uncultivated plots to prevent seeds blowing across others. Also to cut and turn pathways as it is usual at this period of year.

### Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 900 and the fees amounted to £8-1-2d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 889 and £8-2-4d.

### Brook

Mr Hammond reported the Willow Walk footpaths were now being repaired and he would be meeting the Surveyor on site on Friday next. Also the iron piping had been erected on bridge near stiles and a further length was required to finish this job. Thanks were due to Mr Wray for his time and troubles. A length of fence required attention on Brook on Abbey Mead side and the Council agreed for Chairman to arrange this.

### Cemetery

Mr Greenacre gave a detailed report of Committee Meeting held on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> as follows. The Committee first considered an application from Mr Hucks about erecting Headstone and agreed he was right in his argument that the Headstone should face towards entrance of Cemetery. The Clerk was instructed to act accordingly. The Committee next examined the repairs to Green-House executed by Draycon and considered the work carried out in a satisfactory manner and at a reasonable cost, this included repairs to fence at Caretaker's Cottage damaged by high winds and repaired by order of Chairman of Committee. This action was endorsed by the members. Footpaths at the top end were inspected and the Committee formed the opinion that the Weed Killer recently used was not a success. The footpaths having been broken up, it was arranged to ask Cochrane & Slight, Johnson Bros. and Terry Quarries to quote a price to roll Tar & Gravel this part. When tenders were received to consult with Mr Pell as to the best one to accept. Also another price (separate) to place 1 ½" of Tarmac around the small path at Cenotaph and make an improvement here. The Chairman of Committee pointed out where a great improvement, and probably a saving could be made by the purchase of a Motor Mower, the expense of annual cutting of grass at top end could be dispensed with once it was put in order, being late in the season, it was agreed to get grass cut as usual this year, and at a suitable opportunity to have this portion rolled by a 2 ½ ton Roller.

The question of purchase of a Motor Mower would be considered at a later date. The Clerk was instructed to order two gratings for drains. The Committee agreed for the Caretaker to place a quantity of surplus chalk near Mortuary where it would be cleared periodically. It was agreed not to have the live Fir trees near Green-House removed. The Caretaker had had one day's leave of absence with his sanction. He moved the report be adopted. Sec'd by Mr Hammond and carried.

The Clerk reported that no fee had been received for the up keep of the "Robert's Plot" since 1934. It was suggested a letter be sent to Mrs Cook advising her of this.

### Land for Extension

Mr Hammond proposed that the Council proceed with the purchase of a strip of land 55 feet wide on the South side of the Cemetery. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried. The Clerk was instructed to get into communication with the District Valuer.

### Cenotaph

The question of cleaning and re-lettering the Cenotaph was discussed and it was agreed to ask the "Rovers" to undertake this.

### Conveyance of Grave Spaces

Mr Greenacre proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1419 to Ebenezer Jesse Parris and the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1417 to Elsie Mabel Baxter be signed by the Council. Sec'd by Mr Hood and carried.

### Plans and Inscriptions

Mr Greenacre submitted the following plans of Memorials and moved they be approved by the Council. Headstone & Kerb with Inscription to Grave No. 1027. Additional Inscription to Graves No's 169 & 1248. Sec'd by Mr Hood and carried.

### Finance

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

#### General Account

Mid Kent Gas Co	Stream Pipes	3.	7.
"	Ashes	1.	18. 2.
Ashby & Son	Carting Ashes	3.	15. 0.
Knight & Co	Form of Notice	2.	0.
Draycon. H.R.	Painting Park Seats	2.	14. 1.
Public Works Loan Board	Loan & Interest	7.	1. 8.
"	"	6.	0. 6.
Dence. J.	Allotments	2.	12. 0.
Clerk	¼ Salary	17.	10. 0.
Cook. A.	Gravel. Recreation Ground	4.	10. 0.

#### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	14.	12. 1.
"	5. N.H.I.A. Stamps	15.	10.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3.	15. 0.
"	5. N.H.I.A. Stamps	3.	4.
Dence. J.	Weeding Paths	4.	5. 0.
Stedman. A.	Chlorate Sodium	5.	6.
May. L.S.	Painting Seats	4.	10. 0.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs Green-House etc	14.	1. 7.
Knight & Co	Receipt Books	1.	3. 6.
Hinds. C.W.	Tools etc	1.	3. 10.

#### Lighting Account

Hinds. C.W.	Petrol. Etc	9.	2.
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#### Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3. 4.
"	5. N.H.I.A. Stamps	7.	11.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke	2.	1. 8.
Hayman Ltd	Coal	19.	0.

Cheque for wages £30

Recreation Ground

The Chairman of the Allotment Committee asked the members of Recreation Committee to consider the question of granting permission to cart a load of manure across Recreation Ground. This was agreed to, the Allotment holder to notify the Clerk when he proposed to do this.

The Clerk reported that the printed copy of the Bye-Laws of the Recreation Ground was deposited with the Parish Documents. Mr Stotesbury proposed that tenders be asked for to paint front fence and the Notice Boards. Sec'd by Mr Hood and carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from R. Pankhurst resigning membership of Fire Brigade.

It was agreed to accept and write him a letter of thanks for past services and wishing him success in his new career.

2. Letter from F.G. Ausell enclosing Cheque for £5 for the up-keep of Grave.

3. " Ministry of Health re:- Investment of £225 received from sale of Brookland.

4. " " " " " " " " " " " "

5. " Westminster Bank re:- " " " " " "

6. " " " " " " " " " " " "

7. " " " " " " " " " " " "

8. " Southern Railway re:- Footbridge.

9. " Associated P.C. Manufactures re:- Steps Holborough.

10. " Malling R.D. Council re: - Cesspool Groves.

11. " " " " re:- Refuse at Snodland Station.

12. " " " " re:- Footpath Willow Walk.

13. " " " " re:- Air Raid Precautions.

14. " " " " " " " " " "

15. " " " " " " " " " "

16. " " " " " re:- Notice of Inquiry. Malling R.D. Council Planning Scheme, Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1938.

17. “ Malling R.D. Council re:- “ “ “ “ “ “
18. “ St John’s Ambulance Brigade re:- House to House Collection.
19. “ Kent area Com. H. Fitness re:- Physical Recreation.
20. “ Working Men’s Club re:- Chimney Stack & pipes.  
Mr Freeman proposed that Draycon be asked to inspect and report. Sec’d by Mr Bishop.

Tenders Fire Station & Cottage

The following tenders were received for repairs to Platform and painting exterior of Fire Station and Cottage.

Brattle & Son	£15-16-0d
Draycon. H.R.	£11-11-9d
May. L.S.	£15-6-0d

Mr Wray proposed that Brattle & Sons tender be accepted. Sec’d by Mr Greenacre and carried.

Mr Harrington asked for a report Dr. Combe’s progress reference Air Raid Precautions. The Chairman replied his Committee had been formed, but no Gas Masks were available at present.

A question was raised (at the request of a Widow), who stated that she had not received her supply of coal from the William Lee Robert’s Trust at Christmas last. Discussion took place but no satisfactory conclusion was arrived at. Mr Gower gave notice of resignation of his position as a Trustee of William Lee Roberts’s Trust.

B.H. Norman  
Chairman  
26<sup>th</sup> July 1938.

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1938  
At 7.30pm

Present Mr B.H. Norman, (Chairman), Mr J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Bishop, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Greenacre, Harrington, Hood, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Mr Greenacre apologized for the absence of Mr Monk.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 670 and the fees amounted to £6-0-2d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 695 and £6-5-9d.

#### Brook

Mr Hammond reported that the repairs to the Willow Walk had been completed by the Malling R.D. Council, and it was now in quite a good condition. The fences at Abbey Mead end reported last month had now been repaired.

Crowhurst had been employed to fix a few stakes to finish the job. This was approved by the Council.

#### Cemetery

Mr Greenacre reported that no reply had been received from the "Rovers" reference cleaning and lettering the Cenotaph and in view of the heavy expenditure now due at the Cemetery he suggested this could be left over for a period of twelve months.

Agreed.

Also, Mr Housden, Imperial War Graves Commission had visited the Cemetery and expressed satisfaction of the excellent way the war graves were attended to.

The Caretaker would be taking his annual week's holiday next week, and the Apprentice about a fortnight's time. Agreed.

The tenders for repairs to paths were considered, as follows.

Terry Quarries Ltd. To lay Tarpaving to a depth of 1 ½", including small path at the Cenotaph. Lump sum £83.

Cochrane & Slight. To laying Tarmacadam 1 ½" thickness £187-10-0d, same treatment to small path at cenotaph £2-5-0d.

Johnson Bros. To roll, spray with Steatex waterproofing compound, covering with 1/8" grit and again rolled £51-7-0d. To lay 1 ½" Tarmacadam on small path at Cenotaph £2-18-6d.

Mr Greenacre explained his interview with Mr Pell. Acting on his suggestion the estimate of Johnson Bros. was accepted. Mr Greenacre proposed and Mr Harrington seconded this be accepted subject to Messrs Johnson Bros. agreeing two years guarantee for their good order.

#### Plans & Inscriptions

Mr Greenacre submitted the following plans of memorials and moved they be passed. Kerbs with Inscription to Grave No.1410. Additional Inscription to Grave No. 297. Sec'd by Mr Hood. Carried.

#### Conveyances

Mr Greenacre proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1415, Section A, Consecrated Portion to Walter William May, also Grave Space No. 1424, Section C, Consecrated Portion to George Brimsted, and Grave Space No, 1243 , Section B, Consecrated Portion to Annie Knowles Burrow be signed by the Council. Sec'd by Mr Hood and carried.

#### Recreation Ground

Only one tender was received for the painting of Malling Road entrance gates and Notice Board from L.S. May £2-0-0d, Mr Stotesbury proposed that this be accepted. Sec'd by Mr Tobin and carried.

Mr Stotesbury spoke of the horseplay that takes place in the Recreation Ground by youths of about 18 or 19 yrs to the discomfort of the smaller children. He moved that the Sergeant of Police be communicated with and ask his Officers to patrol here during the afternoons and evenings. Mr Hammond confirmed the statements and seconded the resolution. Carried.

Mr Wray asked the Council to consider the matter of some forms of amusements here for the children. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to enquire as to liability of the Council in cases of accident. Also if insurable, the cost of premium and any other particulars.

### Finance

Mr Hammond presented the Financial Statement as follows and moved that accounts be passed and Cheques be signed. Sec'd by Mr Wray.

#### General Account

Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery	15.	9.
Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicles	3.	3.
Dence. J.	Repairs to Allotments	3.	4. 0.

#### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11.	13.	8.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps		12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3.	0.	0.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps		2.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water Cemetery	11.	7.	
"	" Cottage		4.	8.
Martin. W.	Cutting Grass	1.	0.	0.

#### Lighting Account

Mid Kent Water Co	Water	12.	1.	
Mid Kent Gas Co	Gas a/c. Fire Station	7.	4.	
Penny Mrs	Preparing Room	13.	0.	

#### Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3.	4.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps		6.	4.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Gas a/c	18.	6.	
"	Coke	2.	1.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water	5.	11.	9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bath Tickets	1.	2.	6.
		<u>£40.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>9.</u>

Cheque for Wages £30.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Mrs. Cook re:- Fees "Roberts" plot at Cemetery.

Mr Hammond proposed "Again send particulars of previous payments". Sec'd by Mr Wray.

2. Letter from T. Morris, resignation as Fireman.

Mr Hammond proposed that this be accepted with regret and thank him for services. Sec'd by Mr Saul.

3. Letter from H.R. Draycon giving report of Chimney's at Working Men's Club. Mr Hammond proposed to ask him to quote a price for repairs as per his specification. Sec'd by Mr Freeman.

4. Letter from Safety Automatic Fire Escape enclosing catalogue.

5. " K.C.C. Surveyor re:- Underground cable at Level Crossing.

6. " K.C.C. Clerk re:- Land for Cemetery extension.

7. " " " " " " " " " "

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

9. " Ministry of Health re:- " " " " "

10. " Association P.C. Manufactures. re:- " " "

11. " Malling R.D. Council re:- " " " " "

The Clerk was instructed to reply that we require a strip 55' wide on South side of Cemetery for immediate purchase, and should like the portion at Western end scheduled under Town Planning Scheme as land for Burial purposes.

#### Receipt

Mr Hammond proposed, Mr Saul sec'd that the following Receipt be issued on the Rating Authority. Carried.

General Expenses	£80
Burial Acts	£110
Lighting	£100
Baths & Wash0Houses	<u>£50</u>
	<u>£340</u>

#### Clerk

Mr Greenacre spoke in appreciative terms of the efficient way the Clerk had carried out his duties during the time he had been in the Council's employ and moved that an increase in salary of £5 per annum be granted to him at next quarter day. This was sec'd by Mr Hammond and supported by Mr Freeman. Carried unanimously.

#### Air Raid Precautions

Mr Harrington asked the position of the Air Raid Precautions matter in Snodland, but the Chairman had nothing further to report. Mr Greenacre proposed, Mr Hammond Sec'd that the Chairman of the Council be asked to interview Dr. Combe the Chief Air Raid Warden to find out if he had any objection to a small Air Raid Precautions Committee consisting of three members being formed from the Parish Council, with Dr. Combe as Chairman.

Suggested Committee, Messrs Greenacre, Harrington & Hood.



### Church Fields

Mr Freeman called attention to the long grass at the fence along Church Fields to the Gas Works and asked that a letter be sent to Southern Railway Company asking them to clear it, as on former occasions. Agreed.

### Paper in Streets

Mr Harrington spoke of the untidy state of the streets on Sunday mornings owing to waste paper etc, and moved that a man be employed for say 1 ½ hours to clear. Sec'd by Mr Tobin.

### Elm Tree in Sharnel Lane

Mr Harrington proposed that Messrs H & R. Cobb be asked to top the dangerous branches of the Elm tree at entrance to Sharnel Lane. Sec'd by Mr Wray.

### Notice Board

Mr Freeman proposed that the post and notice board at Sharnel Lane be re-erected. Sec'd by Mr Hammond.

### Notice of Motion

Mr Saul gave Notice of Motion that he intends at next month's meeting of Council to put forward a resolution suggesting that no vehicular traffic be allowed inside the Cemetery Gates, and that a Pneumatic Tyred Bus be purchased for use inside the grounds.

Clerk in the meantime to find out approximate cost of such a bus.

B.H. Norman  
Chairman  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1938.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1938

At 7.30pm.

Present Mr. B.H. Norman, (Chairman), Mr J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gower, Greenacre, Harrington, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin and the Clerk F. Simmons.

### Minutes

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

### Allotments

Mr Freeman reported that the work of trimming hedges, cutting grass had been satisfactorily done by J. Dence.

### Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 629 and the fees amounted to £5-11-1d as compared with 696 and £6-6-11d, for the corresponding period last year.

Also the line post had broken and he had given orders for repairs. Approved.

### Cemetery

Mr Greenacre reported he had met representative of Johnson Bros. on site and made arrangements about the work of Tarring the paths. With regards to the paths on the South side leading to the Mortuary he said that this would cost a further £12-13-0d to have this portion done at the same time as the present contract while the men and materials were here, otherwise extra cost would be incurred.

Mr Hammond proposed that this extra work be undertaken at the same time as present work. Sec'd by Mr Stotesbury. Agreed.

### Finance

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

#### General Account

Crowhurst. D.	Reps' Fence Brook	10.	0.
Lower M. Drainage Board	Rates Brook	2.	5. 0.
Dence. J.	Willow Walk	3.	0. 0.
"	Allotments	13.	0.

#### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11.	13. 8.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	4.	4. 0.
"	5. N.H.I.A. Stamps	3.	4.
Hinds. C.W.	Drain Grating etc	1.	16. 6.
Stedman. A.	Poison for Wasps	1.	0.
Knight & Co	Stamping Grant of Rights	1.	5. 0.
Haynes Bros.	Loan of Mower	5.	0.

#### Lighting Account

Hinds. C.W.	Petrol & Oil	10.	4.
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#### Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3. 4.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	6.	4.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood	6.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	1.	4. 5.
		<u>£36.</u>	<u>6. 5.</u>

Cheque for wages £30.

### Recreation Ground

The Clerk presented a cutting from Local Government Chronicles relating to liability of Council in cases of accidents to children, if Council erected any apparatus in Recreation Ground to their games. After discussion it was arranged for this matter to stand over.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Southern Railway Co. re:- Grass in Church Fields.
2. " Mr Cook. Re:- Roberts plot in Cemetery.
3. " Mr Roberts re:- " " " "

Mr Freeman proposed "render account" and ask for payment. Sec'd by Mr Saul.

4. Letter from Rev' Presland re:- Fees Cemetery.

5. " Inspector of Taxes re:- Financial Statement.

6. " " " " " " " " "

7. " " " " " " " " "

8. " Medway Rover Crew re:- Cenotaph

9. " Malling R.D. Council re:- Land extension of Cemetery.

10. " Associated Portland Cement Mfrs re:- " " "

It was arranged to send a copy of this letter to the Clerk of the Kent County Council.

11. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Street clearing Sunday.

Mr Stotesbury proposed write to Kent County Council Surveyor regarding this. Sec'd by Mr Tobin.

12. Letter from Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co re:- Damaged Lamp.

13. " " " " " " " " "

14. " Johnson Bros re:- Cemetery Paths.

15. " " " " " " "

16. " H. & R.L. Cobb re:- Tree Sharnel Lane.

17. " " " " " " "

18. " Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

19. " H.R. Draycon quoting £16-14-6d for repairs to Chimney's etc at the Working Men's Club.

Mr Freeman proposed except this price. Sec'd by Mr Hammond.

#### Mr Saul's Notice of Motion

In accordance with previous Notice of Motion, Mr Saul moved that no vehicle traffic be allowed inside the Cemetery and wheeled bier be purchased for use inside the grounds.

After discussion it was arranged to consider this matter at a Cemetery Committee meeting be held shortly and write Mr Saul to attend.

#### Fire Station

Mr Freeman proposed to ask Mr Brattle to put the work of painting and repairs at the Fire Station without delay (say in three days). Sec'd by Mr Saul.

Tree in Sharnal Lane

Mr Monk proposed to ask Malling R.D. Council to top branches off of the Elm tree in Sharnal Lane. Sec'd by Mr Hammond.

B.H. Norman

Chairman

September 27<sup>th</sup> 1938.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1938

At 7.30pm.

Present B.H. Norman (Chairman), J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Greenacre, Harrington, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr Hammond reported a search light had been erected on the Brook, but in all probability would be moved to the Recreation Ground.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 737 and the fees amounted to £6-10-0d, for the corresponding period last year the figures were 763 and £7-1-10d.

Cemetery

Mr Greenacre Reported the paths had been completed by Johnson Bros Ltd, but the weeds still grew through. He moved that the Contractor's attention be called to this. Sec'd by Mr Freeman.

The requisitioned 2 Lavatory pails and 3 gratings, and the Clerk was instructed to order these.

The accumulation of Chalk required clearing and the Clerk was instructed to obtain two prices as usual and the lowest to be accepted.

Lighting

On the proposition of Mr Saul, sec'd by Mr Bishop, the Clerk was instructed to write to Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co asking them to carry out the street lighting this season, in accordance with instructions and restrictions, issued by the authorities.

Finance

Mr Hammond presented the Financial Statement as follows and moved that Cheques be signed. Sec'd by Mr Saul.

General Account

Blackman. Mrs.

Brook Gatekeeper

4. 0. 0.

Draycon. H.R.	Repairs to Institute	16.	14.	6.
Knight & Co. Ltd	Statement		5.	3.
Prudential Assur' Co	Loan & Interest	16.	8.	1.
Clerk	¼ salary	18.	18.	0.
<u>Cemetery Account</u>				
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	14.	12.	1.
"	5. N.H.I.A. Stamps		15.	10.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3.	12.	0.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps		2.	8.
Knight & Co. Ltd	Grant of Right	2.	18.	1.
<u>Lighting Account</u>				
Mid Kent Gas Co	Repairs to Street Lamp		2.	6.
<u>Baths Account</u>				
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3.	4.
"	5. N.H.I.A. Stamps		7.	11.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke		1.	10.
			3.	
			<u>£87.</u>	<u>7.</u>
				<u>6.</u>

Cheque for wages £25

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Kent Messenger re:- Increased Charges.
2. " L.R. Gower re:- Heavy traffic in Hollow Lane.  
Letter to be handed over to Birling Parish Council.
3. Letter from Mrs. Penny re:- Distemper Kitchen & Scullery.  
Lie on table.
4. Letter from Southern Railway re:- Ashes & Fence near Bridge 920  
Clerk to reply this is not Parish Council's liability.
5. Letter from Working Men's Club re:- Topping trees  
The Chairman kindly offered to see the Manager of Holborough Works.
6. Letter from Johnson Bros. re:- Cemetery paths.
7. " Kent County Advisory Service re:- London Conference.
8. " Snodland Fire Brigade re:- Firemen's Medals & Bars
9. " Kent County Council re:- Pedestrian Crossing Holborough.
10. " " " " re:- Street Cleaning Sunday.
11. " " " " re:- Cemetery Land for Extension.
12. " " " " " " " " " " " "
13. " " " " " " " " " " " "

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr H.C. Foster, District Valuer to value on behalf of Snodland Parish Council.

14. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Trees in Sharnal Lane.

Mr Hammond reported he had been interviewed by the Telephone Inspector regarding extension of telephone to house of Captain of the Fire Brigade for urgency matters. Mr Freeman pointed out this expense was a matter for the Air Raid Precaution body.

Mr Hammond proposed that 60' of 5/8 hose with reel and patent spray be purchased for the use of the Fire Brigade. Sec'd by Mr Bishop and carried.

Mr Freeman suggested a further letter to Mr J.H. Roberts asking for reply to ours reference fees Roberts plot.

Dr. Combe, Chief Air Raid precautions Warden attended and gave the Council a detailed account of his work in connection with this matter. The Chairman expressed thanks of the Council for his time and trouble.

Mr Rodwell attended and asked permission to dig trenches for Shelters in the Recreation Ground. Messrs Norman, Monk and Saul agreed to co-operate with him.

B.H. Norman  
Chairman  
25<sup>th</sup> October 1938.

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1938  
At 7.30pm

Present Mr. B.H. Norman, (Chairman), Messrs Bishop, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Greenacre, Harrington, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Mr Greenacre offered an apology for the non-attendance of Mr Hammond.

Minutes

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

Arising out of the Minutes Mr Wray expressed disappointment that a number of men whom he had recommended for First Aid Work in connection with the Air Raid Precaution work had not been asked for their help. The Chairman explained the many difficulties the Chief Air Raid Warden had to encounter, and assured Mr Wray that although his volunteers had not actually been notified, their names were registered in case of an emergency arising.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 540 and the fees amounted to £4-16-1d as compared with 608 and £5-9-1d for the corresponding period last year.

He also requisitioned a further supply of soap. Mr Monk proposed that the order for 6 gross be placed with Mr Dedrick. Sec'd by Mr Stotesbury and carried.

### Brook

The Clerk reported the ashes complained of by Southern Railway Company had been removed and everything was in order.

### Cemetery

Mr Greenacre reported that he had met with Johnson Bros. representative reference the Cemetery paths, who promised to put the matter in order in due course.

### Conveyances

Mr Greenacre proposed the Conveyance of Grave Space Nos. 1428 & 1429, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Violet Clara West be signed by the Council. Sec'd by Mr Monk and carried.

### Plans & Inscriptions

Mr Greenacre submitted the following plans of Memorials and moved that they be passed. Headstone & Kerb with Inscription to Grave No. 1399. Additional Inscription to Grave No. 1241, also additional Inscription to Grave No. 1241. Also additional Inscription to Grave No. 456. Sec'd by Mr Hood.

### Up Keep of Grave

The question of the up keep of the Roberts Plot was discussed at length and it was arranged for this to stand over until about March next. If the fees were not then forthcoming the Council would notify Mr Roberts that instructions would be issued to the Caretaker to discontinue planting this plot.

### Surplus Chalk

Mr Gower reported that the surplus Chalk had been cleared by Ashby & Son for 18/-.

### Finance

Mr Gower submitted the Financial Statement and moved Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

#### General Account

Knocker & Fosket	Register	2.	9.
Monk. A.J.	Padlock	1.	0.
Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicles	3.	3.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing etc	3.	3. 6.
Medway Drainage	Rate Allotments	2.	7. 3.
May. L.S.	Painting Rec' fence	2.	0. 0.
Clerk	Audit Stamp	12.	0. 0.

#### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11.	13. 8.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3.	12. 0.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	2.	8.

“	Gratuity	1.	0.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water. Cemetery	11.	7.	
“	“ Cottage	4.	8.	
Hinds. C.W.	Gratings etc	2.	6.	0.
Ashby & Sons	Clearing Chalk	18.	0.	
<u>Lighting Account</u>				
Mid Kent Gas Co	Street Lighting	69.	18.	3.
“	All night Lights	14.	18.	3.
“	Gas a/c Fire Station	7.	11	
Mid Kent Water Co	Water	12.	1.	
Hinds. C.W.	5/8” Hose Outlet	1.	17.	0.
London Guarantee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Insurance	5.	0.	0.
Brattle & Sons	Painting Fire Station etc	17.	2.	0.
Penny Mrs.	Preparing Room	13.	0.	
<u>Baths Account</u>				
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3.	4.
“	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	6.	4.	
Hambrook. A.N.	Daily Returns	11.	6.	
Mid Kent Gas Co	Gas a/c	6.	0.	
“	Coke	1.	10.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co	Water	4.	1.	9.
		<u>£165. 7. 2.</u>		

Cheque for wages £25.

#### Fire Station Cottage

Mr Gower reported that the Kitchen at the Fire Station Cottage, badly needed to be papered and the ceiling whitewashed, also Scullery distempered, and moved that Austin be employed for a day or two. Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

#### Lighting

Mr Saul spoke of the lamp in Queens Avenue and suggested that this should now be again put in working order as the Picture Palace was now closed.

Mr Freeman objected, stating that the Lighting Committee had carefully considered this matter on one or more occasions, and were unanimously of the opinion that this Lamp was not necessary. Mr Monk supported the objection and the matter was not proceeded with.

#### Lamp Column

It was reported that a Lamp Column in the Malling Road (near Baldocks shop), had been knocked down by a lorry owned by G. King, Peckham S.E.15, and had now been replaced.

A claim for £8-18-0d was now being made.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr Stotesbury reported that the panting of the fences at entrance had now been carried out.

Regarding the trenches which had been dug in Recreation Ground during the recent crises, he thought these were somewhat dangerous to the Public as left at present.



Mr Tobin proposed, Mr Harrington sec'd that these be filled in. In view of statements to be issued by the Air Raid Precautions Authorities in the near future, Mr Stotesbury moved as an amendment that these be left for a further month. Sec'd by Mr Greenacre

Voting for Mr Stotesbury's Amendment (6)  
" Mr Tobin's Proposition (2).

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Snodland Council of Christian Effort inviting members Of Parish Council to Armistice Parade and Service at Parish Church on November 13<sup>th</sup>

Mr Saul proposed and Mr Wray sec'd that this be accepted with thanks.

2. Letter from F.C. Hinds re:- Fire Maroons  
It was arranged for this to stand over.

3. Letter from District Auditor re:- Notice of Audit.

4. " Southern Railway re:- Fences and Ashes.

5. " Malling R.D. Council re:- Lighting Restrictions.

6. " Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- " " "

7. " " " " re:- Damaged Street Lamp.

8. " " " " " " " "

9. " " " " " " " "

10. " Malling R.D. Council re:- Fire Brigades Act 1938.

Mr Freeman proposed and Mr Monk sec'd leave over for one month. Clerk in meantime to send particulars of equipment etc forward.

11. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Civilian Respirators.

12. " Johnson Bros. re:- Cemetery Paths.

13. " " " " " " "

The Chairmen reported that the tree complained of at Working Men's Institute had now been removed.

B.H. Norman  
Chairman  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 1938.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1938

At 7.30pm

Present Mr B.H. Norman, (Chairman), J.J. Hammond, (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Harrington, Hood, Monk, Stotesbury and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Mr Hood apologized for the non-attendance of Messrs Saul & Wray.

Before commencing the business of the evening, Dr. Combe, Chief Air Raid Precautions Warden, attended and placed certain proposals before the members regarding the Air Raid Precautions Work. He asked for further co-operation from the Council, as the work entailed was now beyond him, and took up a great deal of his time. The small Committee already appointed agreed to meet him at a suitable date, and if at all possible get the help of further volunteers from the inhabitants.

#### Minutes

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

#### Allotments

Mr Freeman reported that £3-8-4d was still outstanding from Michaelmas quarters rent, he did not think this was a great amount considering the number of Allotment holders we had.

#### Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 562 and the fees amounted to £5-0-10d compared with 558 and £4-19-10d for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported that the lock on the front gate had gone wrong, employed Draycon for repairs, cost 3/6d. Also one of the chains broke and employed Aberly for repairs, while there he cleaned out the waste water drain. Boiler working satisfactorily. The Council endorsed Chairman's actions.

#### Cemetery

The Council regretted to hear of the illness of Mr Greenacre, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. Owing to the important business now before the Council Mr Gower proposed, Mr Hammond Sec'd that Mr A.J. Monk should act as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee during the illness of Mr Greenacre.

A report was submitted of an interview that taken place with the District Valuer, also the correspondence with the Estate Agent, Mr F. Cox of the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, arranging for an interview on the next day. Mr Bishop proposed and Mr Gooding sec'd that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman of Council, Mr Norman and Vice-Chairman, Mr Hammond, and the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee Mr A.J. Monk be authorized to interview Mr Cox, and if necessary, report to Council at a special meeting to be fixed. Carried.

#### Lighting

It was reported that the account for the damaged lamp column in Malling Road had not yet been paid. Also a Lantern had been damaged near the Co-Operative stores, and the amount of 10/- had been recovered.

Also a further lamp column had been broken near Lees Crossing, unable at present to find the person who did the damage.

### Recreation Ground

Mr Stotesbury considered some of the trenches in the Recreation Ground were dangerous. Mr Monk proposed, Mr Harrington sec'd that Mr Radwell be asked if it was possible for his men to fill these in again. Carried.

### Finance

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr Hammond who moved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

#### General Account

Dence. J.	Work on Brook	18.	0.
Blackman. Mrs	Brook Gatekeeper	4.	0. 0.
Gower. C.H.	Books to Audit	10.	0.
Local Government Insurance	Clerk's Premium	3.	0
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs. Notice Boards	12.	8.

#### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11.	13. 8.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3.	12. 0.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	2.	8.
Johnson Bros.	Repairs to Paths	66.	18. 0.
Crundwell A.H.	Preparing Plans	10.	6.

#### Lighting Account

National Fire Brigade Assoc'	Subscription	1.	10. 0.
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#### Baths Account

Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3. 4.
"	5. N.H.I.A. stamps	7.	11.
Trudgett. W.F.	Soap	1.	8. 8.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs to Lock	3.	6.
Abery. F.	Repairs	1.	10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	2.	12. 1.
Hayman Ltd	Coal	19.	0.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood	8.	0.
		<u>£100.</u>	<u>15. 8</u>

Cheque for wages £30

### Correspondence

1. Letter from Southern Railway Co. re:- Fence on Brook.
2. " Snodland U. Christian Effort re:- Armistice Service.
3. " Kent County Advisory Service re:- Conference.

4. " National Fire Brigade Association re:- Subscription 1938.
5. " Mid Kent Water Co re:- Fire Hydrant.
6. " " " " " " " "
7. " " " " " giving analysis of water.
8. " Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Damaged Lamps.
9. " " " " " " " "
10. " " " " " " " "
11. " " " " " " " "
12. " " " " " " " "
13. " British Standard Assurance re:- " "
14. " " " " " " " "
15. " " " " " " " "
16. " Kent County Constabulary re:- " "
17. " " " " " " " "
18. " District Valuer re:- Proposed Purchase of Land.
19. " " " " " " " "
20. " Kent County Council re:- " " " "
21. " " " " " " " "
22. " Associated P.C. Manufactures re:- " "

The Clerk reported that he had attended District Audit and everything was in order. It was suggested that, if it could be arranged with The Prudential Assurance Company, it would be advisable to pay off a portion of the loan of £317-3-0d outstanding with some of the money from investments, if we paid something for it. The Clerk was instructed to take the matter up.

Mr Harrington called attention to the bad state of the footpath from Alma Place to the tennis courts, and moved a letter be sent to Malling Rural District Council asking them to put this in order. Sec'd by Mr Stotesbury.

Mr Harrington asked if any further developments regarding main sewer for Groves area, and suggested Malling Rural District Council be again written to regarding this.

Mr Hammond proposed that the December Meeting be held on Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Sec'd by Mr Stotesbury.

B.H. Norman.  
Chairman  
20<sup>th</sup> December 1938.

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1938  
At 7.30pm

Present, Messrs B.H. Norman, (Chairman), Freeman, Gooding, Gower, Greenacre, Harrington, Hood, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin and the Clerk F. Simmons.

An apology was received for the non-attendance of Mr Hammond.

Minutes

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

Arising out of the Minutes, Mr Harrington reported that the sub-committee appointed to act on Air Raid Precautions Committee, had heard nothing further from Dr. Combe the chief Air Raid Precautions Officer.

Baths

Mr Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 510 and the fees amounted to £4-10-10d as compared with 487 and £4-6-9d for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported the fence surrounding the Baths property at the back had been damaged by the recent gales and it was beyond repair. As this was not an urgent matter it was agreed for Draycon to estimate for about 9' of close boarded fence, and Crowhurst for an ordinary Stake fence dividing the properties, these prices to be considered at a later meeting.

Conveyances

Mr Greenacre proposed that the Conveyance of grave Space No. 1430, Section C, Consecrated Portion to Ellis Williams be signed by the Council. Sec'd by Mr Stotesbury. Carried.

Plan & Inscriptions

Mr Greenacre submitted the following plans of Memorials and moved that they be passed. Headstone & Kerb with Inscription to Grave No. 641 & 1373. Additional Inscription to Grave No. 1249, also additional Inscription to Grave No. 637. Sec'd by Mr Stotesbury. Carried

Cemetery

Mr Greenacre reported that the fence on the South side was in need of repairs and suggested that Crowhurst be given an order to place a few Stakes and wire in the gap to prevent cattle getting into the Cemetery. Agreed.

Also a new Canvas cover was required for use at Graves in wet weather and proposed that one be purchased from Clifford's & Son. This was sec'd by Mr Hood.

The Chairman of the Council reported on his interview with Mr Frank Cox regarding the purchase of extra land for extension purposes, but up to the present time no further news had been received.

Mr Greenacre proposed that 1 ton of coal for use at Cemetery be purchased from Messrs Hayman Ltd at 38/- per ton. Sec'd by Mr Gooding.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr Stotesbury reported that he has heard nothing from Mr Rodwell regarding the filling in of the trenches in the Recreation Ground. He considered it was time this work was done and the Council agreed for him to employ Manning for 3 days on this work.

#### Finance

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr Greenacre who moved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Sec'd by Mr Stotesbury and carried.

#### General Account

Inland Revenue	Tax Brook	3.	19.	9.
"	" Birling Lands	4.	10.	9.
"	" Slough Field	4.	17.	0.
"	" Shorne Hill	2.	17.	9.
Smith. R.	Hire of Room	3.	9.	6.
Penny Mrs	Preparing Room	10.	0.	
Hinds. C.W.	Lock & Keys	8.	0.	
"	Repairs to Park Seat	3.	0.	
Clerk	¼ Salary	18.	12.	0.
Royal Insurance Co	Fire Insurance Institute	1.	17.	6.

#### Cemetery Account

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages	11.	13.	8.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	12.	8.	
Lavender. S.	Apprentice	3.	12.	0.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps	2.	8.	
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood	6.	0.	
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	1.	0.	10.
Clifford & Son	Hemp Pack Web	13.	4.	
Inland Revenue	Tax House	2.	1.	3.
Malling. R.D. Council	Rate	2.	8.	9.
Hinds. C.W.	Paraffin etc	5.	4.	
Royal Insurance Co	Fire Insurance	19.	9.	

#### Lighting Account

Mid Kent Gas Co	Street Lighting	75.	0.	0.
"	All Night Lamps	6.	14.	0.
"	Lamp Columns etc	8.	18.	0.
"	Repairs to Lamp Columns	6.	16.	0.

Hinds. C.W.	Petrol & Repairs	15.	4.
Austin	Repairs to Cottage	1.	12. 0.
Malling R.D. Council	Rate Fire Station	3.	5. 0.
"	" House	2.	19. 7.
Inland Revenue	Tax Fire Station	4.	2. 6.
"	" House	1.	12. 2.
<u>Baths Account</u>			
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages	7.	3. 4.
"	4. N.H.I.A. Stamps		6. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co	Coke	2.	1. 8.
"	Globe & Mantles		2. 0.
Inland Revenue	Tax	8.	2. 6
		<u>£201. 17. 11</u>	

Cheque for Wages £25

1. Letter from Prudential Assurance Co re:- Not agreeing to redemption of loan.

2. " Malling R.D. Council re:- Footpath Alma Place.

3. " " " " re:- Drainage the Groves.

Mr Harrington again urges, the Cesspits at Groves should be emptied without expense to the owner and suggested the importance of this be impressed on Malling R.D. Council.

4. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Vulcan Chassis.

5. " British Standard Assurance Assoc' re:- Damaged Lamp Column.  
It was agreed to write again threatening legal action.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co re:- Damaged Lamp Column

7. " " " " " " " " " " "

8. Sunday Papers Kent County Advisory Services.

It was agreed for these to be handed to members and discussed at a later meeting.

#### Receipt

Mr Gower proposed that the following receipt be issued on the Rating Authority.  
Sec'd by Mr Freeman and carried.

General Expenses	£60
Burial Acts	£100
Lighting Act	£125
Baths & Wash Houses	<u>£50</u>
	<u>£335</u>

Mr Hood called the Council's attention to the depositing of night soil on the refuse dump. This is left uncovered for quite a long time and detrimental to health.

Mr Harrington proposed that the Malling Rural District Council be told, this is against the Parish Council agreement and must not be allowed. Sec'd by Mr Freeman.

Also the roadway leading on the Brook was full of pot holes and required attention. It was agreed to call the attention of J. Nichols & Son to this matter.

#### East Street

Mr Saul asked that the Surveyor's attention be called to East Street. The houses here are now below street level and inconvenience is caused in bad weather. Agreed to send letter.

#### Fire Brigade

Chief Officer Hinds of the Fire Brigade attended and reported on Fire Brigade's equipment.

Mr Harrington proposed, Mr Greenacre sec'd that a letter of thanks be sent to the two officers who attended on the Sunday and helped with schedule of price. Agreed.

The Chairman extended Christmas Greetings to the members.

B.H. Norman  
Chairman  
24<sup>th</sup> January 1939.