

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 25th 1941

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Harrington. (Chairman), Gower. (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Bishop, Filmer, Hood, Norman, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Before commencing the business of the evening, the Chairman spoke of a further loss the Council had sustained, (the third in about three months), by the sudden death of Mr. W.G. Freeman.

He had been a member of this Council for upwards of 12 years and had represented the Parish on the Malling Rural District Council for about 7 years. He had worked hard for the welfare of Snodland, and was held in high esteem.

The Council rose in silence as a token of respect.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Stotesbury reported the gate post at Malling Road entrance was adrift and requires attention. It was agreed that this should be put in order by Crowhurst.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last six weeks to be 1059 and the fees amounted to £11-0-11d as compared with 599 and £5-10-11d, for the corresponding period last year.

This report was considered very satisfactory.

Brook

Mr. Wray reported no labour yet available for topping Willow trees. This to be left for a time for him to arrange, if possible.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported it was now time for the top portion of the Cemetery to be dredged and rolled to enable the petrol mower to be brought into use in the spring. It was agreed to arrange with Auger to do the work. It was also reported that the fence wanted attention in several places. Mr. Wray suggested 3 or 4 wire frames for use on Graves to preserve wreaths would improve the appearance. This was referred to the Cemetery Committee who would meet shortly.

It was also decided to purchase seeds to the value of 11/- from Ryder & Son. Also two loads of Manure from Auger.

Additional Inscription

Mr. Norman proposed that the additional inscription submitted for Grave No. 1439 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Norman proposed that the conveyance of Grave Space NO. 1494, Section B, General portion to Eleanor Annie Monk be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Finance

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. Gower, who proposed that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Mid Kent Water.	Water Cottage.	5.	9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	13.	7.
Inland Revenue.	Tax. Brook.	6.	3. 3.
“	Tax. Birling Lands.	7.	0. 3.
“	“ Slough Field.	5.	19. 0.
“	“ Lower S. H. Field.	4.	9. 3.
“	“ Cottage.	2.	9. 8.
Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance 3 rd party Brook.	1.	17. 6.
“	Fire Insurance Brook.	1.	17. 6.
Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicles.	4.	4.
May. L.S.	Repairs Cottage.	6.	14. 0.
Clerk.	Audit Stamp.	12.	0. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	18.	7. 6.
“	6. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	1. 0.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	9.	1. 0.
“	6. N.H.I. Stamps.	16.	0.
Doulton & Co.	Grave Markers.	7.	0. 2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage.	4.	8.
“	“ Cemetery.	11.	7.
Matthews. H.	Putty.	4.	6.
Hinds. C. W.	Sundries.	19.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	7. 4.
Royal Insurance Co.	Fire Insurance.	19.	9.
Abery. F.	Repairs. Stove.	4.	7. 11.
Evenden. J.	Pumice Stone.	1.	8.
Inland Revenue.	Tax. Cottage. Cemetery.	3.	3. 9.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	6. 7.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	17.	6.
“	6 extra days @ 5/-	1.	10. 0.
“	Soap.	3.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	14. 8.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1.	8. 1.
Abery. F.	Repairs.	3.	0. 6.
Dennis Paine	Force Cap.	3.	3.
Mid Kent Water C.	Water.	6.	3. 9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Weekly Returns. Etc.	2.	9. 0.
Com. Inland Revenue.	Tax.	12.	15. 0.
		<u>£136. 11. 9.</u>	

Cheque for wages. £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Doulton & Co Ltd re:- Grave Markers.

2. Letter from Mrs. Monk, thanking for letter of sympathy.
3. Letter from Mrs. Freeman, “ “ “ “
4. Letter from Home Office re:- Register of Electors.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water giving analysis of water.
6. Letter from Wickenden & Son re:- Change at Queen's Hotel.
7. Letter from A. W. Hart re:- Vacancy at Kent County Council.
8. Letter from Post Office Rochester re:- Stamp Vending Machine.
9. Letter from Defence Regulations re:- Obstructions on Brook.
10. Letter from Mrs. C. Bates asking for transfer of land.
11. Letter from Johnson & Hargood asking for transfer of land. (agreed).
12. Letter from Royal Artillery re:- Not requiring Baths further.
13. Letter from Wm. Hayman Ltd, re:- Price of Coal.
14. Letter from Imperial War Graves Commission, asking for special plot for H.M. Forces.
15. Letter from Kent education Committee re:- Vacancy of C. of E. School Manager.
16. Letter from Maidstone & District Bus Co. re:- Signs of Bus Stops.
17. Letter from Malling R. District Council re:- Rates on Cottages.
18. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- C. of E. School Shelters.
19. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Rates 1942.
20. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Vacancy District Council.
21. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Bridge Willow Walk.
22. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Lee Road.
23. Letter from Southern Railway re:- Goods Yard Entrance.

Vacant Seats

The following were nominated for the three vacant seats on the Parish Council.

Rev. J.S. Granger	9 votes.
Mr. G.E. Knott.	9 votes.
Mr. H. Beech.	5 votes.

Mrs. Wolfe. 5 votes.
Mr. C.J. Allard. 4 votes.

The Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of Mr. Beech.

School Manager

Mr. Gower proposed that Mr. T.E. Hood be appointed a manger of the Church of England Schools in place of Mr. J.H. Greenacre who has left the district, to hold office until 30th June 1942. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Vacancy District Council

Mr. Saul proposed that the name of Mr. B.H. Norman be submitted for consideration for filling the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. A.J. Monk. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Beaconsfield Terrace

Mr. Austin called attention to the steps at Beaconfields Terrace obstructing the footpath. He considered these a danger in black out hours. It was again agreed to bring this matter before the notice of the Surveyor.

Roadway. Goods Yard entrance

It was reported that no notice appeared to have been taken of the Council's complaint about the disgraceful state of the Roadway and Footpaths near the Railway Gates.

The Clerk was instructed to again press this, also to call the attention of the Kent County Council to it.

During wet weather it was a great nuisance t o the Public.

School Shelter.

Mr. Robinson asked for a letter to the Kent Education Committee about the heating in School Shelters. Many Children were suffering from the effects of the cold.

J.G. Harrington.
Chairman
25-2-41.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 25th 1941

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Harrington (Chairman), Gower (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Hood, Knott, Norman, Robinson, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray, Rev' Granger and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Declaration

Rev' J.S. Granger, Messrs H. Beech, G.E. Knott, signed the Declaration on acceptance of Office.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the new members.

Minutes

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

Brook

Mr. Wray reported that two bombs had fallen on the Brook.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 587, and the fees amounted to £5-13-8d, as compared to 378 and £3-9-8d for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported damage had been done at the Public Baths by blast, during recent Blitz.

On the proposition of Mr. Gower, seconded by Mr. Robinson, it was agreed to employ Messrs Wm Day & Son, Surveyor of Maidstone to survey this in connection with other property of the Council and estimate the amount of damage and lodge the necessary claim with the District Valuer.

Mr. Robinson read the report of the Baths Committee Meeting held on Friday, February 14th, to meet Mr. Hole, surveyor to the Malling Rural District Council.

Mr. Hole explained that he had been instructed by the Council to erect a Gas Decontaminator Centre in Snodland, and after looking round he found the Baths the ideal place for this with the addition of a few temporary buildings and slight structural alterations. He brought a drawing of the Baths and the proposed alterations which were to be in corrugated iron with wood framing.

The Committee very carefully went over this and it was suggested to Mr. Hole that the following be altered. The dividing Screen be altered so as to suit the use of Baths now, an additional 300 gall' water tank be installed in case of the water supply should fail, the W.C. which is to be removed, to be re-erected, an extra storage place for coke, emergency lighting was also gone into, also heating for the additional buildings.

Mr. Hole said he would alter all this and the Committee agreed to adopt the plan. The question was asked about the rates for the extra buildings, and Mr. Hole said these would not be rated.

The Clerk was instructed to write Malling Rural District Council to the effect that the Council would expect them to remove all temporary buildings, clear site and make good all walls etc. Where cut to the satisfaction of the Council after the War.

Mr. Robinson proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Norman.

Conveyances

Mr. Norman proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1499, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Emma Catherine Freeman, also Grave Space No. 1500, Section C, Consecrated Portion to Jessie Burton be signed by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Design

Mr. Norman proposed that the design of Headstone and Kerb with Inscription for Grave No. 1484 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Finance

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. Gower, and Mr. Norman proposed, Mr. Filmer seconded that cheques be signed to pay the following accounts.

Shaw & Sons.	Forms. G.M.I.	1. 10.
“	Forms N. 106.	3. 0.
Matthews. H.	Repairs Institute.	1. 7. 9.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12. 5. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps,	14. 0.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	6. 0. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	10. 8.
Pay. W.H.	Carriage.	5. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke	1. 8. 7.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	3. 1. 2.
Ryder & Son	Seeds.	11. 2.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire & Storage.	5. 13. 11.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 11. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	2. 0. 6.
“	Coke.	4. 4. 6.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1. 11. 0.
Matthews H.	Repairs.	7. 4.
		<u>£48. 11. 11</u>

Cheque for Wages £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Bracher Son and Miskin re:- Wine Licence Prince of Wales B.H.
2. Letter from Imperial War Graves Commission re:- Grave Spaces.
3. Letter from H.R. Draycon re:- Cemetery repairs.
4. Letter from Southern Railway re:_ Snodland Level Crossing.
5. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- “ “ “ “ “
6. “ “ “ “ Steps Beaconsfield Terrace.
7. Letter from W.F. Saul. Council hopes for speedy recovery.
8. Letter from Working Men’s Club re:- Air Raid Damage.
9. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- School Shelters.
10. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- District Councillor.
11. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Fire Prevention Order 1941.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm on Tuesday March 25th.

Draft Report.

The Draft Report of the years Parish Council Proceedings was submitted and with a few alterations was approved.

District Councillor

Mr. Gower proposed. Mr. Wray seconded that the name of Mr. G.E. Knott be submitted to Malling Rural District Council for consideration for the vacant seat.

Mr. Norman expressed thanks for the prompt way the Air Raid Precaution people acted during the recent Blitz.

It was suggested by the Chairman that a United Service of Thanksgivings, for such a miraculous escape, should be held in the Parish Church.

The Rector readily agreed and arrangements with the United Christian Effort were set in motion by the Clerk.

Mr. Wray suggested that the question of land for extension of Cemetery should again be opened with the Kent County Council. Agreed.

Mr. Robinson called attention to the light burning in the Shelters, and it was arranged to take this up with Malling Rural District Council, also the doors to the Shelters.

Committees and Trusts

The following additions to Committee and Trusts were approved.

Brook Allotment Committee.	Mr. H. Beech.
Baths & Cemetery.	Rev' J. S. Granger and Mr. G.E. Knott.
Lighting Committee.	Mr. G.E. Knott.
John May's Charity.	Mr. G.E. Knott.
William Lee Roberts Trust.	Mr. H. Beech.

The question arose of excessive light during black-out hours at Railway Station and it was agreed to report to Malling Rural District Council.

Mr. Beech called attention to the bad state of the footpath near Red Lion Inn.

J.G. Harrington.
Chairman.
25-3-41.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th March 1941

At 7pm.

Present. Messrs, Harrington (Chairman), Gower (Vice-Chairman, Austin, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Hood, Knott, Norman, Robinson, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

The Rev. J.S. Granger apologized for absence owing to a confirmation service.

Minutes

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

Allotment

No Report, but a Chairman would be appointed this evening.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 599 and the fees amounted to £5-12-0d, as compared to 455 and £4-4-8d, for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

Mr. Wray reported that two concrete posts had been erected at the White Bridge to stop Cattle straying.

He also reported his meeting with the Clerk to Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board in connection with the work to be carried out on the Brook.

The Council were satisfied this would be an improvement.

Conveyance

Mr. Norman proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1503, Section A, Consecrated Portion to Allen Ernest Burtenshaw be signed by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Finance

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. Gower and Mr. Norman proposed.

Mr. Hood seconded, that cheques be signed to pay the following accounts:-

Prudential Assurance Co.	Loan & Interest.	15.	16.	2.
Crowhurst. D.	Repairs Allotments.	8.	0.	
Royal Insurance Co.	Fire Insurance Cottage.	6.	9.	
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	18.	15.	0.
“	Postage a/c.	4.	9.	0.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs to Cottage.	6.	0.	
“	“ Institute.	11.	9.	
Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	5.	0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	0.	
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	6.	0.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	10.	8.	
Lavender. H.	Seed Boxes.	8.	0.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	8.	7.
Doulton & Co.	Grave Markers.	7.	0.	2.
Crowhurst. D.	Corrugated Sheets.	7.	6.	
“	Firewood.	7.	0.	
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	5.	13.	0.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	8.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	0.	
“	1 extra Day.	5.	0.	
Crowhurst D.	Firewood.	7.	0.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	17.	2.
Local Government Guarantee.	Fidelity Guarantee.	7.	0.	
Draycon. H.R,	Repairs.	1.	4.	0.

Cheque for Wages. £25.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Maidstone Gas Co.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co.
3. Letter from W. Day & Sons re:- War Damage.
4. Letter from J.W. Gosmay re:- Allotment.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Coke.
6. Letter from Council of U.C. Effort re:- United Towns Service.
It was agreed for Messrs. Beech, Bishop, Hood & Tobin to act as Stewards and Mr. Stotesbury to read the lesson.
7. Letter from J.A. Davison & Son, re:- Water for Work at Public Baths.
8. Letter from Malling Rural District Council. re: Decontamination Centre.
9. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Rural District Councillor.
10. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Lights in Shelters etc.
11. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Burials of Patients.
12. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Steps Beaconsfield terrace.
13. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
14. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Land for Extension at Cemetery.
15. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Fire Watching.
16. Letter from Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board. re:- Land Drainage.

Clerk

The Chairman spoke of the extra work that had fallen on the Clerk, and suggested the Council should consider an increase in Salary.

Mr. Filmer proposed that the Clerk be paid in future £100 per annum. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried unanimously.

Working Men's Club and Institute

It was agreed that estimates be obtained from Corben & Son & J.A. Davison for temporary and also permanent repairs to the roof of the Working Men's Club & Institute, damaged in recent Air Raid.

The Council to consider these at an early date.

It was decided to call the attention of Malling Rural District Council to the deposit of many trees on the rubbish dump, after householders had saved these for salvage. Also ask them to remove old plastic from back yards.

Special Meeting of the Council
In The Working Men's Club & Institute on Tuesday 1st April 1941
At 7pm

Present. Messrs. Harrington (Chairman), Gower (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Beech, Filmer, Rev, J.S. Granger, Hood, Knott, Norman, Robinson, Stotesbury, Tobin and the Clerk F. Simmons.

The Meeting was called there to enable the Members to view the damage to the building, caused by recent Air Raid, and to consider the position regarding repairs. Before coming to any definite decision, owing to extensive damage, it was decided to obtain 5 tenders for alterations and repairs. The Clerk was instructed to ask Corben & Son, Davison & Son, Brattle & Sons, H,R, Draycon and A. Norman for tenders to get some idea of approximate cost.

Upon receipt of tenders a further emergency meeting to be called in about 7 to 10 days rime. The Clerk meantime to fill in questionnaire received from Board of Trade, with a view to obtaining a loan to cover cost, pending recovery of War Damage Claim.

J.G. Harrington.
Chairman
22-4-41.

Balance of Wages to 31st March 1941.

Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.	3.	1.	3.
"	1. N.H.I. Stamps.		3.	6.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	1.	10.	2.
"	1. N.H.I. Stamp.		2.	8.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	6.	7.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		17.	6.
			<u>17.</u>	<u>6.</u>
			£13.	1. 8.

Balance, Cash in Hand of Clerk 31/3/41 £21-6-6d.

J.G. Harington.
Chairman.
22-4-41.

Annual Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 22nd 1941
At 7.30pm

Present. Messrs Austin, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Gower, Harrington, Hood, Norman, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Rev' J.S. Granger sent note stating inability to attend owing to being away from home.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that these were all let except two plots, and several names were on waiting list.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 535 and the fees amounted to £5-0-9d, as compared with 536 and £4-19-4d, for the corresponding period last year.

Chairman

Mr. Gower spoke of the hard work put in by the retiring Chairman during the last year, and proposed that he be again appointed for a further year. Seconded by Mr. Bishop, Mr. Hood supported and it was carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. Norman proposed and Mr. Stotesbury seconded that Mr. Gower be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year, Carried.

Brook

Mr. Wray reported that Manning had filled in the bomb crater on the Brook, and he had removed the broken post near bridge. Council approved.

Cemetery

Mr. Saul asked for removal of trees near Greenhouse, owing to dampness. It was arranged for the Cemetery Committee to meet on Tuesday the 29th inst' to discuss this.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Saul submitted plan of Headstone & Kerbs, with Inscription for Grave No. 1450, and proposed it be approved. Seconded by Mr. Norman.

Finance

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. Gower. Mr. Norman proposed. Mr. Saul seconded that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts.

Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicle.	4.	4.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing. Etc.	3.	17. 10.

Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance Casual Labour.	3.	9.
Young & Cooper.	Carbons.	4.	7.
Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance. Brook gatekeeper.	1.	6.
Manning. G.	Work on Brook.	2.	18. 9.
Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	3. 9.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	10.	6.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	10. 6.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	8.	0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance. Caretaker & Apprentice.	1.	7. 6.
Hinds. C. W.	Tools.	15.	3.
Monk. A.J.	Paraffin.	5.	6.
Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance. Caretaker & Wife.	11.	0.
Fowler. W.	Sundry Stores.	5.	1.
Abery. F.	Repairs.	1.	2. 6.
		<u>£26.</u>	<u>10. 4.</u>

Cheque for Wages £25.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Cultivation of Allotments.
2. Letter from Leybourne Grange Colony re:- Burial of Patients.
3. Letter from Malling R. D. Council re:- Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
4. Letter from Divisional Surveyor re:- Footpath. High Street.
5. “ “ “ “ re:- Damaged post on Brook.
6. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Extra land for Cemetery.
7. Letter from Malling R. D. Council re:- Snodland Drainage Committee.
It was agreed that Messrs. Harrington & Stotesbury represent the Parish Council on this Committee.
8. Letter from Bank of Australia re:- 3% Stock
It was agreed to renew the investment.
9. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.
10. Letter from Westminster Bank enclosing specimen signature form.

Working Men's Club & Institute

The following tenders were received for repairs.

Corbin & Son.	£150.
Davison & Son.	£202.
Draycon. H.R.	£145.5.0d.

After discussion it was agreed to hold these over for about seven days. Clerk in the meantime to apply to Ministry of Health for permission to transfer a sum of say £150 from our capitol sum investment in Defence Bonds for immediate repairs.

Mr. Austin again called serious attention to the excessive lights on the Railway premises during Air Raids, and the Council decided to put this complaint forward again.

The Committee of the Working Men's Club & Institute presented an account for £6.13.4d, from H.R. Draycon for first aid repairs. As the Council had not issued any instructions or been consulted in this matter it was decided to reply to this effect, but would agree to offer half of the charges.

Mr. Wray suggested that 2/6d per annum be charges to Mr. Pattison for an Allotment on the rubbish dump.

Mr. Hood asked for Malling rural District Council to clear stream from Malling Road to Rookery Hill of rubbish and trees.

The question of extra War Bonus for employees at Cemetery and Baths was discussed, and it was agreed for the extra money to be paid as from 1st April 1941, on exactly the same basis as last increase.

The question that arose at the Annual Parish Council Meeting were considered. It was agreed to write Malling Rural District Council and inform them that Parishioners had complained about the new arrangements of depositing of Cesspits on rubbish dumps fearing a nuisance, but the Council felt this was in the hands of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

It was agreed to submit the name of Mr. B.H. Norman to the Lord Chancellor for consideration as a Magistrate for this area.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman
27-5-41.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th May 1941

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Harrington (Chairman), Gower (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Hood, Knott, Norman, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Rev' J.S. Granger and the Clerk F. Simmons.

An apology was received from Mr. Wray for non attendance.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that horses had strayed on to the Allotments, but this had been satisfactorily dealt with, also the gardens were being kept up to the usual standard. It was also reported that damage had been done to growing seeds by dogs allowed to run uncontrolled over the gardens.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 741, and that the fees amounted to £6-15-3d, as compared with 750 and £6-17-6d, for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

Mr. Stotesbury gave the report of the Brook Committee Meeting held on Thursday April 24th.

The Committee first inspected the Allotments and it was regretted that several plots were not being cultivated as they should, due mainly to the flooding of the land by tidal water and also heavy rains. The Committee recommended that the tidal dyke be filled in.

The Rubbish dump was next inspected and the Committee report a serious state of affairs. They found that the night soil from the Groves is being distributed indiscriminately on top of the ground without being covered in any way. It is advised that Malling rural district Council be informed.

Mr. Beech suggested that the Council strongly protest to the District Council about the work of Cesspit emptying from the Groves on the dump not being carried out properly. Agreed.

The Committee recommended that the Willow Walk be repaired as soon as material is available, the banks of lower half are getting into a serious condition. Mr. Stotesbury reported that the stumps of broken post had now been replaced with a 5" concrete post

The Committee suggested the making of a road on the Brook as a connecting link between the Railway Arch and the double Stile, this will facilitate the cartage of materials to the Willow Walk the other side of the Railway Line. It was agreed to ask the Kent Rivers Catchment Board to place their surplus hard core etc, near the Railway Arch.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that a Committee Meeting had been held on Tuesday April 29th at 7pm.

The Committee first inspected the trees overhanging the Greenhouse and it was decided to recommend the Council to have the one nearest the Greenhouse removed, and others well trimmed. Agreed.

The Committee's attention was called to the bad state of iron fences erected at a few Graves, and instructed the Clerk to get in communication with owners with a view to some improvement. The Committee recommended that a pneumatic tyred wheel be purchased for the garden barrow. Agreed.

The Committee inspected the paths in further portion and it was suggested to have a small section tarred and gravelled this summer, and to purchase weed killer for another section. After discussion it was decided to spray the portion with weed killer this year, and have both portions tarred and gravelled next year.

The Rector placed before the Committee a scheme to brighten up the Chapel. It was decided to leave this for consideration by the Council The Rector placed a plan of the scheme before the meeting, and after discussion it was decided to allow the sum of £20 for the improvements.

Mr. Stotesbury stated that a Stirrup Pump and three pails had been purchased, and he had had sand and bags sent up for an emergency.

It was agreed that Draycon erect a new Lattice Gate at entrance to Lodge.

The Clerk was instructed to ask that two memorials be re erected as soon as possible.

Conveyances

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1509, section B, Consecrated Portion to Alfred Edward Kingsland, also Grave Space No. 1510, Section B, Consecrate Portion to Thomas Aberly be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Stotesbury submitted plan of Headstone and Kerbs with Inscription for Grave No. 1503, and moved that it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Finance

The Financial Statement was presented by Mr. Gower.

Mr. Beech proposed. Mr. Saul seconded that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts:-

Royal Insurance Co.	Additional Premium,	3.	7.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cottage.	5.	9.
Malling R.D.C,	Rate “	3.	13. 4.
Post Office.	Stamping Cheque Book.	16.	8.
Evenden. J.,	Caretakers Wages.	16.	10. 6.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	17.	6.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	8.	2. 1.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	15.	4.
Hinds. C.W.	Petrol. Etc.	10.	5.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage.	4.	8.
“	“ Cemetery.	11.	7.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	8. 7.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	3.	0. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire Charges.etc.	6.	5. 7.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	0. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	0.
“	Stores.	2.	4.
Royal Insurance Co.	Additional Premium.	3.	3.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1.	11. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	7.	1. 11.
“	Gas a/c.	2.	1. 2.
“	Mantles.	1.	2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	4.	4. 9.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	10.	0. 0.
		£77.	5. 6.

Less Rebate Royal Insurance

3. 2.
£77. 2. 4.

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Kent Agricultural Committee re:- National Silage Campaign.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Cultivation of Gardens.
3. Letter from Burham Parish Council re:- Henry Peters estate.
4. Letter from Military Authorities re:- Manoeuvres.
5. Letter from Secretary of Commissions re:- Magistrate.
6. Letter from H.G. Heubray re:- Turning Cattle on Brook.
7. Letter from Miss. Johnson re:- Services in Recreation Ground.
It was agreed to grant permission for Services to be held.
8. Letter from Miss. Johnson re:- Inviting the members to a Service at Christ Church on June 3rd. It was agreed to accept the invitation, and arranged for Messrs Hood and Tobin to read lessons and Messrs Austin and Stotesbury to act as Sidesmen.
9. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Stream in Bramley Road & Sweeping Streets.
10. Letter from F.C. Wray asking if Council were prepared to sell about one acre of Brookland.
It was agreed for sale, provided sanction was given at Annual Parish Meeting.
11. Letter from G. Marshall A. R.P Officer re:- Railway Services lights.
12. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- “ “ “ “
13. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
14. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Groves Cesspits.
15. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Collection of House refuse.
16. Letter from Kent Rivers Catchment Board. re:- Drainage Scheme.
17. Sundry letters re:- Working Men's Club & Institute repairs.
The Chairman explained the position and stated the Ministry had now given permission for First Aid Repairs.

The Chairman suggested a letter of congratulations be sent to Messrs. Barnett, May, Lavender and West on the great honour bestowed on them by the King, for bravery during the recent Blitz.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Surveyor, calling his attention to the bad state of the roadway from Parish Church to Gas Works.

The Council visited the Public Baths and Decontamination Centres to consider various complaints that had been made by the users of the Baths,

It was decided to place these matters before Mr. Hole. Surveyor.

J.G. Harrington.
Chairman.
24-6-41.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 24th 1941

At 7.30pm

Present. Messrs Harrington, (Chairman), Gower, (Vice-Chairman), Austin. Beech. Tobin. Hood. Robinson. Stotesbury. Filmer. Rev' J.S. Granger and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

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

Arising from the Minutes, Mr. Tobin asked for a Parish Meeting to be called at an early date to deal with the question of the sale of Brookland.

The Council did not consider it necessary for a special Meeting to be called.

Also arising from the Minutes, Mr. Stotesbury gave a detailed report of Meeting of Drainage Committee, and the assurance given by the Chief Sanitary Officer that no risk of any kind existed at rubbish dump.

Allotments

Mr. Hood gave the report of the Allotments Committee Meeting held on Wednesday June 4th.

The Committee viewed the whole of the Allotments, and generally speaking were satisfied with the way in which they were being worked. There were one or two at which exception could be taken, but these were not very serious.

The Clerk was asked to get in touch with the tenants concerned with a view to their making a better show.

Allotment No. 29, Lower Shorne Hill Field. The Clerk informed the Committee that the applicant, to whom this Allotment had been recently let, had refused it. The piece of ground had obviously not been worked for several years, and it was decided to offer it to Mrs. Austin for 12 months.

Allotment No. 27 in Lower Shorne Hill Field. The condition of this was similar to No. 29, and it was let to Mr. Newman rent free until March 1942.

Seat in Malling Road. There was a wooden slat missing from the back of this seat and the Clerk was instructed to get it repaired.

A complaint was received from an Allotment holder in connection with a dog which, for a very long time had been allowed to take its exercise through the Allotments in Slough Field. He said he had lost many young plants because of this.

The Clerk was asked to write the owners of the dog, pointing out that this was a serious offence and to warn them that it must not happen again. It appeared that the dog gained access to the Allotments through a dilapidated piece of Spile Fencing, and the Clerk was also asked to write the owners with a view to getting it repaired.

A complaint was also received that Mr. Monk the tenant of the garage on these Allotments was continually leaving the main gate in Malling Road wide open to children and animals. The Clerk was requested to see Mr. Monk about this.

A suggestion was received from an Allotment holder that as numerous people came to the Allotments in Slough Field from the Rookery and Bramley Road areas, much time and walking could be saved if a gate was inserted in the fence between the Recreation Ground and these Allotments, and about a dozen keys distributed amongst holders who would use it.

It was suggested that the gate be about 5' high and that barbed wire be fixed to the top of existing fence up to the same height as the gate in the 3 places where there were no trees or shrubs. The Committee thought the suggestion was a good one and decided to recommend it to the Council. Agreed.

It was decided to ask Baker Bros' to do this work.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 560 and the fees amounted to £5-5-1d, as compared with 685 and £6-6-1d, for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson read the report of the Baths Committee Meeting held at the Public Baths on Monday June 2nd to meet Mr. Hole, Surveyor to Malling Rural District Council, re:- the 9 points raised in the Council letter of the 29th ultimo.

The Council's letter was taken in rotation of items.

Ventilation

Mr. Hole agreed to have eight extra ventilations put in the ceilings of Baths to let the steam and heat out through the roof, and also requested that the Caretaker should put the cold water in Baths first, and add the cold water to it. This he said would do away with a lot of the steam.

Emergency Lighting

The question of electricity was gone into and Mr. Hole promised to send in an estimate, and that if the Council were prepared to pay about 25% of the cost he could perhaps persuade Malling to pay the balance.

Outside Lavatories

Screens will be erected to separate Male & Female entrances, and a good gravel path provided. An extra stopcock to be fitted inside the Baths to act as a master and the lead pipes wrapped as a protection from frost.

Coke Storage

A wood partition will be fitted in the existing bin to give extra storage place.

Outside Water Tank

A proper cover will be provided to cover in Tank, and a length of Gutter will be put up to stop water from decontaminating sheds, or from soaking wall of Boiler House.

Gas Traps

Mr. Hole agrees these should be provided, but a Dr. Miller was making an inspection in the near future and Mr. Hole would report to the Council at an early date.

Light Traps

These would have attention

Hot Water

Mr. Hole was bringing this matter up at Malling and would report to the Council in due course, also of Caretakers Wages.

Gas

The question was discussed, and it was suggested the Council should find out how much is used and sent the account to Mr. Hole.

Brook

Mr. Hood reported that Crowhurst has agreed to supply 12 posts for repairs to fence, and the loan of a heavy hammer if the Council will find the labour. It was agreed for Baker Bros' to see to fence when they attended the gate at Recreation Ground & Allotments.

He also reported that Mr. Burrow & Mrs. Bishop had complained of growing crops on Brook Allotments being ruined, especially potatoes owing to recent flooding, and suggested the Council re-fund the years rent by way of compensation.

It was stated the Council were not liable for flooding of gardens.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the Apprentice was on the sick list and a man engaged to help dig Graves.

He suggested an interview with Lavender regarding the end of his apprenticeship in August.

It was agreed for the Clerk to purchase two Vases for Cenotaph in place of Metal Trays.

Plans & Inscriptions

Mr. Stotesbury submitted plan of Headstone & Kerbs with Inscription for Grave No. 1488, also Scroll with Inscription for Grave No. 1499 and proposed they be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer suggested that Messrs Auger & Son be asked to cut and clear grass in Recreation Ground. Agreed.

Finance

Mr. Gower submitted the Financial Statement and Mr. Beech proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury and carried.

Draycon. H.R.

Tiles. Institute.

12. 6.

“	Repairs ½ cost as agreed.	3. 6. 8.
Manning. G.	Work on Allotments.	15. 0.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	25. 0. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12. 17. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 0.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	6. 5. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lamp Column.	1. 2. 4.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 6. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	<u>2. 17. 2.</u>
		<u>£63. 4. 8.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Divisional Surveyor re:- Church Fields Road.
2. Letter from Kent Electric Power Co re:- Estimate for Baths.
3. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Decontamination Centre.
4. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
5. Letter from St. John’s Ambulance Brigade re:- House to House Collection.
It was suggested that Mrs. Clifford be asked to organize.
6. Letter from Working Men’s Club re:- First Aid Repairs.
7. “ “ “ “ “ asking for two Stirrup Pumps.
The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Council cannot supply pumps.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Council letter 29th May.
9. Letter from Kent Rivers C. Board re:- Work on Brook.
10. Letter from Imperial War Graves Commission re:- Services Plot.
11. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
12. Letter from Davison & Son re:- Gutters. Club.
13. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Repairs of War Damage.

The Chairman suggested that the moveable fittings in the Chapel Mortuary and Baths be insured under the War Damage Insurance Scheme. Chapel £100, Baths£300. Agreed.

Mr. Robinson suggested that Malling Rural District Council be asked to provide two Aladdin Lamps for use at Mortuary.
J.G. Harington. Chairman. 22-7-41.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22nd July 1941
At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs, Harrington (Chairman). Gower. (Vice-Chairman). Austin. Bishop. Hood. Norman. Robinson. Stotesbury. Rev' J.S. Granger and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

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

Allotments.

Mr. Hood reported that Hinds had erected the gate between the Slough Field Allotments and the Recreation Ground.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 512 and the fees amounted to £4-11-11d, as compared with 619 and £5-15-1d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson stated that he was not satisfied with the arrangements made at the decontamination Centre and Baths, and it was agreed to call the District Council's attention to this and ask the Surveyor to meet the Committee on site.

It was agreed for the Caretaker and Wife to have a holiday and Mr. Robinson gave authority to fix a substitute if necessary.

Cemetery

Mr. Robinson reported the two Vases for the Cenotaph had been delivered, and stated that two more were required, in view of the cost of those purchased from E. Vaughn Ltd he suggested the Caretaker be asked to make two. Agreed.

It was agreed for Caretaker and Apprentice to have their usual weeks holiday.

It was reported that desecration had been going on in the Cemetery on more than one occasion, and the Council decided to issue a notice, warning people and calling attention to the rules.

Land for Extension

A letter was read from the County Council, respecting the proposed purchase of extra land for extension purposes. Disappointment was expressed at the excessive price asked, and a decision on the matter was postponed.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a design of Headstone And Kerbs with Inscription for Grave No. 1480, and proposed that it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Bishop.

Finance

Mr. Gower submitted the Financial Statement. Mr. Stotesbury proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicles.	4.	4.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing. Etc.	4.	3. 5.
Public Works Loan Bd.	Loan & Interest.	5.	11. 0.
“	“	6.	10. 6.
Manning. G.	Work. Willow Walk.	5.	17. 6.
“	Work. Recreation Ground.	1.	5. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	17. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14. 0.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	12. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps,		13. 4.
Hinds. C.W.	Petrol etc.	1.	16. 1.
Haynes Bros.	Stirrup Pump. Etc	3.	13. 4.
Vaughn Ltd.	Concrete Vases.	2.	10. 0.
Abery.T.	Repairs.		12. 6.
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium. W.D.A.	2.	0. 0.
Tassel.	Help.	1.	15. 9.
Manning.	“		2. 6.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	5. 0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		17. 6.
“	Stores.		6. 1.
Haynes. Bros.	Stirrup Pump.	1.	9. 3.
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium. W.D.A.	3.	0. 0.
		<u>£68.</u>	<u>17. 1.</u>

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Land for Extension.
2. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Collection of House Refuse.
3. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Damage to Allotments by Dogs.
4. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Groves Cesspits.
5. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Decontamination Centre.
6. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Mortuary Lighting.
7. Letter from United Christian Effort re:- Open Air Service.
8. Letter from District Auditor re:- Notice of Audit.
9. Letter from St. John’s Ambulance Brigade re:- Collection.
10. Letter from Baker Bros re:- Fencing.

11. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of Water.
12. Letter from R.E. Officer re:- Men's Baths.
13. Letter from Kent Electric Power Co giving estimate. Lighting Baths.

Receipt

Mr. Gower proposed that the following receipt be issued on Rating Authority.
Seconded by Mr. Norman and Carried.

General Account.	£75
Burial Act.	£100
Baths & Wash-Houses Act	<u>£75</u>
	<u>£250</u>

Notice of Motion

Rev' Granger gave Notice of Motion, that at the next Meeting of Council, he will ask the Parish Council to take over the upkeep of the Churchyard.

J.G. Harrington.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 26th August 1941

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs. Harrington (Chairman). Gower (Vice-Chairman). Austin. Beech. Bishop. Filmer. Hood. Knott. Norman. Robinson. Tobin. Wray. Rev. J.S. Granger and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Saul & Stotesbury for non-attendance.

Minutes

The Minutes were accepted as read.

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that owing to straying of Cattle he had given instructions to Hinds to erect fence at end of Allotments in Sharnal Lane. Also that Notice Boards had been erected at different points relating to damage by dogs. It was agreed that the action of Mr. Hood be approved.

Mr. Hood also reported that Manning had met with accident and had been on compensation for four weeks, but he thought he would soon be fit again.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks were 923 and the fees amounted to £9-10-1d, as compared with 934 and £8-11-3d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also stated that external ventilators were not yet fixed to the Public Baths.

Brook

Mr. Wray reported the emptying of Cesspits contents on dump was very unsatisfactory. It was agreed for Council to meet them on Friday next at 7pm.

Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. Stotesbury it was reported that Lavender had agreed to continue in the employ of the Council, now his time of apprenticeship had expired at a wage of 43/- per week subject to review at each end of six months.

The Rector reported that the improvement in Cemetery Chapel was being proceeded with.

Finance

Mr. Gower submitted the Financial Statement and moved that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Gower. C.H.	Books to Audit	10.	0.
Malling R.D.C.	Concrete Posts.	1.	4. 7.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage.	5.	9.
Knight & Co.	Financial Statements.	3.	6.
"	Account Book.	4.	10. 0.
Drainage Board.	Rate. Allotments.	2.	8. 4.
"	" Brook.	2.	6. 0.
Manning. G.	Work Allotments.	2.	13. 9.
"	Compensation.	3.	10. 0.
Blackman. Mrs.	Brook Gatekeeper.	4.	0. 0.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs. Seat.	5.	6.
"	Notice Boards.	2.	11. 10.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	16.	1. 8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	17.	6.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	7.	17. 1.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	16.	8.
Evenden. J.	Seeds.	3.	3.
Knight & Co.	Receipt Book.	15.	1.
Hodden Best.	Law of Burial.	1.	10. 7.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage.	4.	8.
"	" Cemetery.	11.	7.
Auger & Son.	Manure. Etc.	4.	16. 0.
Draycon. H.R.	New Gate.	6.	2. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire Charges etc.	6.	5. 7.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	11.	5. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	0.
"	Stores.	4.	0.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1.	11. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	5.	17. 8.
"	Gas a/c.	1.	19. 4.
"	Mantles.	4.	5.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	5.	1. 3.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	5.	4. 5.
"	"	27.	4. .4
		<u>£129.</u>	<u>16. 7.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £47-12-9d

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Decontamination Centre.
2. Letter from Royal Insurance Co. re:- Claim under Policy No. 984659.
3. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Burial Ground.
4. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Clerk was instructed to reply. Council still considered price excessive.

5. Letter from Divisional Surveyor re:- Path. Churchfield.
6. Letter from Working Men's Club re:- Internal Drainage.

It was agreed for the following members, Messrs Austin, Hood, Robinson Knott, Tobin and Wray to visit the Club on Tuesday next at 8pm to discuss the question of internal repairs.

Notice of Motion

In accordance with previous Notice of Motion, the Rev. J.S. Granger brought forward a scheme asking the Council to take over maintenance of Churchyard. After discussion it was decided that more details were necessary before it could be entertained. The Rector promised to go further into the matter.

Mr. Robinson asked for a letter to Kent County Council asking for more care to be exercised when tarring roads.

The stop cock cover on mains were practically sealed down and causing unnecessary expense and labour to clear.

It was decided to complain of the way the Kent electric Power Co. had left the footpath to the Institute when laying the cable.

The way the Dustbins were now being emptied was not considered good. Many were left.

J.G. Harrington.
Chairman
23-9-41.

Special Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Friday 1th September 1941

At 7pm.

Present. Messrs. Harrington. (Chairman). Gower. (Vice-Chairman). Austin. Beech. Filmer. Hood. Knott. Robinson. Stotesbury. Tobin. Wray. Rev. J.S. Granger and the Clerk F. Simmons.

An apology was received from Mr. Saul for non attendance.

Working Men's Club and Institute

The tenders for internal repairs at Working Men's Club & Institute, (damaged by Blitz), were opened as follows.

Brattle & Sons.	£33-6-0d.
Draycon. H. R.	£26-13-6d.
Norman. A.	£28-5-0d.

Matthews H. H. Sent letter stating he was unable to tender owing to stress of work. Mr. Stotesbury proposed that Draycon's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Wray and carried.

Fire Watching

The question of the compulsory Fire Watching order was discussed at length. Mr. Robinson proposed. Mr. Tobin seconded that application be made to Malling Rural District Council for this to be applied to Snodland. Carried.

Brook Land

A letter was read from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. asking for permission to purchase a further small portion of Brook Land. It was agreed for this to be placed on the agenda for next meeting of the Council.

Scavenging

Mr. Knott spoke of the present system of emptying of Dustbins as un-satisfactory. The Chairman explained the position was owing to shortage of labour.

Cement Dust

The Chairman reported complaints had been received of the large amount of Cement Dust from Holborough Works. It was much greater than usual. The Council agreed for this complaint to be passed onto the Associated Portland Cement Mfrs. Manager.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman
23-9-41.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 23rd 1941

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Harrington. (Chairman). Gower. (Vice-Chairman). Austin. Beech. Bishop. Filmer. Hood. Knott. Robinson. Stotesbury. Tobin. Wray. Rev. J.S. Granger and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 852 and the fees amounted to £8-17-6. For the corresponding period last year the figures were 616 and £5-16-0d.

He also stated that the annual overhauling of Boiler and Tanks had been carried out by Abrey and was satisfactory.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that everything was in order. The Caretaker was experiencing difficulty in obtaining sufficient petroleum for his purposes. The Clerk was instructed to ask for a permit for 4 or 5 gallons per week for Chapel & Mortuary.

Finance

Mr. Gower submitted the Financial Statement, Mr. Hood proposed. Mr. Beech seconded that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts:-

Prudential Assurance Co.	Loan & Interest.	14.	14.	2.
Manning.G.	Compensation.	1.	3.	4.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	25.	0.	0.
Kent County Council.	Scavenging Streets.	6.	12.	0.
Excons Hinds. C.W.	Gate. Slough Field.	2.	19.	2.
“	Fence. Lowers.	1.	10.	0.
“	“ Brook.	2.	5.	6.
Evenden.J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	17.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	0.	
Lavender. S.	Help.	8.	5.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	13.	4.	
Stringer. E.W.	Alterations Chapel.	8.	17.	6.
Excons. C.W. Hinds.	Petrol.	18.	8.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Repairs. Lamp Column.	1.	2.	4.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	0.	8.
“	4 extra days at 5/-	1.	0.	0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	0.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	18.	10.
		<u>£100. 6. 6.</u>		

Cheque for wages £34-1-8d.

Recreation Ground

It was reported gate post on Rookery Hill end, was broken and Malling Rural District Council was to be asked to put this in order.

Working Men's Club

Mr. Knott reported that Draycon had not commenced the internal repairs at Working Men's Club.

Lighting

Mr. Wray suggested that the Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. be asked if some form of subdued street lighting could be installed this winter especially on main routes.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Divisional Surveyor re:- Stopcock Covers.

2. Letter from Royal Insurance Co. re:- War Damage act.
3. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Compensation.
4. Letter from Sanitary Inspector re:- Scavenging.
5. Letter from Associated P.C. Mfrs re:- Dust Nuisance.
6. letter from Kent County Council re:- Land for Cemetery extension.
7. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Compulsory Fire Watching.
8. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Footpath at Paddlesworth.
9. Letter from 263rd Field Comp. R.E. re:- Men's Baths.
10. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co Ltd re:- Sale of brook Land.

Brook land

The letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- purchase of extra land was discussed. Mr. Bishop proposed. Mr. Filmer seconded that the Parish Council agree to the sale of about two acres of Brook Land on same terms as previous sale. (£30 per acre). And if they require to purchase, we are prepared to sell a further portion, say a total of four acres, subject to the consent of Parish Meeting and Ministry of Health. Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd to pay all charges in connection with the transfer. Carried.

Mr. Hood spoke of as nuisance in the street of a number of dogs roaming uncontrolled, and asked for the Superintendent of Police attention be called to this.

Mr. Stotesbury informed the Council that the sum of £26-2-0d collected during recent Blitz was still in the hand of the Secretary, and it was proposed to hold this in case of further emergency arising. Carried.

Mr. Gower suggested the Meetings of Council should commence at 7pm during the winter months owing to black out etc. Agreed.

A letter was asked to be sent to East Malling Parish Council, calling their attention to dangerous bridge at Abbey Mead. Many Snodland workmen use this during early hours.

Cemetery extension

The Clerk was instructed to open negotiations with Kent County Council (in reply to their letter), re:- Purchase of extra land for Cemetery extension.

J.G. Harrington
7-10-41
R. Gower
Vice-Chairman

28th October 1941.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 7th October 1941

At 7pm.

Present. Messrs. Harrington (Chairman), Gower (Vice-Chairman). Austin. Beech. Bishop. Filmer. Hood. Norman. Robinson. Stotesbury. Tobin. Wray. Rev. J.S. Granger, and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

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

The Meeting was convened to consider a proposal for the sale of a further portion of Brook Land on the east Side of Willow Walk to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd. Owing to a misunderstanding and after a lengthy discussion it was considered out of order and the matter was dropped.

Permission was given to the Rector to hold a service in Cemetery Chapel on November 4th.

A letter was read from the Malling rural District Council regarding British Restaurants in Rural Areas. The Clerk was instructed to reply, that the Council was favourably inclined towards the proposal, but it would like more particulars regarding it. Who bears the cost of loss etc.?

A letter from the Associated Portland Cement Mfrs re:- Cement Dust was read. The Council decided to wait until their regular monthly meeting to see if any improvements.

Letter from Sanitary Inspector re:- Rubbish Dump.

Letter from Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. re:- Subdued Street Lighting,

A. Gower.
Vice-Chairman
28th October 1941.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th October 1941

At 7pm.

Present. Messrs. Gower. (Vice-Chairman). Austin. Beech. Bishop. Filmer. Hood. Knott. Norman. Robinson. Stotesbury. Tobin. Wray. Rev. J.S. Granger and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last monthly Meeting were re-read and the special Meeting held on October 7th were read, confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

Resignation of Chairman

A letter was read from Mr. J.G. Harrington resigning his Chairmanship and seat on the Council.

The Council expressed very great regret at this, Mr. Wray proposed. Mr. Norman seconded that this be accepted with regret and the Clerk was instructed to send him a letter to this effect and thanking him for his valuable work on the Council.

It was then agreed to accept nomination for the vacant seat.

Chairman

Mr. Stotesbury proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded that Mr. Gower be elected Chairman for the remainder of the financial year ending 31st March 1942.

This was carried unanimously. Mr. Gower suitably replied.

It was arranged for the Vice-Chair and the vacant seat to be filled at next months meeting after appearing on that agenda.

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported he had obtained some ashes and was having them placed along the footpath at the Lowers.

He also reported that somebody had deliberately removed 8 or 9 spiles from the new fence recently erected at entrance to Allotments. These had been replaced. If this again takes place the Chairman to immediately call the Committee together with a view to their taking steps in the matter. If necessary a reward would be given.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 814 and the fees amounted to £7-19-2d, as compared with 892 and £8-2-9d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported on the new work at the Baths. The Committee agreed to inspect on Saturday afternoon..

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported everything in order. He stated that he considered the new Alter Cupboard in Chapel a great improvement. The Rector agreed and stated that the Archdeacon had expressed the same opinion at the consecration.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1520, Section B, consecrated portion be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Inscriptions

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the additional Inscription to Grave No. 1367. Also additional Inscription to Grave No. 1399 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Finance

Mr. Gower submitted the Financial Statement. Mr. Norman proposed that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Wray.

Bond W.F.	Local Government Chronicles	4.	4.
Auger & Son	Grass. Recreation Ground.	6.	0. 0.
Hambrook A.N.	Printing. Etc.	1.	7. 5.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage		5. 9.
Evenden S.	Caretakers Wages.	16.	1. 8.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		17. 6.
Lavender S.	Help.	11.	7. 1.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		16. 8.
Cement Mrk. Co.	Cement.		3. 1.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cemetery	11.	7.
“	“ Cottage.		4. 8.
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium. W.D.A.	15.	0.
“	“		15. 0.
Fowler W.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	5. 0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		17. 6.
“	6. Extra Days @5/-	1.	10. 0.
“	Stores.		4. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	18. 10.
“	Gas a/c.	3.	0. 2.
Mid Kent water Co.	Water.	6.	2. 3.
Abery F.	Repairs.	3.	1. 6.
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium. W.D.A.	2.	5. 0.
			<u>£67. 14. 9.</u>

Cheque for Wages £35-0-5d

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer reported the gate had not yet received attention.

Working Men's Club & Institute

Mr. Knott reported that the work carried out by the First Aid Contractor was not, in his opinion satisfactory. It was agreed for the Committee to inspect on Saturday afternoon. Meantime Mr. Hole, the Surveyor to be notified.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Petroleum Board re:- Supply of Paraffin.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. Letter from East Malling Parish Council re:- Footbridges.
4. Letter from Kent County Constabulary re:- Dogs in Streets.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.
6. Letter from Working Men's Club re:- Chimney Stack.
It was agreed for Draycon to put in order.

7. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:-British Restaurants
8. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Local Government Act 1933
9. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Land for Extension.
10. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Letter Transporting Straw.
11. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Purchase of Brook Land.
12. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Subdued Street Lighting.
13. Letter from Royal Insurance Co. re:- War Damage Act 1941.

Brook Land

The question of the sale an extra portion of Brook Land (re Messrs C.T. Hook & Co Ltd letter) was again carefully considered. It was arranged that the reply should be. The Parish Council resolved to adhere to its original resolution for the sale of approximated not exceeding 4 acres. Boundaries to be agreed.

Should the Council at some future date want to sell, Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd would be given first refusal. Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd to pay all legal charges in connection with the transfer. The Council suggest Messrs Bracher, Son & Miskin, act for both parties as on previous occasion.

The members of the Council, employees of Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd refrained from taking part in the discussion & also voting

British Restaurants

The question of British restaurants in rural areas was considered.

The Clerk was instructed to reply, that in their opinion the necessity for one in Snodland did not exist at present. Should circumstances alter, we would communicate with Malling Rural District Council again.

Land for Extension

It was agreed to ask the Ministry of Health for permission to use the £299, 2% Consolidated Stock, for the purchase of land for Cemetery extension.

Street Lighting

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Ministry of Home Security his opinion on the question of subdued street lighting in this area.

B.H. Norman.
Vice-Chairman
25-11-41.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th November 1941

At 7pm

Present. Messrs. Austin. Beech. Bishop. Filmer. Rev. J.S. Granger. Hood. Knott. Norman. Robinson. Stotesbury. Tobin and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Owing to the absence of Chairman through illness, and the office of the Vice-Chairman being vacant, Mr. Knott moved. Mr. Bishop seconded that the Vice-Chairman be now elected.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. Bishop proposed. Mr. Beech seconded. Rev. J.S. Granger as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Norman proposed. Mr. Stotesbury seconded Mr. G.E. Knott as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Knott proposed. Mr. Robinson seconded. Mr. B.H. Norman as Vice-Chairman. Voting.

Rev. J.S. Granger. 2.

G.E. Knott. 5.

B.H. Norman. 5.

Mr. Knott gave way in favour of Mr. Norman. Elected.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 433 and the fees amounted to £3-16-6d, as compared with 682 and £6-6-1d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also gave the report of the Committee Meeting held on Saturday November 1st, which stated that after a general inspection had been made, it was decided to recommend the following.

To write Malling Rural District Council, and ask them to ease the Ventilators which are now fitted to the windows, if this is done the ventilation system would be satisfactory.

To have an extra gas jet in the passage, because when the blackout is up, it is very dark on one side.

The outside Storage Tank has been re-cemented and is now holding water, also the cover is now in order.

The extra partition in the fuel house is a great help in keeping back, and separation the Coal & Coke.

It was decided to recommend the Council to purchase a new hot water storage tank, as the one in use is getting very thin.

Mr. Robinson proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded that prices be obtained for a new hot water storage tank. Carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that some small repairs had been done to the Greenhouse and Caretaker's Cottage.

He also stated that Evenden has asked for an increase in wages. Mr. Knott proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded that his wages be increased to £3-10-0d per week forthwith.

Mr. Austin raised the question of the Caretaker getting his paraffin free, this was apparently due to a misunderstanding.

Mr. Stotesbury to explain that Evenden must pay for his own.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a plan of Headstone & Kerbs with Inscription for Grave No. 1512, and moved that it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Austin and carried.

Finance

The Chairman submitted the Financial Statement. Mr. Filmer proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded, that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts.

Hinds Exons C.W.	Allotments.	18.	6.
Local Gov' Ins'	Clerk's Premium,.	3.	0.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate. Cottege.	3.	13. 4.
Manning. G.	Repairs. Footpath.	2.	11. 3.
Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeepers Salary.	4.	0. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	17. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	0.
Lavender. S.	Help.	8.	5. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	13.	4.
Hinds Exons C.W.	Petrol & Oil.	5.	3.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	3.	0. 0.
Matthews H.	Work on Chapel.	1.	6. 4.
Monk. A.J.	Paraffin.	10.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	9. 5.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire Charges etc.	5.	9. 9.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	5. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	18. 10.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	10.	0. 0.
		<u>£67.</u>	<u>15. 8.</u>

Cheque for wages £36-7-0d.

Recreation Ground

It was decide to hold over repairs to gate at Rookery Hill entrance.

Working Men's Club

Mr. Knott gave the report of the Institute Committee which stated that Draycon had finished the work and the Committee considered the joints in the Library Ceiling were finished badly and unsatisfactorily, although Draycon affirmed that adhesive tape had been fixed. The Committee recommended that cracks in the wall over entrance to Card Room and bolt holes of Door at Main Entrance be repaired by Contractor doing inside decorations. He also stated he had visited the Club with Mr. Hole, Surveyor, who had promised to take down and rebuild Chimney, and view roof on wet day.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Wray re:- Brookland for Allotments
2. Letter from Ministry of Home Security, stating there is no objection to the use of modified street lighting (.002 foot Candles) in the area of Snodland.

The question of lighting the lamps was discussed, without reaching a definite decision. Mr. Austin moved. Rev. Granger seconded. The Gas Co. be asked to give a demonstration with one lamp. Agreed.

It was arranged for the Lamp opposite the "Victory" to be lit on the night of the next Meeting.

3. Letter from Mr. Hole. Surveyor re:- Working Men's Club.

4. " " " " " " " "

5. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Letter to Ministry of Health.

6. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co Ltd re:- Purchase of Brookland.

Mr. Filmer proposed. Mr. Stotesbury seconded that the Council employ a Surveyor in connection with this business. Agreed.

Receipt

Mr. Hood proposed that the following be issued on the Rating Authority. Seconded by Mr. Bishop.

General Account.	£25
Burial Act.	£150.
Baths & Wash-Houses Acts.	<u>£75</u>
	<u>£250</u>

Vacant Seat

Mr. Saul submitted the name of Edwin Finch be letter, this being out of order.

Mr. Knott proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded that the question of the vacant seat appear on next months agenda.

Mr. Tobin asked for a letter to the Military Authorities at Studios, calling their attention to Iron Gates swinging out over footpath.

Mr. Tobin asked for the December Meeting to be brought forward one week. Agreed.

Mr. Robinson asked about the arrangement for emergency food in the Parish. The Chairman stated that Mr. Hughes had been appointed Emergency Food Controller of Snodland, and he had food stored at various places in the Parish, and also that he had a number of voluntary helpers.

Mr. Robinson asked what was being done about the Council employees hospital subscription. It was agreed for them to act on their own initiative.

Cottage Waghorn Road

Mr. Knott reported that he had inspected the damage caused by the Blitz to the Cottage, and moved that estimated be asked for from Draycon, Matthews & Norman for the necessary repairs. Seconded by Mr. Beech. Carried.

It was agreed for Messrs. Knott, Norman and Robinson to draw up specifications.

Mr. Stotesbury suggested a letter be sent from the Council to Mr. Gower expressing regret at his illness and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Knott asked for a letter to the Associated Portland Cement Mfrs. Calling their attention to the bad state of the path at the back of the Schools in the Holborough Road.

B.H. Norman.
Chairman

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 16th December 1941

At 7pm.

Present. Messrs. Norman. (Vice-Chairman). Austin. Beech. Bishop. Filmer. Rev. J.S. Granger. Hood. Knott. Robinson. Saul. Stotesbury. Tobin. Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Mr. Norman presided in the absence of Chairman and read a letter from him expressing his appreciation of the letter sent, and wishing the Members of the Council the compliments of the Season.

Minutes

The Minute were accepted as read.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 338 and the fees amounted to £3-2-5d, as compared with 767 and £8-11-10d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Saul proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded, that the Baths be closed on Boxing Day. Agreed.

Mr. Robinson raised the question of insurance for the Caretakers Wife.

Mr. Wray proposed. Mr. Saul seconded that the Council employ Mrs. Fowler as from 1st January 1942. Mrs. Fowler to be notified accordingly.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Lavender has registered.

Mr. Stotesbury – authority to engage a man as and when requires at 1/3 per hour. Agreed. Mr. Wray suggests F. Stone.

It was agreed to purchase two casts of flower – pots for use at the Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that Auger & Son be asked to clear surplus chalk from the Cemetery, and supply Caretaker with Manure. Seconded by Mr. Beech. Agreed.

Finance

The Chairman submitted the Financial Statement. Mr. Stotesbury proposed that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts:-

Smith. R.	Hire of Room.	4.	10.	0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Fire Insurance. Institute.	1.	17.	6.
Shaw & Sons.	Minute Book.	1.	12.	0.
“	Receipt Book.		5.	0.

Draycon. H.R.	Repairs Institute.	26.	13.	6.
Com. Inland revenue.	W.D.G. on Cottage.	1.	2.	6.
“	“ on Institute.	4.	0.	0.
“	“ on Allotments.	1.	0.	6.
“	“ on Brook.		7.	3.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	25.	0.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	10.	5.	0.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	6.
Lavender. S.	Help.	6.	4.	3.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	0.
Com. Inland Revenue	W.D. Contribution.		15.	0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Fire Insurance.		19.	9.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs	1.	2.	3.
Monk. A.J.	Paraffin.		5.	0.
Lavender. S.	Seed Boxes.		12.	0.
Crowhurst.D.	Firewood.		8.	0.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	0.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	0.
“	Stores.		3.	0.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.		16.	0.
Com. Inland Revenue.	W.D. Contribution.	3.	0.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.		3.	0.
			6.	
			<u>£103.</u>	<u>14. 2.</u>

Cheque for wages £34.

Lighting

Mr. Wray reported favourable comment on demonstration of modified Street Lighting at Bull Corner, and moved the following 8 lamps be lit during black – out hours.

Seconded by Mr. Beech.

1. Bull Corner.
2. Top Waghorn Road.
3. Monk's Head.
4. Bramley Road, Malling Road end.
5. Devonian.
6. Institute.
7. Top May Street.
8. Opposite Rising Sun.

Mr. Knott proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded that a letter be sent to Police, explaining where the lamps will be lit, and that the Council had been given permission by the Ministry of Home Security to light them.

Mr. Wray asked that the Lighting Committee be called in order to elect Chairman.

Working Men's Club

Mr. Knott reported on the ceiling of the Concert Hall and stated that Draycon asked £1-15-6d to put in order. He had asked two of the Committee to inspect, who agreed the work should not cost more than ten or twelve shillings.

It was decided to wait for Draycon's account, as he had completed the work without authority.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Using new land for Burial purposes.
The Clerk was instructed to complete form K.115, and return.
2. Letter from Dr. Combe, asking Council to remove lean to shed against wall of outhouse at Devonia.
It was agreed to ask Mrs Monk to vacate shed at end of year.
3. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Gate Post at recreation Ground.
Mr. Filmer reported that the post had been removed for repairs.
4. letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Demonstration. Street Lamps.
5. “ “ “ “ re:- Extra Gas Jet for Public Baths.
6. Letter from Miss. Johnson, inviting Members to a Service at the Methodist Church on Monday, December 22nd. It was agreed to accept invitation. Mr. Stotesbury promised to read the lessons, and Messrs. Austin, Beech, Bishop and Tobin to act as Sidesmen.

Vacancy

The following were nominated for the vacant seat on the Parish Council.

E.H. Finch. 2 Votes.

D. Hughes. 5 Votes.

A.F. Sabin. 5 Votes.

The Chairman gave the casting vote in favour of Mr. Hughes. Elected.

Cottage. Waghorn Road.

The Clerk was instructed to ask for tenders from Brattle, Draycon, Hayward and Norman, returnable 19th January 1942.

Footpath

Mr. Knott reported the footpath at the back of Schools, was partly repaired. It was agreed to leave the matter till the next Meeting.

Ralph Gower.

Chairman.

