

Special Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 6th January 1942
At 7pm.

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

The Chairman extended a cordial welcome to the new Member, Mr. D. Hughes, who signed the declaration of acceptance of Office.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Fowler, Caretaker of the Baths, resigning his position with the Council.

Mr. Norman proposed that this be accepted with regret and thank them for their services. Seconded by Mr. Austin.

After discussing the position, Mr. Saul proposed that the vacancy be advertised in the local paper, also on Notice Boards in the Parish stating the duties were 5 days a week only. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Mr. Norman moved and amendment that Mr. Russell be offered the position. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The proposition was carried.

Mr. Norman proposed that a Cheque for £10 be signed, to enable Clerk to pay the Caretakers wages on expiry of notice. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Mr. Norman pointed out that the Baths were not self supporting.

Ralph Gower.
Chairman.

Special Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 20th January 1942
At 7pm.

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

Business, to consider the application for Baths Caretaker.

12 Applications were received.

After carefully considering them, Mr. Hood proposed that Mr. & Mrs. Russell of Providence Place, Snodland be appointed Caretakers. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Carried unanimously.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th January 1942

At 7pm.

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

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that complaints were made of a Pony being brought along the footpath through the Allotments to the danger of children and elderly people. The Clerk was instructed to write Gilliard, asking him to discontinue this, also to get the Notice Boards put in order.

Baths

Mr. Hood reported that the number of Bathers for the last six weeks to be 666 and the fees amounted to £6-8-10d, as compared with 1059 and £11-0-11d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported that the new Caretakers were making arrangements to take over the duties this week.

In case anything prevented, (owing to Notice of Central Schools not yet expires). The Council agreed to Abrey helping out.

The Council also agreed to allow the Caretaker distemper fro Scullery.

Brook

Mr. Wray reported that he had met the Surveyor, Mr. John Day, on site, with a view to fixing boundaries in connection with the sale to Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd.

He also reported the trees in Willow Walk had not yet been topped. He suggested that a Committee Meeting be called when weather improves to inspect bridges, Culverts etc.

Conveyances

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that Grave Space No. 1525, Section B, Consecrated portion to Ida Florence White, also Grave Space No. 1526, Section B, Consecrated portion to Amelia Killick and Grave Space No. 1527, Section A, Consecrated portion be sign by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Cemetery

It was agreed to purchase seeds and overalls for use at the Cemetery.

Finance

Mr. Norman presented the Financial Statement and moved that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water. Cottage. | 5. 9. |
| Hambrook. A.N. | Printing. Etc. | 2. 4. 11. |
| Kent Messenger. | Advertisement. | 3. 11. 4. |

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|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Ashby & Son. | Carting Ashes. | 16. | 0. | |
| Bond. W.F. | Local Government Chronicles. | 4. | 4. | |
| Royal Insurance Co. | Third Party Insurance. | 1. | 17. | 6. |
| Com. Inland revenue. | Sch. D. Tax. | 11. | 16. | 9. |
| “ | “ A. Tax. Brook. | 7. | 5. | 0. |
| “ | “ “ Tax. Cottage. | 5. | 12. | 6. |
| “ | “ “ Tax Allotments. | 20. | 10. | 0. |
| Public Wks. Loan Bd. | Loan & Interest. | 5. | 9. | 5. |
| “ | “ | 6. | 8. | 6. |
| Evenden. J. | Caretakers Wages. | 20. | 9. | 9. |
| “ | 6. N.H.I. Stamps. | 1. | 1. | 6. |
| Lavender. S. | Help. | 12. | 8. | 3. |
| “ | 6. N.H.I. Stamps. | 1. | 0. | 6. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water. Cemetery. | 11. | 7. | |
| “ | “ Cottage. | 4. | 8. | |
| Abery. | Repairs. | 6. | 3. | |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 1. | 10. | 3. |
| Monk. A.J. | Paraffin. | 5. | 0. | |
| Com. Inland Revenue. | Sch. A. Tax. | 3. | 15. | 0. |
| Fowler. W. | Caretakers Wages. | 16. | 5. | 4. |
| “ | 9. N.H.I. Stamps. | 1. | 12. | 2. |
| “ | Brasso. | 1. | 5. | |
| Monk. A.J. | Soap. | 2. | 0. | |
| Abery. F. | Repairs. | 7. | 6. | |
| Hayman. Ltd. | Coal. | 1. | 11. | 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 3. | 0. | 6. |
| “ | Fitting Bracket. | 9. | 11. | |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water. | 5. | 10. | 3. |
| Com. Inland Revenue. | Sch. A. Tax. | 15. | 0. | 0. |
| | | <u>£151.</u> | <u>15.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

Cheque for Wages £30.

Lighting

Mr. Austin reported on the Committee Meeting held on Monday. He was appointed Chairman, and stated the subdued street lights were a success and appreciated by the Public.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Monkton & Son re:- Shed on Allotments.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
4. Letter from Mrs. Monk. “ “ “ “ “
It was agreed to ask Mrs. Monk to vacate on Ladyday next.
5. Letter from Kent County Constabulary re:- Street Lighting.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Street Lighting.
7. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Sale of Brookland.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.
9. Letter from Divisional Surveyor re:- Footpath. Birling Road.
10. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Cottage

Three tenders were received for repairs to Cottage. Viz:

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| Norman. | £54-14-0d |
| Hayward. | £19-10-0d. |
| Draycon. | £15-2-6d. |

It was felt that a misunderstanding had arisen in respect to the repairs. Mr. Austin proposed. Mr. Hood seconded that Davison. Builder, West Malling, be asked to draw up a specification, suitable for submitting to the Contractor. Agreed.

Mr. Norman called attention to the fence bordering the Allotments and the Rector agreed to meet and consider the position.

Mr. Tobin spoke of the nuisance arising through the Gas Company's employees allowing the waste gas water to run on footpaths when cleaning the mains. It was objectionable. It was agreed to pass this on to the Gas Company.

Mr. Austin urged the Council to take the matter of early hours at the Infants Schools up with the Kent Education Committee and School Managers. He felt it was a hardship to small Children during the severe winter mornings. He suggested about 9.30am, instead of 9am. A letter was agreed to be sent.

Mr. Robinson asked the Council to find out why the O.R.P. Ambulance was taken off from attending the Snodland District.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
24-2-42.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th February 1942

At 7pm.

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

Apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. Stotesbury.

Minutes.

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last few weeks to be 530 and the fees amounted to £5-6-11d, as compared with 587 and £5-13-8d for the corresponding period last year.

He stated that the new Caretakers were taking a great interest in the work. A quotation for a new hot water tank was considered.

Mr. Norman proposed, Mr. Bishop seconded that the quotation of £13-10-0d be accepted.

The Chairman of the Baths Committee spoke of the inconvenience at the Baths owing to no light of any sort upstairs. As the electric light cable was now much nearer, he suggested a new estimate for connection be obtained. He agreed to do the wiring free of charge. Also Malling Rural District Council again be asked to bear part of the expense, as both tank and light would be to the advantage of A.R.P.

Brook

Mr. Wray reported he had received a message from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd, agreeing to new boundaries as set out in the plan submitted by the Council Surveyor for the extra piece of Brookland.

This would now be submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval.

Finance

Mr. Hood presented the Financial Statement, and moved that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

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| Davison & Son. | Specification. | 2. | 2. | 0. |
| Clerk. | Audit Stamp. | 8. | 0. | 0. |
| Evenden.J. | Caretakers Wages. | 13. | 13. | 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 8. |
| Lavender. S. | Help. | 8. | 5. | 4. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 0. |
| Ryder & Son. | Seeds. | | 11. | 6. |
| Goble E. | Two Tracings. | | 5. | 0. |
| Harrison & Son. | Flower Pots. | | 14. | 6. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 3. | 0. | 6. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Hire Charges etc. | 3. | 15. | 0. |
| " | 8 Conversion Units. | | 7. | 8. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 3. | 0. | 6. |
| " | Gas a/c. | 2. | 12. | 7. |
| Sergeant & Parkes. | Goods. | | 8. | 1. |
| " | " | | 3. | 4. |
| " | " | 1. | 13. | 3. |
| " | " | | 3. | 11. |
| | | | | 1. |
| | | | | <u>£60. 12. 4.</u> |

Cheque for Wages £33.

Lighting

Mr. Hughes stated the new subdued light at the Bull Corner needed better attention, other lamps also should be seen to.
It was arranged to notify the Gas Company.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Wm. Day & Sons re:- Sales & Plan. Brookland.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Church of England School.
4. Letter from Monkton & Collis re:- Shed. Slough Field.
5. Letter from Mrs. Monk re:- “ “ “
6. Letter from Davison & Son re:- Repairs to Jessamine Cottage.
7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
It was agreed for Davison & Son to tender for repairs.
8. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Hot water Tank. Baths.
9. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Street Lighting.
10. “ “ “ “ “ Syponon Gas Water.
11. Letter from Frank Jones re:- Parochial Savings Committee.
12. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
The Chairman stated that he would attend the Meeting.
13. Letter from Marshall G. re:- A.R.P. Ambulance.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday March 24th at 7.30pm.

The Chairman reported a hitch had occurred in the William Lee Robert's Coal Trust. The Cheque had not yet been received. He was taking the matter up with Mr. Robert's Solicitors.

Mr. Austin did not consider the Kent Education Committee's letter quite satisfactory. He asked for the school hours question to be again taken up. Suggested.

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| October / March. | 9.30am – 12noon. |
| “ | 1.45pm – 4pm. |
| April / September. | 9.00am – 12noon |
| “ | 1.45pm – 4pm. |

Mr. Norman spoke of the untidy state of roadway and paths in the neighbourhood of Central Schools, owing to waste paper.

The Chairman stated he would take this matter up with The Headmaster and Headmistress.

It was agreed to press again for A.R.P. Ambulance to be stationed in Snodland at night time.

Mr. Wray asked if the Chief A.R.P. Officer would give this Council a report on the result of A.R.P. exercises recently carried out. At present the Council was quite in the dark.

Mr. Wray asked for information as regards food supplies for the inhabitants in case of invasion.

Mr. Hughes replied that the instructions were very confidential, but the Council & Parishioners could rest assured that all provisions were being made for emergencies.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
24th March 1942.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th March 1942

At 6.30pm

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

The Chairman read an apology for absence from Mr. Knott, who had returned from Hospital.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Wray suggested that about one acre of Recreation Ground be taken for Allotments. It was agreed for the Chairman and Clerk to get out proper formula and report.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last few weeks to be 575 and the fees amounted to £5-13-2d, as compared to 599 and £5-12-0d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported the Back Brushes were in a bad condition, and the Duck Boards wanted repairing. The Clerk was instructed to try and get 50', 2" x $\frac{3}{4}$ " deal planed from Smythe, and brushes from Starnes if possible.

Brook

Mr. Wray reported he had been unable to get Willow Walk Trees topped owing to shortage of labour.
Sewage was being dealt with in a satisfactory way.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a plan of Memorial with Inscription for Grave No. 1523, and moved that it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Finance

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

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| Prudential Ass' Co. | Loan & Interest. | 15. | 10. | 3. |
| Clerk. | Postage a/c. | 5. | 13. | 9. |
| " | ¼ Salary. | 25. | 0. | 0 |
| Evenden. J. | Caretakers Wages. | 13. | 13. | 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 8. |
| Lavender. S. | Help. | 8. | 5. | 4. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 0. |
| Hayman Ltd. | Coal. | 8. | 2. | 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 1. | 10. | 3. |
| Russell. G.H. | Overalls. | | 16. | 6. |
| Draycon H.R. | Alterations Chapel. | | 10. | 6. |
| Auger & Son. | Chalk & Manure. | 5. | 0. | 0. |
| Russell. F.G. | Caretakers Wages. | 9. | 3. | 10 |
| Hayman Ltd. | Coal. | 3. | 2. | 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 3. | 0. | 6. |
| Sergeant & Parkes. | Goods. Balance of a/c. | | 4. | 11. |
| | | <u>£96.</u> | <u>1.</u> | <u>6.</u> |

Cheque for Wages. £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from J.G. Harrington, asking to permission to erect Warden's Post on Allotments.

Permission given. Mr. Norman would agree with them as to the exact position.

2. Letter from J.A. Davison & Son re:- Jessamine Cottage.

3. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Air Raid Precautions.

4. " " " " " " " "

5. " " " " " re:- Gas a/c. Decontamination Centre

6. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Land for Extension.

7. " " " " " " " "

8. Letter from District Valuer re:- Land for Extension.

9. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Proposed sale of Brookland.

10. Letter from Bracher & Miskin re:- “ “ “

11. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Church of England Schools

12. Letter from Kent Electric Power Co. re:- Installation. Public Baths.

It was agreed this matter be held over for a time.

Jessamine Cottage

Three tenders were received for repairs and redecoration to Jessamine Cottage. Mr. Stotesbury proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded that the lowest tender be accepted. Carried.

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| A. Norman. | £79-5-0 |
| H.R. Draycon. | £81-2-0 |
| J.A. Davison & Son. | £60-0-0 |

The Chairman declared that J.A. Davison & Son's tender be accepted.

Balance of wages to 31st March 1942

Cemetery Account.

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| Evenden. J. | Caretakers Wages. | 3. | 8. | 3. | | |
| “ | 1. N.H.I. Stamp. | | 3. | 8. | | |
| Lavender. S. | Help. | 2. | 1. | 4. | | |
| “ | 1.N.H.I. Stamp. | | 3. | 6. | £5. | 16. 9. |

Baths Account.

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| Russell. Mr & Mrs. | Caretakers Wages. | 8. | 6. | 8. | | |
| “ | 10. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 17. | 11. | £9. | 4. 7. |
| | | | | | | <u>£15. 1. 4.</u> |

Balance cash in hand of Clerk. 31-3-42. £21-17-1d.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
28th April 1942.

Annual Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th April 1942

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

At this point the acting Chairman thanked the members for their support and advise given during the year of Office and vacated the Chair.

Chairman

Mr. Filmer proposed that Mr. Gower be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Saul proposed that Mr. Norman be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Both Chairman and Vice-Chairman thanked the members.

Committees

Mr. Norman proposed that the various Committees be appointed en bloc'. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Allotments

The Chairman spoke of several difficulties with regard to the suggestion of taking a portion of Recreation Ground for Allotments. Mr. Filmer thought the period of year was wrong for it now, and suggested next October would be more suitable.

Referred to the Allotment Committee.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 758 and the fees amounted to £7-1-11d, as compared with 651 and £6-1-1d for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported the Caretaker and Wife were giving satisfaction.

Regarding payment of Abery's account for extra help at Baths, in view of the extra work now done by Russell it was agreed for the Council to pay this.

Brook

Mr. Beech spoke of the bad state of Brook near the Railway Arch, and suggested a load of Ashes. Left to Clerk.

Mr. Saul also mentioned the state of ditches and asked for a letter to be sent to the Management of the Paper Mill about this.

Conveyances

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyances of Grave Space, No.1529, Section A, Consecrated portion to Charlotte Rose Harris, also Grave Space No.1095, Section C, Consecrated portion to Avon Walter Hopper be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Finance

Mr. Hood presented the Financial Statement and moved that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

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|--------------------|--------------------|-----|----|
| Hinds. C.W. Excor. | Repairs. Cottage. | 13. | 0. |
| “ | Allotments. | 1. | 0. |
| “ | Recreation Ground. | 17. | 6. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water Cottage. | 5. | 9. |

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| Hambrook. A.N. | Printing. Etc. | 2. | 9. | 0. |
| Bond. W.F. | Local Government Chronicles. | 6. | 6. | |
| Royal Insurance Co. | Fire Insurance. Cottage. | 6. | 9. | |
| “ | Insurance Brook. Gatekeeper. | 1. | 3. | |
| “ | Insurance. Casual Labour. | 3. | 6. | |
| Evenden. J. | Caretakers Wages. | 18. | 13. | 0. |
| “ | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. | 8. | |
| Lavender. S. | Help. | 8. | 5. | 4. |
| “ | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. | 0. | |
| Hinds. C.W. Excor’ | Tools. | 18. | 0. | |
| Hambrook. A.N. | Internment Forms. | 18. | 6. | |
| Royal Insurance Co. | Insurance. Caretaker & Help. | 1. | 5. | 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 1. | 10. | 3. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water. Cemetery. | 11. | 7. | |
| “ | “ Cottage. | 4. | 8. | |
| Abery. F. | Repairs. Mowing Machine. | 2. | 10. | 0. |
| Royal Insurance Co. | Premium. W.D.R. | 10. | 0. | |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Repairs. Lanterns. | 13. | 1. | |
| Braby & Co Ltd. | Hot water Tank. | 13. | 3. | 3. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 4. | 10. | 9. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Repair to Tap. | 17. | 0. | |
| Royal Insurance Co. | Insurance. Caretaker & Wife. | 10. | 0. | |
| “ | Premium. W.D.R. | 15. | 0. | |
| Smythe Ltd. | Timber. | 5. | 8. | |
| Local Gov’ Guarantee | Fidelity Guarantee. | 7. | 6. | |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water. | 4. | 6. | 3. |
| | | <u>£62.</u> | <u>7.</u> | <u>9.</u> |

Cheque for Wages. £37-8-7d.

Lighting

The Chairman asked the Lighting Committee to consider the question of all night street lighting at this period of year, in view of the Government appeal for economy in these matters.

After discussion it was agreed to suspend this between May 1st and August 31st 1942, provided, the Gas Co, would give the Council a consideration of Contract Rate.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer reported everything in order. The Committee would meet Allotment Committee on site to consider the question of plots in Recreation Ground.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Wray re:- Tendering Resignation.

This was accepted with regret, and the Clerk was instructed to thank him for his useful service on behalf of the Parish.

2. Letter from Arnold & Grimwade re:- Tithe Map.

3. Letter From Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

4. Letter from Davison & Son re:- Jassamine Cottage.

5. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Burial ground

6. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

7. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Brookland.

It was agreed fro Chairman to interview the Manager.

8. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Representatives Drainage,
Committee, Mr. Stotesbury and Rev. J.S. Granger agreed to serve.

9. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Invasion Precautions

With reference ti this letter. Owing to its important and urgent problems, the Chairman reported he had invited Sergeant Tring, of Kent County Constabulary to give the Council an outline of what was required. After consideration, Mr. B.H. Norman agreed to act as Triumvirate for the Parish. The Members agrees to give him every support.

The Chairman thanked the Sergeant for the trouble he had taken in this matter.

Receipt

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

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| General Account. | £100. |
| Burial Act. | £100 |
| Baths & Wash-Houses Act. | <u>£100</u> |
| | <u>£300</u> |

British Restaurant

The matter was again discussed and a Committee of four consisting of Messrs. Gower, Hughes, Stotesbury and Tobin was arranged to go into this matter.

Magistrate

Mr. Stotesbury asked for a letter to be sent to Mr. Platt, Kent County Council, pointing out the inconvenience in the Parish through no resident Magistrate.

Mr. Robinson called attention to large shrubs on Graves at Cemetery. It was arranged for Committee to meet in Cemetery on Friday the 8th inst.

Mr. Robinson suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Marshall asking for a uniform for the paid A.R.P. Official of this Parish.

Mr. Robinson called attention to the bad condition of road leading to Paddlesworth.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
28th May 1942.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 26th May 1942
At 7.30mp.

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

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood read the report of the Committee Meeting held on Monday May 4th, which stated all the Allotments had been taken over and that the Clerk had a waiting list of some half a dozen names. The Committee agreed to allow Mr. King. No. 1 Plot, Birling Lands, to carry on rent free until Michaelmas, and Mr. Austin. Plot No. 44 Lower Shorne Hill Field, rent free for the current year.

The Notices re:- dogs needed renewing on the Notice Board.

Mr. Hood was re-elected Chairman of the Committee. He also reported a case of theft.

Mr. Hood gave the report of a joint meeting of Allotment and Recreation Ground Committees held on May 4th to consider whether the Council should be advised to turn over a portion of the Recreation Ground for War Time Allotments.

During the course of the deliberations the Clerk stated he understood the playing fields of the old British Schools had been ear-marked by the Town Planning Committee for Allotments. The Clerk was instructed to obtain further details, and report at next Council Meeting.

It was arranged to offer the vacant plots of Allotments at Ham Hill to applicants on waiting list.

Birling Parish Council would help in order to get these under cultivation.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 671 and the fees amounted to £6-10-8d, as compared with 625 & £5-14-11d for the corresponding period last year.

It was arranged for the Committee to meet on Friday.

Brook

Mr. Hood reported on the Committee's visit when it was agreed to employ Manning to fill in holes through arch with Ashes also Willow Walk.

Crowhurst, to be asked to deal with Stile inside Brook Gate, and fence at double Stiles.

The Chairman said he has spoken to Ashby (Railway employee), about some ditching on the waterlogged portion. These men had the Boots and Tools for the Job. It was decided to leave this matter to Messrs Beech & Filmer.

The Chairman also reported on his and Mr. Stotesbury's interview with Mr. Dedrick of Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd with reference to exchange of small portion of Brookland.

At the outset, Mr. Dedrick stated he was naturally disappointed that the Parish Meeting should have turned down the Parish Council's suggestion that a small portion of the Brook up to four acres, should be sold to the Mill, especially in view of what the Mill had meant to Snodland for centuries past.

He mentioned that the Mill started about the year 1600, and that although other industries had come and gone in the meantime, the Mill had never let the Parish down. At the same time, he wished to clear up what appeared to have been a misunderstanding.

He was not anxious to purchase any more of Brookland for the extension of the Mill, but he found that the last piece purchased was only just sufficient for the big extension of the works now in progress of being carried through and he felt he would like to safeguard the boundary by placing it a little beyond the present limits.

To do this, it would not be necessary to purchase any more land if the Parish Council would agree to his original suggestion, namely, to a small adjustment of the boundary lines which would mean that the Parish Council would get back a small portion of suitable grazing land in exchange for a piece not so good for this purpose, and such an adjustment would need a Parish Meeting it was suggested in order to regularise it, a proper Conveyance with plan attached should be drawn up,

. A promise was given that the matter would be carefully re-considered at the next Meeting of the Council.

During the discussion Mr. Dedrick explained that when he received the Council's offer to purchase the land, he was only too pleased to fall in with any suggestion as, although he did not require it for any extension, he would be only too glad to prevent the land falling into the hands of other Combines or Industrial Groups which would not have the interests of Snodland at heart.

The Chairman asked the Members to support the representatives and adopt the report. Mr. Bishop proposed. Mr. Filmer seconded that the report be adopted as presented.

Two Members refrained from voting.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury gave the report of the Committee Meeting on Friday May 15th which stated, the Cemetery was very neat and tidy, there was a splendid display of flowers, and the Caretaker was complimented. The Chapel and Mortuary were visited and found in good order, the two new flower containers at the Cenotaph were approved and it was suggested that two more might be obtained. They are especially suitable for Tulips.

At three of the Graves, shrubs planted many years ago have grown to large proportions and the Caretaker was instructed, in two cases, to remove two of the Shrubs, leaving one only at each Grave, and to prune the others to a regular height of five feet. He was also asked to remove some very unsightly glass covered artificial wreaths on one or two of the Graves.

Mr. Stotesbury was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Conveyances

Mr Stotesbury proposed that Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1530, Section B, General Portion to Albert George Weaver be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Finance

Mr. Norman presented the Financial Statement. Mr. Beech proposed. Mr. Austin seconded that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts:-

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----|-------------|-----------|
| Malling R.D. Council. | Rate. Cottage. | 3. | 8. | 9. |
| Hall & Co. Ltd. | Sand | 1. | 4. | 0. |
| Manning. G. | Work. Rec' Ground. | 1. | 13. | 4. |
| " | " Brook. | 3. | 5. | 0. |
| Evenden J. | Caretakers Wages. | 13. | 13. | 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 8. |
| Lavender. S. | Assistant. | 8. | 5. | 4. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 0. |
| Malling R.D. Council. | Rate. | 2. | 16. | 3. |
| Royal Ins. Co. | Additional Premium. | | 8. | 2. |
| " | Street Lighting. | 7. | 14. | 2. |
| Russell. Mr & Mrs. | Caretakers Wages. | 8. | 8. | 0. |
| " | 8. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 4. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Burner Etc. | | 8. | 8. |
| " | Gas Account. | 1. | 8. | 6. |
| " | Coke. | 4. | 10. | 9. |
| Abery. F. | Repairs. | | 9. | 0. |
| " | Extra Help. | 4. | 7. | 0. |
| Malling R.D. Council | Rate. | 9. | 7. | 6. |
| Royal Ins. Co. | Additional Premium | | 2. | 9. |
| | | | <u>77.</u> | <u>2.</u> |
| | | | | <u>2.</u> |
| | Less Rebate. Royal Ins. Co | | <u>1.</u> | <u>6.</u> |
| | | | <u>£77.</u> | <u>0.</u> |
| | | | | <u>8.</u> |

Cheque for wages £32-14-7d.

Correspondence

1. Letter from County Council. re:- Magistrate
2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Subdued Street Lighting.
3. Letter from J. Joyce. re:- W. Cox & Son. Property.
4. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- War Time Allotments.
5. " " " " " " " "
6. " " " " " re:- Meals in Rural Areas.
7. Letter from Rogers & Son re:- Change of Tenancy. Rising Sun.
8. Letter from St. John's Ambulance. re:- House to House Collection.
9. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd..re:- Brookland.

Vacant Seat

Two nominations were received for the Vacant Seat on the Council.
 Mr. E. Finch proposed. Mr. Saul seconded by Mr. Austin.
 Mr. A. Sabin proposed by Mr. Hood seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Voting. Finch 4. Sabin 5.

The Chairman declared Mr. Sabin elected.

Mr. Beech complained of the Cesspool Cart, was dealing with the contents on the rubbish dump, and it was arranged to pass this on to the Sanitary Office.

Mr. Norman protested to the Rector Rev. J.S. Granger, about giving permission for the Rectory Meadow to be used for Sunday Games.

The Chairman ruled, this was a private matter and not for the Parish Council

Ralph Gower.
Chairman
23rd June 1942.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd June 1942

At 7.30pm.

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

The Chairman extended a welcome to the new member, Mr. A. F. Sabin, who suitably replied.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported about damage by straying Horses, and it was agreed to support his action and lock the Gate at the top of Sharnal Lane. He also reported that two of the Allotment Holders had failed to cultivate their plots. Mr. Saul proposed that they be given 14 days in which to improve these, otherwise the plots must be let to others. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 673 and the fees amounted to £6-6-6d, as compared with 560 and £5-5-1d for the corresponding period last year.

It was arranged to change the Ladies Day at Public Baths, for the month of July to Friday, when the position would again be reviewed.

Mr. Robinson read the report of the Baths Committee Meeting held in Friday May 29th.

It recommended that the Boiler Chimney be pulled down about 10 courses and rebuilt. The Kitchen in Caretakers quarters be removed and an open Fireplace fitted, Mr. Austin a register Stove, and Mr. Russell was asked to inspect to see if this could

be fitted. That gas in three rooms upstairs to be laid on, as there is no light in these rooms. That the new hot water Tank be fitted.

The Committee noticed that Mr. Russell had re-decorated the living room and on the suggestion of Mr. Gower, supported by Messrs Austen and Saul he be paid £2 for this work. A general inspection of the Baths and Caretakers quarters was then made and the Committee congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Russell on the condition of the Bath and living quarters. And hope the Council will value their services.

The Chairman spoke of the Gas Decontamination Sheds, and said there was no equipment of any sort at the Baths, and should a Gas attack take place, Snodland would be in a bad position.

Owing to the urgency of this, the Clerk was instructed to write Malling Rural District Council asking for an explanation in time for the next Meeting of the Council. It was agreed the report be adopted....

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a design of Tablet for Grave No. 1508, and moved it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norma and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Lavender had left without comment and he had arranged for Abrey & Stevens to help out at the busy time. It was left to Mr. Stotesbury to interview another likely man with a view to fixing up with him.

Finance

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

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Blackman. Mrs. | Brook Gatekeeper. | 2. | 0. | 0. |
| Public Wks. Loan Bd. | Loan & Interest. | 5. | 7. | 10. |
| “ | “ | 6. | 6. | 9. |
| Hinds. C. W. Excors. | Repairs Brook. | 12. | 6. | |
| Clerk. | ¼ Salary. | 25. | 0. | 0. |
| Evenden. J. | Caretakers Wages. | 13. | 13. | 0. |
| “ | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. | 8. | |
| Lavender. S. | Assistant. | 2. | 1. | 4. |
| “ | 1. N.H.I. Stamps. | 3. | 6. | |
| Abrey. F. | Assistant. | 4. | 16. | 6. |
| “ | 2. N.H.I. Stamps. | 7. | 4. | |
| Stevens. | Help. | 9. | 0. | |
| Crowhurst. | Firewood. | 8. | 0. | |
| Hinds. C.W. Excors. | Repairs. Furnace. | 3. | 14. | 4. |
| Russell. Mr. & Mrs. | Caretakers Wages. | 8. | 2. | 0. |
| “ | 8. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. | 4. | |
| Crowhurst. | Firewood. | 8. | 0. | |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 4. | 10. | 9. |
| Trudgett. | Stores. | 6. | 0. | |
| | | <u>£79. 15. 10.</u> | | |

Cheque for Wages. £40.

Working Men's Club

It was arranged for Committee to meet and inspect proposed work.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Rubbish Dump.
2. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Decontamination Centre.
3. Letter from Working Men’s Club re:- Repairs.
4. Letter from Matthews. Re:- Repairs to Chimney Baths.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Gas Extension price £4-9-3d.
6. Letter from Police Office re:- Straying Cattle.
7. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Exchange of Brookland.

Mr. Norman asked for a letter to A.R.P. Office, stating Uniform for paid Official had arrived but minus Great Coat.

It was arranged for Parish Meeting to be held at 8pm on Tuesday July 28th with reference to exchange of Brookland.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
28th July 1942.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th July 1942
At 7pm.

Present. Gower (Chairman), Norman. (Vice-Chairman), Austen. Beech. Bishop. Filmer. Rev. J.S. Granger. Hood. Robinson. Sabin. Saul. Stotesbury. Tobin and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that Miller had given up his garden and he had let the plot to Eaglestone.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 802 and the fees amounted to £7-1-6d as compared to 642 and £5-15-4d, for the corresponding period last year.

A discussion took place regarding the prices charged. In view of the Government appeal for economy in fuel in the Homes, it was suggested the Parishioners be asked to make more use of the Public Baths.

Mr. Norman proposed that prices be raised to 4d & 8d respectively. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Mr. Robinson moved as an amendment that the prices be 3d & 8d. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Mr. Robinson's amendment was adopted.

It was agreed for the change to be made about middle of August. It was decided that Ladies use the Baths on Friday's for another month.

Mr. Robinson also reported that he had had the Chimney taken well down to make a sound job of it. The Council endorsed this.

Brook

The Clerk reported he had had the stile at Brook Gates repaired.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Abrey had not been a suitable man for the job as Assistant at Cemetery. C. Morley had now been engaged at a wage of £2 per week. The question of extra war bonus for Evenden was discussed. Mr. Bishop proposed that an extra £13 per year be given. Seconded by Rev. J.S. Granger.

Mr. Norman moved an amendment that the figure of £10 be granted. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Voting for the Amendment 8

Voting for the Proposition. 3.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Stotesbury reported that he had visited Arnold & Grimwade's Office's to inspect the Tithe Map, but no land known as Gassons in connection with May's Charity could be found, it was pointed out to him the Tithe of Cemetery had been redeemed in 1911.

It was agreed to ask Bracher, Son & Miskin to deal with the question of charges raised by the Associated Cement Mfrs. Relating to the land for proposed extension of the Cemetery.

Finance

Mr. Hood proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Austen and carried.

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----|--------|
| Arnold & Grimwade. | Search Fee. | 4. | 0. |
| Goble. E. | Two Tracings. | 10. | 6. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water. Cottage. | 5. | 9. |
| Knight & Co. Ltd. | Financial Statements. | 4. | 8. |
| Bond. A.F. | Local Gov' Chronicles. | 6. | 6. |
| Draycon. H.R. | Repairs. Institute. | 2. | 11. 0. |
| Hambrook. A.N. | Printing Stationery. | 1. | 15. 9. |
| Drainage Board. | Rate. Allotments. | 2. | 8. 4. |
| " | " Brook. | 2. | 6. 0. |
| Evenden. J. | Caretakers Wages. | 17. | 1. 3. |
| " | 5. N.H.I. Stamps. | 18. | 4. |
| Abery.F. | Assistant. | 5. | 17. 4. |

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| “ | 2. N.H.I. Stamps. | 7. 4. |
| Morley.C. | Assistant. | 5. 14. 9. |
| “ | 3. N.H.I. Stamps. | 11. 0. |
| Stevens. | Help. | 1. 7. 0. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water. Cemetery. | 11. 7. |
| “ | “ Cottage. | 4. 8. |
| Draycon. H.R. | Repairs. | 13. 6. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Street Lamps. | 7. 0. 0. |
| Russell. Mr & Mrs. | Caretakers Wages. | 8. 6. 8. |
| “ | 10. N.H.I. Stamps. | 17. 11. |
| Trudgett.W.T. | Jeyes Fluid. | 7. 0. |
| Russell. G.F. | Renovation. | 2. 0. 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 3. 0. 6. |
| “ | Gas a/c. | 6. 12. 3. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Water. | 6. 3. 9. |
| Hambrook. A.N. | Bath returns. | 2. 14. 0. |
| “ | “ Tickets. | 1. 17. 6. |
| | | <u>£82. 18. 10.</u> |

Cheque for Wages. £36-7-4d.

Lighting

Mr. Austen reported that a Lamp Standard had been knocked down at Holborough, no record of who did the damage and it was decided not to replace during the War.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Tobin reported he had arranged with the Clerk to get the grass cut and that Auger & Son had made a good job of it.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Damaged Lamp Standard.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. Letter from Superintendent of Police re:- “ “ “
4. Letter from St. Johns Ambulance. Thanks. Collection of Funds.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.
6. Letter from Kent Education Comm' re:- Extending Managers Office. 3 years.
7. Letter from Malling .R.D. Council. re:- Ambulance.
8. Letter from Martyns & Game re:- Robert's Trust.
9. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Exchange of Brookland.

Institute

The Chairman stated that a Committee Meeting held at the Institute on June 29th, and it was decided to recommend the Council to have the Windows and Doors repaired and paint two coats. The Gates and Fence at back be repaired and Creosoted, also the iron fence in front be painted. It was arranged that a Specification be prepared and Brattle, Draycon, Matthews and May be asked to submit prices for the work.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
25th August 1942.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th August 1942
At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Gower, (Chairman). Norman, (Vice-Chairman), Austen. Beech. Bishop. Rev. J.S. Granger, Hood, Hughes, Robinson, Sabin, Saul, Stotesbury and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Before commencing the business of the evening the Chairman spoke of the great loss the Council, also the Parish had sustained by the death of Mr. George Edward Knott, he had been a member for some time, also the representative on the Malling Rural District Council, but owing to ill health had not been able to take the active part he would have wished. Everyone regretted his passing. The Council rose in silence as a tribute of respect.

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 753 and the fees amounted to £7-3-0d, as compared with 793 and £8-6-8d, for the corresponding period last year.

It was arranged for the arrangement regarding Ladies day opening to be carried on until the end of December.

The question of charging for the use of Towel was discussed. On the proposition of Mr. Beech. Seconded by Mr. Norman, the charge of 1d per Towel be made for use of these. A further question was raised by Mr. Sabin about the excessive charge for gas. The Gas Company to be asked to make quite sure the meter was registering properly. Also, if a separate meter could be installed for the use of the Gas Cooker. It was arranged to a Committee Meeting next week.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported the large hole near the Railway Arch had not been filled up, and steps should be taken to do this.

It was also mentioned that the Horse that had died on the Brook had been left for a time and then buried without any permission. It was agreed to write Cook asking for particulars of this matter.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposes that the Conveyance of Grave Space, No. 1536, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Florence Elizabeth Knott be sign by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman.

Cemetery

It was agreed to pay the Assistant £1 for extra work during leave of absence of the Caretaker.

The Fuel controller to be asked for an extra supply for Greenhouse during winter months, also the Petrol Office for an extra gallon for Motor Mower.

A letter was read from Mr. W.R. Roots, relating to burial in Grave Space purchased by him without first consulting him. After discussing the position the Council agreed that the Document must be produced when application for opening is made in future.

Finance

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

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Knight & Co. | Notices of Audit. | 3. | 6. |
| Ashby. E. | Carting Ashes. | 12. | 6. |
| Inland Revenue. | W.D. Con. Cottage. | 1. | 2. 6. |
| “ | “ Institute. | 4. | 0. 0. |
| “ | “ Brook. | 7. | 3. |
| “ | “ Allotments. | 1. | 0. 6. |
| Hinds. C.W. Excors. | Notice Boards. Etc. | 5. | 6. |
| “ | “ Repairs Stile. | 6. | 0. |
| Blackman. Mrs. | Brook Gatekeeper. | 2. | 0. 0. |
| Clerk. | Audit Stamp. | 8. | 0. 0. |
| Evenden.J. | Caretakers wages. | 13. | 15. 0. |
| “ | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. | 8. |
| Morley. C. | Assistant. | 7. | 13. 0. |
| “ | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. | 8. |
| Stedman.A. | Wasp Poison. | 1. | 6. |
| Hinds. C.W. Excors. | Repairs. Etc. | 19. | 6. |
| Inland revenue. | Evenden's income tax. | 13. | 4. |
| “ | W.D. Contribution. | 15. | 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Removing Columns. | 6. | 0. |
| Russell Mr. & Mrs. | Caretakers Wages. | 8. | 8. 0. |
| “ | 8. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. | 4. |
| Hayman Ltd. | Coal. | 3. | 2. 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 3. | 3. 6. |
| “ | Gas Extension. | 4. | 9. 3. |
| “ | Mantles. | 7. | 0. |
| Royal Ins' Co. | Fire Insurance. | 6. | 6. 0. |
| Inland Revenue. | W.D. Contribution. | 3. | 0. 0. |
| | | <u>£73.</u> | <u>0. 0.</u> |

Cheque for wages. £33-3-0d.

Lighting

It was agreed for the subdued street lighting to commence for the winter months on Tuesday September 1st.

Correspondence

1. Letter from C. T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Brookland.
2. Letter from District Auditor re:- Notice of Audit.
3. Letter from L.S. May stating unable to tender.
4. Letter from H. Matthews “ “

At this point on the proposition of Mr. Stotesbury, seconded by Mr. Sabin, the Council resolved itself into Committee to consider confidential correspondence from Mr. Miskin of Malling Rural District Council.

This consisted of an offer from Mr. Cripps Day of 38 acres open space situate at Holly Hill asking the Parish Council's views on the matter. The whole aspect was very fully considered and the members were unanimous in the opinion that the offer should be accepted

Working Men's Club

The only tenders received for repairs to Working Men's Club was from Mr. H.R. Draycon.

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| War Damage. | 18-12-0d. |
| General repairs. | <u>38-14-0d</u> |
| | <u>£57-6-0d</u> |

Mr. Hughes proposed that Draycon's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carries.

Road & Footpath

Mr. Austen spoke of the state of the Holborough Road after the recent storms, also of the footpath, Church Field's to Holborough. The Clerk was instructed to take these up with the Surveyor.

Ambulance

Mr. Sabin spoke of the inconvenience to sick people through no Ambulance being in the Parish. It was arranged to point this out to the Ministry of Health.

The question of some sort of recreation and refreshment, reading room etc for the Troops in the area was raised by Mr. Stotesbury and the Chairman stated he was in touch with N.A.A.F.I, Y.M.C.A, and the Salvation Army on these. Victoria Room, at the Christ Church, could be made available on one or two nights in the week. The Rector said the Rev. Ross would be glad to help.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
2nd September 1942.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22nd September 1942

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs, Gower (Chairman), Norman (Vice-Chairman), Austen, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Granger, Hood, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes

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

Arising from Minutes, Mr. Norman suggested, as Cook was ignoring the Council regarding the question of the dead Horse, it was decided to place the facts before the Ministry of Health.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 669, and the fees amounted to £8-13-10d, as compared with 852 and £8-17-6d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson read the report of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9th September. The question of charges in connection with gas supplies was considered. It was finally decided to recommend the Council to have a separate meter fixed for the gas cooker, and Mr. & Mrs. Russell were consulted, they agreed to pay half of these charges which would be again compared at the end of the year. It was also further recommended that the present cottage range to be taken out and an open fireplace put in.

The paving outside steps was examined and it was agreed for the Mid Kent Water Co. to improve with Tarmacadam.

It was agreed to ask Draycon to obtain and fix new stove in Caretakers living room. The report was adopted.

Mr. Robinson reported that the new tank was being fixed.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that the hole in the Brook had not been attended to.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1537, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Alice Malt be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Tobin.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Morley was still attending Hospital. It was agreed to still continue payment of half rate for a further period. Mr. Stotesbury would again report on his progress.

Finance

Mr. Norman proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Seconded by Mr. Hood.

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------|
| Ashby & Son. | Carting Ashes. | 16. 0. |
| Gower, C.H. | Book to Audit. | 10. 0. |

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Dickenson & Son. | Cheque Books. | 1. 13. 0. |
| Post Office. | Stamping Cheque Book. | 16. 8. |
| Prudential Ass' Co. | Loan & Interest. | 15. 13. 10. |
| Clerk. | ¼ Salary. | 25. 0. 0. |
| Evenden. J. | Caretakers Wages. | 13. 15. 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. 8. |
| Morley. C. | Assistant. | 6. 13. 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. 8. |
| Stevens. | Help. | 7. 6. |
| Hinds. C.W. Excors. | Petrol. Etc. | 18. 6. |
| Inland Revenue. | Tax. Evenden | 13. 4. |
| Russell. Mr. & Mrs. | Caretakers Wages. | 9. 6. 8. |
| " | 10. N.H.I. Stamps. | 17. 11. |
| Trudgett. | Stores. | 3. 0. |
| Draycon. H.R. | Repairs. Chimney. | 14. 17. 7. |
| Hayman Ltd. | Coal. | 1. 12. 6. |
| | | <u>£95. 3. 10.</u> |

Cheque for Wages. £38.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Ambulance.
2. Letter from Kent County Council re:- "

These replies were considered very un-satisfactory. Referred again to Malling Rural District Council.
3. Letter from St. Johns Ambulance Brigade re:- Ambulance.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Meter Baths.
5. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Holly Hill
6. " " " " " re:- Holborough Road & Church Fields.
7. Letter from W. R. Roots re:- Grave Space.
8. Letter from N.A.A.F.I. re:- Troops recreation.
9. Letter from Y.M.C.A. re:- " "
10. " " " " " "

It was agreed this matter be referred to Mr. Ennis.

Vacant Seat

Two nominations were received for the Vacant Seat.

E.H. Finch Proposed by Mr. Saul. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

W.J. Hickmott. Proposed by Mr. Granger. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Voting. Finch. 9. Hickmott. 2.

The rector spoke of the great nuisance and inconvenience caused by the Cement dust, and it was arranged to point this out to the Ministry of Health.

The Chairman reported on an interview with General Lane respecting welfare of Troops.

Mr. Robinson reported the Overcoat for paid Warden was not yet received.

Mr. Saul asked if the old Snodland Flower Show could be revived. The Chairman stated he would get in touch with different people with a view to re-open.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
27th October 1942.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th October 1942

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Gower (Chairman), Norman (Vice-Chairman), Austen, Beech, Hood, Robinson, Saul, Tobin, Hughes, Sabin, Finch and the Clerk.

Apologies for non-attendance received from Rev. J.S. Granger and Mr. Stotesbury.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the new member, Mr. E.H. Finch, who suitably replied.

Minutes

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

Reports

The Chairman gave a report of the Meeting of Council in Committee, called to consider the resignation of Mr. F. Simmons.

The Rector Rev. J.S. Granger spoke of the good work done by Mr. Simmons and proposed the resignation be accepted, and he be thanked for his services. The Chairman spoke of the difficulties confronting the Council, and stated he had received an application from Mrs. Rich for part time employment. After discussion, Mr. F. Austin proposed and Mr. Hughes seconded that Mrs. Rich be offered a temporary position until the end of the Financial year 31st March 1943. Salary at the rate of £75 per year. The whole position to be again reviewed at that date.

Allotments

Mr. Hood agreed to do his best to have barbed wire placed on the gate at Recreation Ground.

Baths

Mr. Robinson gave report of the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 628 and that the fees amounted to £8-5-11d as compared with 814 and £7-19-2d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson asked if the man who erected the tank could have the old one. The Chairman stated he had spoken to the A.R.P. Authorities who said it would be useful at the Decontamination Centre, and still remains Parish property. Mr. Norman agreed and Mr. Tobin moved it should remain there.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report, but it was time a Brook Chairman was elected. Mr. Robinson proposed, seconded by Mr. Austen that Mr. Beech be Chairman of the Brook.

Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Gower read the report. C. Morley was now back at work and that the Cemetery was neat and tidy. Evenden had finished planting out for the spring.

Conveyances

Mr. Norman proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1539, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Frederick Charles ????? be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr.Hood.

Finance

Mr. Hood proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Bond. | Local Gov' Chronicles. | 6. | 0. |
| F. Simmons. | Postage Stamps. | 2. | 2. 0. |
| Filmer & Auger. | Cutting Grass | 6. | 0. 0. |
| Cornwell. | Help. Allotments. | 2. | 15. 0. |
| Kent County Council. | Sears | 7. | 0. 3. |
| Mid Kent water Co. | Rates. | 5. | 9. |
| J. Evenden. | Caretakers Wages. | 17. | 3. 9. |
| " | 5. N.H.I. Stamps. | 18. | 4. |
| C. Morley. | Assistant. | 7. | 11. 3. |
| " | 5. N.H.I. Stamps. | 18. | 4. |
| Inland Revenue. | | 16. | 8. |
| Filmer & Auger. | Grass Cutting. | 1. | 0. 0. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | Rates. | 11. | 3. |
| Mr. & Mrs. Russell. | Caretakers Wages. | 9. | 13. 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | 14. | 4. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Gas. | 9. | 10. 6. |
| Mr. Goble. | Work Done. | 7. | 16. 10. |
| Mid Kent Water Co. | | 6. | 18. 9. |
| | | <u>£82.</u> | <u>7. 0.</u> |

Cheque for Wages. £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from M.R.D.C. re:- Ambulance.

2. Letter from Mr. Cook re:- Horse on brook.
3. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- “
4. Letter from Bracher re:- Exchange of Brookland.
5. Letter from Mr. Wray re:- Complaints.
Mr. Saul suggested pass this on to the Surveyor.
6. Letter from Water Co. re:- Analysis.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
24th November 1942.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th November 1942

At 7.30pm

Present. Messrs. Gower, (Chairman), Norman,(Vice-Chairman), Austen, Beech. Hood. Saul. Stotesbury. Filmer. Bishop, Finch. Hughes, Sabin.

Apologies were received from Mr. Tobin through illness. Rev. J.S. Granger & Mr. Robinson through pressure of other business.

Minutes

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

Baths

In the absence of Mr. Robinson Mr. Gower read the report. The number of Bathers for the last four weeks was 712 and the fees amounted to £9-4-5d, as compared with 433 and £3-16-6d for the corresponding period last year.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that C. Morley had now got over his trouble.

It was agreed to have glass repaired in the Greenhouse, and a new grass cutter obtained.

Mr. Stotesbury asked what the position was regarding purchase of land for the Cemetery, and as no understanding had been agreed to, it was decided to put the matter to rest until after the War.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1540, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Emma Peters be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Receipt

Mr. B.H. Norman proposed the following receipt be issued on the Rating Authority.
 Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Working Men's Club

Mr. Austen stated the work had not yet been put in hand, and it was arranged that Mr. Draycon be addressed..

Allotments

The Chairman suggested that 1 years notice be given to Mrs. Monk to vacate the shed on Allotments expiring Christmas 1943. The Council agreed for this to be issued by Monkton, Son & Collis, the Solicitors acting for the new owners of adjoining property.

Finance

Mr. B.H. Norman proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.
 Seconded by Mr. Hood.

| | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----|-------------|------------|
| Mrs. Blackman. | Brook Gate. | 4. | 0. | 0. |
| Royal Insurance. | War Damage. | 2. | 10. | 0. |
| A. N. Hambrook. | Stationery. | 1. | 5. | 2. |
| Mr. Gower. | Stamps. | | 5. | 4. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Hire of Lamps etc. | 7. | 0. | 0. |
| Mr. & Mrs. Russell. | Wages. | 8. | 11. | 8. |
| " | 5. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 17. | 11. |
| Mr. Crowhurst. | Wood. | | 8. | 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Gas & Coke. | 10. | 3. | 7. |
| J. Evenden. | Caretakers Wages. | 13. | 15. | 8. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 8. |
| C. Morley. | Assistant. | 7. | 13. | 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 8. |
| Mrs. Monk. | Paraffin. | | 5. | 0. |
| Mr. Crowhurst. | Wood. | | 8. | 0. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 1. | 11. | 9. |
| Inland Revenue. | Evenden. Tax. | | 13. | 4. |
| | | | <u>13.</u> | <u>4.</u> |
| | | | <u>£60.</u> | <u>17.</u> |
| | | | | <u>1.</u> |

Cheque for Wages. £35.

Correspondence.

1. Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Exchange of Land.
2. Ministry of Health re:- " " "
3. " " " " " " "
4. " " " re:- Horse on Brook.
5. Letter from Marshall re:- Ambulance.
6. Letter from Davison re:- Repairs to Cottage.

7. Letter from Surveyor re:- Paths. Repairs.
8. Letter from Mr. Lucas re:- Allotment.
Mr. Hood agreed to look into this matter.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
22nd December. 1942.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22nd December 1942
At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Gower (Chairman). Norman (Vice-Chairman). Austen. Beech. Hood. Sabin. Saul. Bishop. Robinson. Stotesbury. Filmer and the Clerk.

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 1055 and the fees amounted to £13-12-2d, as compared with 338 and £3-2-5d, for the corresponding period last year.
He also reported that Draycon had fitted a new Fireplace in the Caretakers quarters, and had made a neat job of it.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report.

Lighting

It was reported that the Lamp at the corner of May Street was often out. The Chairman promised to see the Manager of the Gas works.

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported he had instructed Mr. Hinds to put barbed wire along the fence near Recreation Ground.
He also reported that he had looked into the matter of Rubbish Dump on Mr. Lucas's Allotment, the trees have since been removed. To remove Dump would need a great deal of expense. It was decided to make a reduction on the rent.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Draycon had repaired broken glass in Greenhouse. He also reported that several of the window frames on Greenhouse required attention. It was agreed for him to arrange with Draycon to attend to this matter, up to say £3. He proposed that Coal be sent up again this year, but owing to coal supplies restrictions it was agreed to discontinue sending any this year.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space, No. 1542, Section A, Consecrated Portion to Edith Ashbee be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman.

Finance

Mr. B. Norman proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Sabin and carried.

| | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----|-------------|---------------|
| Mr. R. Smith. | Hire of Room | 3. | 15. | 0. |
| Mrs. Bond. | Local Gov' Chronicles. | | 6. | 6. |
| Royal Insurance. | Working Men's Club. | 1. | 17. | 6. |
| Malling RD. Council. | Cottage Rate. | 3. | 8. | 0. |
| Bank of England. | Public Works Loan. | 11. | 11. | 8. |
| Clerks Wages. | | 18. | 5. | 3. |
| " | 13. N.H.I. Stamps. | 1. | 0. | 7. |
| Mr. & Mrs. Russell. | Caretakers Wages. | 8. | 8. | 0. |
| " | 8. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 4. |
| Malling R.D. Council | Rates. | 9. | 7. | 6. |
| Hayman Ltd. | Coal. | 1. | 12. | 10. |
| Mid Kent Gas Co. | Coke. | 1. | 11. | 9. |
| F. Aberly. | Work Done. | 1. | 0. | 0. |
| Mr. Trudgett. | Vim. | | 3. | 0. |
| J. Evenden. | Caretakers Wages. | 13. | 15. | 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 8. |
| C. Morley. | Assistant. | 7. | 13. | 0. |
| " | 4. N.H.I. Stamps. | | 14. | 8. |
| Royal Insurance. | Chapel. Cemetery. | | 19. | 9. |
| Malling R.D. Council | Cemetery rates. | 2. | 16. | 3. |
| Inland Revenue. | Evenden Income Tax. | | 13. | 1. |
| | | | <u>£90.</u> | <u>8. 10.</u> |

Cheque for Wages £38.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Draycon re:- Repairs to Institute
2. Letter from Martyn & Game re:- Robert's trust.
3. Letter from T. Hood asking that portion of Recreation Ground be earmarked for Potato growing in case of necessity. To this the Council agreed.

A complaint was lodged about the bad state of the pathway leading to Bridge over Railway. Mr. Sabin kindly agreed to interview officials.

Mr. Sabin declined the offer to represent the Parish on the Malling Rural District Council.

The Chairman extended the usual Christmas Greeting to Members.

Ralph Gower
Chairman. 26th January 1943.

