

A Special Joint Meeting of the Four Parish Councils Of
Snodland, Birling, Halling And Ryarsh Having been Duly Convened by
Mr. R. Gower, Chairman of the Snodland Parish Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 11th January 1944
At 7pm.

Present

Snodland

Mr. R. Gower (Chairman). Messrs W. Bishop, C. Filmer, W. Saul, W. Stotesbury, A. Sabine and the Clerk.

Halling

Mr. C. Dunford.

Birling

Mr. Rabjohn & the Clerk Mr. R. Gower.

Ryarsh

Messrs. Brooks, Langridge, Davidson & the Clerk Mr. Flynn

The Business of the Meeting was to appoint a Minor Local Authority Manager for the Snodland Central & Council Schools.

The Chair was occupied by Mr. R. Gower, Chairman of the Snodland Parish Council.

The Chairman read a letter dated 11th day of December 1943 that he had received from the Kent Education Committee asking him to convene this Meeting in accordance with the Kent Education Act 1921, Order A/M 152, Section 30 (3) to appoint a Minor Local Authority Manager for the Snodland Central & Council Schools, in place of Mr. T. Bowler. Resigned

The Chairman explained the procedure and asked for nominations.

Nominee

Mr. F. Sloman
Mr. A. Wood.

Proposed By.

Mr. W. Stotesbury.
Mr. Dunsford.

Seconded by.

Mr. C. Filmer.
Mr. W. Bishop.

Voting

Mr. F. Sloman.

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Mr. Wood.

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The Chairman gave his vote in favour of Mr. F. Sloman.

The Chairman then declared Mr. F. Sloman properly appointed to hold Office until the appointment of his successor, subject to reservation of the Kent County Council of the right to determine the appointment at any time, when an alteration is required by in the Kent Education Committee in the constitution of the Managing Body of the Schools in question, or when for any other good cause the K.C.C. may after due enquiry resolve that it is desirable that the appointment be terminated forthwith.

The Chairman thanked the Members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
25th January 1944.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th January 1944
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Filmer, Finch, Rev. Granger, Robinson, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Austin asked for the Notice Boards to be replaced & asking for people to keep dogs on the lead when passing through, also that the Sergeant of Police be asked to caution offenders.

In the event of an Allotment holder vacating a plot & being unable to find a suitable tenant, the holders each side to receive offer to take it over rather than allow it to become derelict.

Mr. Beech reported that the path along the bottom of Allotments at Lower Shorne Hill Fields was in a very bad state. It was decided that a load of Ashes be put down.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 812 and the fees amounted to £11-2-0d against 802 and £7-1-6d for the corresponding period last year.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Mr. Evenden was now back at work & proposed that he carry on as before. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Mr. Stotesbury said there was a great deal of Chalk wanted moving, and it was left to the Clerk to see Mr. Cook regarding the carting. 2 loads of Manure were required, this to be ordered from Mr. Auger.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1576, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Albert John Waller, and Grave Space No. 1577, Section B, General Portion to (Missing) Daniel be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Finance

Mr. Sabin presented the Financial Statement and proposed that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Filmer.

F. Bond.	Local Government Chronicles.	6. 6.
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95, 2d stamps.	Cheques.	15. 10.
Inland Revenue	Income Tax. Cottage.	5. 12. 6.
“	“ Allotments.	27. 15. 10.
Royal Insurance.	Third Party.	1. 17. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	5. 9.
Chas Knight.	Stationery.	1. 7. 10.
Mr. & Mrs Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 10. 0.
“	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 4.
Inland revenue.	Schedule A.	15. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supplied.	4. 19. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke & Gas.	7. 7. 7.
Mr. Crowhurst.	Wood.	9. 0.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 12. 6.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7. 13. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.	1. 17. 9.
“	Schedule A.	3. 15. 0.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.	9. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rates.	16. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Lamps & Gas.	13. 17. 0.
		<u>£117. 7. 2.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.d. Council re:- Vacant Seat.
2. Letter from Mr. Evenden re:- Overalls.
3. Letter from the Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp Post May Street.
4. Letter from C. Nichols & Son re:- Lease.
5. Letter from Mid Kent water Co giving analysis of water.
6. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Exchange of Common Land.
“Deed of Exchange”. Mr. A. Sabin proposed that the Seal of the Council be affixed & the Chairman, Mr. R. Gower & the Clerk Mrs. J. Rich be authorized to sign.
7. Letter from Whitehead, Thomas & Urmston re:- Nichols Lease.
Mr. Sabin proposed that the Seal of Council be affixed and the Chairman Mr. R. Gower and Mr. W. Stotesbury & C. Filmer together with the Clerk, Mrs. J. Rich be authorized to sign.

Other Business

The Chairman reported that Leavey's were prepared to reserve the Great Coats for May's Charity again this year provided Halling & Birling agreed.
Mr. Saul proposed and Mr. Sabin seconded that this be arranged if at all possible.
Price would no doubt be fairly dealt with by Leavey.

Mr. Saul reported that he had received several complaints about the disgraceful state of the road the other side of the Railway Gates. It was decided the K.C.C. Surveyors attention be called to this , and ask that steps be taken to remedy this.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
22nd February 1944.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22nd February 1944
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Finch, Flmer, Rev. Granger, Hughes, Robinson, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul and the Clerk

Apologies were received from Mr. Hood.

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 487 and the fees amounted to £7-15-9d against 492 and £6-17-1d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson said there had been trouble over the Coke space, as there was only room to store ½ ton. At times the Gas Co. were unable to deliver when it was most needed. It was decided that in future 1 ton be ordered and ½ placed at the back of the House.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury said nothing to report.

Overalls for the Caretaker were discussed & Mr. Austin proposed that these should be discontinued. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Brook

Mr. Beech had nothing to report.

Mr. Robinson pointed out that Mrs. Hammond had turned calfs out on the portion of the Brookland, which he understood was let to her for growing food stuff. After discussion it was decided to let the matter drop.

Finance

Mr. Sabin presented the Financial Statement a proposed that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

H.R. Draycon.	Repairs to Cottage.	3.	14.	9.
“	“ Institute.	4.	17.	2.
Prudential Assurance,	Loan & Interest.	16.	5.	2.
Haynes Bros.	Cutting Keys. Allotments.		9.	3.
A. N. Hambrook.	Printing etc.	4.	1.	2.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	8.	8.

“	10. N.H.I. Stamps.	17. 11
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1. 11. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3. 4. 4.
W. Trudgett.	Supplies.	4. 3.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	13. 12. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7. 13. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 12. 2.
C. Miller.	Paraffin	5. 8.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.	16. 0.
		<u>£70. 2. 2.</u>

Cheque for Wages £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Exchange of Common Land.

2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

4. Letter from Whitehead, Thomas & Urmston re:- Nichols Lease.

5. Letter from Mr. Hood re:- Dog Nuisance at Allotments.

The Chairman said he would see Sergeant of the Police regarding this matter and also a Notice to be put up in the Kent Messenger, that offenders would be prosecuted.

6. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension.

7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

The Chairman reported that both he and Mr. Stotesbury had gone through the Vendors Draft & Tenancy Agreement, Paragraph 2 (B). Mr. Auger's Tenancy they agreed. Paragraph 13. £10 towards the Vendors cost, the Chairman said nothing could be done regarding this. Paragraph 12. Erecting a fence, this we could not see our way to do, as it would be impossible to get the material or the labour, during these war time conditions.

8. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Representative Snodland.

9. Letter from the Post Office re:- Telephone Pole.

10. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

11. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Footpath & Road near Railway.

A further letter to be sent regarding this matter, and pointing out the serious need for attention.

Other Business

Mr. Robinson reported that the fence at the Forge Cottage had partly blown down and could anything be done about it. It was decided that this be left as it would be impossible to get the wood under the present conditions.

Mr. Sabin spoke of the increase in rates & asked if something could be done about it. He proposed that a letter be sent to Malling regarding this matter. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was set for 29th March at 8pm.

Mr. Hughes asked if something could be done about re-numbering the Houses. The Chairman replied that this matter had been taken up with Malling and they refused to do anything about it during the War.

Mr. Hughes asked for permission for Mrs. Hughes to read a letter she had received regarding the "Salute the Soldier" week, fixed for July 15th to 22nd, from Mr. Jones. She said she had been approached by a good number of the Parishioners that Snodland should carry this through on their own account, and should not join with the Maidstone Area. She asked if the Members would support her regarding this matter.

Mr. Austin proposed that this be carried through. Mr. Stotesbury moved as an amendment that this matter be place before Malling first. Seconded by Mr. Filmer.

Voting for the Amendment. 2.

Voting for the Proposition. 8.

The Chairman declared the Proposition carried.

Mr. Stotesbury spoke regarding the closing up of the Ferry. He said that this work was now too much for Mr. Stevens since his son had to join up. He was trying to get his sons release.

Mr. Stotesbury asked if something could be done to help in this.

The rector proposed that the Council write to support his release. Seconded by Mr. Beech. Mr. Stotesbury promised to enquire where the letter should be sent.

Mr. Robinson asked about if it was possible that Morrison's Table Shelters could be obtained for the use of the Parish. The Rector spoke of the damage that had been received by enemy action, and he thought that Snodland should come under that category of "Danger Zone" instead of a safe area.

It was decided that letters be sent giving very strong protest regarding this matter to Malling R.D. Council asking what steps could be taken.

Ralph Gower.
Chairman
28th March 1944

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th March 1944
At 7pm

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman) Norman (Vice-Chairman) Austin, Beech, Bishop, Finch, Rev. Granger, Hood, Robinson, Stotesbury, Saul, Sabine, Tobin and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that the Bomb hole had been filled in by Mr. Cook, but this did not seem very satisfactory. It was left that the Clerk see the Allotment holder Mr. Hunt, asking if he could now carry on with digging, if not it was suggested that Mr. Cook be asked to put 2 more loads of dirt on.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report.

At this stage a letter was read from Mr. A. Lambert regarding the letting of a portion of the Brookland to an individual person for Cattle grazing. The Chairman said that this portion of land had been let to Mrs. Hammond for the sole purpose of growing food stuff.

Mr. Norman proposed that Mrs. Hammond be asked to remove the Cattle and also shed within a fortnight. Mr. Stotesbury moved as an amendment that as Mrs. Hammond had broken the agreement the arrangement be rendered void. Seconded by Mr. Austin.

Voting for the Amendment. 7

Voting for the Proposition. 4

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 705 and the fees amounted to £10-12-11d against 514 and £6-18-3d for the corresponding period last year.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Mr. Evenden had been laid up again, but was managing to look after things. It was decided to carry on like this for the time being.

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted an inscription from Witcombe & Son Ltd for the late Mr. & Mrs. Bates, and proposed that this be passed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Finance

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

Clerk.	Wages.	18.	5.	3.
“	13. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0.	7.
Postage Stamps.		2.	15.	0.
Royal Insurance Ltd.	Comprehensive. Cottage.		6.	9.
“	“			
	War Damage. Business.	1.	5.	0.
A. Cook.	Filling in Bomb Hole.	6.	10.	0.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.
“	8. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	4.
W. Hayman.	Coal.		13.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs.		14.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	10.	2.	0.
W. Trudgett.	Supplies.		3.	6.
Local Gov. Guarantee.	Fidelity.		7.	0.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	17.	1.	2.
“	5. N.H.I. stamps.		18.	4.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9.	11.	3.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.		19.	3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3.	7.	4.
C. Miller.	Paraffin.		5.	8.
			<u>£85.</u>	<u>8. 5.</u>

Cheque for Wages £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from National Savings Movement re:- Salute the Soldier,
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2. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Rates Increase.
3. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Morrison Shelters.
4. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Danger Zone.
5. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Morrison Shelters.
6. Bracher Son & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension.
7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
8. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
9. Letter from Whitehead, Thomas & Urmston re:- Nichols Lease.
10. Letter from Maidstone Service Advice Bureau re:- Snodland Ferry.
11. Letter from A. Lambert re:- Brookland.
12. Letter from Witcombe & Son re:- Inscription.
13. Letter from W. Pell re:- Road & Path in Mill Street.
14. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Repair to Street Lamp.

It was decided that this would not be put up again during the War, also that a letter be sent to the Gas Co. protesting against their sending in claim to South Eastern Command on our behalf.

15. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- School Manager.

The Chairman said he had been a little out of order in conducting this Meeting by allowing 3 members from Ryarsh to vote instead of 2, although these 3 members voted in favour of Halling. He hoped that should another Meeting be called that the Members would support him.

16. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Shed on Brook.

17. Letter from Kent County Advisory Service re:- Conference.

Mr. Hood & Mr. Sabine agreed to attend this Meeting at Maidstone on April 29th.

Receipt

Mr. Hood proposed that the following Receipt be issued on the Rating Authority.

Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

General.	£100
Burial Act.	£150.
Bath & Wash Houses Act.	<u>£100</u>
	<u>£350.</u>

Balance of Wages to March 31st 1944.

Cemetery Account,

J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	3.	12.	1.	
“	1. N.H. I. Stamp.		3.	8.	
C. Morley.	Assistant.	1.	18.	3.	
“			3.	8.	5. 17. 8.

Bath Account

Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.	
“	9. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	4.	<u>10. 4. 4.</u>
					<u>£16. 2. 8.</u>

Ralph Gower
Chairman
25th April 1944.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th April 1944

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Austin, Beech, Filmer, Finch, Rev. Granger, Hood, Gower, Norman, Robinson, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul, Tobin and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

At this point the retiring Chairman thanked the Members for their support and advice given during the year of Office and vacated the Chair.

Chairman

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

Vice-Chairman

Mr. Austin proposed that Mr, Hood be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury and carried.

Both Chairman and Vice-Chairman thanked the Members.

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that permission had been asked by an Allotment holder to erect a shed on the Slough Field Allotments. Mr. Hood said that this was against the Rules and also made the Allotments look very untidy.

Mr. Saul proposed that permission be given to erect a Tool Box about 3 x3 x 6 for placing Tools in as it was a great inconvenience to the Allotment holder who lived a good way from the garden, having no place to leave his tools. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 521 and the fees amounted to £7-10-11d against 678 and £8-19-6d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson said that owing to Troops, the Baths had been open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The Caretaker doing about 50 Baths each evening, and suggested that Mr. Russell 5/- an extra day for each evening while the Troops were still here. Mr. Saul proposed that Mr. Russell be paid 5/- each evening. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Brook

Mr. Hood reported that he had received a complaint regarding extra Horses being put on he Brook, as this was against the Rules. He proposed that Mr. Cook be asked to remove these at once. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury said he had nothing to report.

Lighting

The Chairman asked the Lighting Committee to consider the question of all night Street Lighting. It was agreed to suspend this after 30th April until further notice.

Finance

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

A. N. Hambrook.	Stationery.	17.	6.
Royal Insurance.	Casual Labour.	3.	6.
“	Brook Gatekeeper.	1.	3.
Mrs. Hammond.	Return Balance of rent.	2.	0. 0.
Royal Insurance.	Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	10.	0.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3.	7.	4.
“	Gas.	4.	7.	3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs.	1.	15.	4.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	10.	7.	3.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	5.	14.	9.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		11.	0.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.		9.	0.
A. N. Hambrook.	Internment Forms.	1.	1.	6.
Royal Insurance.	Caretakers & Assistant.	1.	5.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire of Lamps & Gas.	13.	17.	0.
		<u>£46.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>8.</u>

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.
2. Letter from Mr. Hammond re:- Brook Rent.
3. Letter from Working Men's Club re:- Sunday opening.
After discussion it was decided that a letter be sent asking for more particulars regarding the matter.
4. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension.
5. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin.
6. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Signing and Sealing Conveyance.
After a great deal of discussion it was agreed that this be held over until the next Meeting and until further particulars received regarding the erecting of a fence had been received from A.P.C.M.
7. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Manager for Schools.
8. Letter from W.J. Platts re:- Commission of the Peace.
9. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lamp Column.
10. “ “ “ “ re:- Coke Licence for Betts.
11. Letter from Kent River Catchment Board re:- Drainage Scheme.
12. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Morrison Shelters.
13. Letter from Regional Commission re:- Morrison Shelters.

Other Business

Mr. Sabine reported that the Hedge at Slough Fields was very dangerous, as this was hanging over the path in the Malling Road. It was left to Mr. Filmer to see to this matter.

Mr. Hood reported that the Allotments at the Brook were gradually being covered in by the Sewage Dump, was this in order.

Mr. Norman said he would see Mr. Bundy regarding this matter.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
23rd May 1944.

A Special Joint Meeting of the Four Parish Councils of
Birling, Halling, Ryarsh and Snodland having been duly Convened by
Mr. R. Gower, Chairman of the Snodland Parish Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Monday 8th May 1944 at 7pm

Snodland

Present, Messrs Gower (Chairman) Hood (Vice-Chairman) Austin, Beech, Finch, Rev. Granger, Norman, Sabine, Saul, Robinson and the Clerk.

Halling

Present, Messrs Dunford, Simmonds, Bowles, Alexandra and Musgrave.

Ryarsh

Present, Messrs, Brook and Bristow.

Birling

Present, Messrs Norman & Day.

The business before the Meeting was to appoint a Minor Local Authority Manager for the Snodland Central and Council Schools.

The Chairman reported that the Meeting held on January 11th had been a little out of order owing to 3 Members of Ryarsh Parish giving a vote instead of 2. The Chairman said he was very sorry this mistake had been made. Owing to this error the Meeting held on that date became void.

The Chairman read a letter dated April 20th from the Kent Education Committee asking him to convene a further Meeting in accordance with the Kent Education Act 1921, Order A. M. 152, Section 30 (3) to appoint a Minor Local Authority Manager for the Snodland Central & Council Schools in succession to Mr. Bowles.

The Chairman explained the procedure and asked for Nominations

Nominee

Mr. F. Sloman.

Mr. R. Wood.

Proposed By.

Mr. B.H. Norman

Mr. Alexandra.

Seconded By

Mr. Brooks

Mr. Musgrave.

Voting.

Mr. F. Sloman.

13.

Mr. R. Wood.

4.

The Chairman declared Mr. F. Sloman properly appointed to hold Office until the appointment of his Successor, subject to reservation of the Kent Count Council of the right to determine the appointment at any time, when an alteration is required by the Kent Education Committee in the Constitution of the Managing Body of the Schools in question, or when for any other good cause the K.C.C. may after due enquiring resolve that it is desirable that the appointment be terminated forthwith.

The Chairman thanked the Members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
23rd May 1944.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd May 1944
At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

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. Evenden. He had been a good and faithful servant to the Parish for a number of years, carrying out his duties with tact and sympathy.

The Council rose in silence as a tribute of respect.

Arising from the Minutes, Mr. Cook had not removed the dangerous Horse from the Brook and proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Cook asking him to remove the Horse within 3 days or further proceedings would be taken by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

A letter from the Working Men's Club was again discussed regarding Sunday opening. Mr. Austin said he thought this matter should be settled, and proposed that the Club should not be opened on Sunday's. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report.

Mr. Norman said he had seen Mr. Bundy regarding the Brook Allotments and nothing could be done about turning the other side of the Stream into a Rubbish Dump. He said it would be sometime before they covered up all these Allotments, and the only thing to do was carry on until this happened.

Baths

3. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Meeting to Appoint Schools Manager.

4. Letter from Assistant Director of Claims re:- Damage to Lamp Column.

5. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
This matter has since been settled.

6. Letter from Borough Green Parish Council re:- To Abolish Special rates.

After consideration it was decided to agree with Borough Green's resolution. Also, that a letter be sent to Malling Rural District Council regarding this.

7. Letter from Kent County Advisory Service re:- Affiliation.

Mr. Sabin said he thought this was a very good service & would be a help in many matters to the Council & proposed that this Council become affiliated. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

8. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Subdued Lighting,

9. Letter from War Agriculture Committee re:- Letting Brook Land.

After discussion it was decided that a letter be sent pointing out, that although the Drainage Board are at work, this land is not suitable for ploughing, or that the Council do not propose to let to any particular person exclusively.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1311, Section C, Consecrated Portion, and Grave Space No. 1312 to Herbert Woodruff, Grave Space No. 1583 to Ethel Florence Penny be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Other Business

Mr. Hood asked if anything further had been heard from Malling R.D. Council regarding the seat on District Council. It was decided that a letter be sent to Malling for further information regarding this.

Mr. Robinson spoke of the Notices displayed regarding Anderson Shelters, and as the Council had been applying for Morrison Table Shelters and not Andersons was it possible to obtain these.

It was decided that a letter be sent to Malling Rural District Council asking if Morrisons Table Shelters were obtainable in this area.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
27th June 1944.

A Special Joint Meeting of the Four Parish Councils of
Birling, Rarsh, Halling and Snodland, having been duly convened by
Mr. R. Gower Chairman of the Snodland Parish Council
was held at the Institute, Halling on Thursday 15th June 1944

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Finch, Filmer, Robinson, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul, Tobin 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 1,357 and the fees amounted to £20-11-0d against 578 and £7-12-7d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson said Mr. Russell had approached him regarding a weeks holiday. Mr. Russell had been at the Baths for over two years and had had no holiday. Mr. Robinson proposed that Mr. Russell be given a weeks holiday provided that someone carried out his duties during that week. Seconded by Mr. Beech. It was left with Mr. Robinson and the Clerk to make these arrangements.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury gave the report of the Committee Meeting held at the Cemetery on May 31st at 7pm.

It recommends that the vacancy for a Caretaker be advertised on the Notice Boards through the Village, applications to be submitted not later than Monday, June 26th.

The application received from S. Lavender in March was considered, and the Clerk was instructed to write informing him the vacancy was now open.

Mrs. Evenden's position was then considered. Mr. Austin proposed that a further weeks pay be given in appreciation of service given by Mr. Evenden.

The Chairman replied that the District Audit would not allow this and suggested that the Members of the Council contribute 5/-, this making a sum equal to a weeks pay.

The Committee agreed to this and each Member of the Cemetery Committee handed 5/- to the Clerk.

The lighting position was then considered and Mr. Robinson proposed that a letter be sent to the Kent Electric Power Co. asking for particulars regarding electric installation in the house, Chapel and Mortuary. Seconded by Mr. Austin.

Mr. Robinson spoke of the extra work the lad Morley had been doing during Mr. Evenden's illness and proposed that an extra £2 be given in appreciation. Seconded by Mr. Gower.

On the proposition of Mr. Gower, seconded by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stotesbury was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Greenhouse and Mortuary were inspected and everything was found to be in order. Mr. Stotesbury said three applications had been received for the position of Caretaker.

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| 1. S. Lavender. | Aged 31. | 5, Hillbrow Rd. | Ashford. |
| 2. A. Brown. | Aged 48. | Cemetery Lodge. | Greenhythe, |
| 3. A. Cherrison. | Aged 52. | Victoria Cottages. | Snodland. |

After discussion it was decided that the Council meet Mr. Cherrison at the Cemetery on Tuesday June 5th at 7.30pm. for further particulars.

Mr. Stotesbury said that Mr. Withers and the bay were managing very well. Mr. Withers was putting in about 30hours a week.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1585, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Allen Baldwin be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that there had been a little trouble regarding Cattle getting through the fencing from New Hythe. Since the Drainage Board had starting draining, the Cattle were able to cross the boundary stream, and this needed fencing. The Clerk said this was in the hands of Mr. Crowhurst, who would get this put up as soon as possible.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer reported that the grass needed cutting, and proposed that Mr. Auger be asked to get this done before our Salute the Soldier Week. Seconded by Mr Beech. On the proposition of Mr. Stotesbury, seconded by Mr. Saul, Mr. Filmer was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Finance

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

Clerk.	Wages.	18.	5.	3.
13. N.H.I. Stamps.		1.	0.	7.
Water Co.	Water Rate Cottage.		5.	9.
M.R.D. Council.	Cottage Rate,	3.	13.	4.
K.G. Advisory Service.	Affiliation.	1.	1.	0.
Inland Revenue.	War Damage. Institute.	4.	0.	0.
"	" Cottage.	1.	2.	6.
"	" Brook.		7.	3.
"	" Allotments.	1.	0.	6.
Public Works Board.	Loan & Interest.	5.	1.	6.
"	"	5.	19.	4.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	3.	8.	1.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.		3.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9.	11.	3.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
E. Withers.	Help.	7.	14.	6.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.		4.	0.
"	War Damage Cemetery.		15.	0.
T. Abery.	Repairs.		2.	6.
M.R.D. Council.	Rates.	3.	0.	0.
Royal Insurance.	Liability.		6.	4.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	15.	0.
"	8. N.H. Stamps.		14.	4.
Inland Revenue.	War Damage Centre	3.	0.	0.
M.R.D. Council.	Rates.	10.	0.	3.
Mr. Smith.	Supplies.		4.	6.
Trudgett.	Stores.		7.	0
Royal Insurance.	Liability.		3.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	13.	9.	4.

“	Mantles.	9. 6.
W. Hayman.	Coal.	<u>17. 6.</u>
		<u>£110. 1. 4.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £35.

Correspondence

1. Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Damage to Lamp Column.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
4. Letter from Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade re:- Redemption Annuities.
5. Letter from Martyns & Gane re:- W.L.H. Roberts.
6. Letter from Kent County Advisory Service re:- Affiliated.
7. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Cemetery extension.
8. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Special Rates.
9. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Morrison Table Shelters.
10. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Vacant Seat. R.D. Council.
11. Letter from War Agricultural Commission re:- Brookland.
12. Letter from Working Men’s Club re:- Sunday Opening.
13. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Damage by A.A. Shell.
This was left to the Clerk to ask Draycon to repair damage.
14. Letter from A. Lambert re:- Horse on Brook.
It was decided that a letter be sent stating that the Council except no responsibility , pointing out that our Rules and regulations were known by him before the turn out.

Other Business

Mr. Beech reported that he had received a number of complaints regarding the smell form the Sewage Dump. It was suggested that this be passed on to Mr. Bundy. Mr (Missing) spoke of the dead trees in the Avenue. Mr. Saul suggested that these be cut down and made into seats for the old people. It was left with the Chairman to see Mr. Pell about this.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
5th July 1944.

Special Meeting of the Council
Held at the Cemetery on Tuesday 5th July 1944.
At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Hughes, Norman, Robinson, Sabine and Stotesbury.

The business before the Meeting was to appoint new Caretaker for the Cemetery.

Mr. A. Cherrison's application was considered and his references were very good.

Mr. Cherrison was then interviewed by the Council. The Chairman said he would like to put a few questions to Mr. Cherrison before going any further. Regarding the Health of applicant, and why he wished to leave his present job. Mr. Cherrison replied that he had very good health and the reason he wanted to leave was to get back to the work he had been used to. (Horticulture).

The question of wages was next considered. Mr. Norman proposed that Mr. Cherrison be paid £3-15-0d per week. Seconded by Mr. Sabine and carried.

The Chairman gave some particulars of the work of the Caretaker, and asked Mr. Cherrison if he could carry on for a time from his present address until Mrs. Evenden was able to find another House. Mr. Cherrison said he thought that he could manage for a time like this.

Mr. Cherrison was the appointed Caretaker of the Cemetery, to commence his duties as from 24th July 1944.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
25th July 1944.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th July 1944
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Rev. Granger, Stotesbury, Saul, Sabine, Robinson 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 1067 and the fees amounted to £15-5-6d against 812 and £11-2-0d for the corresponding period last year.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the new Caretaker, Mr, Cherrison had commenced work at the Cemetery on Monday.

Mr. Withers and the boy had worked very hard during the last two weeks to get things up to date. Mr. Stotesbury suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Withers thanking him for the help he had given through a difficult period. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

It was also decided that a letter be sent to Mrs Evenden asking her to make necessary arrangements to give up possession of the Cemetery Cottage at an early date.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1589, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Fanny Lucas and Grave Space No. 1590, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Olive Large be signed by the Council. Seconded By Mr. Robinson and carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer reported that he had seen Mr. Auger about cutting the grass and he would get this done as soon as possible. The Chairman reported that Malling R.D. Council had been in touch with him regarding erecting a water tank in the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that permission be given and ne rental charge be made.

Finance

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

Mrs. Blackman.	Brook Gatekeeper.	4.	0.	0.
W.F. Bond.	Local Gov' Chronicles	6.	6.	
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate Cottage.	5.	9.	
A.N. Hambrook.	Printing etc.	9.	5.	
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.
"	5 Extra Days.	1.	5.	0.
"	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	4.	
W. Trudgett.	Supplies.	3.	6.	
W. Hayman.	Coal.	16.	3.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas.	4.	6.	3.
"	Coke.	3.	7.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	8.	2.	9.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	13.	7.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.	
"	Help.	2.	0.	0.
E. Withers.	Help.	8.	17.	0.
C. Hinds. Excors.	Supplies.	1.	2.	5.
A. Cook.	Carting Chalk.	4.	0.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	4.	8.	
"	Cemetery & Mortuary.	11.	7.	
Chas. Knight.	Printing etc.	6.	6.	9.
"	50, 6d Stamps.	1.	5.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire of Lamps.	7.	0.	0.
		<u>£73.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>2.</u>

Cheque for Wages £40

Correspondence

1. Letter from Canadian Military re:- Damage Lamp Column.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. Letter from Mrs. Evenden giving thanks to Cemetery Committee

Other Business

Mr. Saul asked what the Council was going to do regarding peace celebrations. The Chairman replied that at the present time nothing was decided, but the Council would be the leading body when the time should come.

Mr. Robinson asked if something could be done regarding why the Colours of the Civil Defence were refused to Snodland for the Salute the Soldier procession. These Colours were kept at Malling for the Malling & Districts. Mr. Robinson proposed that a letter be sent to Malling asking for full particulars & why the refusal. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Morrison Shelters

Mr. Austin reported that Morrison Shelters had been distributed in a neighbouring Parish, if this were so, why were we unable to get them. The Rector spoke of a great need for these Shelters since the Flying Bomb attack and suggested the Council push this matter hard. It was decided that a letter be sent to Malling, pointing out that Also a letter be sent to the Kent Advisory Service asking if they can help us in this matter.

Mr. Stotesbury suggested that a letter be sent to Mrs. Hughes and Miss McKay to express the Council's appreciation and thanks for the hard work they had given during the Salute the Soldier Week. Seconded by Mr. Austin and carried.

Mr. Austin proposed that the Clerk be granted an extra £10 per year wages. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury and carried.
To commence on July 1st 1944.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
22nd August 1944.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22nd August 1944
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Filmer, Finch, Rev. Granger, Hughes, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul, Tobin and the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Mr. Robinson.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 726 and the fees amounted to £9-19-10d against 643 and £8-18-2d for the corresponding period last year.

Allotments

The Chairman said that the Allotments Committee was now without a Chairman owing to Mr. Hood changing over to the Cemetery Committee. Mr. Beech proposed that Mr. Saul be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Austin and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the new Caretaker had made a great improvement in clearing the weeds, which had got in a very bad state, and he thought the Council had a very good man. He had worked very hard during the unfortunate Saturday and carried out his duties as Mortuary Attendant in a wonderful way. It was very fortunate that he had been used to this work and Mr. Stotesbury suggested that letter be sent to him explaining the Council's appreciation in the way he had carried out this unpleasant work. Seconded by Mr. Austen and carried.

Mr. Stotesbury asked if there was any extra pay attached to this work. The Chairman said he would make inquiries regarding this matter. If not, it was unanimously decided that the Council pay Mr. Cherrison £1

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the Cassock at the Chapel was in a very bad state and was beyond repair, and asked if a new one could be obtained. The Rector said 8 Coupons were requires to purchase these. Mr. Sabine said he would give up 8 of his Coupons. It was left to the Clerk to write to the Board of trade asking if Coupons could be obtained for this.

Mrs. Evenden was moving to Ashford as soon as she could make arrangements to store her furniture.

There was now about 6 loads of Chalk wanted carting, it was left to the Clerk to arrange with Mr. Cook to remove as soon as possible.

A letter was read from Mr. Cherrison regarding the rent he was now paying while waiting to move to the Cemetery. It was agreed that this be paid be the Council as soon as he was settled in.

Lighting

It was agreed for the subdued lighting of the street lamps to commence for the winter months on September 17th.

The position of the Lamp Column knocked down by an Army Lorry was discussed. This being one of the Lamps that was used in the Malling Road, it was suggested that a more up to date style be used, but after a great deal of discussion Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the old design be re-erected. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

It was agreed that Mr. Barnett be asked to meet the Council to discuss the up to date designs.

Finance

Mr. A. Sabine presented the Financial Statement and proposed that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Prudential Assurance Co.	Loan & Interest.	16.	9.	2.
Medway Drainage Board.	Drain Rates.	2.	14.	0.
“ “ “	“	2.	6.	8.
Kent. C.C.	Scavenging Streets.	7.	3.	0.
Mr. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	12.	8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.	
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	12.	8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.	
W.E. Turnbull.	Weed killer.	9.	6.	
A. Stedman.	Wasp Poison.	1.	6.	
A. Cherrison.	Income Tax refund.	10.	0.	
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	8.	8.
“	10. N.H.I. Stamps.	17.	11.	
T. Abery.	Help.	2.	6.	6.
“	Repairs.	15.	0.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3.	7.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs.	13.	0.	
W. Trudgett.	Supplies.	2.	6.	
E. Revell.	Supplies.	3.	9.	
		<u>£71.</u>		<u>13. 2.</u>

Cheque for Wages £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Air Raid Shelters.
2. Letter from Kent County Advisory Service re:- Air Raid Shelters.
3. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Damaged Lamp Column in Malling Road.
4. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
5. Letter from Kent County Constabulary re:- “ “ “ “
6. Letter from Mr. Cherrison re:- House Rent.
7. Letter from Arnold, Guff & Grimwade re:- Tithe Redemption.

Other Business

Mr. Hughes asked for a letter to Malling R.D. Council regarding position of Ambulance to be stationed in Snodland, this was a great inconvenience to the A.R.P. during the unfortunate Saturday August 5th.

Mr. Austin asked what the position was regarding our vacant seat on the Malling R.D. Council. It was decided a letter be sent asking for particulars.

Mr. Hughes asked for letter to Malling R.D. Council pointing out the inconvenience in the Parish through no proper numbering of Streets & Houses.

Mr. Stotesbury asked for a letter from the Council to the A.R.P. Civil Defence and all those who help, expressing admiration at the wonderful way everyone carried out their duties on that unfortunate Saturday.

Mr. Beech reported that the Notice Board at the top of May Street had rotted at the bottom of the post, it was left with the Clerk to see Mr. Draycon about this.

Mr. Austin reported that a letter be sent to Malling R.D. Council asking if it was not possible to get an emergency warning erected in the neighbourhood of the Bull Corner. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
26th September 1944.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire rooms on Tuesday 26th September 1944

At 7.30pm

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Rev. Granger, Robinson, Sabine, Stotesbury, Saul 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 five weeks to be 959 and the fees amounted to £13-3-10d against 771 and £10-10-4d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson said that 6 new soap dishes and one mirror were needed, the soap dishes being rusted through. It was agreed to purchase these.

A bad leak of water had been reported by Mr. Russell and Mr. Robinson said he wanted to get Mr. Abery to attend to this.

The question of pay for Mr. Russell's daughter who was attendant for one day during Mrs. Russell's holiday was mentioned. It was left to Mr. Robinson and the Clerk to arrange.

Allotments

Mr. Saul suggested that a meeting of the Allotment Committee should be called shortly to view the Allotments. It was decided to meet next Saturday, September 30th at 3pm.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer said nothing to report.

Lighting

12 Lamps were lit with the new modified lighting in the Malling Road on the 23rd of September. These were cancelled by the Police owing to Police investigation. Mr. Saul proposed that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Home Security for permission to light all the street Lamps with the new modified lighting. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Mr. Cherrison had now moved into the Cemetery Cottage. The Cottage was in a very bad state, and needed doing with Whitewash & Distemper. Mr. Cherrison would do this if the Council provided the material. This the Council decided to do. Mr. Cherrison getting the Whitewash etc from Mr. Robinson. It was agreed that 9 weeks rent @ 10/- should now be paid to Mr. Cherrison. Mr. Stotesbury said that another Mower was needed, the old one being all to bits. Mr. Austin proposed that Mr. Cherrison be asked to look over any second-hand Mower that is advertised. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1541, Section B, Consecrated Portion to William Charles Thomas and Grave Space No. 1594, Section C to William John Peck be signed by the Council. Mr. Robinson seconded and it was carried.

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a design of Kerb for Grave Space 1541 from T. Fowle & Son, also Kerb and Headstone for Grave Space No. 1571 from Co-op Furnishers Ltd and proposed these be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Finance

Mr. A. Sabine presented the Financial Statement and proposed that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts.

Mr. Auger.	Cutting Grass. Recreation Ground.	6.	0.	0.
D. Crowhurst.	Repairing Brook fence.	2.	0.	0.
H.R. Draycon.	War Damage Institute.	14.	4.	2.
A. Cook.	Filling Bomb Hole. Brook.	7.	10.	0.
Clerk.	Wages.	20.	15.	3.
“	13 N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0.	7.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.
“	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	4.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	7.	2.	8.
Wm. Hayman.	Coal.	17.	6.	
W. Trudgett.	Supplies.	4.	1.	
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.	9.	0.	
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	18.	5.	10
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	18.	4.	
“	Refund Income Tax.	12.	0.	
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9.	10.	10.

“	N.H.I. Stamps.	18.	4.
A. Cook.	Clearing Chalk.	1.	11. 6.
F. Auger.	Cutting Grass.	1.	0. 0.
W. Turnbull.	Weedkiller.		9. 6.
H.R. Draycon.	War Damage Repairs.	<u>8.</u>	<u>3. 0.</u>
		<u>£111.</u>	<u>16. 11.</u>

Cheque for Wages £40

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Vacant.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Numbering Houses.
3. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Ambulance.
4. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Emergency Warning.
5. Letter from Nichols & Son re:- Drainage System.
6. Letter from J. Pell re:- “ “
7. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Immediate Warning. Flying Bombs.
8. Letter from Ditton Parish Council re:- Parliamentary Representative.
9. Letter from D. Crowhurst re:- Estimate to Repair Fence in Allotments.
10. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Lighting Street Lamps.
11. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
12. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
13. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
14. Letter from Board of Trade re:- Clothing Coupons.
15. Letter from Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade re:- Redemption of Tithe.
16. Letter from Working Men’s Club re:- Rubble in Roof.
This was left with the Clerk to see Mr. Draycon to clear this.

Other Business

Mr. Austin proposed that a letter be sent to Malling asking them to again consider Mr. Filmer as a representative for this area for this seat on the Rural District Council.

Mr. Robinson reported the overflowing drain into the main road near the British Schools. Holboro Road. It was agreed to send a letter to Mr. Bundy regarding this

May's Charity Great Coats were mentioned & it was left with the Chairman to see Leaveys regarding the supply.

Ambulance

After discussion it was decided to leave this matter over for a time for further particulars. Mr. Hughes was appointed to represent the Parish Council to support this matter, together with a representative from the A.R.P. and the Nursing Association.

Mr. Robinson reported that the Face of the Clock Tower had become very bad, and it was a job for the older people to see the time. The Chairman said that this was a matter for the Clock Tower Trustees.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
24th October 1944.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th October 1944

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Finch, Rev. Granger, Filmer, Norman, Robinson, Sabine, Stotesbury, Saul and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Arising from the Minutes Mr. Robinson asked if anything had been done regarding the Clock Tower Face. Mr. Norman replied that he had given orders for Mr. Hinds to repaint the four Faces.

Allotments

Mr. Saul read the report of the Committee Meeting held on Saturday October 7th, which stated that all the Allotments were inspected and was found to be fairly satisfactory. The Allotments were not kept as neat & tidy as the Committee would like to see them, but owing to War conditions the Chairman thought this should be overlooked. It was pointed out that the Autumn was the wrong time to view the gardens, as this was when the gardens were at their worst.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that Mrs. Hammond had another Cow killed round the straw stake of C. T. Hook & Co.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 658 and the fees amounted to £9-1-11d, against 613 and £8-5-3d for the corresponding period last year.

Lighting

It was decided not to have the Lamp Columns that had been knocked down erected until after the War.

Mr. Norman proposed that owing to the interest of the National Economy the Street Lamps be put out at 10.30pm instead of 11pm. Seconded by Mr. Sabine.

Mr. Stotesbury moved as an amendment that the Lamps be kept alight till 11pm.

Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Voting for the Proposition 5

Voting for the Amendment 4

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Mr. Saul reported that a Lamp was badly needed in Lee Road. It was left to the Lighting Committee to call a Meeting during the next few days to go into this matter.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that everything was working well. The new Cassock for Mr. Cherrison had been received.

The Mortuary had a very bad leak in the Roof, this being caused by enemy action. It was left with the Clerk to see Mr. Draycon regarding this.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1592, Section A, Consecrated Portion to Walter Alfred Gladdish be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Sabine and carried.

Finance

Mr. Norman presented the Financial Statement and proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

W.F. Bond.	Local Government Chronicles.	13.	0.	
National Gov. Mutual Ins'.	Premium.	3.	0.	
Ashby & Co.	Work on Willow Walk.	11.	5.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	5.	9.	
Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade.	Brook. Tithe Redemption.	13.	11.	
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	12.	8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.	
“	Refund of Income Tax.	10.	0.	
“	4 weeks rent at 10/-	4.	10.	0. ?
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	12.	8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.	
A. Cook.	Carting Chalk.	1.	11.	6.
C. Hinds.	Supplies.	16.	3.	
T. Abery.	Grinding Shears.	5.	0.	
C. Miller.	Burning Oil.	2.	10.	
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	4.	6.	
“	Cemetery & Mortuary.	11.	7.	
Bracher Son & Miskin.		22.	10.	0.
Mr. Earl.	Plants.	7.	0.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	15.	8.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	8.	8.
“	10. N.H.I. Stamps.	17.	11.	
Mrs. Capeling.	Help.	10.	0.	
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supplied.	7.	19.	9.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas.	4. 11. 11.
“ “	Coke.	3. 11. 4.
Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade.	Tithe Redemption	1. 1. 7.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Repair to Column.	9. 13. 5.
“ “	Repair to Lantern.	7. 6.
“ “	Hire Charges etc.	5. 4. 5.
		<u>£113. 8. 4.</u>

Cheque for wages £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Board of Trade re:- Coupons.
2. Letter from A.P.C. M. re:- Path Division
This the Council agreed to.
3. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Vacant Seat.
4. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Ambulance.
5. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Numbering of Houses.
6. Letter from Arnold, Guff & Grimwade re:- Tithe Redemption.
7. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Broken Lantern.
9. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
10. Letter from Westminster Bank re:- Repayment Bank of Australia £399-19-0d
Mr. Gower said he would see the Bank Manager regarding the re-investment to Defence Bonds.
11. Letter from St John's Ambulance Brigade re:- House to House Collection.
It was decided to ask Miss. Saul if she would undertake the House to House Collection the same as last year.
12. Letter from Tithe Commissioner re:- Redemption Cemetery.
13. Letter from Ministry of Home Security re:- Street Lighting.
14. Letter from Kent County Constabulary re:- “ “
15. Letter from Mr. Bundy re:- Drain in Holborough Road.

Ambulance

Messrs Filmer, Saul and Hughes were nominated as representatives of the Parish Council to serve on a Committee to deal with the question of an Ambulance for this Parish, together with members of the Snodland & Ham Hill Nursing Association and Snodland A.R.P.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
28th November 1944.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th November 1944

At 7.30pm

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman) Austin, Beech, Filmer, Rev. Granger, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul and the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Mr. Robinson.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 564 and the fees amounted to £7-13-9d against 500 and £7-7-5d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Russell reported that the Fireplace in the Front Room was right out, and they are unable to use the fire, also a bad leak over the front Window, the water coming into the room. It was left with the Clerk to see Mr. Draycon regarding this.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the Cemetery was looking neat and tidy, Mr. Cherrison making a great improvement.

A letter was then read from Mr. Draycon regarding repairs to the Mortuary. It was decided that that Mr. Draycon be asked to submit a price for this work.

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Council purchase a Elsam Chemical Closet for Cemetery Cottage. The Closet in use was very much out of date and unpleasant. Seconded by Mr. Filmer and carried.

Lighting

Mr. Austin read the report of the Committee held in October 20th at 7.30pm.

It recommends that two lights be erected in the road between No. 2 and 3 and 14/15 Council Houses making a light at each end of the road. It was suggested that the Lamp Column in the Broadway that is not in use, and the one from Brook Street should be used. The Clerk was asked to write to the Gas Co. for price for taking down and erecting these two Columns.

It was reported that the trees in the Avenue were very much overgrown and covered up a good deal of the Lights. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Pell regarding this.

Mr. Saul proposed that this report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

The Rector asked for the 8 all night lights to be kept on till sun rise. It was decided that a letter be sent to the Gas Co. for this to be arranged.

Design

Mr. Stotesbur submitted a design of Kerb for Grave Space No. 1552 and moved it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr .Sabine and carried.

A vase 13" X 12" with Inscription was discussed, and it was decided that a charge of 7/6 be made, 2/6 for Base and 5/- for Inscription.

Finance

Mr. Sabine submitted the Financial Statement and proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Filmer and carried.

A. N. Hambrook.	Stationery.	15.	2.
H.R. Draycon.	Repairs to Notice Boards.	5.	5. 2.
"	Repairs to Cottage.	1.	6. 0.
"	War Damage to Institute.	21.	2. 11
Mrs. Blackman.	Brook Gatekeeper.	4.	0. 0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell	Caretaker Wages.	9.	10. 0.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	4.
H.R. Draycon.	Repairs.	1.	14. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	5.	7. 0.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Supplies.	13.	9.
W. Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	2.	11. 9.
F. Aberly	Repairs.	8.	0.
W. Trudgett.	Supplies	5.	10.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	18.	5. 10.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.	18.	4.
"	Refund of Income Tax.	12.	0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9.	10. 10.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.	18.	4.
W. Turnbull	Supplies.	14.	3.
C. Miller.	Oil.	5.	8.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.	9.	0.
F. Aberly.	Repairs.	1.	5. 0.
Bracher, Son & Miskin.	Rent Change.	2.	4.
House of ???????????	Cassock etc.	1.	16. 8.
H. R. Draycon.	War Damage.	9.	8. 8.
		<u>98.</u>	<u>1. 4.</u>

Cheque for wages £35.

Receipt

Mr. Austin proposed that the following Receipts be issued on the Rating Authority. Seconded by Mr. Filmer and carried.

General Account.	£100
Burial Act.	£150.
Baths & Wash Houses Act.	£100
Lighting.	<u>£ 50</u>
	<u>£400</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mrs. Dixon re:- Footpath.
It was decided to send this on to Malling.
2. Letter from Mr. Filmer re:- Lights Holborough.
3. Letter from the Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Street Lighting.
4. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
5. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
6. Letter from Dennis Paine & Co. re:- Elsan Closet.
7. Letter from Mr. H.R. Draycon re:- Damage to Mortuary.
8. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Special rates.
Mr. Sabine proposed that the matter be left over till the next Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.
9. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- National Fire Service.
It was decided that every effort be made to maintain a Brigade in Snodland. The Chairman pointing out the good services given by the Voluntary Brigade in the past Years.
10. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Trees in Avenue.
11. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Ambulance.
12. Letter from Nursing Association re:- Ambulance Committee.
13. Letter from the Ministry of Health re:- Reimbursements.

Other Business

Mr. Austin proposed the date for the next Parish meeting be fixed for December 19th.
Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Mr. Austin asked for John Roberts Deed of Covenant to be before the next Meeting, and suggested a letter be sent to Martyn & Gane, asking position of £50 due to Council.

John May's Great Coat.

A Meeting was arranged to distribute the Great Coats to successful applicants on Wednesday 29th November at 7pm.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
19th December 1944.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 19th December 1944
At 7.30pm

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Rev. Granger, Norman, Robinson, Stotesbury, Saul, Sabine, Tobin and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Arising from the Minutes, Mr. Norman proposed that the Council agree to the Malling R.D. Council's proposal to abolish all Special Rates. Seconded by Mr. Filmer and carried.

John Roberts Deed of Covenant was read by the Chairman, and Mr. Norman proposed that the Chairman see Bracher, Son & Miskin regarding the monies due. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 503 and the fees amounted to £6-11-9d against 475 and £7-0-11d for the corresponding period last year.

Allotments

Mr. Saul reported that the paths going towards Sharnel Lane were in a very bad state. It was decided that Ashes be put down, also a letter be sent to Malling R.D. Council regarding the bad state of paths through Allotments to Malling Road.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury spoke of the work done by Mr. Cherrison in the re-decorating the Cottage, and every room had been distempered & painted and proposed that Mr. Cherrison be paid £5. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Finance

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

Royal Insurance.	Fire in Institute.	1.	17.	6.
Public Work Loan Board.	Loan & Interest.	4.	19.	11.
“ “ “	“	5.	17.	6.
Clerk.	Wages.	20.	15.	3.
“	13. N.H.I. stamps.	1.	0.	7.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	10.	19.	6.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	11.	0.	
“	Refund of Income Tax.	7.	0.	
C. Morley.	Assistant.	5.	14.	6.
“	3. N.H.I. stamps.	11.	0.	
S. Waters.	Lawnmower.	3.	0.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	15.	8.
Royal Insurance.	Fire Insurance.	19.	9.	

R. Robinson.	Supplies.	3. 17. 3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repairs.	7. 3.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 10. 0.
“	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 15. 8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire Charges & Gas	
	Charged to December 25 th .	<u>59. 5. 0</u>
		<u>£133. 18. 8.</u>

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Westminster Bank re:- Reimbursement of £400 Defence Bonds.
2. Letter from J. Pell re:- Footpath. Schools.
It was agreed that a letter be sent to Kent Education Committee regarding this.
3. Letter from H.R. Draycon re:- Estimate for Repairing Mortuary.
It was decided to defer this matter for 6 months.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Street Lighting.

Other Business

Mr. Stotesbury spoke of bad patch in Street Lighting near Oxford Street. It was decided to have the Lamp Column re-erected.

Ambulance

Mr. Filmer reported on Meeting held on 11th December of the Ambulance Committee, which have decided to leave this matter over until the end of the War.

Footpath

Mr. Austin reported that very bad state of the paths through the Allotments.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
23rd January 1945.

