

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd January 1945
At 7.30pm.

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

Apologies were received from Messrs. Robinson, Stotesbury and Austin.

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 445 and the fees amounted to £5-19-3d against 475 and £7-5-9d for the corresponding period last year.

The Clerk reported that the Notice Board in front of the Baths had blown down. It was decided to leave this down for the time being.

Brook

Nothing to report.

Cemetery.

Nothing to report.

Finance

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

Malling R.D. Council.	Cottage Rates.	3.	12.	5.
W. Bond.	Local Gov. Chronicles.		6.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Water Rate.		5.	9.
Royal Insurance Co.	Third Party.	1.	17.	6.
Income Tax.	Wayleaves.	4.	19.	1.
Tithe Com'.	Tithe.		1.	0.
Mr. Sears.	Hire of Room.	4.	0.	0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	8.	8.
"	10. N.H.I. Stamps.		17.	11.
F. Abery.	Help.		6.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3.	11.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supplied.	5.	2.	9.
Malling R.D. Council.	Rates.	9.	17.	6.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	21.	18.	10.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
"	Refund of Income Tax.		10.	0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9.	10.	10.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	15.	8.

Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	11.	7.
“ “	House Water Rate.	4.	8.
Malling R.D. Council.	Rates.	2.	19. 3.
Tithe Com’.	Redemption of Tithe.	1.	1. 5.
Dennis Paine & Co.	Chemical Closet.	4.	0. 0.
W. Day.	Bucket.		6. 0.
		<u>£89.</u>	<u>1. 4.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Roberts Trust.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Replacing Lamp Columns.
3. “ “ “ “ re:- Price for Providing Column for Lee Road.
It was decided that this be accepted.
4. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Special rates.
5. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Allotment Path Repairs.
6. Letter from War Damage Commission re:- Bomb Crater on Brook.

Other Business

Mr. Gower asked for a letter to be sent to Mr. Hood, & Mr, Saul for Mr. Bishop, expressing the Councils sympathy regarding the illness of Mr. Bishop and the illness of Mr. Hood’s wife.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
27th February 1945.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th February 1945

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Brook

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 439 and the fees amounted to £5-15-1d against 475 and £7-5-9d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson reported that the Fireplace in the front room had become loose and the Caretaker was unable to have any fire, also a new spring was needed for the entrance door. It was left for Mr. Robinson to see Mr. Draycon regarding this.

Mr. Tobin proposed that the Baths be opened on Thursday from 9am to 4.30pm for Ladies and from 5pm to 7.30pm for Gents and suggested that this be given a months trial. Seconded by Mr. Filmer and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Cherrison had approached him regarding working Saturday afternoon for Funerals. It was pointed out that most Cemetery's close at 12noon Saturdays. Mr. Saul proposed that this be left to Mr. Stotesbury to arrange with Mr. Cherrison. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

It was decided that the grass at the top of the Cemetery on General Ground should be rolled, to enable Cherrison to cut with Mower.

A letter was then read form C. Morley, Assistant regarding an increase in wages. His wage at present being 32 per week. Mr. Stotesbury proposed that an increase of 10/- a week be given as he was a very good worker and got on very well with the Caretaker. Seconded by Mr. Hood

Mr. Beech moved as an amendment that 12/- per week be given. Seconded by Mr .Robinson.

Voting for the Proposition 3

Voting for the Amendment 5

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

Grant of Right

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No.1600, Section A, Consecrated Portion to Walter Alfred Gladdish be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Inscription

Mr. Stotesbury submitted an Inscription from Mrs. Chapman and proposed that this be passed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Stotesbury reported the very bad state of the path to Hollick's Cottages, just inside the Recreation Ground. This was caused by the overflowing of a water tank during high winds. This matter was left with Mr. Filmer to see Mr. Hale regarding putting down some brick rubble from Bomb damage.

Lighting

Mr. Saul said he had been approached by several Parishioners regarding an all night light at the Rectory gates, this being a very dark spot, and proposed that this Lamp be alight all night. Seconded by Mr. Beech. Voting for Light (3). Against (8).

Finance

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

Inland Revenue.	Income Tax. Cottages.	5. 12. 6.
“ “	“ Allotments.	27. 15. 0.
Prudential Assurance Co.	Loan & Interest.	16. 13. 4.
100, 2d Stamps.	Cheque Book.	16. 8.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	18. 5. 10.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	18. 4.
“	Refund of Tax.	12. 0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9. 10. 10.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	18. 4.
Inland revenue.	Cemetery Tax.	3. 15. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 15. 8.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.	10. 0.
C. Miller.	Burning Oil.	5. 8.
W. Earl.	Plants.	2. 6.
A. Cherrison.	Tax Deducted.	1. 7. 0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 10. 0.
“	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 4.
C. Capeling.	Help.	1. 1. 0.
Inland revenue.	Land Tax.	15. 0. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	7. 2. 8.
“	Gas.	5. 4. 8.
W. Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	18. 6.
H. R. Draycon.	Repairs. War Damage.	12. 1. 2.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.	10. 0.
		<u>£142. 0. 6.</u>

Cheque for Wages £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:_ Lamps.
2. “ “ “ “ re:- Lamps Erected in Lee Road.
3. Letter from Mr. Hood.
4. Letter from C. Morley re:- Increase in Wages.
5. Letter from War Damage Commission re:- Bomb Hole in Brook.

It was decided a letter be sent pointing out the impossibility of erecting a fence on Marshy ground, and stating the Council are not satisfied with the decision.

Other Business

Mr. Saul reported the bad state of the road from Holborough to Upper Halling. It was decide to pass the matter on to Mr. Pell.

Mr. Austin reported the path from the Clock Tower to the Cemetery was very much undermined at one point and was a great danger to the Public. It was arranged to point this matter out the A.P.C. Manufacturers.

Mr. Robinson complained about the Station Gates being closed from about midnight till early morning, and proposed that a letter be sent asking if this was in order. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Mr. Stotesbury asked for a letter to Malling R.D. Council for particulars of new Houses for Snodland.

It was arranged for the Annual Parish Meeting to take place on March 27th at 7.45pm.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
27th March 1945.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th March 1945
At 7pm.

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

Apologies from Messrs Hood & Bishop.

Minutes

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

Arising from the Minutes, Mr. Saul reported that the New Road had now been repaired.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 682 and the fees amounted to £9-4-6d against 705 and £10-12-11d for the corresponding period last year.

The decrease was due to no Military this year.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that everything was satisfactory at the Cemetery, and a good show of spring flowers.

Inscription

Mr. Stotesbury submitted 2 Inscriptions from G.R. Elbourn and proposed these be passed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Allotments

Mr. Beech reported the bad state of the path towards Sharnel Lane. The Clerk said that Mr. Cook was now dealing with this. Mr. Saul reported the gate at Sharnel Lane entrance would not shut. This was left with Mr. Saul to get repaired.

Brook

Mr. Beech had nothing to report.

Mr. Gower & Mr. Norman would make an appointment with the Catchment Board, to see what could be done regarding fencing.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Fimer reported that he had seen Mr. Hole regarding brick rubble from Bomb damage to put inside the gate, but after discussion it was decided to let this matter stand until the Autumn.

Finance

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

Clerk.	¼ Wages.	20. 15. 3.
“	13. N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 0. 7.
Postage Stamps.		3. 12. 0.
Wilkinson & Son.	Cheque Book.	1. 18. 6.
Royal Insurance.	Comprehensive.	6. 9.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 10. 0.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3. 11. 4.
Local Gov. Guar. Soc.	Fidelity.	7. 0.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Supplies.	9. 9.
“	Dustbin.	14. 0.
Mr. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	14. 12. 8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
“	refund of Tax.	10. 0.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Broom.	9. 0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	10. 0. 8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
Ryder & Son.	Flower Seeds.	5. 8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Balance.	59. 5. 0.
“	Replacing Column.	8. 0. 6.
“	Lamps. Lee Road.	24. 4. 6.
“	Gas Extra Lamps.	1. 2. 10
		<u>£162. 19. 8.</u>

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- New Road.

2. Letter from Malling R.D, Council re:- Housing.

3. Letter from Southern Railway re:- Station Gates.

4. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

5. Letter from A.P.C. Manufacturers :- Path from Clock Tower to Cemetery.

6. Letter from Mr. Filmer re:- “ “ “ “ “ “

It was decided that a letter be sent pointing out the complaint was the dangerous state of the fences through the undermined ground.

7. Letter from the Advisory Service re:- Representative.

Mr. Norman proposed Mr. Sabine as representative for this Council. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Balance of Wages to 31st March 1945.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	8.	8.
“	“			
	N.H.I. Stamps.		17.	11.
Mr. A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	3.	13.	2.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamp.		3.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	2.	10.	2.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamp.		3.	8.
A. Cherrison.	Refund Tax.		2.	0.
				<u>£16.19. 3.</u>

Balance in Hand of Clerk 30/3/45 £23-4-0d.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
24th April 1945.

Annual Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th April 1945

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Austin, Hood, Gower, Norman, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul and the Clerk.

Apologies from Mr. Robinson and the Reverend Granger.

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 advise given during his year of Office and vacated the Chair.

Chairman

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

Vice-Chairman

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

Both Chairman and Vice-Chairman thanked the Members.

Allotments

Mr. Austin reported the bad state of some of the Allotments through overgrowing weeds etc. It was left that Mr. Saul & Mr. Austin with the Clerk to meet on Wednesday evening at the Allotments to go into this matter.
Mr. Saul reported that the repairs to the gate at Sharnel Lane were being attended to.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 695 and the fees amounted to £9-3-5d against 521 and £7-10-11d for the corresponding period last year.

Owing to the leak in the Boiler, the Baths had to close for one day. This had now been attended to by Mr. Abery.

Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Grant of Right

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1610, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Rowland Mayger and No. 1613, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Kathleen Norman be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Additional Inscription

Mr. Stotesbury submitted an Inscription from Mrs. Bates and proposed this be passed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Lighting

Mr. Austin reported that the Tenant of Fire Station Cottage had asked for paint & Distemper for the Scullery. It was agreed that this be allowed.

A letter was then read from Malling R.D. Council with a copy of the letter from The Ministry of Home Security suggesting that Lamp should be extinguished for the whole period from 1st May to the end of double summer time.

Mr. Sabine proposed that the 8 all night lights should be extinguished during this period. Seconded by Mr. Austin and carried.

It was decided that a letter be sent to the Gas Co asking them to arrange to get the Lanterns cleaned and ready for the full pressure lighting.

Finance

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

Royal Insurance.	Casual Labour.	3. 6.
“	Brook Gatekeeper.	1. 3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	5. 9.
Royal Insurance.	Caretaker Mrs.	10. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supplied.	5. 1. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	6. 4. 10.
W. Hayman.	Coal.	3. 10. 10.
Mr. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	10. 19. 6.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	6. 17. 6.

“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
“	Income Tax.	3. 0.
G. Russell.	Help.	17. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 15. 8.
C. Hinds.	Supplies.	16. 0.
A.P.C.M.	Rent Charge.	13. 7.
Royal Insurance.	Caretaker & Assistant.	1. 5. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	House 4/8d. Cemetery 11/7d	16. 3.
		<u>£41. 13. 2.</u>

Cheque for Wages £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Kent Advisory Service.
2. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Houses, County Planning.
3. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Lighting.
4. Letter from A.P.C. Manufactures re:- Cemetery Path.
Mr. Hood reported that nothing had been regarding this & it was a great danger to the Public. It was decided that a letter be sent to the A.P.C.M. at Holborough asking them to attend to this at once.
5. Letter from Mr. Tobin re:- Resignation.
6. Letter from Mr. Filmer.
7. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Brook Fencing.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- All night Lights.
9. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
10. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Local Election.

Other Business

Mr. Austin asked for a letter to be sent to the Maidstone & District Bus Co. enquiring if the 9pm Bus to Chatham could be returned a ¼ of an hour later. (9.15pm).

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Hughes regarding non- attendance.

Ralph Gower
Chairman. 22nd May 1945.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22nd May 1945
At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Saul reported that he had inspected all the Allotments with the Clerk. The overgrown green stuff had now been cut down by Mr. Cornwell on the vacant plots that were let. Mr. Saul suggested that a letter be sent asking the tenant to help keep these cut down.

It was noticed that the fence wire had been cut at Sharnel Lane entrance. This had since been repaired by Mr. Waghorn

Mr. Snoad was given permission to repair the fence on 4, Birling Land Allotment.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the Paraffin Drums at the Cemetery leaked rather badly, these had been there some time and were worn very thin, and suggested a new one. Mr. Hughes said he thought he would be able to get some, and it was left with Mr. Hughes to do the best he could regarding these.

Mr. Stotesbury spoke of the cupboards and Utensils at the Mortuary, put there by the A.R.P and suggested that the Council retain these, as if they were taken it would mean that later on the Council would be compelled to buy new implements for Mortuary work.

Mr. Stotesbury then spoke of the very bad lighting. Also the vent holes needed attention. It was agreed that the vent holes be attended to, and a letter be sent to Malling R.D. Council asking to be allowed to retain utensils, and if they could supply us with a screen and some Lanterns.

Grant of Right

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1612, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Nellie Law and No. 1614, Section A. General Portion to Lily Read be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a design of Kerb for Grave Space No. 1464 and moved it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bather for the last four weeks to be 555 and the fees amounted to £7-8-9d against 958 and £14-8-7d for the corresponding period last year.

The decrease being due to 373 troops last year, against none for this.

It was arranged for Mr. Gower & Mr. Robinson to meet Mr. Marshall at the Baths on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm, regarding the taking down of Blast Wall, Tins etc.

Finance

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

Malling R.D. Council.	Cottage Rates.	3. 14. 3.
D. Crowhurst.	Repairs to Brook.	1. 13. 0.
C. Bond.	Local Gov. Chronicles.	6. 6.
A. N. Hambrook.	Stationery.	2. 0. 11.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	4.
Malling R.D. Council.	Rates.	10.	2.	6.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Supplies.		6.	6.
F. Abery.	Repairs to Boiler.	3.	0.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas.	4.	10.	6.
A. N. Hambrook.	Bath Tickets.	3.	13.	6.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	12.	8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	10.	0.	8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
“	Refund of Tax.		13.	0.
Malling R.D. Council.	Rates.	3.	0.	9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Conversion Burners		9.	5.
			<u>9.</u>	<u>5.</u>
			<u>£78.</u>	<u>13.</u>
				<u>5.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- brick Rubble.
2. Letter from Martyn & Gane re:- Roberts Deed of Covenant.
3. Letter from Maidstone & District Bus Co re:- Return Bus.
4. Letter from Gillet & Johnson re:- Clock Tower.
5. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
6. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Street Lighting.
7. Letter from D. Hughes re:- Attendance.
8. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Diversion of Footpath.

Mr. Norman proposed confirming resolution. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

It having been proved to the satisfaction of the said Meeting that Public Notice had been duly given of a resolution passed at a Meeting of the said Parish Council held on the 19th December 1944 consenting to the proposal of The Associated Portland Cement Manufactures Ltd that part of a certain Public Footpath at Snodland in the County of Kent leading from the New Road at a point about midway between its junction with the main Snodland to Rochester Road and Holborough Cottages in a south westerly direction to White Dyke Road at Snodland aforesaid along and over lands belonging to the said The A.P.C.M Ltd and measuring 2320 feet in length or thereabouts should be stopped up and diverted, and that a new footpath being 2395 feet in length or thereabouts and situate near to and to the northern side of the now existing Public Footpath should be substituted in lieu of the said Public Footpath proposed to be diverted and stopped up. It was resolved that such resolution be confirmed.

Vacant Seats

Four nominations were received for the two vacant seats.

P. Ongley. Proposed by Mr. Stotesbury. Seconded by Mr. Saul.
T. Knight. Proposed by Rev. J.S. Granger. Seconded by Mr. Sabine.
W. Pierce. Proposed by Mr. Norman. Seconded by Mr. Hughes.
J. Hammond. Proposed by Mr. Beech. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Voting. P. Ongley. 8.
T. Knight. 5.
W. Pearce. 4.
J. Hammond. 3.

Mr. Robinson asked for a letter to be sent to Malling asking what was being done with the A.R.P. Goods.

Mr. Saul proposed that a general Meeting be called regarding Celebrations when War with Japan is over. It was agreed that a Meeting be arranged on Tuesday 5th June at 7.30pm in the Devonshire Rooms.

Mr. Robinson asked for a letter to be sent to Mr. Russell thanking him for lighting up the Clock Tower during the Peace Celebrations.

Mr. Hughes asked if anything could be done regarding so many Dogs running loose, now that Private Cars would be on the roads. He thought there would be accidents if nothing was done. It was agreed to look into the matter.

Mr. Robinson reported that the seat in Queens Avenue had been badly broken. It was agreed to have this repaired.

Mr. Robinson asked if anything could be done regarding converting Shelters into Public Conveniences. This matter was discussed and these were not thought to be suitable.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Malling pointing out the great need for this in our Parish, and asking if this could be embodied in the new lay out of the Housing in the Lee Road scheme.

The matter was again discussed regarding the Kent Messenger's report of Parish Council Proceedings. It was agreed that the report be once again sent asking to publish in next issue, also if it were possible for a reported to attend the Parish Council Meetings.

The Rector proposed and it was unanimously agrees that this Meeting of Members of Snodland Parish Council place on record their high appreciation and grateful thanks to the Prime Minister for his un-tiring efforts and magnificent leaders help of the Nation during the last 5 ½ years, and our hearty congratulations to him on the successful termination of hostilities in Europe.

It was further resolved,

That this vote of thanks be recorded in the History Books of this Parish, and a copy sent to the Prime Minister.

Receipt

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

General.	£100
Burial Act.	£100
Bath & wash Houses Act	£100
Lighting & Watching.	<u>£100</u>
	<u>£400</u>

Ralph Gower
Chairman
26th June 1945.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 26th June 1945

At 7.30pm.

Present, Messrs Gower (Chairman), Beech, Austin, Rev. Granger, Knight, Ongley, Robinson, Stotesbury, Sabine and the Clerk.

Apologies from Mr. Hood and Mr. Norman.

Before commencing the business of the evening the Chairman spoke of the great loss to the Council and also the Parish had sustained by the death of Mr. Bishop. He had been a Member for a great many years, and had taken a great interest in the Parish affairs, attending nearly every Meeting. Everyone regretted his passing. The Council rose in silence as a tribute of respect.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the two new Members, Mr. M.T. Knight & Mr. P. Ongley, who suitably replied.

Baths.

Mr. Robin reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 837 and the fees amounted to £11-2-9d against 1357 and £20-110d for the corresponding period last year. There were 569 Troops last year and none this.

The Chairman gave the report of the Meeting at the Baths with Mr. Marshall regarding the Blast Walls etc. The work of taking these down was now nearly completed, but the Tin Shed at the back was still left. Mr. Robinson suggested that the Council offer Malling a sum to retain this.

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that Malling R.D. Council be offered £5 for the Shed and 2 forms. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that the Catchment Board were making a fine job of the Brook.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that things were going well at the Cemetery. The lad Morley had asked for his weeks holiday for the 3rd week in July. This was agreed.

Mr. Stotesbury asked if a reply to our letter to Malling had been received regarding the Mortuary equipment. It was agreed that Malling be asked to reply regarding this.

Lighting

It was decided that the date for lighting the Street Lamps be left over till the July Meeting.

Finance

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

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Supply of Gas.	2.	18.	3.
Clerk.	Wages.	20.	15.	3.
“	13 N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0.	7.
C. Cornwell.	Help. Allotments.		3.	9.
Inland Revenue.	War Damage Com. Cottage.	1.	2.	6.
“	“ Institute.	4.	0.	0.
“	“ Brook.		7.	3.
“	“ Birling Land Allot.		8.	3.
“	“ Slough Fields Allot.		7.	0.
“	“ Lower Shorne “		5.	3.
C. Cook.	Repairing Path in Allotments.	12.	0.	0.
Public Load Works Board.	Loan & Interest.	5.	15.	7.
“ “ “	“	4.	18.	4.
Mr. & Mrs Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.
“	8. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	4.
Royal Insurance.	Extra Premium.		3.	8.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Supplies.		6.	0.
Wm. Hayman.	Coal.	1.	13.	8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	7.	6.	2.
Inland Revenue.	War Damage.	3.	0.	0.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	18.	5.	10.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	12.	10.	10.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
Inland Revenue.	War Damage. Cemetery.		15.	0.
W. Turnbull.	Seeds.		1.	0.
A. Cook.	Carting Chalk.	4.	0.	0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Extra Premium.		5.	0.
				<u>£114. 10. 9.</u>

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. W. Day re:- War Damage.
2. Letter from South Eastern Command re:- Damage to Lamp Column.
3. Letter from Mr. Rush re:- Garden Party.
4. letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Lighting.
5. “ “ “ “ re:- Damage to Lamp Column.

6. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Warden's Post Allotments.
It was agreed this be pulled down.

7. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Public Conveniences.

Mr. Sabine proposed that this matter be again pressed with Malling as this was very much needed, pointing out that Snodland was the largest Parish in the Malling area, with a population of up to 4,000. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury and carried.

8. Letter from Lower Medway Drainage Board re:- Register of Electors.

Mr. Austin proposed that the Reverend Granger be elected to vote on the Council's behalf. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Other Business.

Mr. Austin proposed that Mr. W. Pierce and Mr. J. Hammond fill the two vacant seats. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Mr. Stotersbury reported that he would shortly be resigning, and it was with great regret that the Members heard this.

Mr. Robinson reported that the thought C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd were overstepping their boundary on the exchange of the Brookland. It was decided to see Map at next meeting.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
24th July 1945.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th July 1945

At 7.30pm.

Present, Messrs Gower (Chairman), Hood (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Beech, Rev. Granger, Hughes, Knight, Norman, Ongley, Robinson, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul, Hammond and the Clerk.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the new Member Mr. J. Hammond.

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 681 and the fees amounted to £9-2-7d against 1067 and £15-5-6d for the corresponding period last year. There were 373 Troops last year and none this.

The Caretaker has applied for his Annual Holiday for the third week in August, this was agreed and left with Mr. Robinson and the Clerk to arrange for help for the Friday and Saturday. It was decided to close the Baths on the Thursday of this week.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the Cemetery was very neat and tidy and there was now a splendid show of Flowers.

The lad Morley was on his Holiday this week.

Brook

Mr. Norman reported that his notice had been approached regarding boring holes on our Common Land by C.T. Hook & Co Ltd. After discussion this was left over till the next Meeting.

The Chairman reported that he had seen Mr. Ashby regarding cutting the grass along the Willow Walk, this was well in hand, and nearly completed. He hoped the Council agreed with this being done. Carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Saul reported that the grass badly needed cutting. The Chairman replied that the Clerk had seen Mr. Auger regarding this and he would attend to it in a fortnight at the same price as last year.

Lighting

It was agreed to commence the Street Lighting on August 1st, ½ hour before sunset till 11pm, the eight all night lights to be carried on exactly as in former years.

It was agreed to except the terms of the price quoted in a letter from The Mid Kent Gas Co. Proposed by Mr. Norman and seconded by Mr. Beech.

A letter was read from the Manager of the Gas Co. regarding improved lighting at Holborough. Mr. Hughes proposed that a demonstration of this improved lighting should be at the Bull Corner and not at Holborough. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

It was decided that a letter be sent to the Gas Co. asking if this could be arranged, also asking for a date and time of this demonstration.

Finance

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

C. ??????	Help. Allotments.	1.	15.	0.
D. Crowhurst.	Supplies. Allotments.		5.	8.
“	Notice Boards.		6.	0.
Lower Medway Drainage.	Rates.	4.	4.	0.
“	“	4.	0.	0.
“	“	6.	6.	0.
Kent County Council.	“	6.	6.	0.
R. Robinson.	Supplies to Cottage.	14.	5.	
A. N. Hambrook.	Stationery.		5.	0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	8.	9.
“	10. N.H.I. Stamps.		17.	4.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.		10.	0.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	12.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	10.	0.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
A. N. Hammond.	Printing.	1.	17.	0.
C. Hinds.	Supplies.		13.	3.
J. Collis Ltd.	Scythe.	1.	5.	6.

Cheque for Wages £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Finch re:- Vacant Seat.
2. Letter from F. Bishop re:- Marylebone Salvation Band.
3. Letter from Mr. Pearce re:- Apologies.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Street Lighting.
5. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
6. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
7. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- “
8. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Public Conveniences.
9. Letter from The Kent Messenger re:- Report.

Other Business

Mr. Saul proposed that this Council should support Halling & Wouldham Council's regarding the River Bridge from Halling to Wouldham. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Mr. Robinson reported that the Cottage sink was leaking. It was agreed to have a new sink.

Mr. Hammond spoke of the state of Sharnel Lane being overgrown, also the bad state of the vacant Allotments. It was agreed to have these attended to.

Mr. Stotesbury spoke of the money collected for the Bomb distressed in Snodland that he now held. At a General Meeting it was decided that half should go to the Nursing Association and half to The Red Cross. Not that The Red Cross collections had now finished, this was still in hand.

Mr. Sabine proposed that this half be held in Trust by the Council until the next Annual Parish Meeting, to enable the Parishioners to decide what should be done with the money. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
28th August 1945.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th August 1945
At 7.30pm.

Present, Messrs Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Hammond, Hughes, Rev. Granger, Knight, Norman, Ongley, Pierce, Robinson, Stotesbury, Sabine, Saul and the Clerk.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the new Member Mr. W. Pierce, who suitably replied.

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 850 and the fees amounted to £11-12-6d as compared with 126 and £9-19-10d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Gower gave the report of the Baths Committee Meeting held at the Baths on Friday August 17th at 7pm.

The business before the Meeting was regarding the purchase of Shed erected by Malling for the Decontamination Centre.

It was discussed with Mr. Marshall, Mr. Hale & Mr. Jones, and it was agreed that the Shed should be taken down, being no great use to the Baths, and advertised by Malling. The other fixtures etc, put up by the Decontamination Centre should be taken down as the Baths should be left as they were before the War. It was also agreed to have the Gutters cleared, this was left with the Clerk.

A letter was sent to Mr. Bundy regarding the bad smell outside the Baths for his earliest attention.

Allotments

Mr. Norman spoke of the overgrown gardens needing attention. The Clerk replied that this matter was being dealt with.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Gower reported that he had given permission for a Round-a-bout etc in the Recreation Ground for the Peace Celebrations on September 15th. This was agreed by the Council on conditions that this was cleared on Monday September 17th.

The Clerk had seen Mr. Auger regarding the cutting of the grass. Mr. Auger said he would attend to this on Tuesday.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury said nothing to Report.

Grant of Right

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1614, Section A, Consecrated Portion to Blanche Emma May be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report.

Lighting

A letter was read from the Ministry of Fuel and Power regarding the great need for economy during the coming winter and the request that all lamps should be

extinguished at midnight. After discussion Mr. Norman proposed that every other light should be cut out, and all Lamps be shut off at 11pm, except two all night lights at the Bull Corner, and two at Fire Station, providing permission is received from The Ministry of Fuel and Power. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Hughes moved as an amendment that all lights be put out at 11pm, and the eight all night lights be again put on at 4am till day break. Seconded by Mr. Knight.

Voting for Proposition 8
 Voting for amendment 4

The Chairman declared the proposition carried. The matter of converting the eight all night lights into the new suspension type was left over.

Finance

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

D. Crowhurst.	Repairing Brook.	5.	15.	0.
Mr. Ashby	Repairs to Willow Walk.	3.	15.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.		5.	9.
Prudential Assurance.	Loan & Interest.	16.	17.	7.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	18.	5.	10.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	12.	10.	10.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Water Rate.		4.	8.
“	Cemetery “		11.	7.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	11.	4.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	6.	0.	9.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Supplies.		6.	6.
			<u>£87.</u>	<u>19.</u>
				<u>0.</u>

Cheque for Wages £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from S. Whibley re:_ Purchase of Land.
 It was agreed to pass this on to Malling.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:_ Street Lighting.

3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

4. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

5. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

6. Letter from Mr. Bundy re:- Smell at Public Baths.

7. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Trees in Queens Avenue.

8. Letter from The War Damage Commission re:- Bomb Hole in Brook.

9. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:_ Peace Celebrations.

10. Letter from Ministry of Fuel & Power re:- Street Lighting.

11. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Decontamination Centre.

12. Letter from Kent Advisory Service.

13. Letter from Wouldham Parish Council re:- Bridge.

The rector reported the Meeting held at Maidstone. He thought that nothing further could be done to retain this, but the County Council would do their utmost to press for Bridge.

Other Business

The matter of expenses for the Peace Celebrations was discussed. Mr. Austin proposed that as the Council had heard nothing further from the Peace Celebrations Committee, this matter be left over. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury.

Mr. Hammond reported that the Cattle on the Brook could stray through the Straw Stacks and onto the Railway Line, should this happen it would probably cause a bad Railway Accident. To avoid this he thought that C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd should again be asked to fence the Straw Stacks. After a great deal of discussion it was agreed that Mr. Austin, Hughes, Hammond and Robinson should meet Mr. Dedrick to go thoroughly into this matter. (After first looking into the Deeds of this Purchase).

Mr. Hughes reported a bad state of overgrown weeds etc inside the fence of the Clock Tower. This was left with the Clerk to attend to.

Ralph Gower

Chairman

25th September 1945.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th September 1945

At 7.30pm.

Present, Messrs Gower (Chairman), Hood (Vice-Chairman), Austin, beech, Rev. Granger, Hammond, Knight, Norman, Ongley, Pierce, Sabine and the Clerk.

Apologies from Mr. Stotesbury and Mr. Saul.

Also present were the following Parishioners Messrs, Ballard, Pont, Stevenson, Stroud and Woolnough.

Minutes

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

Arising from the Minutes, the matter of the 1d Rate was discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Peace Celebration Committee asking for a proper statement of accounts. (Receipts & Expenditures) duly audited and certified by two responsible persons. Also suggesting that this Committee endeavour to raise the amount needed for the old peoples teas by public subscription. After which the Council were prepared to pass a reasonable expenditure.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 645 and the fees amounted to £8-16-7d against 959 and £13-3-10d for the corresponding period last year.

Cemetery

A letter was read from Mr. Stotesbury asking the Council to consider the purchase of an Oil Stove and Cooker for the Caretaker, pointing out how inconvenient it must be without either Gas or Electricity. The Caretaker, Mr. Cherrison wrote stating he had received an offer of one nearly new for £5 complete.

Mr. Norman proposed that this be accepted & purchased for the Council. Seconded by Mr. Austin and carried.

Design

Mr. Gower submitted a design of Headstone & Kerb for Grave Space of late Victoria Eastwood, and moved it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Recreation Ground

It was agreed that the Round-a-bout etc, could remain in the Recreation Ground for a further week.

Mr. Austin suggested that the recreation Ground Gates should be set further back. It was agreed that this be left over till a later date.

Lighting

Mr. Austin reported that he had received several complaints regarding the light outside the Recreation Ground Gates being taken off. This made the approach to Hollicks Cottages very dark and dangerous and proposed that this be put on again. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Mr. Robinson proposed that one in Queens Avenue be relit owing to the trees. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Finance

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

Clerk.	Wages.	20.	15.	3.
“	13. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0.	7.
Mrs. Blackman.	Brook Gatekeeper.	4.	0.	0.
Dennis Paine.	Padlock.		5.	6.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	12.	8.
“	4. N.H. I. Stamps.		14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	10.	0.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
Chas. Knight.	Book. Etc.	10.	13.	9.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.

“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 4.
Mr. Abery.	Help.	1. 13. 0.
Mrs. Eves.	Help.	12. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	<u>3. 14. 10.</u>
		<u>£79. 1. 11.</u>

Cheque for Wages £45.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mrs. Stockford re:- 1d Rate
2. Letter from Kent Advisory Service re:- Subscription.
3. Letter from Mr. Stotesbury re:- Oil Stove & Cooker.
4. Letter from Mr. Cherriston re:- “ “
5. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Street Lighting.
6. Letter from Ministry of Fuel re:- “ “
7. Letter from the Home Office re:- Local Electors.
8. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- “
9. Letter from Working Men's Club re:- Library Floor.
It was agreed that the Institute Committee meet at the Club to look into this matter.
10. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Water Tank in Recreation Ground.
11. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
It was suggested that this be broken up. It be left to make a pathway alongside the Cottage wall.
12. Letter from Mr. Saul apologising.

Other Business

None.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
23rd October 1945.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd October 1945
At 7.30pm.

Present, Messrs Gower (Chairman), Hood (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Hammond, Hughes, Knight, Ongley, Pierce, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Sabine, Rev. Granger and the Clerk

Apologies from Mr. Beech.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Saul reported that the Allotments had been made tidy.

Baths

Mr Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 620 and the fees amounted to £8-13-0d against 658 and £9-1-11d for the corresponding period last year

The Caretaker reported a leak in the Boiler, also that 3 new draining boards were needed. it was agreed to call a Baths Committee Meeting to go into these matters on Monday October 29th at 6.45pm at the Baths.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Mr. Cherrison wanted his holiday from October 20th. This was agreed.

Mr. Stotesbury spoke of Funerals being held so late on Saturday Afternoons during the winter, and thought the Council should have a stated time. Mr. Hughes proposed that no Funerals be after 1 o'clock on Saturdays. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Stotesbury moved as an amendment that the time for last Funeral be 2.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Voting for the Proposition	6
Voting for the Amendment	5.

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Institute

Mr. Saul gave the report of the Committee Meeting held at the Institute on October 10th, when the Library floor was inspected and found to be in a very bad state. The Committee agreed that tenders be asked for from four firms.

The Clerk submitted the agreement made by the Working Men's Club and the Parish Council dated 14th January 1936, which stated that all inside repairs be carried out by the Committee of the Club. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Secretary.

Lighting

Mr. Austin spoke of several complaints he had received about every other light be taken off, and thought that perhaps this could be revised slightly.

Mr. Hughes proposed that all the lights be lit in the Holborough Road. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Mr. Pierce moved as an amendment that the lights remain as they are. Seconded by Mr. Austin.

Voting for the Proposition	4
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The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

Finance

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

V. Proctor.	Help in Allotments.	1. 10. 0.
A.N. Hambrook.	Stationery.	1. 3. 0.
A. Filmer,	Cutting Grass.	6. 0. 0.
Logon ??	Insurance. Clerk.	3. 0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 8. 8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	17. 11.
Mr. Goble.	Repairs.	8. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3. 14. 10.
A. N. Hambrook.	Day & Week Book.	3. 3. 9.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	14. 12. 8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	10. 0. 8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
A. Beal.	Oil Cooker.	5. 0. 0.
Mr. Auger.	Cutting Grass, etc.	2. 0. 0.
C. Hinds.	Supplies.	1. 2. 7.
Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade.	Redemption.	4. 12. 10.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Replacing Lanterns.	8. 7. 6.
“	Conversion of Lighting.	7. 10. 0.
		<u>£82. 4. 9.</u>

Cheque for Wages £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Shelter in Recreation Ground.
It was agreed that Malling be asked to take this away as soon as possible.
2. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Dustbins.
It was agreed that this matter be pressed, asking Malling to revert back to the old arrangement as soon as circumstances permit.
3. Letter from Mr. Pout re:- Dustbins.
4. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Water Tanks. Recreation Ground
5. Letter from Mr. Cherrison re:- Thanks.
6. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Street Lighting.
7. Letter from H. Matthews re:- tender for The Working Men's Club.

Other Business

The Chairman reported that Leaveys were unable to supply any Great Coats this year owing to the very great shortage of supplies.

Mr. Sabine proposed that the money be held over until next year, providing Halling & Birling agreed. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

The Chairman said he had spoken to Halling & Birling and they had agreed.

Mr. Saul spoke of the very bad state of our roads, and said they were disgraceful. They looked as though they had not been swept for months, and he thought that this should be seriously pointed out to Malling Council.

Mr. Saul reported the bad state of the path in Church Fields, and it was agreed to pass this on to the Surveyor.

Mr. Robinson reported that he had received many complaints regarding the Cement Dust, and suggested the matter should be taken up with the Ministry of Health. After discussion it was decided that a letter be sent to the A.P.C. M first, and see if the nuisance is stopped.

The matter of danger lights at the Bull Corner was suggested by Mr. Saul. It was agreed that this be left over for the time being.

Mr. Austin said he had received complaints about the bad state of the path at the Clock Tower to the Cemetery. It was agreed to pass this on the A.P.C.M., also pointing out the very dangerous state of the fence on part of the path.

Mr. Robinson tendered his resignation. This was excepted with much regret. Mr. Stotesbury spoke of the useful services that Mr. Robinson had given, especially as Chairman of the Public Baths.

Ralph Gower

Chairman

27th November 1945.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th November 1945

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs, Gower (Chairman), Austin, Beech, Rev. Granger, Hammond, Ongley, Norman, Pierce, Saul, Sabine, Stotesbury, Knight and the Clerk.

Also present was Parishioner J. Pout.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Sabine reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 619 and the fees amounted to £8-13-9d against 564 and £7-13-9d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Sabine gave the report of the Baths Committee Meeting held on Monday 29th October at 6.45pm at the Public Baths.

Mr. Hood proposed that Mr. Sabine be appointed Chairman for the next 5 months. Seconded by Mr. Ongley.

The Boiler was inspected and it was agreed that Mr. Robinson be asked to give this a thorough overhaul and advise us of the result. It was decided that the broken stopcock be repaired and also the locks on Baths doors be overhauled and repaired. A letter was read from Mr. Robinson stating that he had inspected the Boiler and found it to be cracked. He reported that this could be welded, but would be a costly job and no guarantee could be given that it would be satisfactory when completed, and advised the Council to renew the Boiler. It was decided that a letter be sent to the Ideal Boiler Co, asking if one of their representatives could call and go into this matter.

Allotments

Mr. Saul reported that he had received many complaints regarding Horses straying onto the Allotments and thought something should be done to stop this nuisance. Mr. Gower reported that Mr. Crowhurst had been asked to put a fence up at the bottom of Sharnal Lane to see if this would stop the Horses.

Brook

Mr. Saul reported that the Stile along the Willow walk was broken. It was agreed that this be replaced.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Mr. Cherrison had made a great clearance at the Cemetery and it was now looking very neat and tidy. About 300 small flower pots were badly needed for potting. It was agreed that these be obtained.

Finance

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

Mrs. Blackman.	Brook Gatekeeper.	4.	0.	4.
Malling R.D. Council.	Cottage Rates.	3.	16.	1.
Mid Kent water Co.	Water Rate.		5.	9.
W. Bond.	Local Government Chronicles.	13.		0.
H. R. Draycon.	Clearing Drain at Cottage.		5.	5.
“	“ “ “		2.	8.
“	Repairing Seat at Baths.	1.	5.	1.
“	Removing Seat.		4.	7.
“	Sink. Cottage.	4.	18.	10.
“	Repairing Roof.		15.	9.
A. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	18.	5.	10.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	12.	10.	10.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		18.	4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate Cottage.		4.	8.
“ “	“ Cemetery & Mortuary.	11.		7.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	17.	5.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.		12.	0.
Walter & Forknall.	Shears.	1.	7.	6.
H.R. Draycon.	Repairs.		4.	4.
“	Glass etc.		4.	10.
“	“		5.	5.

Malling R.D. Council.	Rates.	3.	2.	3.
F. Abery.	Repairs to Boiler.	2.	0.	0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	4.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Supplies.		13.	9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas.	6.	8.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	6.	17.	3.
F. Abery.	Repairs.		8.	0.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood & Poles.		15.	6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	7.	9.	8.
Malling R.D. Council.	Rates.	10.	7.	6.
H.R. Draycon.	Clearing Gutter.		5.	6.
Mr. Robinson.	Repairs.	1.	0.	0.
Wm. Hayman.	Coal.	1.	16.	2.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas Supplied.	85.	14.	5.
		<u>£191.</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>8.</u>

Cheque for Wages £40

Cheque for Snodland Cricket Club £8-10-1d

Correspondence

- Letter from Mrs. Butcher re:- Street Lamps. Groves.
It was agreed this matter be left for the present time.
- Letter from Gillet & Johnson re:- War Damage to Clock Tower.
- “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
- Letter from Mr. Robinson re:- Repairs to broken Boiler at the Baths.
- Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Damaged Lamps.
- “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
- Letter from J. Pout re:- Refuse Collections.
- Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Refuse Collections.
Mr. Sabine proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Pout pointing out what the term “Other Consideration” referred to.
- Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Roberts Trust.
- Letter from J. Pell re:- Dirty Streets.
- “ “ “ re:- Path in Church Fields.
- Letter from W. Rust re:- Church Parade.
- Letter from the A.P.C. M. re:- Dust Nuisance.

It was agreed that this matter be pressed further, as the dust nuisance was as bad as it ever was.

Other Business

Mr. Saul proposed that the next Parish Council Meeting be held on Tuesday 18th December. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Receipt

Mr. Norman proposed the following Receipt be issued on the Rating Authority. Seconded by Mr. Sabine and carried.

General.	£150
Burial Act.	£150.
Bath & Wash Houses Act	£100
Lighting.	<u>£125</u>
	<u>£525.</u>

Two letters were received from The National Provincial Bank stating that £8-10-1d had been placed at the disposal of the Snodland Parish Council, from Rev. Buckingham. (Snodland Boys Club).

It was agreed that a Cheque be signed for this amount to Snodland Cricket Club.

Ralph Gower

Chairman

18th December 1945.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 18th December 1945

At 7.30pm.

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

Apologies from Mr. Stotesbury and Mr. Hughes.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Saul reported that many complaints had been received regarding Cattle straying and damaging garden food stuffs. Also several complaints had occurred from theft .A letter was read from the Gardeners Association asking the Council to take steps to prevent the annoyance.

After a great deal of discussion Mr. Knight proposed that the matter be taken up with the Brook Committee to meet on the Brook and go into the fencing problem thoroughly. Seconded by Mr. Norman.

Mr. Austin moved as an amendment that a reward of 32 be offered to any person giving information that would lead to a conviction of persons removing or damaging fencing, seats or any property belonging to the Parish Council. Also any information

regarding theft from Allotments and damage by straying Cattle. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Voting for the proposal	1
Voting for the Amendment	5

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Baths

Mr. Sabine reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 893 and the fees amounted to £8-1-11d against 503 and £6-11-9d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Sabine reported that the Chimney Pot of the Caretakers living room was badly broken, and the Caretaker was unable to light a fire. Mr. Saul proposed that this be replaced as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Finance

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

Royal Insurance.	Insurance. Institute.	1. 17. 6.
Inland Revenue.	Land Tax. Cottage.	5. 12. 6.
“	Allotments.	27. 15. 0.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	20. 15. 3.
“	13. N.H.I. Stamps.	1. 0. 7.
Mr. Cherrison.	Caretakers Wages.	10. 19. 6.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7. 10. 6.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	11. 0.
Inland Revenue.	Land Tax.	3. 15. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Fire Insurance.	19. 9.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 11. 10.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	10. 4.
Inland Revenue.	Land Tax.	15. 0. 0.
		<u>£106. 9. 9.</u>

Cheque for Wages £45.

Correspondence

1. Letter from A.P.C.M. Works Manager re:- Arrange a Meeting.

It was agreed that no useful purpose could be served by such a meeting as proposed and a letter be sent to this effect.

3. Letter from Gardeners Association re:- Allotment Damage.

4. Letter from Mr. Cherrison. re:_ Increase in Salary.

After discussion Mr. Norman proposed that this matter be left over till the next meeting, after first going before the Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Mr. Sabine and carried.

The Chairman gave a detailed report of a Meeting of five Chairman of Parish Council's regarding the Halling & Wouldham bridges. He stated if no further delay was granted, the Bridge would be dismantled after January 1st.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
22nd January 1946.

