

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tuesday January 11th 1898
At 8pm.

Mr. George Corney presided, and there were also present Councillors Brazier, H. Beadle, E. Beadle, Hawks, Fletcher, Deacon, Wilford, Mason and Godfrey.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Cemetery Committee Report.

Mr. Deacon proposed that seeds to the amount of about 7/- and 6 casts of flower pots be purchased for the Cemetery. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the following accounts be paid:-

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| W. Young | Paint, Boards, &c. | 11...0 |
| Holder. T. | Land Tax | 6 |
| Messenger & Co | Pipes, Joints for Greenhouse. | 1...13...7 |
| | Carriage for do. | 4..11 |
| Hawks W. | Repairs on 'Brook' & Carting. | 1... 0...10 |
| Tong A. | Repairs to Brook Gate. | 4...2 |
| Young W. | Blocks for Fire Station. | 4 10 |
| Hook C. T. & Co. Ltd | Gas a/c Parish Lamps | 31...17...6 |
| | “ “ “ Fire Station | 4...2 |
| Hayman W. | Coal and Coke for do | 5...2 |
| Burge H. | Leather Case. | 5...6 |
| Hinds C. | Pick & Hooks | 12...0 |
| Brazier E. | Various small a/cs | 11...7½ |
| Insurance of Fire | Apparatus | 2...3 |
| | TOTAL | 37...18...0½ |

Fire Brigade Finances

Mr. Deacon proposed that Mr. Brazier be instructed to pay for the Fire Brigade Finances from money in his hands. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle & carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison stating that the Water Co. were making arrangements for a monthly analysis of their water.
2. Letter from Mr. Prosser re. application for additional Guardians and the maximum number of Councillors.
3. Three letters from Mr. A. Willis, re. enclosed shelter on the down platform of Snodland Station.

4. Two letters from Messrs Prall, Son & Prall, re. diversion of footpath at the back of the British Schools.

5. Letter from Chief Constable of Kent re. additional Police Supervision for the Parish of Snodland.

6. Letter from Mr. Prosser re. matters in connection with the annexations of Lower Birling to the Parish of Snodland.

Lighting Meeting.

It was decided to hold the next Parish Meeting on the 18th inst' and the annual Lighting Meeting on the 27th inst'.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Clerk be instructed to see Mr. Prosser re. the extension of the Lighting area to Lower Birling. Carried.

Mr. Beadle's Notice of Motion.

Mr. H. Beadle in accordance with previous notice of motion. Re. naming the streets and numbering the houses in the Parish moved the following resolution;-

"That the Council put up the names of the streets in conspicuous places."

There being no seconder, it fell through.

Mr. H. Beadle then moved;-

"That the Council take steps to have the houses in the Parish numbered in consecutive order".

There was no seconder and the resolution fell through.

Path in Brook St & Mill St.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the District Council to the Kerbing and Paths in Brook St & the South side of the road beyond the Station Gates. This was seconded by Mr. Fletcher & carried.

Mud in the Streets.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the attention of the County Council be called to the lumps of mud which are allowed to lie in the streets. Carried

Geo. Corney
January 18th 1898.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday Jan' 18th 1898 **At 8pm.**

Mr. Geo' Corney presided and there were also present. Messrs Deacon, Hawks, Burke, Fletcher, Mason, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, Brazier & Hodgkinson.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Audit of Lighting A/C

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that Messrs Brazier & Hodgkinson Audit the Lighting a/c. Carried.

Present of Breeze from Mr. Roberts.

The Clerk stated that Mr. W. L. H. Roberts had made a present of the Chaldron of Breeze for the use of the Cemetery, and the Clerk was instructed to convey the best thanks of the Council to him.

Correspondence.

Letter from Mr. Prosser fixing the times to meet the Clerk inspecting the annexation difficulties.

The Clerk stated that he, together with the Chairman had interviewed Mr. Prosser on the 17th inst' respecting matters connected with the annexation question, and he had clearly stated that nothing could be done till the Local Government Board had agreed the day for the annexation order to come into operation, and advised the Council to wait.

Lighting A/C.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Lighting accounts be accepted as correct. This was seconded by Mr. Mason & carried.

Accounts.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that cheques be drawn to pay the following a/c's together with Ten Pounds for Caretakers Wages. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

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| T. Hilder | Water Rate Cemetery | 3....0. |
| do. | Do. Do. Fire Brigade Stn. | 3....0. |
| T. Moore. | Notices. Brackets etc. | 2..13...9 |
| H. Draycon | Repair of lamps | 3.....5 6 |
| W. Hawks. | Works on Brook. | 9.....9...5 |
| The Clerk;- | Caretaker's Wages | 10.....0...0 |
| | Total | 25....14..8 |

Annual Lighting Account.

It was decided to adjourn the fixing of the amount of money for the purposes of the Lighting A/C. for the ensuing year from January 27th to March 29th the date of the Annual Parish Meeting in order that the date for the annexation order to come into operation, might be received.

Mr. Beadle's Notice of Motion.

Mr. H. Beadle in accordance with previous notice of motion proposed that the Council put up the names of the streets of the Parish in conspicuous places. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle. Messrs H. Beadle & E. Beadle voted for the motion and Messrs Brazier, Mason, Fletcher, Hawks and Deacon voted against it. Messrs Burke & Hodgkinson remaining neutral.

The motion was accordingly declared lost.

The second notice of motion was withdrawn.

Mr. J.H. Burke gave notice of motion re. Churchfields.

Geo' Corney

Feb' 15th 1898.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tuesday 15th Feb' 1898.

At 8pm.

Mr. Geo Corney presided and there were also present Messrs. Deacon, Wilford, Mason, Fletcher, Burke, Fowle, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, Brazier, Hodgkinson & Godfrey.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cemetery Committee

The Clerk was instructed to order 1 Chaldron of Coke for the Cemetery. Mr. Fowle suggested that the grass in the unappropriated portion of the Cemetery should be fed off by Mr. Champion's sheep.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that Mr. Champion be asked to fence the ground and allow his sheep to feed off of the grass till the beginning of April. Carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Deacon reported that Messrs. May and Joy had continued to feed Cattle on the Brook during the Winter, where as they should have been taken off in November. He asked that the question should be discussed in Committee after the other business had been discussed.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the District Council stating that the surveyor had been instructed to repair the Kerbing and Footpath beyond the Station Gates.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving extract from the monthly analysis. The Chemical Analysis shows that the water is of great organic purity and "Thoroughly satisfactory for drinking purposes and for ordinary domestic and other use".
3. Letter from the County Council Clerk stating that the Roads and Bridges Committee will recommend the Council not to offer any objection to the erection of the Drinking Fountain on the site as now explained.
4. Letter from the County Council enclosing a further copy of Annexation Order, stating that a map had been sent, from which a copy or tracing might be made for the use of the Parish Council.
5. Letter from Mr. Prosser stating he had written to the L.G.B. asking them to accelerate the confirming of the Snodland & Birling order and the L.G.B. had informed him that the draft order was prepared & would shortly be sent on to him.

6. Letter from Mr. Prosser enclosing the order for the appointment of a Second Rural District Councillor to represent the Parish of Snodland on the Malling Rural District Council.

Mr. J. Burke's Notice of Motion.

Mr. J. Burke in accordance with previous Notice of Motion. Re. Churchfield, stated that the fence to the piece of ground on the West Side of the Church Wall had got into a very dilapidated condition, and had become a nuisance.

Mr. Hodgkinson kindly promised to speak to the Misses Hook about it

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be sent to the Misses Hook for kindly erecting a lamp on the pillar at the entrance to the Fire Station.

Road Leading to Constitution Hill.

Mr. Burke stated that the road leading up to Constitution Hill was dangerous and suggested the making of a Footpath in order that Children and others should have some protection from vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council and ask them to allow their Surveyor to inspect and report on this portion of the road.

Boundary Marks Churchfields

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to the S.E.R. Coy & call their attention to the Boundary Marks in the Church Field which are used as urinals. Carried.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Council form themselves into Committee. Carried.

Mr. Deacon again stated that E.W. Ray & W. Joy had contravened the rules regulating the management of the Brook by continuing to turn cattle on beyond time determined by the Council.

After a long discussion Mr. Burke proposed that a legal opinion be obtained on the question. This was seconded by Mr. Fowle and Carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that Messrs Corney, Deacon, Brazier and the Clerk be appointed a dispensation to wait on a Solicitor to obtain an opinion. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the dispensation wait on Mr. Ellis and if necessary obtain Council's opinion. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed that if the information sought for should be in favour of the Council that the Clerk at once give notice to the offenders to discontinue. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded. Carried.

Mr. Burke voting against.

The Clerk was instructed to look up matter in Vestry Book

Geo' Corney Mar. 22nd 1898.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tuesday March 22nd

At 8pm.

Mr. Geo' Corney presided and there were also present Councillors Brazier, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, Fowle, Fletcher, Burke, Mason, Deacon, Hawks, Hodgkinson & Godfrey.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Cemetery Committee Report.

Mr. Burke suggested that either Mr. Cunningham's offer of £1 for the grass in the unappropriated portion of the Cemetery, which he would now dredge and roll – or Mr. Champions offer of 30/- for the feed during the Summer, provided that an entrance be made at the North West corner for the sheep be accepted.

He also suggested that a seat and table and half dozen hat pegs be provided for the Chapel. The Table and Seat to be made of Pitch Pine to harmonize with the seats.

He also suggested that the woodwork outside and the outside seats be creosoted, oiled or painted a Purple Brown: Also the stools painted.

Mr. Deacon proposed & Mr. E. Beadle seconded that these matters be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

Brook.

Mr. Deacon asked to be allowed to take the Brook matters in Committee at the end of the agenda, and it was decided to do so.

Finance Report.

Mr. Deacon read a list of accounts which had been considered by the Finance Committee amounting to £13.8.3 and he proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that they be paid . Carried.

List of Accounts.

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| Wages of man working on Brook. | | 4...12...3 |
| Meetings in Devonshire Rooms. | | 1...13...6 |
| "do" in National School. | | 7...6 |
| 3 Fares to Maidstone (deputation) | | 3...0 |
| List of Parochial Electors | Prosser | 1...0 |
| Stamps and Stationery | Clerk | 1...17...9½ |
| 1 Chaldron of Coke | Hayman | 12...0 |
| Flower Pots | Holman | 15...6 |
| Insurance | Hilder | 10...6 |
| Manure | Gower | 12...0 |
| Repairs at Cemetery | Hinds | 14..10 |
| Flower Seeds | Caretaker | 8...0 |
| Printing | | 13..10½ |
| Chairman's Expenses; Parish Meeting | | 6...6 |
| | Total | £13...8....3 |

Precept on Overseers.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that a precept be issued on the overseers for £5 for the General Account. Carried.

Watering Streets.

The Chairman explained that application be made to the District Council who would apply to the Local Government Board for powers under sec. 42 P.11.a 1875. The District Council would then delegate these powers to the Parish Council.

Mr. Deacon proposed that this Council apply to the District Council for powers under sec' 42 P.11.a 1875, to water the streets, scavenging &c. and if when the powers are obtained, it prove too costly no further steps be taken in the matter. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle. Carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Champion re. Feeding the grass in the unappropriated portion of Cemetery
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving abstract of analysis of water taken from service pipe at Eccles The sample was colourless, tasteless, odourless and entirely clear and free from sediment. The Chemical analysis shows that the water is of great organic purity, and thoroughly satisfactory for drinking purposes and for ordinary domestic & other use.
3. Letter from Standing Joint Committee, refusing application for additional Police supervision in Snodland.
4. Letter from Mr Allison re. Repair of Waghorn Road.
5. Letter from Mr. Prosser asking for return of Map.
6. Letter from Mr. Prosser stating that application for extension of Lighting & Burials Area should not be made till after the 31st of March.
7. Letter from Mr Prosser fixing the number of Parish Councillors at 15.
8. Letter from S.E. Ry. Co. re. boundary in Churchfield.
9. Letter from Mr. Prosser drawing attention to section 8 of the L.G. Boards. Confirmation order.
10. Letter from Mr. Allison re. Kerbing road to Constitution Hill. Stating that a Committee had been appointed to visit and report.
11. Letter from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Complaining of dilapidated building near their works. Stating that it was a source of danger.
It was decided to send the letter to the District Council. In reference to No 8. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Willis and respectfully suggest that some less objectionable fence might be substituted for the Sleeper Fence. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle & carried. Mr. Godfrey alone voting against it.
12. Letter from Mr. Gregson, chairman of the Ewchurch Parish Council suggesting that the Local Government Boards be approached with the view of getting the Rules for the election of Parish Councillors amended. Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the consideration of the letter be deferred & that the Clerk acknowledge receipt of same. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

Estimate for Lighting.

Mr. Deacon proposed that £240 be asked for at the Parish Meeting. Mr. Godfrey seconded & carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co, and ask for better terms for lighting the Parish. Mr. Brazier seconded & carried.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Council form themselves into Committee; Carried. Mr. Deacon stated that Mr. Wray the Gatekeeper had broken the rules governing the Brook, and it was not desirable to appoint him again, and suggested that the Clerk be asked to collect the fees and he himself look after the gate.

Mr. Fowle proposed that a gatekeeper be appointed & Mr. Hawks seconded. Carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed that Mr. John White be appointed Gatekeeper for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Burke & carried. Mr. E. Beadle proposed that he be paid £4.4.0. Seconded by Mr. H Beadle & carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Council recommend the 30th of March as the day for turning on Brook to the parish meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that persons living in Lower Birling be allowed to turn on Brook this year. Carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Clerk purchase a lock with 12 keys for the Brook Gate. Carried.

Mr. Deacon suggested that a plain statement of the whole case of the infringement of the Rules regulating the Brook and what the Council proposed to do be made to the Parish Meeting & that £60 be asked for Lighting purposes.

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Geo' Corney
April 19th 1898

The Fourth Annual Parish Council Meeting **Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tuesday April 19th** **1898 At 7pm.**

Councillors Corney, Beacon, Brazier, Burke, Hodgkinson, Fowle, Mason, Godfrey, Woodburn, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, Fletcher, Wilford, Hawks & Parris were present and signed the Declaration on acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor.

Election of Chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson Vice Chairman of the late Council took the chair and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. George Corney, Chairman of the late Council for the very courteous and able manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the late Council during the past year.

Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. George Corney be again elected Chairman of the Council. This was seconded by Mr. J. Deacon and carried unanimously.

Mr. G. Corney on taking the Chair thanked the Councillors for the honours they had done him in again appointing him Chairman of the Council. He then welcomed the new Councillors, Messrs Woodburn and Parris.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. J. Deacon proposed the Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year . This was seconded by Mr. E. Brazier and carried.

Overseers.

The Overseers be appointed from outside and two from inside the Council.

Outside the Council.

Mr. Burke proposed Mr. Edmund Butler and Mr. Mason seconded.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed Mr. W.L.H. Roberts and Mr. R.J. Parris seconded. Carried unanimously.

Inside the Council.

Mr. J. Fowle proposed Mr. E. Brazier and Mr. Hawks seconded.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Deacon seconded. Carried unanimously.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Appointment of Committees.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that each Committee consist of seven Councillors. Carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that Councillors, Deacon, Godfrey, Mason, Fowle, Brazier, Wilford and H. Beadle be appointed to serve on the Brook Committee. Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Councillors Fowle, Fletcher, Parris, Hawks, Woodburn, Mason and Godfrey be appointed to serve on the Cemetery Committee. Carried unanimously.

Lighting and Finance Committee.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that Councillors, E. Beadle, Woodburn, Hodgkinson, Wilford, H. Beadle, Deacon and Brazier be appointed to serve on the Finance and Lighting Committee. Carried Unanimously.

Report of Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that the report of the old Committee be received. Carried.

Report of Brook Committee.

Mr. Deacon proposed that several "ways" on the Brook be repaired, and that a new trunk be placed in one of the "ways" This was seconded by Mr. Brazier and carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the fence on the Willow Walk be repaired. This was seconded by Mr. Brazier and Carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Brook Gate be moved further on the Brook to be in a line with Wray's property. This was seconded by Mr. Brazier and carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. W. Hawks be employed to do the work on the Brook. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that all the tins, glass bottles and other rubbish now lying on the Brook be collected and burned out of the way and that Mr. J. White be employed to do this for the sum of five shillings. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

It was decided that the Clerk be instructed to pay White when the work is completed.

Cemetery Committee Report.

Mr. Burke proposed that all woodwork and ironwork exposed on the building at the Cemetery be painted two coats lead colour and one coat purple brown. Mr. E. Beadle seconded.

Mr. H. Beadle moved an amendment that the exposed part be Creosoted. This was seconded by Mr. Deacon.

The Amendment was carried. Messrs Mason, Fowle, Fletcher & Woodburn voting against it.

On being put as the substantive motion it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Burke proposed that a gate way be made in the Northwest part of the Cemetery, to be executed by the Caretaker. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the seats in the Cemetery have two coats of varnish to harmonize with the furniture in the Chapel, and that the iron work be painted green. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Champion's offer of 30/- for the grass in the Cemetery – unappropriated portion, he agreeing to fence, dredge & roll the ground for the year ending + in as 1898, be accepted. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that a table 3ft 3" x 2ft 3" with drawer, a chair and a Hat Rack be placed in the Chapel at the Cemetery. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

The Clerk was requested to obtain patterns & prices.

Mr. Burke proposed that 12 galls. weed killer be purchased for use in the Cemetery and also a Grating to replace one broken. This was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that the entrance gates, the door of the Chapel & House be & that the Ceiling of the Archway be varnished. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks & carried.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the Clerk be instructed to get tenders for all the work to be done at the Cemetery. This was seconded by Mr. Deacon and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co stating they are unable to reduce the price for lighting the Parish.
2. Letter from the S.E.Ry. Cy. acknowledging the receipt of letter re. fence in Churchfield.
3. Letter from Malling Rural District Council, stating they had no powers to the matter of the dangerous building complained of by Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co.
4. Letter from Rochester Bridge Wardens requesting representatives from the Parish to attend the Meeting of Wardens to be held at Rochester on Friday April 22nd.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr, E. Beadle seconded that two representatives be asked to attend the meeting of Bridge-Wardens at Rochester on Friday 22nd. Carried.

Messrs. Burke and Hodgkinson were asked to attend.

Extension of Lighting Area.

Mr. Deacon proposed that application be made to the County Council to extend the lighting area to Lower Birling.

This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson. Carried.

Extension of Burial Area.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that application be made to the County Council to extend the Burial Area to Lower Birling. Carried.

Rescinding Section 3. Act 1869

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the resolution adopting section 3 of the poor rate Assessment and Collection Act 1869 passed by the Vestry of Birling be rescinded so far as it affects Lower Birling which has recently been annexed to Snodland. Carried Unanimously.

Cheque for Caretakers Wages.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded and it was resolved that a cheque for £6.18.0 be drawn and signed to pay Caretakers wages.

Mr. Deacons Motion re. Recreation Ground.

Mr. Deacon in accordance with previous notice of motion that the rent of Birling Lands for a lease of 21yrs with option to purchase at end of lease to be used as a recreation ground – be obtained.

This was seconded by Mr. Brazier & carried.

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Chairman of the Committees be chosen at the first meeting of the Committee. Carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed & Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the Committee meet at 8pm on Thursday next April 26th. Carried.

Geo' Corney

May 3rd 1898.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tuesday
May 3rd 1898 At 8pm

Mr. Geo. Corney presided and there were also present Messrs. Hodgkinson, Brazier, Beadle, E. Beadle, Woodburn, Parris, Fletcher, Fowle, Hawks, Burke, Mason, Godfrey & Deacon.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Reports of Brook Committees.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded that the Clerk be instructed to purchase 110ft of 2½ inch rope for use on the Brook. Carried.

Lighting of Entrance.

Mr. Hodgkinson read a report of the meeting of the Lighting & Brigade Committee and with the exception of fee to Brigade moved its adoption. This was seconded by Mr. Deacon and carried.

The Committee also recommended that the Fire Brigade be invited for a supper, when the presentation of the new Helmets should take place.

It also recommended the Council to gratefully acknowledge the generous gift of the Misses Hook to the Fire Brigade.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded the adoption of this portion of the report. Carried.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Messrs' Hodgkinson, Deacon, Mason, Woodburn & Brazier be elected a Committee to carry out the arrangements of the supper. Carried.

Accounts.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the following accounts amounting to £42.10.1 be paid. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

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| Water Rates | 6 . 0 |
| Weedkiller 12 gals | 10 . 11 |
| 1/2yrs rent of Fire Station | £2..10. 0 |
| C.T. Hook & Co Gas a/c | £31 17 6 |
| “ “ “ “ “ | 2 . 7 |
| Election Expenses. | 15 . 8 |
| White for work on Brook | 5 . 0 |
| Caretakers Wages | £6. 18. 0 |
| Total | £43. 10. 1 |

Correspondence.

Two letters from Messrs. Langridge & Freeman re. Recreation Ground.

Letter from Mr. Prosser asking for information respecting the extension of the Lighting & Burial Areas.

Tenders for work at Cemetery.

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| 1. Langridge R. | £8.18.0 |
| 2. Norman E. | £6. 0.0 |
| 3. Draycon H. | £5.14.0 |
| 4. Brattle C. | £10.5.6 |

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that Mr. H. Draycon's tender be accepted on condition that the work be completed within a month from the date of acceptance.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the matter of the chair and table be referred to the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

Mr. Fletchers Motion.

Mr. Fletcher in accordance with previous notice of motion proposed that the Clerk be instructed to call the notice of the County Council to the dangerous state of the kerb and footpath in the Holboro Road. Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried

Receipt on Overseers

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a receipt of £95 be issued on the Overseers under the Burial Act. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

Bridge at end of Willow Walk

Mr. Deacon proposed that the attention of the District Council be called to the very dangerous state of the Bridge at the end of the Willow Walk. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle & carried.

Geo. Corney
May 17th 1898.

Meeting of the Council.

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At 8pm.

Mr, George Corney presided, and there were also present, Councillors Deacon, Godfrey, H. Beadle, Burke, Fletcher, Fowle, Hawks, E. Beadle, Parris, Brazier, Hodgkinson, Mason, Woodburn & Wilford.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Cemetery Committee Report.

Mr. Godfrey read the Cemetery Committees report. It recommended the Council to purchase-

1. Table No 70 in Hammer & Co's catalogue 3ft 6" x 2ft 2" pitch Pine and Varnished. Price 25/- and Lock to Drawer price 1/6.

2. Chair No 1124 pitch pine and varnished Price 22/- for use in the Cemetery Chapel.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded the adoption of the report. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. letter from the Home Office intimating that Dr. Hoffman would inspect the Churchyard on Wednesday May 11th.

2. Letter from Mr. Prosser re. The Kerb and Path in the Holboro Road.

3. Letter from Mr .Allison, stating that the bridge on the end of the Willow Walk would be attended to by the Surveyor.

4. Letter from Mr. Allison re. Watering the streets.

Messrs' Mason & Corney had been appointed by the District Council to act with five members of the Parish Council.

5 Letter from Mr. Prosser enclosing the County Council Committee order for the extension of the Lighting Act and Burial Act area to Lower Birling.

Watering Committee

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Messrs' Deacon, Godfrey, Brazier, Woodburn & Wilford be elected on the Watering and Scavenging Committee, to act with Messrs. Corney & Mason. Carried.

Mr. H. Beadle's Notice of Motion.

Mr. H. Beadle on accordance with previous notice proposed.

That the attention of the County Council be " to the state of the footpath and kerb in the lower part of the High Street, from Mr. Ayers to the Old Post Office & "suggesting that the path & kerb be raised and improved in the same manner that the upper portion had been raised and improved,- and with a view " of overcoming the difficulty at the "Red Lion" "that the County Surveyor be invited to meet Mr. Cooper, Messrs Mason & Co's representative and a Committee of the Parish Council on the spot".

Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Chairman, Clerk & Messrs' Deacon, Brazier and Beadle be elected to form the Committee to meet Mr. Cooper and Mr. Ruck, the County Surveyor. Carried.

Road by the Church.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that the attention of the District Council be called to the state of the road in front of the Church.

Mr. Deacon & 5% Discount

Mr. Deacon proposed that as soon as the Chair and Table arrive and prove satisfactory that the Clerk send off the money, taking off 5% in accordance with Hammer's terms for cash. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Geo. Corney

June 7th 1898.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday
June 7th at 8pm.

Mr. George Corney presided and there were also present Messrs. Deacon, Woodburn, Mason, Wilford, Fletcher, Godfrey, H. Beadle, Parris, E. Beadle, Brazier, Hodgkinson, Fowle & Burke.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Cemetery Committee Report.

Mr. Godfrey reported that it was necessary to hang up a copy of the Fees at the Cemetery.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Cemetery Committee.

Brook Committee Report.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded and it was resolved to pay John White the Gatekeeper 30/- of his Salary at once and 30/- on August 6th and the balance at the end of the season. Carried.

Lighting and Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded that 10 Columns 11 Lanterns & 10 Cradles be purchased and erected in the portion of Snodland recently annexed. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that 10 Columns, 10 Cradles & 11 Lanterns be purchased off Messrs. W. Graham & Sons of Upper Thames Street at once. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded that Mr. A. Tong be employed to fix the Lanterns on Mr. Brattle's House. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that persons be invited to tender for the erection of the 10 Columns. Carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

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| Caretaker's Wages. | £10. 7. 0 |
| Poor Rate | 16.6 |
| Lighting Rate | 2.3 |
| Repayment of Loan | £53. 0. 0 |
| Rope For use on Brook | 7. 4 |
| Total | £64. 13. 1 |

Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Shand Mason & Co' Account Fire Brigade requisites amounting to £32.18.6 be paid. Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried.

Watering Committee Report.

Mr. Deacon proposed That a Water Cart to hold 200 galls be purchased from Mr. Randell of North Walsham No 247 - That the of the Mid Kent Water Co to supply water for watering the Streets for £5 per year be accepted and that Mr. W. Hawks tender to supply Horse & man to water the streets at 11d per hour be accepted. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Messrs' Deacon, Woodburn, Hodgkinson, Brazier, H. Beadle, Fowle, & Corney voting for, and Messrs' Burke, Parris, Wilford, Mason and Fletcher voting against it. Mr. E. Beadle remained neutral.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Prosser re. The Kerb & Path in the High Street between Mr. Ayers and the Old Post Office.

2. Letter from Queens Commemoration joint Committee asking what had been done in Snodland re. Open Spaces.

3. Letter from Malling Rural District Council asking if the road in front of the Parish Church had been repaired by the Highways Authorities.

4. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co enclosing the following analysis of sample of water drawn at Snodland.

"The sample was colourless, tasteless, odourless and very nearly free from Surbidity. The Chemical Analysis shows that the water is of great organic purity and thoroughly satisfactory for drinking purposes and for ordinary and other domestic uses".

5. Letter from the Home Office : being the order for closing the Churchyard.

Geo. Corney
June 21st 1898.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 21st
1898 at 8pm.

Mr. George Corney presided and there were also present. Councillors, Hodgkinson, H. Beadle, E. Beadle Brazier, Fowle, Fletcher, Deacon, Burke, Parris, Wilford and Godfrey.

Minutes.

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

Report of Finance Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts.

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| Audit Stamp. | £2. 0. 0 |
| Chair and Table Cemetery | £3. 6. 0 |
| Carriage of " " | 1. 9 |
| J. White on a/c of wages | <u>£1. 10. 0</u> |
| | £6. 17. 9 |

Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried.

Brigade Report.

Mr. Hodgkinson read the proposed a/c of charges of the Fire Brigade, both inside and outside the Branch.

After some discussion, Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that this report be referred back to the Lighting Committee and that in the meantime the Clerk obtain information from the Local Government Board in respect to the powers of the Volunteer Fire Brigade to make charges for services rendered.

Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Deacon submitted a prospectus of the National Fire Brigade Union and suggested that the members of the Fire Brigade join it.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Injured Cow on Brook.

Mr. Deacon reported that a cow had been kicked or injured in some way as to render it unable to graze. Some food had been purchased to give it, costing 3/-. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the bill be paid and the receipt sent to the owner, Mr. A.W. Moore. Carried.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that some bills be provided cautioning Children against chasing the animals on the Brook, and also that the attention of the Police be drawn to it. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from G. M. Hammer & Co re- The account for Chair and Table for Cemetery.
2. Letter from Messrs' C.T. Hook & Co Ltd re- laying gas main to new district & stating that existing agreement applies to new lamps.
3. Letter from Messrs. F. Randell & Co re- Water cart.
4. Letter from Mr. Prosser, for application for grant of money to help defray the expense of watering the main roads.

This letter was referred to the Watering Committee.

Tenders for the Erection of Lamp Columns.

The following Tenders for the Erection of the Lamp Columns were opened by the Chairman.

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| Norman E. | £2. 0. 0 |
| Langridge. R. | £2. 3. 0 |
| Hook. C. T. & Co Ltd. | £3. 0. 0 |

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Norman's tender be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

Letter re- Election of Parish Councillors.

This was a letter from the Chairman of the Ewhurst Parish Council suggesting certain rules for the election of Parish Councillors.

Mr. Deacon proposed & Mr. Wilford seconded that it be referred to a Committee to report there-on. Carried.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Messrs. Deacon, Hodgkinson, Wilford & Godfrey be elected on this Committee.

Rules of Brook.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Brook Committee be asked to arrange the old rules regulating the Brook and to make such other rules as may be deemed necessary. Carried.

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Rector for the use of the Vestry Minute Book, that the Committee may be able to extract the existing rules governing the Brook.

Stiles

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the attention of the District Council be called to the inconvenient Stiles. - 3 in the path leading across the Rectory Meadow & Birling Lands.

2 in the path leading from Birling Lands to Ham Hill.

2 in the path leading from Bramley Road to the Rookery, and 2 in the path from Mark Farm to the road leading to Birling. Carried.

Recreation Ground.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Parris seconded and it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Leney and ascertain if the Queen Meadow could be leased to the Parish Council for the purpose of a Recreation Ground. Carried.

Geo' Corney
August 2nd 1898.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tuesday August 3rd

1898

Mr. George Corney presided, and there were also present, Messrs' Wilford, Deacon, Burke, Hawks, Fowle Fletcher, Woodburn, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, Parris, Brazier.

Minutes.

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

Report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the following accounts be paid. Carried

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| Messrs' C.T. Hook & Co Gas Account Fire Station. | 1. 5 |
| “ “ “ “ Parish | £31. 17. 6 |
| Messrs. Graham & Sons Lamp Columns a/c | £24. 17. 6. |

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| Carriage of. | “ | “ | 17. 0 |
| Mr. H. Draycon’s Bill. Work at cemetery | | | £6. 0. 10 |
| Messrs. Randell & Co Water Cart sent to D.C. | | | £24. 18. 0 |
| Expenses of Local Inquiry re- Annexation. | | | £6. 15. 0 |
| Water Rates | | | 6. 0 |
| Mr. W. Hawks Bill. Work on the Brook. | | | £13. 15. 11 |
| Caretaker’s Wages. | | | <u>£9. 4. 0</u> |
| | | | £118. 12. 8. |

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that 12 copies of the Fees & Charges be printed and that one copy be framed and put up under the Arch at the Cemetery. The printing to be left in the hands of Mr. Godfrey & the Clerk. Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried.

Mr, Godfrey proposed and Mr.Parris seconded that a 12 rung ladder be purchased. Carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded that Mr. W. Hawks be employed to make the Ladder. Carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the Plan of Headstone & Inscription to be placed on Mrs. Spilletts grave be approved by the Council. Carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle read the report of the Brook Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle propose and Mr. Deacon seconded that the following rules for the regulation and management of the Brook be adopted by the Council and submitted to a Parish Meeting. Carried.

1. That the time for turning Cattle on the Brook be determined at the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. That all Cattle be removed from the Brook on or before Nov’ 5th in each year.
3. That the Fee for turning on the Brook be fixed at the Annual Parish Meeting each year.
4. That each parishioner rated under £10 have a right to turn on one head of Cattle at £10 and under £20, 2 head of Cattle at £20, and under £30, 3 head of Cattle at £30, and over 4 head of Cattle and no more.
5. That no person be allowed to turn on Cattle other than their own property.
6. That Cattle coming from Markets on Fairs shall be in possession of the owner at least 14 days before turning on the Brook.
7. That the following animals shall not be turned on the Brook – viz, Sheep, Steers, Bulls, entire Horses, entire Donkeys & Rigs.
8. That the Brook Keeper be appointed each year by the Parish Council.
9. that all animals turned on the Brook shall be at the owners’ risk.
10. That no Manure shall be removed from the Brook.
11. That no Tins, Bottles, Jars or other rubbish be put on the Brook.

Report of Committee to make Election Rules.

Mr. Deacon read the report of the Committee, appointed to consider improved rules for the election of Parish Councils.

He proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded the adoption of the Rules, and that a copy be sent to the Chairman of Ewhurst Parish Council. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Fred' Leney & Sons re- recreation Ground.

2. Letter from Messrs' C.T. Hook & Co Ltd. re-. Fire Engine.

This was referred to the Fire Brigade Committee.

3. Letter from Malling Rural District Council..re-. Inconvenient Stiles.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the owners.

4. Letter from Mr. A.F.Gerin, Assistant Surveyor calling attention to the unsatisfactory finish with the surface of the Footpath where the Lamp Columns had been erected.

The Clerk reported that he had replied to the letter.

5. Letter from the Local Government Board re-. Payments to the members of the Fire Brigade for loss of time in cases of fire. This letter was referred to the Fire Brigade Committee.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr Deacon seconded that a receipt for £180 for Lighting purposes be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Committee for Cemetery Fees.

Mr. Godfrey moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee to discuss certain Questions relating to the Cemetery Fees and charges. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

The question of the price of a Child's Grave Space was then discussed and the Clerk was finally instructed to write to the Home Office for information there-on.

Geo' Corney
Sept' 13th 1898.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tuesday Sept' 13th.

1898 At 8pm

Mr. Geo. Corney presided and there were also present. Messrs. Wilford, Brazier, Woodburn, Fletcher, Fowle, Mason, Parris, Burke, Deacon, E. Beadle and H. Beadle.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that the following accounts be paid. This was seconded by Mr. Brazier and Carried.

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| Caretaker's Wages | £6. 18. 0 |
| Hawks. W. Work on Brook. | £4. 10. 0 |
| Brook Keeper's Wages. | £1. 10. 0 |
| Parris. A. Lock and Keys, Brook Gate. | 2. 6. |
| Watering the Streets. | <u>£18. 3. 0</u> |
| | <u>£31. 3. 6</u> |

Brigade Committee Report.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Local Government and inquire if the Council has power to make charge for the service of the Fire Brigade outside the Parish.

Mr. Woodburn seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Auditor and inquire if the word "Volunteer" be left out and the Brigade be called the "Snodland Fire Brigade" would place the Council in a position to pay the Firemen for loss of time in cases of fire.

Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that a "Bell" be purchased and placed on a pole at the Fire Station as a means of call to the Fire Men in cases of fire.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the matter be referred back to the Lighting and Finance Committee. Carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Fire Brigade join the "National Fire Brigade Union" and that the Annual Subscription of 1 Guinea be paid by the Council.

This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Fire Brigade join the "Union" at the end of the year. Carried.

Income Tax.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that a Cheque be drawn for £5.14.5 in payment of Income Tax on interest of the Cemetery Loan. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space to Mr. Thorndycroft be signed. Carried.

Malling Road.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council calling its attention to the state of the east side of the Malling Road and asking if a kerbed Path could not be made on that side of the road.

Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Churchfield.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the Clerk call the attention of the Rural District Council to the state of the path in the Churchfield with the view of getting it repaired. Mr. Parris

Copying Press.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that the Clerk be empowered to purchase a Letter Press No 2 quality and also a stand + water + Brush. Carried.

Shelter on Down Platform.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the Clerk write to S.E. Ry Co' and ask if something could not be done in the way of a shelter on the Down Platform. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and Carried.

Geo. Corney
Oct' 18th 1898.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tuesday Oct' 18th
1898 At 8pm

Mr. Geo. Corney presided, and there were also present, Councillors Brazier Hodgkinson, H. Beadle, E. Beadle, Deacon, Wilford, Burke, Fletcher, Fowle, Hawks, Parris and Godfrey.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Deacon seconded that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

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| Harrison Edward | Grating for Cemetery. | 3. 0 |
| " " " | Erecting Lamp Columns | £2. 0. 0 |
| Hook. C.T. & Co | Gas A/c | £31.17. 6 |
| " " " " | New Lamps | £5. 4.10 |
| " " " " | Fire Station | 1.10 |
| Hawks W. | Ladder & Wood for Cemetery | 13. 8 |
| Ellis A.J. | Legal Advice re- Brook | 10. 2 |
| Hilder J. | Poor Rate Cemetery | £1. 0. 3 |
| " " " " | Fire Station | 7. 10½ |
| " " " " | Tithe Charge Cemetery | £1. 5. 5 |
| Tong A. | Making brackets and fixing Lamp | 16.0 |
| Copying Press a/c | Hilder T. Jnr | £4. 6. 0 |
| Caretakers Wages | 6 Weeks | £6.18.0 |
| Spowson C.W. | Printing & Framing Cards | 18.10½ |
| Brazier Ed', | Stamps & Stationery Fire Brigade | 9. 5½ |
| Hawks W. | Street Watering (sent to D.C.) | £5. 0. 10 |
| | Total. | £61. 13. 5½ |

Carried Unanimously.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues' Nov' 22nd at 7.30pm

1898.

Mr. Geo' Corney presided and there were also present, Messrs Brazier, H. Beadle, Parris, Fletcher, Mason, Hawks, Godfrey, Deacon, E. Beadle and Burke.

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

Report of the Brook Committee.

Mr. H. J. Beadle read the report of the Brook Committee and proposed :-
"That Mr.Ed. Wray had broken open and damaged the Brook Gate, the matter be placed in the hands of Mr. A.J. Ellis, Solicitor of Maidstone, to deal with as he thinks best". No Secunder.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the matter be referred back to the Committee, to report as to the damage. Carried.

Mr. H.J. Beadle proposed " That a letter be written to Mr. J.W. Patey, requesting him to repair the fence between the Cow Lodge and the Allotments, and to cease turning his Cattle on the Brook:- and if he refuse to comply with this request in either matter , that he be given notice to quit his Allotments". Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried.

Geo' Corney.
December 13th 1898.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Room Tues' Dec' 13th at 8pm.

1898.

Mr. Geo' Corney presided, and there were also present, Messrs. Wilford, E. Beadle, Parris, Fletcher, Fowle, Godfrey, Deacon, Mason, Brazier, Hodgkinson and Woodburn.

Minutes.

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

Report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was unanimously resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.-

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| Caretakers Wage. | £9. 4. 0 |
| Gay. G. F. Cards of Fees and Charges | £1. 10. 0 |
| " " Brook Rules. | 15. 0 |

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| Balance of Gatekeepers Salary | £1. 4. 0 |
| Lancaster. W.J. Repayment of Loan. | £53. 0. 3. |
| Water Rate. Cemetery. | 3. 0 |
| Water Rate. Fire Station. | 3. 0 |
| Haymans. Coal & Coke for Cemetery. | 16. 0 |
| Mid Kent Water Co. Water for Roads | £5. 0. 0 |
| Total. | £71.15. 3 |

The Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs' Hammer & Co re.- the charge of 3/2 being the discount on the charge for Chair and Table at the Cemetery.

Report of the Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that the Caretaker be instructed to lop the trees in the centre of the Cemetery. Carried.

It was decided on the recommendation of the Committee to leave the painting of the Seats and Greenhouse till the Spring.

The Council gratefully accepted the offer of Messrs. Lee Son & Co through Mr. Mason to store the Seats during the Winter Months.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the Caretaker be paid 9/- for help during his illness. Carried.

Mr. Godfrey read a letter from Mr. Frost stating that the trees would be planted during the week, and also one from the Misses Hook stating that they had ordered 25 flowering Lime Trees and a competent man to plant them.

Correspondence.

1. 4 letters from A.A. Arnold Esq', Clerk to the Bridge Court, re:- Free Ferry at Snodland.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Parish Councils of Malling, Birling, Wouldham and Burham informing them that this Council had the matter of a Free Ferry at Snodland under discussion and suggesting a joint Committee be formed of representatives of all five Councils to consider the whole matter of a free ferry or other better means of Communication across the River Medway at Snodland. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried

2. Letter from Mr. Allison re-. Poor Relief return.

3. Letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Parish Council had no power to make a charge for the services of the Volunteer Fire Brigade outside the Parish.

4. Letter from Messrs' Langridge and Freeman re:- Recreation Ground.

5. Letter from Birling Parish Council asking on what terms they could have the services of the Snodland Fire Brigade in cases of fire in the event of their placing two Hydrants for fire purposes at Ham Hill.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed that the matter be referred to the Fire Brigade management Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Messrs' Corney, Woodburn, Deacon, Mason and E. Beadle be appointed on the Free Ferry joint Committee. Carried.

Precept on Overseers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that a precept for £95 be issued on the Overseers under the Burial Acts. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the conveyance of exclusive right in No' 71 Grave Space to Mr. George Fuller be signed. Carried.

Thanks to Messrs' Lee & Son & Co.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that a vote of thanks be conveyed to Messrs' W. Lee. Son & Co for their gift of mould to the Cemetery and for storing the seats during the Winter Months. Carried.

Mud in the Streets.

Mr. Deacon proposed that a letter be written to Mr. Ruck, County Surveyor calling his attention to the lumps of mud in the streets and asking if they could not be removed earlier. Mr. Wilford seconded & it was carried.

Watering the Streets.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council and ask that better means be taken in future to pay for the watering of the Streets.

Geo' Corney

Jan' 15th 1899.

