

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> 1899

At 8pm.

Present. Messrs. George Corney (In the Chair), Hodgkinson, Brazier, H. Beadle, H. Hawks, E. Beadle, J. Wilford, J. Fowle, R. J. Parris, J.H. Burke, C. Godfrey, J. Mason, J. Deacon, A.W. Woodburn and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. H. Hawks seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Caretaker be supplied with.

1. Bundle of Birch.,
2. 4 Casts of Flower Pots.
3. 7/- worth of Flower Seeds.

Mr. Beadle reported that a Tree had been blown down, and was lying across the stream on the Brook.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Chairman of the Brook Committee be asked to sell the Tree and to get the best price he could for it. Carried.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. J. Deacon seconded and it was unanimously resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Water Rate.	Fire Station.	Hilder. T.	3.	0.
Water Rate.	Cemetery.	"	3.	0.
½ yrs Rent of Fire Station to Hook. Misses.			2.	10. 0.
Income Tax.	Interest on Loan.		2.	3. 4.
¼ yrs Gas Account. Lamps.		Hook. C.T. & Co.	38.	15. 0.
" " Fire Station.		" "	1.	10.
Insurance Premium. Fire Station.		Kent Fire Office.	2.	0.
Repair of Lamps.		Draycon. H.	1.	5. 10.
Carriage of Drum. Weedkiller.		Return		8.
Printing Statement. (Urban Powers).		Sprowson & son	10.	6.
Caretakers Wages. (6 Weeks).			6.	4. 0.
			<u>£51.</u>	<u>19. 2.</u>

Urban District Powers Committee.

Mr. Deacon read the report prepared by the Committee appointed to consider the availability of applying for Urban Powers, and proposed:-

"That your Committee having carefully considered the foregoing statement would suggest that steps be at once taken to apply to the County Council for Urban Powers, and that an early opportunity should be taken of laying the matter before a Parish Meeting". Mr. Hodgkinson seconded.

Mr. Woodburn moved an amendment that the question be adjourned for one year from the present date. This was seconded by Mr. Fowle.

Messrs Mason, Woodburn & Fowle voted for the amendment, and Messrs Hodgkinson, Brazier, H. Beadle, E. Beadle, Parris, Hawks, Godfrey, Burke and Deacon against it.

Mr. Wilford remained neutral.

The amendment was declared lost.

The proposition was then put to the Meeting and carried. Nem Con.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Recreation Ground. They wanted to know the size of the ground required, the site and the price the Council are prepared to give.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs Langridge & Freeman stating that the whole of Birling Lands less the frontage would be required, and that the Council would be glad to know the amount of rent for a lease of 7, 14 or 21 years. Carried.

2. Letter from Burham Parish Council giving the names of the Councillors appointed of the Free Ferry Committee.

3. A similar letter from Wouldham Parish Council.

4. Also a letter from the Wouldham P.C. suggesting that the right of way through Millbay works should be considered by the Free Ferry Committee.

5. Letter from Malling Parish Council declining to act on the Free Ferry Committee.

6. Letter from Edward Stanford re:- Map.

7. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- the finding of lamps turned on full when not lighted & asking the Council to take steps to find out the delinquents.

8. Letter from Mr. Ruck re:- Mud in the Streets.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Conveyance of exclusive right in the No. 73 Grave Space to Mr. James Woodruff be signed. Carried.

#### Grant of money for Lighting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Parish meeting be asked to grant the sum of £200 for the purposes of the Lighting Act for the ensuing year. Mr. Deacon seconded and it was carried.

#### Hydrants in Bramley & Malling Road.

The Lighting Committee was requested to take an early opportunity of fixing the sites of the Hydrants to be placed in the Bramley & Malling Roads.

#### Lighting Meeting.

It was decided to hold the Lighting Meeting on Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the National Schools.

Rolling Tubs in the Streets.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Clerk be asked to speak to the Police with the view of preventing Tubs being rolled in the Streets, and frightening Horses & so possibly leading to accidents. Carried.

Holboro. Road.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that the attention of the County Council be drawn to the flooding of Holboro' Road during the recent heavy rains. Carried.

Safe for P.C.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the Clerk be authorized to purchase a safe if suitable.

Geo. Corney  
February 7<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

Present. Messrs Geo' Corney, in the Chair, Deacon, Mason, Burke, Parris, Fowle, Fletcher, E. Beadle, Brazier, Hawks, H. Beadle, Woodburn and Wilford, and Mr. T. Hilder the Clerk.

Minutes.

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

Brook Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that the sum of fifty shillings for the tree on the Brook, recently blown down, offered by Mr. W. Hawks be accepted. Carried.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that two cheques be drawn – one of £3.10.0d. for the safe and one of £2.12.6d. to pay for the Parish Map. Carried.

Cemetery Committee.

It was decided to order a Chaldron of Coke for the Cemetery.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from D. Smith and Rev' Arthur Faraday requesting the Council to call a Parish Meeting to express approval of the Czars rescript in favour of establishing universal peace.

The Clerk was requested to state that the Council had no power to call a Parish Meeting for that purpose.



Flower Seeds for Cemetery.		7. 11.
Printing Notices of Meeting	Sprowson.	5. 0.
Printing Notices of Meeting.	Gay.	<u>6. 6.</u>
		<u>£2. 0. 5.</u>

#### Fire Brigade to Attend Public Entertainments.

Mr. Deacon proposed that the Committee of the Institute and the Committee of the Devonshire Rooms, be informed that the Firemen would be available to attend Public Entertainments if requested. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle and carried.

#### Fire Brigade Uniforms.

Mr. Deacon stated that the Brigade Uniforms had been purchased by Public Subscriptions, but there was a balance of £1.1.2d. unpaid. He proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that this amount be paid by the Council. Carried.

#### Whistles.

Mr. Deacon proposed that two whistles be purchased for the use of the Brigade. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Pole & Bell.

Mr. Deacon proposed that an iron pole with bell fixed at the top be purchased at a cost of £26.10.0d. and erected at the fire Station. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

#### Brook Committee.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. J. Wilford and request him to remove the clay from the Brook, which had been recently carted there by him. Carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Ed' Westbrook, Secretary of the National Fire Brigade Union, acknowledging the receipt of subscription.
2. Letter from Mr. Prosser. Annual Lighting Meeting. The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Prosser to explain
3. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- Holborough Road footpath.
4. Analysis of water for the month of January, from Mr. Ball, Secretary to Water Company.

#### Urban Powers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a small Sub-Committee be appointed to frame reasons for the conversion of the Parish to an Urban District. Mr. J.H. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that Messrs. Wilford, Deacon, Hodgkinson, Brazier, Burke, Mason & Corney form the Committee. Carried.

#### Notices of Motion

Mr. Woodburn in accordance with previous Notice of Motion proposed that a Committee be formed to arrange for a portion of the Brook to be set apart for the purpose of shooting household refuse. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the Brook Committee together with Messrs Woodburn & Burke form the Committee to choose the spot for this purpose & report to the Council. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Parris seconded and it was resolved that Messrs. Woodburn, Godfrey, E. Beadle, Hodgkinson, Mason, Corney & H. Beadle form the Committee with power to add to their number.

The arrangements for watering the Streets in the coming summer were discussed and a price for water was submitted by the Water Co. The Company agreed to supply water by meter at 1/- per 1000 gals. The minimum charge to be £5 for 100.000 gals or less. The Clerk was instructed to see the Secretary of the Water Co. and try to arrange a price for the season.

#### Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that a receipt for £20 be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Geo. Corney.  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 1899.

### Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 1899.

At 8pm.

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

#### Minutes.

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

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. H. Beadle explained that Mr. Wilford was not responsible for placing the Clay on the Brook but that the Mill authorities had placed it there.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that the Mill Authorities be written to asking for an explanation why the clay had been placed on the Brook. Carried.

#### Finance Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded and it was resolved that the following accounts be paid:-

Printing Notices of Parish Meetings.	Gay.	10.	0.
Chairman's Expenses.	Parish Meeting	8.	0.
Voters List.		1.	0.
4 Casts of Flower Pots.	Holman.	10.	6.

1 Chaldron of Coke.	Hayman.	12. 0
Repairs to Tools & C.	Hinds.	8. 0.
Stationery & Books,	Hilder. Jnr.	2. 9. 10.
Manure & Carting same.	Hawks.	1. 5. 1.
Brook Repairs.	Hawks.	6. 0.
Caretakers Wages.		5. 15. 0.
Stamps.	The Clerk.	<u>10. 2.</u>
		<u>£12. 15. 1.</u>

### Brook.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the site for depositing Household Refuse, consisting of 22sq. yards be near the Sewage Tanks. Mr. Fowle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed that this space be enclosed with a staked fence, with stout stake at every 10ft, with an entrance gate at the north west corner. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Beadle proposed that Messrs. Parris, Norman, Hawks and Langridge be asked to tender for the job. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

It was decided to announce this fact at the Parish Meeting to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. and also Notices to be placed on the Notice Boards.

Mr. Beadle proposed that Mr. White be appointed Brook-Keeper for the year at a Salary of £4.4.0d. and that the Council recommend the Parish Meeting to adopt April 5<sup>th</sup> as the date for turning Cattle on the Brook this year. Mr. Brazier seconded and it was carried.

### Cemetery.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that a Scythe, Spade and Scrubbing Brush be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Carried.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. Ltd stating that the price of water for watering the streets would be as quoted in former letter, viz:- 1/- per 1000 gals' – minimum charge £5.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Comp. be again approached for better terms for water for watering the streets. Carried.

2. Letter from Malling Rural District Council re:- Footpaths in the Parish.

3. Letter from Rochester Bridge Wardens, stating that any further communications on the subject of a Free Ferry would be considered at the meeting of the Wardens to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

4. Letter from Mr. P. Champion stating that Mr. Langridge would meet with the Council in regard to the lease of Birling Lands for a Recreation Ground.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Langridge, and ask what terms the Council could have the field for the purpose of a Recreation Ground for a leased of 21 years. Carried.

5. Letter from Mr. Prosser stating that manimum expenditure under the Lighting Acts, could be fixed by the Annual Parish Meeting held on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

6. Letter from Rochester Bridge Wardens requesting that two respectable Householders being owners of land within the Manor of Snodland should be summoned to attend a meeting of the Bridge Wardens on the 14<sup>th</sup> April next for the purpose of electing two Bridge Wardens, 12 Assistants and four Auditors.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs H. Beadle & Burke be asked to attend the meeting. Carried.

#### Draft report of Parish Council Proceedings.

The Draft Report of the proceedings of the Parish Council for the year 1898 – 9 was read by the Clerk and adopted as read.

#### Loan of Water Cart

Mr. Corney explained that as the Well at Malling Union had run dry, he had lent the Water Cart to the Guardians to cart water there. The Council approved of his action.

#### Shelter on Platforms

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the S.E. Ry' Co and ask them to kindly put up a shelter on the down platform. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

#### Hedge in Holboro. Road

Mr. Parris proposed that the Clerk write to the owner of the hedge in the Holboro. Road, asking him to trim the hedge, so as to prevent accidents. This was seconded by Mr. H. Beadle & carried.

#### Later Post

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that a letter be sent to the Secretary of the General Post Office asking him to kindly arrange for a later post in Snodland. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Geo' Corney  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1899.

### The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1899

At 8pm.

Messrs Corney, Hodgkinson, Brazier, H. Beadle, E. Beadle, Hawks, Fowle, Bateman, Fletcher, Parris, Burke, Godfrey, Mason, Wilford 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 for the courteous, genial and able



manner in which he had conducted that affairs of the late Council during the past year. Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Mr. George Corney be again re-elected Chairman. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Corney on taking the Chair thanked the Councillors for the great honour they had done him in re-electing him Chairman. It was very gratifying to know his services had been appreciated, and he promised to do his utmost to conduct the business of the Council in a proper manner during the coming year.

Carried.

#### Overseers

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it unanimously resolved to appoint two Overseers from the outside & two from the inside of the Council.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that Messrs J.H. Burke and E.W. Beadle, be appointed Overseers from inside the Council. Carried.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Messrs W.L.H. Roberts and J. Deacon be appointed Overseers from outside the Council. Carried.

#### Minutes

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

#### Vice-Chairman

Mr. J.H. Burke proposed that Mr. Hodgkinson be re-elected Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Mr. E.W. Beadle and carried unanimously.

#### Election of Committees

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that the Committee be appointed as they were last year. Viz:- by each Councillor writing of the names of seven Councillors on a piece of paper.

#### Brook Committee

Mr. E.W. Beadle proposed and Mr. Paris seconded that Messrs Brazier, Godfrey, Mason, Fowle, Wilford, H. Beadle & Burke form the Brook Committee. Carried.

#### Cemetery Committee

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that Messrs Fowle, Fletcher, Parris, Hawks, Woodburn, Mason & Godfrey form the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

#### Finance & Lighting Committee

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Messrs E. Beadle, Bateman, Woodburn, Brazier, Mason, Wilford and Hodgkinson form the Finance & Lighting Committee. Carried.

#### Report of Finance Committee

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that the following accounts be paid:-

The Misses Hook.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd.	Gas a/c. Street Lamps.	38. 15. 0.

	“	“	“	“	“	Fire Station.	2.	7.
T. Hilder.						Poor Rate. Cemetery.	1.	0. 3.
“						Lighting rate.	2.	3.
C.W. Sprowson						Printing Bills. Parish Meeting.	5.	0.
C. Godfrey.						Fire,Lights & C. School Room 4 Meetings.	10.	0.
Miss. Randall.					“	Devonshire Room Mtgs.	2.	10. 0.
T. Hilder.						Caretakers Wages.	6.	18. 0.
							<u>6.</u>	<u>18. 1.</u>

### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of March.

“From the point of view of organic matter, may be regarded as a water of the very highest quality”.

2. Letter from Messrs Langridge & Freeman re:- Recreation Ground. They promised to lay the matter before the owners and communicate again on the matter.

3. Letter from The Secretary of the General Post Office promising that application for later post should receive attention.

4. Letter from South Eastern Railway Co. re:- Shelter on down platform.

5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. stating that the price for water could not be reduced below 1/- per 1000 gallons.

6. Letter from The Rochester Bridge Wardens stating that the matter of the Free Ferry stands over till the Council furnishes the Wardens with the information asked for in a letter dated Dec' 9<sup>th</sup> '98.

7. Letter from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Clay on the Brook. It stated that the clay was placed there to repair the banks of the Mill Stream & would shortly be removed.

### Tenders for Fence on Brook

Two tenders were received for the erection of a fence on the Brook to enclose ash heap.

Langridge. Robert. 8d per rod. & £3.5.0d for Gate.

Parris. Amos. 8/- per rod. & £2.3.6d for Gate.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Mr. Parris's tender be accepted. Carried.

### Watering of Streets

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the offer of the Mid Kent Water Co. to supply water for watering the streets at 1/- per 1000 gals. With minimum charge of £5 be accepted. Carried.

### Tenders for Horse & Man

Mr. H. Beadle proposed & Mr. Parris seconded that tenders be invited, for the supply of Horse and Man for watering the streets, from Messrs W. Hawks, Wickenden, Cunningham, Tilbrook, Quarrington & F. Botten. Carried.

#### Mr. Woodburn's Declaration

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that Mr. Woodburn be allowed to sign his declaration on acceptance of office, at the next meeting of the Council. Carried.

#### Cemetery

Mr. Godfrey proposed that 12 gals' of Weed Killer be purchased for use in the Cemetery, and that the Kitchen stove in the Caretakers house be repaired & new fire bricks put in. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

It was decided that all the Committee should meet on Tuesday next at 3pm. The Clerk, Mr. T. Hilder read an extract from the annexation order respecting the apportionments of the Salaries of the Assistant Overseers of Birling and Snodland and stated that in consequence of the annexation, the Birling Council had reduced the Salary of their assistant Overseer by £8. He suggested that this amount should now be added to his salary.

Mr. Fowle gave notice of motion – re:- Clerks Salary.

Geo' Corney  
May 9<sup>th</sup> 1899.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1899

At 8pm.

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

#### Minutes

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

#### Finance Committee

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Hilder. T.	Water Rate	Cemetery.	3. 0.
“	“	Fire Station.	3. 0.
“	Insurance.		10. 6
Smith. Mark Ltd.	Weed Killer.		15. 4.
Allison, Fd. J.,	Election Expenses.		14. 10.
Hilder. T.	Caretakers Wages.		<u>6. 18. 0.</u>
-			<u>£9. 4. 8.</u>

#### Cemetery Committee

Mr. Godfrey read the report of the Cemetery Committee –  
Its recommendations to the Council were:-

1. To repair the glass and re-putty the frames in the Greenhouse – to clean off and re-paint white.
2. To varnish the 7 seats 2 coats; Outside door of Chapel & Caretakers door under the archway 1 coat of varnish.
3. To construct a brick pit (for potting off) 16' x 5' with a 5'6" overall. Divided into three partitions, each partition to have two lights.
4. 1 tub paraffin - for mixing weed killer.
5. To remove Notice Board from N.E. side to S.W. of entrance.
6. To purchase 3, 4' Glazed Drain Pipes & a Junction Pipe & Iron grating to take surface water from Caretakers Yard.

Mr. Godfrey proposed the adoption of the report & Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

It was decided to ask Messrs Hawks, Draycon, Brattle, Norman and Langridge to tender for the work.

#### Brook Committee.

Mr. H. Beadle read the report of the Brook Committee. It recommended the Council:-

1. To have the Stiles repaired and the road raised.
2. To have grips made where necessary to drain parts of the Brook.
3. To have the Ditch on the South West side of the path, beyond the Railway cleaned out and the bank made up to support the path – the sand & gravel at the end of the Ditch to be placed on the end of the Bridge.
4. To make up the path on the East side of the Railway as far as the stiles similar to the path on the West side.
5. To employ Mr. W. Hawks to do the paths and Mr. W.S. May to clean the ditches & make the grips. Mr. May to be paid at the rate of 5d per hour. Mr. Beadle proposed that the report be adopted as read, Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that Mr. Deacon be asked to take the superintendence of the Brook under the Brook Committee on the same terms as under the old Brook Committee. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed an amendment that the matter be referred to the Brook Committee to report. Mr. Fowle seconded. Lost by 2 to 7.

Mr. Parris proposed that whoever is employed to look after the Brook, should also look after all the men which the Council employed by the hour. No seconder.

### Correspondence

1. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd regretting that the lamps had not been cleaned & promising to see that it does not happen again.

2. Letter from Mr. Arnold asking if anything had been done by the Council with regard to the Ferry Scheme.

3. Letter from Mr. Prosser stating that the County Council do not agree with the Parish Council in their description of the Holborough Road Path.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. H. Hawks seconded that the County Council be again written to on the matter. Carried.

4. Letter from the West Kent Portland Cement Co. Ltd stating that they were contemplating making & maintaining a path to the Ferry on the south side of their works.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, and to express the satisfaction of the Council at the contemplated improvement of the approach to the Ferry.

5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of April

### Tenders for Watering the Streets

One tender came in on Monday instead of Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that this tender be left out. Carried.

The following tenders were then opened –

Wickenden. W.                    10p per hour.

Hawks. W.                        11d per hour.

Quarrington. E.                10p per hour.

Cunningham. W.                10p per hour.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Hawks tender be accepted. Mr. Fowle seconded and it was carried.

### Clerk's Salary

Mr. Fowle in accordance with previous Notice of Motion suggested that the Salary of the Clerk be increased by £8 and that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the matter be settled at once and that the salary of the Clerk be increased by £8. Carried unanimously.

### Numbering Houses

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded and it was resolved, to ask the owners of houses in the Malling Road and Bramley Road to number their houses in consecutive numbers.

### Bridge at end of Willow Walk.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the District Council be requested to place an extra rail on the bridge at the end of the Willow Walk. Carried.

### Urban Powers Committee

Mr. E. Beadle proposed that Mr. Bateman be elected on the Urban Powers Committee in the place of Mr. J. Deacon. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

George Corney.  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1899  
At 8pm.

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

Minutes

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

Finance Committee

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

May. William.	Work on Brook.	4.	3.	4.
Gay. G. F.	Cheque Books.		9.	0.
Lancaster W.J.	Repayment of Loan.	<u>53.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>6.</u>
		<u>£57.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>10.</u>

Urban Powers Committee

Mr. Hodgkinson read the report of the Urban Powers Committee.

The report stated that a meeting had been held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, when a form of application was drawn up, which if approved by the Council would be presented to the County Council requesting them to convert the Parish of Snodland into an Urban District. Mr. Hodgkinson moved the adoption of the report. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from the Rural District Council stating that an additional rail would be fixed on the bridge at the end of the Willow Walk.
2. Letter from the South Eastern & Chatham & Dover Railways Co. stating that the present shelter on the down platform at the station would be extended the whole length of the goods shed.
3. Letter from Messrs Haynes Bros' stating that the alarm at the Fire Station would be fixed next week.
4. Letter from Mr. W. Wickenden complaining of the manner in which the Council had dealt with the tenders for watering the streets.

It was decided that the receipt of this would be acknowledged.

5. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of May.

Tenders for Work at Cemetery

The following tenders for work at the Cemetery were opened.

Norman. Ed'                      £20. 0. 0d.

Langridge. R.                    £21. 0. 0d.

Brattle. C.                        £16. 10. 0d.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that Mr. C. Brattles tender be accepted.

Receipt on Overseers

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that a receipt for £95 to meet expenses under the Burial Acts be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space No' 80 to Mr. A.W. Knight be signed. Carried.

Plan of Headstone & Inscription

Mrs. Bishop of Malling Road, submitted a plan of Headstone and Inscription which she wishes to place on her Husband's Grave. Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Headstone & Inscription be approved. Carried.

Later Post

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that further application be made for a later post. Carried.

Unpaved Ground in High Street

Mr. Corney proposed and Mr. Fowle seconded that a letter be written to Mr. W. Dedrick asking him to pave the piece of ground in front of his cottage in the High Street. Carried.

Notice Board

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that a Notice Board be placed in the Refuse enclosure bearing the following notice. "Household Refuse only to be placed here". Board to be about 18" X 12". Mr. Brazier seconded and it was carried.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a letter be written to the District Council stating that the Drain at the back of the Cottages on the East side of the Malling Road be diverted to join the main sewer in the Malling Road instead of in the High Street. Carried.

George Corney.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1899.

At 8pm.

Mr. George Corney presided and there were also present Councillors Hodgkinson, Mason, Parris, Fletcher, Hawks, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, Brazier, Burke, Godfrey, Wilford, The Rev' T Archer and Messrs Kemsley & W. Fletcher.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Finance Committee

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Parris. Amos.	Fencing Enclosure on Brook.	9. 16. 6.
Caretakers Wages.	5 Weeks.	5. 15. 0.
Hilder. T. Jnr.	Pane of Glass for Fire Station.	_____ 8.
		<u>£15. 12. 2.</u>

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from the General Post Office acknowledging application for later post.
2. Rochester Bridge Warden's report submitted.
3. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:- Fire Apparatus.
4. Letter from County Council asking for further information respecting the application for Urban Powers.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the letter be left in the hands of the Clerk to answer in the best way possible. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

#### Suspension of Standing Order

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded, standing Order No. 1 be suspended. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded that Mr. Corney be asked to leave, and Mr. Hodgkinson be asked to take the Chair for a specific purpose. Carried.

#### Presentation of Address to Mr. Corney

Mr. Hodgkinson, on behalf of the Council, presented Mr. George Corney with an illuminated address, as a token of regard and esteem, and as a small recognition of his long and able services as Chairman of the Parish Council – Guardian and District Councillor.

The following is a copy of the address:-

Dear Mr. Corney,

We the undersigned members, past and present of the Snodland Parish Council feel that the valuable services you have so willingly rendered to this Parish for many years should receive our hearty recognition.

A Guardian for the poor, and Chairman of the Burial Board before the institution of the Parish Council in 1894, also as District Councillor since, we



consider that you have been shiven to secure the best interests of all concerned.

As Chairman of our Parish Council ever since its formation you have been distinguished not only for never being absent from the seventy or more meetings so far held, but also for a grasp of the business details, a genial and impartial control of our proceedings, and an ever watchful regard for economical administration such have called forth general approval and esteem.

We ask your kind acceptance of this expression of our confidence and personal regard of yours faithfully.

	W.R. Hodgkinson.	Chairman
	Chas' Godfrey.	Hn. Sec.
Thos. R. Archer.	H.T. Beadle.	A.W. Woodburn.
Edwin Brazier.	W. Bateman.	E.W. Beadle.
J.H. Burke.	Thos. Gash.	Jabez Fowle.
Thos. Fletcher.	Hy. Hawks.	Thos. Hollands.
John Kemsley.	John Mason.	R. Parris.
W.L.H. Roberts.	Tom Hilder.	J. Wilford.

On resumption of business –

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the presentation and copy of address be entered in the Minutes. Carried.

#### Stiles

Mr. E. Beadle proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of the stiles in the Parish, and request that they put them in the proper state of repair. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

W. R. Hodgkinson.  
Vice-Chairman  
August 1<sup>st</sup> 1899.

#### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1899.

At 8pm.

Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson in the Chair and there were also present Councillors Mason, Fletcher, Parris, Fowle, E. Beadle, H. Beadle, Brazier, Bateman, Woodburn, Burke, Wilford & Godfrey.

#### Minutes.

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

#### Finance Committee

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Water Rate. Cemetery.	T. Hilder.	3.	0.
“ Fire Station.	“	3.	0.
Work on Brook.	White. J.	3.	0.
Work on Brook. Ditching.	May. W.	3.	13. 4.
Tools for Cemetery.	Moore. T.J.	12.	6.
Work at Cemetery. Painting & C.	Brattle. C.	17.	5. 0
Repairs at Cemetery.	Hinds C.	13.	6.
Lattice Pole & Alarm Bell.	Haynes Bros.	26.	10. 0.
Caretakers Wages.	6 Weeks.	6.	18. 0.
		<u>£56.</u>	<u>1. 4.</u>

Mr. Hawks bill for watering the streets was presented and approved & it was decided to send it on to the District Council. It amounted to £21. 13. 0d.

#### Fire Brigade Report

Mr. H. Beadle reported that the Fire Brigade had attended a fire at Mr. Hy' Peter's Works. They were unable to make a charge for the men's attendance, as the Council had not yet adopted a scale of charges.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that Mr. Hy' Peters be written to asking him to pay the expenses of the Brigade & suggesting a sum that would be satisfactory. Carried.

#### Brook Committee.

Mr. Hy' Beadle proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the Clerk be asked to collect the Brook Fees during the remainder of the season. Carried.

Mr. Hy' Beadle proposed that the Chairman of the Brook Committee see Messrs Thomson Bros' and ask them to take off the three head of Cattle in excess of the number allowed. Carried. 7 voting for & 1 against.

Mr. Hy' Beadle [proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that Mr. Hawks be engaged to repair the fence on the Brook, and that Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd be asked to repair the bridge by putting on fresh metal. Carried.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from a ratepayer asking to have the ashes and rubbish removed from near her well in the Birling Road.

It was decided that the Clerk write and explain that the District Council had the matter in hand.

2. Letter from the District Council re:- Diverting Sewer on the east side of the Malling Road.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the District Council be asked to carry out, if possible the original suggestion of the Parish Council. Carried.

3. Letter from Postmaster General sanctioning a later post to Rochester at about 9.15

4. Letter from Mr. J.J. Sharpe Post Master at Rochester, stating the same fact and hoping that it may prove a benefit to the Parish.

It was decided to acknowledge both letters.

5. Letter from Inland Revenue Office stating that any loan & C. would be charged an advalorem stamp duty of 2/6 per £100 or fraction of £100 of the amount proposed to be issued.

6. Letter from Mr. George Corney, tendering his resignation of the Office of Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the letter be acknowledged with an expression of regret. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

#### Election of Chairman

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Hilder the Clerk take the Chair during the election of a Chairman. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that Mr. Hodgkinson be elected Chairman in the place of Mr. Corney resigned. Carried unanimously.

#### Election of Parish Councillor

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was resolved.

“That a casual vacancy having arisen in the office of Parish Councillor, through the resignation of Mr. George Corney, one of the Councillors for the Parish, this Council hereby elects Mr. Edmund Butler, of High Street, Snodland, Clerk, qualified as parochial Elector, to fill the vacancy.

#### Election of Vice-Chairman

Mr. Hy' Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Mr. Mason be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council in the place of Mr. Hodgkinson advanced to the Chair. Carried unanimously.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Hy' Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space, Section C. un-consecrated portion, to Mr. Henry Knight of Orchard Cottages be signed. Carried.

#### Grave Stone & Inscription

Mr. E. Beadle proposed & Mr. T Fletcher seconded that the Plan of Head Stone & Inscription submitted by Mrs. James Woodruff, be approved and accepted by the Council. Carried.

#### Receipt on Overseers

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded and it was resolved that a receipt for £160 be issued on the Overseers for Lighting Purposes.

#### Application by Caretaker for Increase in Wages

An application for an increase in wages was made by the Caretaker of the Cemetery. Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the matter be referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Holboro Road Kerb

Mr. E. Beadle gave Notice of Motion re:- the kerb to the footpath in the Holboro. Road.

Mr. Hy. Beadle gave notice re:- Asphaltting the walks in the Cemetery, and supplying means for watering the flower beds.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
August 24<sup>th</sup> 1899

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup> 1899

At 7.30pm.

There were present Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson in the Chair, Messrs Brazier, E. Beadle, Bateman, Mason, Godfrey, Burke, Fowle, Wilford, Fletcher, Parris Hawks, Woodburn & Butler.

Mr. Edmund Butler signed the Declaration on Acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor.

Minutes

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

Mr. H Burke proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Council Meetings in future be called for 8pm.

Mr. Wilford moved an amendment that the time for future meetings be 7.30. The Amendment was carried by 9 to 3, the 3 Councillors voting against being Messrs. Bateman, Parris & Burke.

Finance Committee

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Hook. C.T. & Co. Ltd.	Gas a/c.	38. 15. 0.
Watts G.C.	Repair of water ???	1. 8.
Audit Stamp.	The Clerk.	2. 0. 0.
Caretakers Wages.	"	<u>4. 12. 0.</u>
		<u>£45. 8. 8.</u>

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that Mr. Butler be elected to serve on the Finance Committee. Carried.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the standing orders be suspended in order that Mr. E. Beadle's Notice of Motion re:- Holboro. Road footpath might be taken.

Mr. Beadle wishing to leave the Meeting.

#### Footpath in the Holboro. Road

Mr. E. Beadle in accordance with his previous Notice of Motion proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council calling their attention to the bad state of the Kerb to the footway in the Holboro. Road. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Wilford then moved that item No. 6 on the agenda be taken, being Mr. H. Beadle's Notice of Motion re:- asphaltting the paths in the Cemetery, and the provision of means to water the Flower beds. This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried.

#### Asphaltting Paths in Cemetery

Mr. Wilford proposed that the question of asphaltting the paths in the Cemetery be not entertained at present.

Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried unanimously.

#### Standpipe in Cemetery

Mr. Wilford proposed that the question of a Standpipe for the purpose of watering the Flower beds in the Cemetery be not entertained at present. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried unanimously.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of August.

"The sample is of palatable flavour & free from poisonous metals. The water is of the very highest quality".

#### Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Burke proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space's 88 & 89 Section C. Consecrated portion to Mr. William Cunningham be signed. Mr. J. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

#### Signing Cheque

Mr. Woodburn proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Messrs Mason & Wilford be appointed to sign a Cheque together with the Chairman. The Cheque Book having been out. Carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that tenders for painting the Lamp Columns two coats be asked of Messrs Draycon, Langride and Brattle. Carried.

Mr. Woodburn proposed that two estimated be asked for. One - 2 coats "Bronze Green" or "Purple Brown" & the Other - 3 coats "Stone Colour" or "Buff". Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed & Mr. Brazier seconded that the Gas Co. be asked to replace the present burners with Incandescent Burners. Carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
October 17<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Meeting of the Council  
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> 1899  
At 7.30pm.

Mr. W.R. Hodgkinson presided and there were also present Messrs Mason, Bateman, Burke, Fletcher, Hawks, H. Beadle, Butler, E. Beadle, Brazier, Wilford and Godfrey.

Minutes

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

Finance Committee

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was resolved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts:-

Hook. C.T. & Co. Ltd.	Gas Bill.	38. 15. 0.
“	“ Fire Station.	3. 3.
Sprowson C.W.	Printing Order Forms.	10. 6.
Hilder. T.	Tithe.	1. 5. 3.
May & Fletcher.	Assistance to Caretaker.	10. 0.
Fixing Glass at Fire Station.		8.
Carriage of Empty Cask to South		8.
White, J.	Portion of Salary.	1. 10. 0.
Small a/c paid by Mr. Brazier.	Fire Brigade Expenses	13. 6.
Hook. Misses.	½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	2. 10. 0.
Hawks. W.	Work on Brook.	5. 10. 7.
Caretakers Wages.		<u>5. 15. 0.</u>
		<u>£57. 4. 5.</u>

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that Mr. W. Hawks a/c for watering the streets, amounting to £13.10.10.d be approved and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Carried.

Cemetery Committee

Mr. Burke in the absence of Mr. Godfrey, read the Cemetery Committee's report.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that 10/- be paid for assistance to the Caretaker, while suffering from injury to his Arm. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that the Caretaker wages be increased from 23/- per week to 24/- per week, the first payment to take place on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Carried nom Con.

It was decided to defer the question of the dead Lime trees till next meeting for the Committee report there on.

Fire Brigade

Mr. Mason read the report of the Fire Brigade Committee.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that two galvanized iron pails and two oil cans be purchased. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed that one length of 60ft of  $\frac{3}{4}$  " rope, one jumping sheet & one breaching piece be purchased. Mr. Beadle seconded.

Mr. Wilford moved an amendment that the purchase of these three articles be referred back to the Committee in order that prices might be submitted. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Mason proposed that the letters S.P.C. be placed on the Hose Cart. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that the remainder of the report be adopted as read. Carried.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Mason seconded the Standing Orders be suspended in order to swear in three Firemen

Messrs Bramley, Hinds and Dale having signed the agreement the business of the Council proceeded.

#### Correspondence

1. Letter from the County Council re:- The kerb of the Holboro road footpath.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write again, calling the attention of the County Council to the dangerous state of this Kerb, and asking them at once to take steps to remedy the evil. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

2. Letter from Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co Ltd re:- Incandescent Burners to the Street Lamps.

3. Letter from Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Cleaning Lamps and Lighting same.

4 & 5. Letters from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving the analysis of the water for September and October.

6. Letter from Mr. W.L.H. Roberts, asking that lamps might be erected from Holboro' to Lord's Cross.

Mr. Burke proposed that the question of lighting this road and the Queen's Avenue be referred to the Lighting Committee, requesting them to take immediate steps in the matter and report to next meeting. Mr. H. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

#### Tenders for Painting & Repairing Lamp Columns

The following tenders for painting and repairing the lamps and columns were opened.

Mr. Charles Brattle.	2/3d per Lamp	2 coats.
“ “	3/3d per Lamp	3 coats.
Mr. Robert Langridge.	£13.3.6d.	2 coats.

“ “ “ £15.10.0d. 3 coats.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. E. Beadle seconded that Mr. Brattles tender be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the colour be “Purple Brown”. Carried.

It was decided to postpone the election of Trustees to the Charities till December.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Conveyances of Grave Spaces to Mrs. C.E. Spice, John Kemsley and William Chittenden be signed. Carried.

#### Requisites for Cemetery

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that 6 loads of Manure, 12 gals Weed Killer, 1 Chal' of Coke, 2 yds of fine Gravel and 1 Bass Broom be purchased for the Cemetery. Carried.

W.R. Hodgkinson.  
November 21<sup>st</sup> 1899.

### Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> 1899.

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Hodgkinson (In the Chair), Mason, Bateman, Parris, Fletcher, Burke, Fowle, Butler, E.W. Beadle, H.J. Beadle, Brazier, Hawks, Woodburn.

#### Minutes

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

#### Report of Lighting Committee.

The report of the Lighting Committee was read by Mr. J. Mason.

Mr. Mason proposed that four new lamps be purchased and erected in the road between Holborough and Lord's Cross. Viz. One opposite the Cedars, one between the Cedars and the entrance to Holborough Court, one opposite the entrance to Holborough Court and Holborough. Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Mason proposed that one Breeching piece and 60 ft of  $\frac{3}{4}$  " Drag rope be purchased at a cost of £1.18.0d. & 12/- respectively. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

#### Finance Committee

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



Hawks. Wm.	Gravel & Manure.	1. 13. 6.
White. J.	Balance of Gate Keepers Salary.	1. 4. 0.
Hilder T.	Poor & Sanitary Rates. Cemetery.	1. 4. 9.
"	Water Rate. Cemetery & Fire station.	6. 0.
Hayman. Wm	Chal' of Coke.	14. 0.
Mark Smith Ltd.	Weed Killer.	15. 4.
Carriage Of.		1. 4.
Lancaster. W.J.	Repayment of Loan.	53. 0. 9.
Caretakers Wages.		<u>7. 8. 0.</u>
		<u>£66. 7. 8.</u>

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Brazier seconded that the Mid Kent Water Co. bill for water, for watering the streets be approved and sent to the District Council.  
415,000 gals @ 1/- = £20. 18. 0d.

#### The Brook

Mr. H.T. Beadle reported that several ratepayers continued to turn Cattle on the Brook after the closing time, November 5<sup>th</sup> and that three had not yet paid the Brook Fees, two of whom refused to pay. The Chairman read a letter from the Editor of the "Councillor" on the Commons Act 1899.

Mr. Burke proposed that the whole matter be referred to the Brook Committee. This was seconded by Mr. E. Beadle and carried.

#### Book

Mr. Mason proposed that a copy of the "Parish Councils Act 1894" 'Jenkins' and a copy of "Fire Brigades Their Constitution Rights & Responsibilities" by Hugh Orton Smith, be purchased for use of the Council Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

#### Correspondence.

1. Letter from the County Council re:- Holborough Road Footpath.

2&3. Letters from Messrs C. T. Hook & Co. Ltd re:- Carrying Gas Main up the New Road to Lords Cross.

4. Letter from Rochester Bridge Wardens re:- Free Ferry at Snodland.

5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of November.

#### Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space to Alice Maria Bishop be signed. Carried.

#### Plan of stone & Inscription

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Inscription & Plan of Headstone & Kerb for Miss Lewis's Grave be accepted and approved by the Council. Carried.

#### Election of Trustees to May's Charity

Messrs. Brazier & Deacon retired from the Trusteeship of May's Charity.

Mr. Bateman proposed & Mr. Mason seconded that Messrs Woodburn & Deacon be elected trustees of Mays Charity. Carried.

#### Electing Trustees of Godden's Charity

Messrs Brazier and Deacon retired from the Trusteeship of Godden's Charity.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs H. Beadle and Burke be elected Trustees of Godden's Charity. Carried.

Mr. E. Beadle proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that Mr. Mason be elected Trustee of Godden's Charity in the place of Mr. Corney resigned, for the term of two years. Carried.

#### Receipt on Overseers

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded and it was resolved that a receipt for £95 be issued on the Overseers, for expenses under the Burial Acts.

#### Road by the Church

Mr. E. Beadle raised the question of the repair of the road by the Church.

Mr. H. Beadle proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that a small Committee of 3 be appointed to deal with the road by the Church. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that it consist of Messrs Brazier, E. Beadle. E. Beadle & Butler. Carried.

#### Cover of Hydrant by the Institute

Mr. Parris proposed that the attention of the Mid Kent Water Co. be called to the cover of the Hydrant in the Holboro Road, by the institute, which was about 2" above the level of the road & consequently dangerous. Mr. Butler seconded and it was carried.

John Mason.

Vice-Chairman.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1900.

