

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues. January 6th 1903.
At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present, Councillors Hodgkinson, Wilford, Galpin, Fowle, Beadle, Godfrey, Hawks, Parris, Burke, Bateman, Woodburn and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Correspondence.

Letter from S.E.&C Ry. Co. re:- road on the side of the level crossing near the station.

Tenders for Scavenging.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Council resolve themselves into Committee for the purpose of considering the tenders for scavenging the Parish. Carried.

Mr. Hawks proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the tenders for scavenging be opened. Carried.

The Tenders were as follows:-

1. Martin R.	Birling.	£160
2. Ashby. R.	Halling	£130
4. Tilbrook. W.H.	Snodland	£250
5. Patey. T	Snodland	£160

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that this Council accept the tender of Mr. R. Ashby. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that all the persons tendering be supplied with a list of the persons who tendered with the amounts in each case, and that Ashby be notified that his tender would be recommended to the District Council for acceptance. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Mr. Champions Declaration.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that Mr. Champion be allowed to sign his declaration of office at the next meeting of the Council. This was seconded by Mr. Woodburn and carried.

Paths in Waghorn Road and Queen.s Road.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the attention of the District Council be called to the bad state of the paths in Waghorn Road and Queen.s Road. Carried.

Path at entrance to Ivymeath.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the attention of the County Council be called to the bad state of the path in the High Street at the entrance to Ivymeath. This was seconded by Mr. Beadle and carried.

John Mason.
February 3rd 1903.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues. February 3rd 1903.
At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present Councillors Lambert, Champion, Galpin, Hawks, Godfrey, Burke, Parris, Bateman, Wilford, Beadle, Woodburn, Hodgkinson and the Clerk T Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Mr. Philip Champion signed his declaration on acceptance of office.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded and it was resolved that the following accounts be paid.

Carriage of 12 lengths of hose. Maidstone.	Quarrington. E.	3.	6
Pane of Glass at Fire Station.	Hilder. T. Jnr.		6
Repair of Notice Boards.	Draycon. H.	1.	0. 2
Gas a/c Baths.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	1.	6. 11
Gas a/c Fire Station	“ “ “ “ “		3. 3
Gas a/s Street Lamps.	“ “ “ “ “	45.	5. 3
Water a/c Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co.	1.	4. 8
Water a/c Cemetery	“ “ “ “ “		3. 0
Water a/c Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “		3. 0
Water a/c Cemetery. Standpipe.	“ “ “ “ “		5. 3
Subscription to N.F.B.U.	Tolkar. H.S.	1.	1. 0
Erecting fence at Baths.	Norman E.	5.	5. 0
Advertising Scavenging.	Kent Messenger.		5. 6
Coke. Cemetery.	Seaborne Coal Co.		16. 0
Coke & Coal Baths.	“ “ “ “ “ “	4.	2. 0.
Repair Fireman's Boots.	Watts G.		13. 1
Nails.	Moore & Co.		1. 11
Printing Agenda Forms.	Hambrook. N.		5. 6
½ Yrs Rent Fire Station.	Hook. Misses.	2.	10. 0
Income Tax. Interest on loan.	Inland Revenue	3.	16. 3
Insurance. (bal.)	Kent Insurance Co.		2. 0
Caretakers Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	3.	10. 0
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	7.	4. 0
	Total.	£78.	9. 9

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed that 40 yds of gravel be purchased for the Cemetery, also 10 galls. weed killer and seeds not exceeding the value of 8/-. This was seconded by Mr. Galpin and carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed that the tanks and boilers at the Baths be cleaned out.

Seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that Mr. Young be asked to do the work. This was seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried.

Correspondence.

Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Ashby's Contract.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Council accept Edgar Ashby as the contractor for the dry scavenging the Parish in the place of Robert Ashby. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

2. Letter from Mr. Sillibourne re:- rent of land at Ivychurch.

3. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- road in Churchfield.

4. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Waghorn Road and Queen's Road.

5. Letter from Mr. Ruck re:- pool in High Street at the entrance to Ivymeath.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of December.

"The sample was clear and free from poisonous metals"

Ditch in Queen.s Road.

Mr. Wilford stated that the General Iron Foundry Co. Ltd had given a quotation for 4. 9ft lengths of 12inch pipe. Delivered on Rail in London. 36ft for £9.0.0. Carriage and Carting £1.0.0. Total £10.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Kent & Essex Land Co., and to the Rochester land and General investment Co., asking them to share in the expense of purchasing and placing the pipes in the ditch.

Conveyance of Grave Spaces.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the conveyances of Grave Spaces 98 & 208 to Mr. Joseph Ravilus Mayatt be signed. Carried.

Water Cart.

The Chairman stated that he has seen a 4 wheeled secondhand water cart at Strood Station in good condition.

Mr. Burke proposed that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Hawks, Lambert & Wilford be appointed to inspect the water cart and report to next meeting. Mr. Woodburn seconded and it was carried.

Hydrant in Queen.s Avenue.

Mr. Burke proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that Mr. Wilford be allowed access to the Hydrant near his shop in case of fire. Carried.

Mr. Champion and Committee.s.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that Mr. Champion be placed on all the Committees that Mr. Fletcher was on. Carried.

The question of moving the lamp at the entrance to the Rectory Avenue, lower down the street was referred to the Lighting Committee to report there-on at the next meeting.

John Mason
March 3rd. 1903.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues. March 3rd 1903.
At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present Councillors, Parris, Beadle, Godfrey, Hawks, Fowle, Galpin, Champion, Woodburn, Lambert, Bateman, Burke, Hodgkinson, Wilford & the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved to draw a cheque to pay the following accounts.

Guarantee Premium.	Judges. A.	Venning. C.H.	7. 6
Seeds for Cemetery.		Frost.Thos. & Co.	8. 0
Weed Killer 10 galls		“ “ “ “ “	1. 5. 6
Fire Brigade Stationery.		Hambrook. A.N.	12. 0
Minister's Fees.		Williamson Revd T.A.E.	3. 0
“ “ “ “ “		Jackson. Revd G.H.	3. 2. 6
Caretaker's Wages Baths.		Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
Caretaker's Wages Cemetery.		Fletcher. W.	4. 12. 0
		Total.	£13. 16. 6

Lamp in Queen's Avenue.

Mr. Beadle proposed that a new lamp be placed in the Queen's Avenue on the Congregational Chapel, provided the Trustees would give their consent there-to. This was seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried.

Mr. Butler.s Resignation.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. E. Butler tendering his resignation as a Councillor, on account of his inability to attend the meetings.
Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that his resignation be accepted with regret and that a letter be written thanking him for past services. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. G.W. Cobham re:- Culvert in Queen's Road.

2. Two Letters from Mr. Kidwell re:- Ditch in Queen's Road.

3. Letter from Mr. Fredr. J. Allison re:- Scavenging Contract, transferred from Robert to Edgar Ashby.

Report Water Cart Committee.

Mr. Wilford stated that the Committee after inspecting the second-hand water cart at Strood, could not recommend the Council to purchase it.

The Committee recommended the Council to purchase the Cart selected last year to hold 400 galls to cost £38.10.0 from Bayley's Ltd.

The Committee recommended the Council to have two stand pipes erected to fill the Water Cart. The Water Co. stated in a letter that they would provide & fix a stand-pipe similar to the one at West Malling for £1 per annum, the Council to take the responsibility of any accident.

Water Cart.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a water cart holding 400 galls as specified last year & costing £38.10.0 be purchased at once from Bayley's Ltd. Mr. Beadle seconded and it was carried.

Stand Pipe.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the Water Co. be asked to provide and erect two stand pipes if the charge is £1 per annum and three if the charge be 15/- each per annum. Carried.

Watering Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that a Committee be elected to fix the sites of the standpipes and look after the watering the streets. Carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that Messrs. Wilford, Hawks, Galpin, Campion, Woodburn, Lambert & Hodgkinson be elected to serve on this Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Beadle and carried.

Precept on Overseers.

Mr. Lambert proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a precept for £15 be issued on the Overseers for general expenses. Carried.

Meetings.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that the next Parish Council meeting take place on the 24th inst. and the Parish Meeting be held on the 31st inst.. Carried.

Culvert in Queen's Road.

The correspondence with the two Land Corps. inspecting the ditch in the Queen's Road, having been read and discussed. Mr. Champion proposed that the question of the Culvert be adjourned till next meeting, and in the meantime he and Mr. Mason to do their best to get the District Council to take the matter in hand. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson & carried.

Rent of Soup Kitchen.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the rent of the Soup Kitchen amounting to 5/- be paid by the Council in future. Carried.

John Mason.
March 24th 1903.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues. March 24th 1903.

At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason presided and there were also present Messrs. Hodgkinson, Fowle, Burke, Beadle, Parris, Bateman, Champion, Lambert, Hawks, Wilford, Godfrey, Galpin and T. Hilder. Clerk.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved that a cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Caretaker's Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	4. 16. 0
Caretaker's Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
Minister's Fees. Howlett 2/6. Galpin. 12/6. Jackson 5/-		1. 0. 0
Insurance Cemetery Buildings.	Kent Insur. Co.	10. 6
Stationery.	The Clerk.	1. 9. 6
Rent of Soup Kitchen.	Hook. Misses.	5. 0
Carriage of Weed Killer.	Quarrington. E.	9
Fittings to Fire Hose.	Dann Rd	3. 8. 0
Carting. Mould & Manure, Cemetery.	Hawks. W.	2. 12. 0
Repair to Tools &c Cemetery.	Hinds C.W.	10. 5
Repair of Tools &c Fire Station.	" " "	8. 6
Preparing Room Parish Meeting.	Godfrey. C.	3. 6
Preparing Room General Meeting.	Russell. Mrs.	2. 1. 0
Printing Notices of Parish Meeting.	Gay. G.F.	3. 6.
	Total.	£19. 17. 8.

It was decided to recommend the Parish Meeting to vote £70 for the purposes of the Baths Act and £200 for the purposes of the Lighting Act for the ensuing year.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. J.H. Burke seconded that a pair of trousers be purchased for Fireman Fletcher from Shand Mason & Co.

Mr. Wilford moved and amendment that Mr. Russell and the London Clothing Co. be asked to tender for a pair a of trousers of exactly similar material as that already supplied, and that the lowest tender be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Fowle and carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Burke proposed that the Baths be opened for the Summer Months on April 1st. Mr. Lambert seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that a 1000 handbills be printed and distributed in the Parish, notifying the opening the Baths for the Summer Months, the hours of opening and closing, the charges &c. This was seconded by Mr Hodgkinson and Carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that notices be placed in each bath room requesting bathers to purchase tickets and place them in the box themselves before bathing. This was seconded by Mr. Lambert & carried.

Mr. Burke proposed that 1000 soap tickets and 1000 towel tickets be printed. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Burke gave notice to rescind a resolution passed on July 31st 1900. "that no tickets be issued half hour before closing time".

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Champion seconded that 3 loads of ashes be purchased for the Cemetery. Carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the 6th day of April be recommended the Parish Meeting as the day for turning cattle on the Brook.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the Parish Meeting be recommended to vote £40 from the Brook Fund to the Lighting Fund. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed that T. Hood be elected Brook Keeper at he same salary viz.£6.6.0. This was seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Two Letters from Bayley's Ltd. re:- Water Van.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. re:- rent of Street watering post.
3. Letter from Rural District Council re:- iron pipe for Culvert in The Queen's Road.
4. Letter from A.A. Arnold Esq. giving notice of Meeting of Rochester Bridge Wardens.

Mr. Beadle proposed that Messrs. Wilford, Hodgkinson. Lambert & Roberts be appointed to represent Snodland at the meeting of the Bridge Wardens on the 24th April. This was seconded by Mr. Champion and carried.

Mr Burke proposed that Mr. Roberts and the Hon. R.P. Nevill be nominated as wardens and that the Clerk write to the Parish Councils interested, asking for their support. This was seconded by Mr. Beadle and carried.

Appointment of Councillors.

Mr. Burke. Proposed that Mr. John Fletcher be elected a Councillor in the place of Mr. E. Butler resigned. Mr. Bateman seconded and it was carried.

Report of Council Proceedings 1903.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Beadle seconded that the report be adopted as read. Carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Beadle proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that a receipt for £40 for the purposes of the Baths and wash houses acts be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Street Watering.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that tenders be invited for watering the streets from Messrs. Cook, Wickenden, Tilbrook & Ongley & Hawks, and that a notice inviting tenders be placed on each of the notice boards. Carried.

John Mason.
April 21st 1903.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues. April 21st 1903.
At 8pm.

Mr. John Mason took the Chair, and there were also present. Messrs. Parris, Hodgkinson, Beadle, Bateman, Galpin, Lambert, Fletcher, Burke, Champion, Fowle, Wilford, Hawks, Godfrey and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Mr. John Fletcher signed his declaration on his acceptance of office.

Minutes.

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

Chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that Mr. Wilford take the chair pro-tem. Carried.

Mr. Galpin proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that Mr. Henry Thomas Beadle be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

Mr. Beadle then took the chair and thanked the Council for his election.

Vice-chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Wilford be elected vice-chairman for the ensuing year. Carried Unanimously.

Overseers.

Mr. Galpin proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs. William Lee Henry Roberts, Henry Hawks, Archibald William Woodburn and Charles Godfrey be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year. Carried.

Mr. L.H. Roberts Esq., attended to make a statement respecting the Bridge question. Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the standing orders be suspended to secure a statement from Mr. Roberts. Carried.

Statement by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Roberts stated that the Kent County Council was the only authority who could take the matter in hand. They should be approached at a proper time by an appeal to the roads and Bridges Committee. The present was not a propitious time owing to circumstances connected with the "experts" report on the County roads, and expense of new Education Act. He was taking every opportunity of keeping the subject before County Council.

Committees.

Finance and Lighting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that Messrs Burke, Wilford, Mason, Champion, Godfrey, Bateman and Lambert be elected on the Finance and Lighting Committee. Carried.

Brook.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that Messrs Fowle, Hawks, Champion, Fletcher, Parris, Lambert and Burke be appointed on the Brook Committee. Carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that Messrs Woodburn, Mason, Hodgkinson, Galpin, Fletcher, Hawks and Parris be appointed on the Cemetery Committee. Carried.

Baths.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that Messrs. Fowle, Woodburn, Wilford, Galpin, Bateman, Hodgkinson and Godfrey be elected on the Baths Committee. Carried.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Printing Notices for Baths.	Gay. G.F.	12. 6
Water Rate Fire Station.	Mid Kent Water Co.	3. 0
Water Rate Cemetery	" " " " " "	3. 0
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	5. 3
Gas a/c Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	45. 5. 3.
Gas a/c Baths.	" " " " "	1. 1. 9.
Gas a/c Fire Station.	" " " " "	1. 0
Flannels and Polish Baths.	Moore & Co.	2. 3
Coal & Coke Baths,	Seaborne Coal Co.	3. 9. 0
Coke Cemetery.	" " " " " "	16. 0
Water Supply Baths.	Mid Kent Water Co.	1. 6. 3
Caretakers Wages Baths.	Judges. A.	2.10. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	4. 16. 0

Wages of man on Brook.	Maynard. G.	17. 6
	Total.	61. 8. 9.

Trousers.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the fireman's trousers be made of the M.F.B. Cloth and that the order be given to the London Clothing Co. at the price of 18/6. Carried.

Baths.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that the Clerk be instructed to order 1 dozen pkts. of Lifebuoy Soap, 3 cwt of Swan Soap and one Chaldron of Coke for the Baths. Carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the new Cemetery Committee have power to provide help for the Caretaker if necessary before the next Council Meeting. Mr. Hawks seconded and it was carried.

Street Watering.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to Bayleys Ltd to know definitely when the van would be ready and if the answer be not satisfactory, to give notice to cancel the order if not ready in 7 days. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. E. Moore re:- Lamp on Congregational Church.
2. Letter from Mr. L. Terry re:- Lamp Column.
3. Letter from Mr. Prosser re:- appointment of School Managers
4. Letter from Mr F. Holden re:- representatives to Bridge Wardens.
5. Letter from Mr. Hambrook re:- trade scavenging.

Tenders for Watering Streets.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the tenders be opened. Carried.

They were as follows.

William Hawks.	11d per hr.
William Wickenden.	1/- per hr.
Thomas Smith.	10d per hr
William Hunton Tilbrook	10d per hr.
Henry Cook.	9d per hr.
William Cunningham.	10d per hr.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that Mr Cook.s tender at 9d per hr be accepted. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Spaces

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space 214 to Mr. Benjamin John Millidge be signed. Carried.

Future Meetings.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that the second Tuesday in each month be selected as the day for the Council Meetings. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

H. T. Beadle.
May 12th 1903.

Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms Tues. May 12th 1903.
At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Mason, Bateman, Fletcher, Parris, Fowle, Galpin, Godfrey, Burke, Woodburn, Wilford, Hodgkinson and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee Hose &c.

Mr. Mason proposed that 8 50ft lengths of fire hose, 5 hose clamps, 1 spade, 1 side lamp & bracket, 3 burners with fonts complete and 1 spanner be purchased. This was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Increases to Brigade.

Mr. Mason proposed that the Fire Brigade be increased by 4 men.
This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and Carried.

Outfit.

Mr. Wilford proposed that no money be spent during this financial year on the outfit of the new fireman. Mr. Galpin seconded and it was carried by 5 to 3.

Excursion.

Mr. Wilford proposed that instead of providing the Fire Brigade with a supper this year, subscriptions be raised to send them to the Fire Brigade Exhibition at Earls Court. This was seconded by Mr. Woodburn and Carried.

Mr. Galpin proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Finance Committee under take to raise the necessary subscriptions. Carried.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved that a cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts.

1 doz. Bundles Chips. Baths.	Norrington. S.T.	1. 0
Brook Gate Keepers Salary. On a/c	Hood. T.	3. 0. 0
Poor Rate. Cemetery.	Hilder. T.	1. 3. 6
Lighting Rate. Cemetery.	"	2. 3

Poor Rate. Baths.	“	4. 10. 0
Lighting Rate. Baths.	“	9. 0
Wages of man on Brook.	Maynard. Geo.	3. 19. 6
Caretakers Wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	3. 12. 0
	Total	£14. 16. 3

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the old gate at the entrance to the Brook be given to the man on the Brook. George Maynard. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed that Horse & Cart be hired to clear away the rubbish from the enclosure on the Brook. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed that tenders be invited from Messrs. W. Hawks, W. Wickenden, T. Smith, W.H. Tilbrook, H. Cook and W. Cunningham for removing the rubbish heap, and also price per hour for any other work on the Brook. Seconded by Mr. Parris & carried.

Mr. Fowle proposed that the path through the Willow Walk be made up. Seconded by Mr. Galpin and Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Council repair the path themselves. Carried.

Water Committee.

Mr. Beadle proposed that the Indicator for the Water Van be adopted and a piece of 3” leathern hose be purchased for filling the van, providing Mr. Ball’s report there on be satisfactory. Mr. Mason seconded and it was carried.

Sale of the Cart.

Mr. Mason proposed that Mr. Luke Terry’s offer of £7 for the old water cart be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Wilford and Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the Month of March. “The very slight differences which are noticeable are all in the direction of improvement”.
2. Letter from R.C. Cutting & Co. re:- Lighting Conductors.
3. Letter from Bayleys Limited. Re:- Water Van.

H.T. Beadle. 9th June 1903.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues. June 9th 1903.

At 8pm.

Mr. H. T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Mason, Burke, Woodburn, Hodgkinson, Godfrey, Lambert, Champion, Parris, Hawks, Fowle, Bateman and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded and it was resolved that three cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Work on the Brook.	Hawks. W.	6. 5. 9
Work on the Brook.	Hawks. H.	10. 18. 6
Swan Soap & Lifebuoy Soap.	Bridgland. M.	3. 6. 9
Carting Gravel & Ashes to Cemetery.	Wickenden. W.	3. 13. 6
1 Pair of Water Boots.	Batts C.W.	3. 13. 6
Repayment of Loan & Interest.	Stable. C.W.	52. 15. 4
Wages of Man on Brook.	Maynard. George.	4. 1. 5
Caretakers Wages.	Cemetery.	4, 16. 0
Caretakers Wages.	Baths.	2. 10. 0
	Total.	£90. 7. 3

Overdue A/C.s

Mr. Hawks account for work done on the Brook in 1901. Mr. Mason proposed that all persons having demands on the Council should tender their accounts within three months of the time of completion of the work.. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Mason proposed that Mr. Hawks be requested to give an undertaking to refund the amount of his account, if the Auditor should surcharge the Council with the same if found to be necessary. Mr. Champion seconded and it was carried.

Cemetery Committee Report.

Mr. Parris proposed that £4 be allowed the Caretaker, this year to provide help to do the work in the Cemetery. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded. Lost.

Mr. Burke moved and amendment that the Caretaker apply to the Clerk when requiring assistance, and that the help be paid for to the extent of £4.

This was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried by 6 to 5.

On being put as the substantive motion it was carried nem con.

Painting.

Mr. Parris proposed that the outside of the Greenhouses, the whole of the frames, and the fence be painted two coats and that Messrs Draycon, Brattle and Langridge be asked to tender for the work.

This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that 3 gratings be purchased for the Cemetery. Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that one bath be reserved for be-grimed persons coming direct from work, and that the Caretaker be notified of the fact, so that none be refused the use of the Baths on that account. This was seconded by Mr. Woodburn and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Woodburn re:- materials for Brook Path.

2. Two Letters from Bayleys Ltd. re:- Water Van.

3. Letter from Mr. Ball re:- price for water for watering the streets.

Mr. Champion proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that Mr. Ball's offer to supply water for watering the streets, for three years at £17.10.0 per annum be accepted, and that an agreement to this effect be drawn up. Carried.

It was decided to ask Mr. Tong to attend to water cart.

4. Letter from Mrs Brazier thanking the Council for their sympathy in her late bereavement.

5. Letter from the Clerk asking for increase in salary.

Mr. Fowle proposed that letter be referred to the Finance Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Tenders for Carting.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that tenders for the repair of the Willow Walk be opened. Carried.

They were as follows.

Hawks. W.	£9.15.0
Cook. H.	5/- per rod = £18.6.4

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Mr. Hawks tender be accepted. Carried.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that No. 217 Grave Space be conveyed to Mrs. Emma Brazier, and that the conveyance be signed. Carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that a receipt for £90 be issued on the Overseers under the Authority of the Burials Act. Carried.

School Managers.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Joshua Wilford be elected a manager on the committee of the British Schools. Carried.

Mr. Galpin was also nominated.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded that Mr. Philip Champion be elected a manager on the Committee of the National Schools. Carried.

Mr. Beadle was also nominated.

Scavenging.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed that clear instructions be drawn up for the guidance of the Scavenger, and that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Messrs Mason and Champion be appointed a Committee to do this. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Grass on Brook.

Mr. Bateman proposed that the sale of grass on the Brook be left to the Brook Committee. Mr. Champion seconded and it was carried.

H.T. Beadle.
July 14th 1903.

Meeting of the council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues. 14th July 1903.

At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present, Messrs. Mason, Lambert, Bateman, Fletcher, Parris, Hawks, Galpin, Hodgkinson, Burke, Wilford and the Clerk T Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

Gas Account. Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co.	45. 10. 6
Gas Account. Public Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	13. 9
Gas Account Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “	2. 7
Water Rate Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co.	5. 3
Water Rate. Cemetery.	“ “ “ “ “	3. 0
Water Rate. Fire station.	“ “ “ “ “	3. 0
Water Rate Public Baths	“ “ “ “ “	2. 5. 3
½ yrs rent of Fire Station.	The Misses Hook	2. 10. 0
Stand pipe & Hose for Water Cart.	Mid Kent Water Co.	4. 12. 0
Coal & Coke Public Baths	Seaborne Coal Co.	5. 14. 0
Fireman's Trousers.	London Clothing Co.	18. 6
Printing Tickets Baths.	Hambrook. A.N.	15. 6
Caretakers Salary Baths.	Judges. J.	2. 10. 0
Caretakers Salary Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	7. 10. 0
	Total	£73. 13. 10

Clerk's Salary Increase.

Mr. Mason proposed that the clerk's salary be increased by the sum of £2, this being the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Cemetery Committee

Mr. Parris proposed that 1 yd of sand, 5 galls. of Tar & 2 lbs of Pitch be purchased for the Cemetery; Mr. Fletcher seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that 50 Stakes be purchased for use in the Cemetery. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Baths.

Mr. Hodgkinson gave a report on the Bathers during the month of June.

Street watering.

Mr. Henry Cook attended the meeting to secure the instructions of the Council respecting the street watering.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that the Council resolve themselves into a Committee to consider Mr. Cook's case. Carried.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that a series of questions be asked Mr. Cook, with the view of arriving at an understanding of how the watering has been done, and how its shall be done in the future. Carried.

It was decided to leave with Mr. Ball the selection of the Hydrants to be used for filling Water Van.

Old Water Cart.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that a letter be written to Mr. Luke Terry, stating that if a cheque for the old water cart was not sent on in seven days of the date here-of, Mr. Young's offer for the cart be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Cook was then called in and given instructions as to watering.

Scavenging.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that a letter be written to Mr. E. Ashby complaining of the way the scavenging arrangements are carried out, and that if improvement be not at once made, the Council would report the matter to the District Council. Carried.

Circular re:- Dust Bins.

Mr. Wilford proposed that a Circular be printed & sent to property owners in the Parish, requesting them to provide their tenants with Sanitary Dust Bins. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and Carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from the Rural District Council re:- Road Church Field.
2. Letter from Bayleys Limited re:- Cheques for Water Van. It was decided to acknowledge the receipt of letter.
3. Letter from Mr. Gray re:- cyclist's signals to man with the water van.
4. Letter from Mr. Ball re:- time for opening and closing of the Hydrants..
5. Letter from Tom Patey re:- grass on Brook Gardens

6. Letter from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co re: working away of the ground at the foundation of one of the Cottages on the Brook.

This letter was referred to the Brook Committee.

7. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the Month of May. The water is up to the usual High Standard..

8. Balance sheet from Bridge Wardens.

Tenders for Painting.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Mason seconded that the Chairman open the tenders for painting at the Cemetery, and that the lowest tender be accepted.

Carried.

The Tenders were as follows.

Mr. Brattle's. £9.10.6

Mr Draycon's. £8.19.0

Mr. Langridge. £10.2.0

Mr. Draycon's tender was accepted.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the listing on the backside of the Chimney be repaired by Mr. Draycon. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

Down Platform.

Mr. Beadle in accordance with previous notice of motion proposed that the S.E. & C Railway Co. be asked to provide a shelter on the down platform of the Snodland Station as soon as possible. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried on the understanding that the letter be deferred till an answer has been received re :- Church Field.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Galpin proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that the Councillors elected to serve on the School Committees should serve only during the life of the present Council. i.e. till next April. Carried Nem Com

H.T. Beadle.

11th August 1903.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues. August 11th 1903.

At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Mason, Wilford, Bateman, Fowle, Galpin, Hodgkinson, Parris, Godfrey, Hawks, Burke, Fletcher, Woodburn and the Clerk T. Hilder

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded and it was resolved that a cheque be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Brook Gatekeepers Salary.	Hood. T.	2. 0. 0
Caretakers Salary Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	5. 8. 0
Caretakers Salary Baths.	Judges. A. July	2. 10. 0
Wages of the man on Brook.	Maynard. Geo.	2. 11. 6
	Total.	£12. 9. 6

Mr. Mason proposed that the following accounts be approved and forwarded to the District Council for payment.

Cook Henry. For watering the streets end of June.	11. 19. 9
Bayleys Ltd. for new water van.	38. 17. 6
Wilford J. For pipes, filling ditch + Kerb & c	10. 0. 0

Mr. Galpin seconded and it was carried.

Brook Committee.

Mr. Fowle reported the Brook Committee had viewed the ditch on the Brook, whose waters were under mining the foundations of a Cottage in the possession of Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co..

The Comp. had offered to repair the banks on condition the Council would bear half the expense.

Mr. Fowle proposed that Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co be asked to do the necessary work to the ditch, and that the Council bear one half of the cost, provided it did not exceed the sum of £12 :- this arrangement to be accepted by Mr. Parris and carried.

Mr. Fowle also reported that he had caused the grass on the Willow Walk to be cut at the cost of 10/-, and had the ditch on the east side of the Allotments cleaned out for 6d per rod. Both of which the Council approved.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Chairman of the Brook Committee get the arch over the ditch repaired. Carried.

It was decided to write to Mr. W. Hawks requesting him to re-fix the tidal valve on the trunk at the end of the Willow Walk. Carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the number of bathers during July was 689 against 501 last year and takings £7.6.0 against £5.11.1.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- Water Cart.
 2. Letter from Mr. Ashby re:- Scavenging.
 3. Letters from Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. re:- ditch on Brook.
- It was decided to still hold over the letter to the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Co. re:- shelter on the down platform.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that a receipt for £160 under the Lighting Act be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

The Clerk reported that on the 1st of August a horse ran away with a van in the Malling Road and had knocked down and broken a lamp column. He had written to the owner. Mr. Johnson of New Hythe informing him of the accident and requesting him to give the order for new Column. On his refusal the Clerk had given the order.

H.T. Beadle.
8th September 1903.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues. September 8th 1903.

At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Mason, Parris, Fowle, Burke, Hawks, Lambert, Woodburn and the Clerk T. Hilder

Minutes.

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

The Chairman read letters from Mr. Bateman & Mr. Champion asking to be excused on account of illness.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Fowle proposed that Mr. Cook be allowed to cart 1000 to pay the following accounts.

46 yds of Gravel for the Cemetery.	Gates. George.	5. 15. 0
Printing Circulars. Scavenging.	Gay C. T.	3. 0
Caretakers wages Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	6. 0. 0
Wages of Man on Brook.	Maynard & Allchin	2. 0. 6
Caretakers Wages. Baths Aug.	Judges. A.	3. 10. 0
1 years rent of Baths.	Hook. Misses.	10. 0
Ministers Fees.	Rev. Button.	2. 6
	Total	£17. 1. 0

Brook.

Mr. Fowle reported that the wall in the ditch on the Brook to prevent the water undermining the Cottage, had been built, and the work was most satisfactory.

Ashes from Church Field.

Mr. Fowle proposed that Mr. Cook be allowed to cart 1000 loads of ashes from the road in Church Field on to the Brook provided he got the contract for carting. This was seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed and Mr. Hawks seconded that Mr. Fowle have power to meet Mr. Taylor, the Engineer at the Mill and arrange for clearing the ditch on the Brook near the Cottages. Carried.

Baths.

Mr. Lambert reported the number of Bathers at the Baths, and the amount of fees for the Month of August.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:- Fire Hose.
2. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- acknowledging cheque & a/c.
3. Letter from Bayleys Limited re:- water van a/c
4. Letter from Messrs C.T. Hook re:- Ditch on Brook.
5. Letter from the Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for the month of August.
.The water exhibits its usual consistency of composition and its high degree of chemical purity is fully maintained..

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Lambert proposed that a receipt for £70 under the Baths and Wash Houses Act be issued on the Overseers. Mr Hawks seconded and it was carried.

Fireman's Resignation.

Mr. Beadle reported that Engineer J. Woodruff had resigned his position as Fireman. Mr. Parris proposed that his resignation be accepted with regret. Mr. Lambert seconded and it was carried.

H.T. Beadle.
13th October 1903.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms On Tues. October 13th 1903

At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Councillors Bateman, Lambert, Hodgkinson, Fletcher, Galpin, Hawks, Wilford, Godfrey, Parris and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Woodburn stating as he was from home he would not be able to attend meeting.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts.

Repairing Willow Walk.	Hawks. W.	10. 3. 6
Printing 250 agenda forms.	Gay G.F.	10. 6

Brook Keepers salary on a/c	Hood T.	1. 0. 0
½ cost of erection of Wall Brook.	Hook C.T. & Co.	6. 0. 0
Jeyes Fluid and Scrubs	Moore & Co.	5. 3
Coal & Coke Baths.	Seaborne Coal Co.	4. 9. 0
Tithe.	Rector.	1. 5. 7
Audit Stamp.	The Clerk.	3. 0. 0
Caretakers salary Sept.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
Caretakers Salary Cemetery,	Fletcher. W.	6. 18. 0
½ yrs rent Fire station.	Hook Miss.	2. 10. 0
	Total	£38. 11. 10

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Parris proposed that the dead trees at the far end of the Cemetery be removed. This was seconded by Mr. Hodgkinson and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that a tap be placed in the pipe in the boiler of the Greenhouse at the Cemetery. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that a wrench hammer be purchased for use in the Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried.

Mr. Parris proposed that 8 loads of manure & 1 Chaldron of Coke be purchased for the Cemetery. This was seconded by Mr. Hawks and carried.

Baths Committee.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the number of bathers for the Month of September was 336 and the amount of fees £3.15.9.

It was decided to print 1000 soap tickets.

Correspondence

Letter to Miss Hook.

1. Letter from Dr Freeland re:- attendance at Miss Hook.s Funeral. Mr Beadle proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Miss Hook, in her bereavement & sorrow at the loss of her sister. Seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried.

2. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:-Hose

3. Letter from Bayleys Ltd. re:- water van.

4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. Ltd giving analysis of water for September. .The water is quite at its best.

Report of Fire Brigade Meeting.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that 8 50ft lengths of hose 2 ½ , 1 spade, 1 side lamp & bracket, (offside), 3 burners with fonts complete, 1 spanner , 3 hose clamps, and 1 doz. Tunic Buttons be purchased for the Fire Brigade. Carried

Conveyance of Grave Space.

.Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space 223 to Miss Mary Gorham and the conveyance of Grave Space 227 to Mr. H.C. Phillips be signed. Carried.

Trees in Queens Avenue.

Mr. Wilford proposed that the caretaker of the Cemetery be instructed to attend to the trees in Queen’s Avenue,- and to plant fresh ones. The Clerk be requested to write to Mr. Cobham and invite him to supply fresh trees to replace dead ones.- failing this to purchase fresh trees. Mr. Godfrey seconded and it was carried.

Vote of Sympathy to Chairman.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed a vote of sympathy to the Chairman who had lost a brother through an accident at the works. in a most terrible form - and that it be a written expression of sympathy and signed by all of the Councillors
This was seconded by Mr Galpin, supported by Mr. Wilford & Mr. Lambert & carried.

Water in Malling Road & Path in Holborough Road.

Mr Parris proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that the attention of the County Council be called to the water at the entrance to Birling Lands and the state of the path in the Holboro.Rd

H.T. Beadle.
10th November 1903.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues. November 10th 1903.

At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Messrs. Mason, Lambert, Bateman, burke, Godfrey, Wilford, Fowle, Woodburn, Parris, Hawks, Hodgkinson and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

Finance Committee.

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

Gas a/c Street Lamps.	Mid Kent Gas Co..	45. 18. 0.
“ “ Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “	1. 0
“ “ Public Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	13. 8.
Erecting New Lamp Chapel.	“ “ “ “ “	3. 13. 6
Water Rate. Cemetery.	Mid Kent Water Co.	5. 3
“ “ “ “ “ “	“ “ “ “ “	3. 0
“ “ “ Fire Station.	“ “ “ “ “	3. 0
“ “ “ Public Baths.	“ “ “ “ “	3. 15. 9
Poor Rate Cemetery,	Hilder Tom.	18. 0
“ “ Public Baths.	“ “	3. 12. 0
Poor Rate. Fire station.	Hilder. Tom	7. 0

Ministers Fees.	Mr Galpin.	10. 0
“ “ “ “	Mr. Bosquet	5. 0
Minutes Book & Bottle of Ink.	Mr. Hambrook.	11. 0
Caretakers Wages. Baths.	Judges A.	2. 10. 0
Caretakers Wages Cemetery,	Fletcher. W.	5. 8. 0
Painting & Lettering At F/Station.	Brattle. C.	12. 9
	Total.	£69. 6. 11

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

It showed that two Firemen, Messrs Paddick and Woodruff had resigned and Messrs Evans & A. Woodruff were elected to fill the vacancies. J. Bramley was elected Engineer & Messrs R. Penny, G. Freeman, A.H. Bolton & T Staples were chosen as probationers.

Mr Mason proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Parris seconded that H. Cook's a/c for street watering £16.17.1 and the Mid Kent Water Co a/c for £17.10.0 be approved and forwarded to the District Council for payment. Carried.

Cemetery.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Woodburn seconded that the proposed new arrangement of the Children's Grave Space be referred to the Committee to report to the next meeting. Carried.

Baths.

Mr. Hodgkinson reported that the number of bathers during the past month was 237 and the fees amounted to £2.9.3.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Allison re:- accounts.
2. Letter from Mr. Cobham re:- Trees in Queen's Avenue.
3. Letter from Shand Mason & Co. re:- Hose.
4. Letter from Mr. Mitchell enclosing £2 towards cost of Culvert in Queen's Road.
5. Letter from Miss Hook acknowledging the letter of Condolence.

Election of Trustees to Godden's Charity.

Mr. Mason proposed and Mr. Hodgkinson seconded that Messrs Godfrey and Lambert be elected Trustees of Godden's Charity in the place of Messrs H. Beadle and Burke who retire by rotation – The new Trustees to commence duty on January 1st 1904. Carried.

Election of Trustees to May's Charity.

Mr. Hodgkinson proposed and Mr, Godfrey seconded that Messrs Wilford and Burke be elected Trustees of May's Charity in the place of Messrs Woodburn and Wilford who retired by rotation. The new Trustees to commence duty on January 1st 1904. Carried.

H. T. Beadle.
8th December 1903.

Meeting Of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tues 8th December 1903.
At 8pm.

Mr. H.T. Beadle presided and there were also present Messrs Godfrey, Bateman, Parris, Burke, Galpin, Wilford, and the Clerk T. Hilder.

Minutes.

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

A letter from Mr Woodburn his inability to attend the meeting was read .

Finance Committee.

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded and it was resolved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Brook Keepers salary. Balance.	Hood. T.	1. 6. 0
Carriage of Trees for Avenue	Quarrington. E.	6
Poles for Cemetery. 6ft.	Thompson Bros.	5. 9
Wire & Wire netting for Trees.	Parris & Co.	4. 2
Caretakers Wages. Baths.	Judges. A.	2. 10. 0
Caretakers wages. Cemetery.	Fletcher. W.	5. 4. 9
Repayment of Loan and Interest	Stable. D.W	52. 15. 9
Trees for Avenue 7	Frost & Co.	17. 6
	Total £63.	4. 5

Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Parries proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the vacant spaces in the Children's portion of the consecrated portion of the Cemetery be filled up before any new ground be used for Children's Grave Spaces. Carried.

The arrangement for carting away the surplus mould from the Cemetery was left in the hands of the Clerk.

Baths Committee

Painting.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Bateman seconded that a specification for painting the outside of the Baths, leaving out the fences, be prepared and tenders invited for same. Carried.

Sunday Opening.

Mr. Wilford proposed and Mr. Burke seconded that the Baths be opened on Sunday Mornings from 8am to 10am for 4 or 5 weeks. Carried.

Xmas Week.

Mr. Wilford proposed that in Christmas week the Baths be open on Tuesday for Ladies, and Wednesday and Thursday for Gentlemen, at the usual hours and that notice of same be given by posting bills. Mr. Parris seconded and it was carried.

Correspondence.

1. Two letters from S.E. & C. Railway Co. re:- shelter on down platform. Mr. Wilford proposed that the Co. be asked to re-consider the matter of the shelter and if nothing else could be done, to suggest that ends be erected at either end of the present covered way. Seconded by Mr. Burke and carried.

Late Train.

Mr. Godfrey proposed that the S.E. & C Ry. Co. be invited to re-instate the late train on Wednesdays once a month, Commencing on the first Wednesday in January 1904. Mr. Burke seconded and it was carried.

2. Letter from the Prudential Assurance Company asking to have instalment of loan paid on the due date.

3. Letter from Mr. Ruck re:- path in the Holboro Road and Ditch in Malling Road

4. Letter from Mr. Johnson of New Hythe, refusing to pay for lamp column & c knocked down by his runaway horse.

Mr. Beadle proposed that notice be given to Mr. Johnson and also to Mr. Terry that if the accounts for erecting the new lamp Columns & c were not paid within fourteen days, proceedings would be taken to recover the amounts. This was seconded by Mr. Parris and carried.

5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water for October and November.

Conveyance of Grave Space.

Mr. Galpin proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the Conveyance of Grave Space 229 to Mrs Maria Beadle be signed. Carried.

Plan & Inscription of Headstone.

Mr. Galpin proposed and Mr. Wilford seconded that the plan and Inscription of the Headstone to Mr. Brazier's Grave be approved by the Council. Carried.

Receipt on Overseers.

Mr. Bateman proposed and Mr. Galpin seconded that a receipt for £90 under the Burial Acts be issued on the Overseers. Carried.

Brass Plate on John May's Picture.

Mr. Bateman proposed that a small brass plate be placed on John May's portrait, giving his name and the name of the Donor. Mr. Wilford seconded and it was carried.

H.T.Beadle

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