

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th January 1939

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs B.H. Norman (Chairman), J.J. Hammond (Vice-Chairman), J.W. Bishop, C. Filmer, W.G. Freeman, W. Gooding, J.H. Greenacre, J.G. Harrington, T.E. Hood, A.J. Monk, W.F. Saul, W. Stotesbury, G.A. Tobin, F.C. Wray, R. Gower and F. Simmons Clerk.

Minutes.

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

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that the roadway between gateway and stile was in very bad condition. He had some hard clinker which could be put down and suggested a man should be employed on this work for about a day. (Agreed).

The top part of this road was also in a bad state, Mr. Monk proposed "That Malling Rural District Council be asked to put this in reasonable repair. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 542, and the fees amounted to £4.15.9d, as compared with 647 and £5.14.11d. for the corresponding period last year.

The tenders of Mr. Draycon for 12' close boarded fence for £4.17.0d, and Crowhurst for a stile fence £2.12.6d. was accepted.

Conveyances

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the conveyance of Grave Space No. 1437, Section A, Consecrated portion to Isaac Thomas Stevens, also Grave Space No. 1433, Section B Consecrated portion to Daisy Smith, be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Monk.

Inscription

Mr. Greenacre proposed that additional inscription to Grave 1397/1398, also additional inscription to Grave No.1189 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Cemetery

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the usual seeds, value about 10/- be purchased from Ryder & Son. Seconded by Mr. Monk.

Finance

Mr. Hammond proposed, Mr. Saul seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts:-

General Account

Post Office.	Stamping Cheque Bk.	16.	8.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	1.	3. 4.
Bond. W.T.	Local Gov. Chronicle.	3.	6.

Royal Ins. Co.	3 rd Party Ins. Brook.	1.	17.	6.			
Public Wks.In. Bd.	Loan & Interest.	5.	18.	11.			
“	“	6.	19.	10.	16.	19.	9.
<u>Cemetery Account</u>							
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	12.	1.			
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.		15.	10.			
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	10.	0.			
“	5 N.H.I. Stamps.		3.	4.			
Crowhurst. D.	Repair Fence.		15.	0.			
Cliford & Son.	6. ???? 12' x 10'	1.	19.	3.			
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	0.	10.			
Pay. W.H.	Carriage.	6.	4.		24.	2.	8.
<u>Lighting Account.</u>							
Penny. Mrs.	Preparing Room.	13.	0.				
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Repairs Lanterns.	10.	6.				
Hinds. C. W.	Petrol.	6.	4.				
National F. B. Ass.	Registration Fees.	9.	0.		1.	18.	10.
<u>Baths Account.</u>							
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	3.	4.			
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		6.	4.			
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	1.	8.	9.	11.	4.
					<u>£52. 12. 7.</u>		

Cheque for wages £30.

Fire Brigade

Mr. Hammond presented the report of the Fire Brigade Committee Meeting held on January 17th to meet Mr. Bundy and Chief Officer Hinds.

Mr. Bundy explained in detail the new arrangements under which the Malling Rural District Council proposed to work the Fire Brigade of their area under the new Act. He pointed out that the Parish of Snodland, being within a running distance of about 15 minutes from Malling, and being geographically situated at the extreme end of their area was not considered a suitable one to station a Fire Brigade.

After having talked the matter over with representatives of Malling Rural District Council he agreed to recommend the Home Office to allow an engine to be stationed here. In order to do this, the Council must agree for the Malling Fire Engine, after being reconditioned, and brought up to the requirements and strength required by the authorities to be stationed at Snodland. Malling would have the new Engine. The reason for this is, Malling being more central would have to serve 12 ½ Parishes, and necessarily requires real up to date equipment. Snodland would be sufficiently covered. The question of schedule of apparatus and equipment and prices was then considered. It was pointed out Snodland Engine to all intents was worthless after this year. Hose, it was very questionable whether any of this, if put to the test would stand up to the pressure. Uniforms were very much worn and value reduced.

After carefully considering the whole position with Mr. Bundy and Chief Officer Hinds, it was agreed to recommend the Council to accept the sum of £75, for the schedule as presented, against the sum of £96.12.0d. as specified. Mr. Bundy assured Snodland they were acting wisely on agreeing to this arrangement. He said he would see we got a good Engine and equipment and later on things would “Not be worse”, Mr. Hammond moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Fire Station

The question of rental of Fire Station was discussed, but left over until hearing from Ministry of Health.

Lighting

Mr. Wray asked for lamp in Bramley Road to be lit. This was referred to Lighting Committee.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Stotesbury reported the trenches not yet filled in. This was left for him to deal with.

Correspondence

1. Letter from the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers stating that they will, without prejudice sell to the Council the plot of land in question for an extension of the Cemetery at the rate of £200 per acre.

Mr. Gower proposed this offer be accepted, subject to prices being approved by District Valuer. Seconded by Mr. Greenacre, agreed. Mr. Gower proposed that Bracher, Son & Miskin be employed to act on behalf of the Council in the matter of transfer. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

2. Letter from James Nichols & Son re:- Roadway to Brook.

3. Letter from Malling R.D. Council Rates 1940, £650 asked for.

4. “ “ “ “ “ re:- East Street.

5. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Groves Drainage.

6. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Mr. Harrington again pressed for this to be taken up with the Rural District Council. Mr. Tobin supported, on being put to the vote was lost. 2 for, 10 against.

7. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Refuse Dump.

8. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Fire Brigade Act.

9. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

10. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Willow Walk Footpath.

It was reported the Kent County Council would not take on the liability for the maintenance of the footpath.

11. Letter from Working Men's Club re:- Roof.

It was agreed for Mr. Draycon to examine, and if not too big, to put it in order. If expensive report to Chairman.

12. Letter from Ocean Accident Com Ltd. re:- Damage to Lantern.

13. “ “ “ “ “ “ enclosing Cheque in settlement.

14. Letter from British Standard Assurance Assoc. re:- Damage to Column.

Mr. Monk proposed. Mr. Hammond seconded. If the claim not paid within 14 days, issue summons.

15. Letter from G.E. Foreman re:- Willow Walk Footpath.

Willow Walk Footpath

The question of Willow Walk Footpath was discussed at some length, and Mr. Monk proposed, Mr Saul seconded that Mr. Pell be asked to put this in order. If possible to give estimate of cost.

Mr. Gooding asked for path from Cemetery to Clock Tower to be repaired. The Chairman agreed to take up the matter with works manager.

B.H. Norman.
Chairman.
28-2-39.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday February 28th 1939

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs B.H. Norman (Chairman), J.J. Hammond (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Freeman, Gower, Harrington, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and F. Simmons, Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr. Greenacre for non-attendance.

Minutes.

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

Baths.

Mr. Gower reported the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 632, and the fees amounted to £5.5.11d, as compared with 680 and £5.19.6d for the corresponding period last year.

Also, that an emergency Committee Meeting had been held on 21st February. Mr. Gower apologized for the short notice given, and explained the urgent position that had arisen at the Baths, owing to the serious illness of the Caretaker. After two serious breakdowns he had been removed to Hospital at Malling. Meantime Abery was assisting with fires etc. Mr. Gower had interviewed Mrs Judges who stated it was quite impossible for her to continue to carry on here. Also, the son stated he would help his Mother to vacate the premises at the earliest possible moment. The Committee felt that the vacancy should be advertised this week to save time without waiting for full Council meeting. They hoped the Members would approve of this course. Applications to be in time to be placed before the Council on the 28th inst. Temporary assistance to be continued as at present arranged pending further

developments. The question of Caretaker's wages to be considered at a later meeting.

Since the meeting, he regretted to report the death of Caretaker Alfred Judges. He proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the family expressing the Council's extreme regret at the loss of their esteemed and respected Baths Caretaker, and extending their sympathy to them in their great loss.

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that the survey was making a good job of the roadway leading to the Brook.

Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. Greenacre this report was given by Mr. Gower as follows. The meeting was called to consider the position regarding the purchase of extra land for Cemetery extension.

Mr. Monk explained the meeting that he and the Clerk, had had that day with the District Valuer who expressed surprise that the Parish Council had provisionally accepted the price of £200, per acre without consulting him. He still pointed out his value was £100 per acre. He had not replied to the Parish Council's letter which pointed out the position.

The Committee were not satisfied we had acted wrongly. Mr. Hammond proposed, Mr. Filmer seconded that the District Valuer be asked to reply to the letter. Also pointed out to him the urgency of the situation. Price originally £400, present offer £200. The Council felt they should make a deal, even at this price, subject to the District Valuer agreeing. Considering we were being surrounded by pits, isolating our Cemetery, which is filling up. Unless the deal is fixed it would necessitate other compulsory powers as to negotiate for land, perhaps a mile or two away. This would be an enormous expense to Rate-Payers, and hardship to inhabitants. Loan suggestion would be, say £350 for land, fence and layout.

It was recommended to purchase for use at Cemetery, 6, Grave Boards, 9' x 9" x 1" & 2, 8' x 9" x 1", also a 1 ½ Gall Water Cans . Mr. Monk proposed and Mr. Hammond seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

It was decided to obtain prices from Ashby and Cook for clearing the surplus chalk and were from Cemetery and carting to rubbish dump on Brook, also for supplying 4 loads of Manure. Chairman and Clerk to arrange on receipt of quotation.

Conveyances

Mr. Gower proposed, that the conveyance of Grave Space No. 1439, section B Consecrated portion to Emma Fowle, also Grave Space No. 1440, Section B Consecrated portion to Ellen Rose Gooding, be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Inscriptions

Mr. Gower proposed, that additional inscription to Grave No. 230, also additional inscription to Grave No. 364 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Plan

Mr. Gower proposed that the plan of Vase submitted for Grave No. 1419 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hammond.
 It was again brought to the Council's notice that Mr. Robert's fees were not yet paid. After consideration Messrs Freeman & Monk kindly agreed to interview him.

Lighting

It was reported that a Lamp Column and Lantern had been knocked down in the Church Fields. Price £9.14.6d. The Clerk had the matter in hand.

Mr. Wray again urged the Lamp in Bramley Road should be alight, and called attention that a Committee Meeting had not yet taken place. The Chairman of the Lighting Committee being absent, the Clerk said he would consult with him on the matter.

Finance

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr Hammond, who moved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr Hood. Carried.

Draycon. H.R.	Repairs Institute.	4.	13.	6.
Malling R.D.C.	Repairs Willow Walk.	10.	5.	3.
Peters T.	Work Rec. Ground.	1.	2.	5.
"	1 N.H.I. Stamp.		3.	2.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	12.	1.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		15.	10.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	10.	0.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		3.	4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	0.	10.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cemetery.		11.	7.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1.	18.	0.
Ryder & Son.	Seeds.		10.	0.
Hinds. C.W.	Water Cans. Etc.	1.	10.	11.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.		12.	1.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c. Fire Stn.		7.	4.
"	Coke.	1.	0.	10.
Hinds. C.W.	Dust Bin.		7.	0.
Judges. A.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	6.	8.
"	8. N.H.I. Stamps.		12.	8.
Draycon. H.R.	New Fence.	4.	17.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1.	12.	1.
"	Coke.	2.	1.	8.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1.	3.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.		5.	7.
			3.	
			<u>£74.</u>	<u>9. 2.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £30.

Recreation ground.

Mr. Stotesbury reported he had employed a man Peters for three days filling in trenches. He had been disappointed and asked permission to have Cheeseman for about another day. Agreed.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr. Wm. Gooding resigning seat on Council.

Mr. Hammond proposed, Mr. Hood seconded that this be accepted with regret, and a letter of appreciation of his long service for the Parish be sent.

2. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Damaged Lamp Column. Malling Road.

3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ Church Fields.

4. Letter from J.E. Baker re:- “ “ “ “ “

5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of authority water.

6. Letter from Kent County Council stating Highway Authority unable to maintain and repair Willow Walk.

7. Letter from Malling R.D.C, giving approximate price of £35 to repair Willow Walk. Mr. Hammond proposed, Mr. Saul seconded. Accept this figure for repairs.

8. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Willow Walk.

9. “ “ “ “ “ “ “

10. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Fire Brigade Act 1938,
Confirming agreed price of £75 for equipment.

11. Letter from Malling R.D. Council, postponing the date for taking over properties etc. Until 1st April 1939 re:- Fire Brigade.

12. Letter from C.J. Allard notice re:- Application for Wine Licence, Monks Head.
Council have no objection.

13. Letter from Malling Parish Council, asking payment of ½ the cost towards deed re:- John Mays Charities.
Council would not agree to pay this.

Annual Parish Meeting

Mr. Hammond proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Thursday evening March 30th 1939 at 7.30pm. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury and carried.

Refuse Dump

Mr. Hood again called the Councils attention to the nuisance still taking place on the refuse dump, Messrs Hammond and Freeman supported the complaint and urged for a strong letter of protest to be sent to the Sanitary Office.

Vacancy

Mr. Hammond proposed. Mr. Hood seconded that a letter be sent to the four candidates defeated in the election, if nominated and seconded, would they agree to accept.

It was decided to fill the vacancy at the March Meeting.

Baths Caretaker

40 applications for the office of Caretaker were received by the Council. After perusal, it was decided to interview six applicants and their wives on Tuesday 7th March 1939 at 7.30pm.

Mr. Harrington proposed that the six selected be Messrs. Abnett, Fowler, Holmes, Mainey, Neville and Parris. Seconded by Mr. Tobin and carried.

B.H. Norman,
28.3.39.
Chairman.

Special Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday March 7th 1939

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs. Norman (Chairman), Hammond (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gower, Grenacre, Harrington, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

The business of the meeting was to interview and appoint a new Caretaker for the Public Baths.

A letter was received from Mr. Neville of Halling, withdrawing his application, the following five applicants and their wives were interviewed.

Mr & Mrs Abnett.	Ages.	40 – 39.
Mr & Mrs Fowler.	“	42 – 39
Mr & Mrs Holmes.	“	36 – 32.
Mr & Mrs Mainey.	“	62 – 58.
Mr & Mrs Parris.	“	51 – 45.

All the applicants stated they were prepared to sign an agreement with the Council.

After careful consideration of each candidate it was decided to strike out Holmes & Parris.

Voting for the election of Caretaker resulted in 8 votes for Fowler, 4 for Mainey, and 1 for Abnett.

The Chairman declared William Fowler appointed.

A letter was considered from The National Union of Public Employees, re wages of Public Servants. It was decided for this to lie on the table.

B.H. Norman.
28-3-39.
Chairman.

Meeting of the Council.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th March 1939.

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Norman (Chairman), Hammond (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gower, Greenacre, Hood, Monk, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

An apology was received from Mr. Harrington for non-attendance.

Minutes

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

Arising out of Minutes Mr. Monk reported he had been unable to interview Mr. Roberts re:- Grave Spaces, and it was agreed for the Clerk to take the matter up with his Solicitors and family.

Baths.

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 554 and the fees amounted to £4.18.10d, as compared with 644 and £5.17.3d. for the corresponding period last year.

Also that the new Caretaker, W. Fowler has taken over the duties and Cottage. Two bedrooms had been renovated, living room and staircase could be done at a time convenient to them.

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that Malling Rural District Council workmen were now repairing Willow Walk footpath and making a good job of it.

Mr. Freeman spoke of the nuisance on the Brook, caused by the discharge of waste matter from the Paper Mills on the flood tide and moved that a letter be sent to the Mill Authorities asking them to discontinue this. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Design

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the design of Headstone and Kerb with Inscription for Grave No. 1314 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Greenacre reported on an interview with the District Valuer in regarding to the price suggested for the strip of land required for extension purposes. The District Valuer could not agree to recommend to the Ministry of Health to pass this at £200 per acre. He considered it excessive. Fresh negotiations must be started and he suggested a small Sub-Committee be formed.

Mr. Stotesbury proposed. Mr. Hood seconded that a Sub-Committee of three, Messrs Gower, Greenacre and Monk be appointed to deal with this matter with power to act. Carried.

Mr. Greenacre reported that Ashby's tender for £2.6.0d. had been accepted for clearing surplus Chalk, and for a supply of Manure.

Lighting

Mr. Filmer read the report of the Lighting Committee, which recommended, the Council to discontinue the Lamp near the Paper Mill Office, and to light an extra lamp in Bramley Road. It was also decided to recommend the Council not to light an extra Lamp in Queen's Avenue. Mr. Monk Proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Wray.

Finance

The Financial Statement was presented by Mr. Hammond, who moved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr Stotesbury.

Royal Ins. Co.	Ins. Gatekeeper.	1.	3.
"	Ins. Casual Labour.	3.	6.
Prudential Assur. Co.	Loan & Interest.	16.	14. 9.
Kent Messenger.	Advertisement.	1.	4. 0.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	18.	15. 0.
"	Postage Account.	4.	5. 8.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	11.	13. 8
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		12. 8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	3.	12. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		2. 8.
Royal Ins. Co.	Ins. Caretaker & Apprentice.	1.	5. 0.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.		6. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	0. 10.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Street Lighting.	75.	0. 0.
"	All night Lamp.	5.	18. 0.
"	Lamp Column.	9.	4. 7.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.		3. 0.
Judges. Mrs.	Caretakers Wages.	4.	8. 0.
Royal Ins. Co.	Ins. Caretaker & Wife.		10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	0. 10.
Abery. F.	Repair & Attendance.	7.	12. 0
			<u>£163. 13. 5.</u>

Cheque for Wages £25.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Charity Commission re:- Sale of Baptist Chapel.
2. Letter from Mrs. Stedman. Re:- Transfer of Wine Licence. (No objection).
3. Letter from Richardson Transport enclosing Cheque £9.4.0d. for damages to Lamp Column and Lantern Church Fields.
4. Letter from Malling R. D. Council re:- Refuse Dump.
5. " " " " " " " " "
6. " " " " " re:- Fire Brigade Act 1938.

Transfer of properties. Mr. Hammond proposed. Mr. Saul seconded that the transfer of Fire Station be agreed and the sum of £500 be asked from Malling R.D. Council for the Buildings. Not including Cottage.

7. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Damaged Street Lamp. Malling Road.
It was agreed to let this matter drop.

Mr. Monk proposed that a cop of this letter be sent to Mr. Pell and ask him if it is possible to place the drain cover mentioned further up the road. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

8. Letter from Kent Council Social Services re:- Mrs. Quinnell.

9. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Street Lighting.

Mr. Monk proposed that the lighting be extended until the 15th April. Seconded by Mr. Filmer and carried.

10. Letter from Association Portland Cement Manufacturers re:- Land for Cemetery Extension.

11. Letter from Local Government Guarantee re:- Fidelity Baths Caretaker.

Left to Clerk to fix up.

Summer Lighting

Mr. Hammond proposed that the Summer Time Lighting be extended as last year. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Vacancy

Three residents were nominated for the vacant seat on the Council, and the voting was as follows. D. Cochrane (1). R.C. Tobgee (4). R.C. Robinson (7).

The Chairman declared Mr. Robinson duly elected to serve on the Parish Council until 15th April 1940.

Draft Report

The Draft Report of the Parish Council Proceedings for the year was read and approved.

Mr. Tobin asked for repairs and lock on gate at Allotments on Brook, but this is private property.

Balance of Wages to 31st March 1939.

Cemetery Account.

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	2.	18.	5.	
"	1 N.H.I. Stamp.		3.	2.	
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	18.	0.		
"	1. N.H.I. Stamp.			8.	
	Brought Forward.				4. 0. 3.

Baths Account.

Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	3.	2.	10.	
"	2 N.H.I. Stamps.		6.	4.	
					<u>3. 9. 2.</u>
					<u>£7. 9. 5.</u>

Balance, Cash in Hand of Clerk 31st March 1939. £17. 13. 11.

B.H. Norman.
Chairman.
25-4-39.

Annual Meeting of the Council.
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday April 25th 1939.
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gower, Greenacre, Hammond, Monk, Norman, Robinson, Saul, Tobin, Harrington, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Apologies were received from Messrs Hood and Stotesbury for non-attendance.

Mr. R.C. Robinson signed the declaration on acceptance of office.

Minutes

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

Chairman

Mr. Harrington proposed and Mr. Monk seconded that Mr. J.J. Hammond be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. Freeman proposed that Mr. J.G. Harrington be elected Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Committees

Mr. Norman proposed that the Committees be re-elected as standing. Mr. Robinson acting in place of Mr. Gooding. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Allotments

Mr. Freeman reported the plots were now being well cultivated. Regarding the complaint of burnt paper, this was caused by Messrs J. Nichols & Son burning waste paper on an Allotment to Chapman and was against the rules. It was agreed for Mr. Freeman and Clerk to deal with.

Baths.

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 652 and the fees amounted to £5.18.0d, as compared with 651 and £5.17.5d, for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

Questions were raised about Parishioners turning out more Cattle than allowed by Rules. Mr. Greenacre proposed this matter be referred to the Brook Committee for investigation. Seconded by Mr. Freeman.

Cemetery

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the following Plans & Inscription be approved by the Council. Headstone with Inscription to Grave No. 235 in place of existing stone, Kerb

with Inscription to Grave No. 1369, additional Inscription to Grave No. 1401, additional Inscription to Grave No. 646, Kerb with Inscription to Grave No. 768. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried
Mr. Greenacre also suggested on early Committee Meeting on site.

Finance

Mr. Harrington submitted the Financial Statement and proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Saunders. R.	Work. Rec. Ground.	8.	0.
Bracher & Son.	Professional Charges.	1.	1. 0
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing & Stationery.	5.	11. 4.
Bond. W.F.	Local Gov. Chronicles	3.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	15. 3.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	9.	6.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	2.	14. 0.
“	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	2.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	0. 10.
Ashby & Son.	Chalk & Manure.	2.	6. 0.
Baldwin. A.	Seed Boxes.	4.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cemetery.	11.	7.
“	“	4.	8.
Royal Ins. Co.	Fire Ins. Cottage.	4.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	12.	1.
Penny. Mrs.	Preparing Room.	13.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3.	2. 6.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	19.	0.
Royal Ins. Co.	Excess Premium.		9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	4.	13. 9.
Austin. J.	Repairs.	1.	10. 0.
			<u>£35. 6. 9.</u>

Cheque for wages. £25.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Working Men's Club re:- fencing.

Mr. Monk proposed. Mr. Saul seconded that three members be appointed to deal with this matter. Messrs. Freeman, Hammond and Monk.

2. Letter from Mr. Roberts, enclosing Cheque value £ 25 for up keep of plot.

3. Letter from Mrs. Penny, asking for room to be papered and ceiling distempered. It was agreed for Austin to do the work.

4. Letter from Kent County Council Surveyor re:- Drain Cover Malling Road.

5. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. Ltd. re:- Nuisance on Brook. It was agreed to press this matter further.

6. Letter from Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. re:- Street Lighting.

7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

8. “ “ “ “ “ “ re:- Damaged Street Lamp.

9. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

10. “ “ “ “ “ “ Giving estimate of £9.14.3d.

To replace Lamp Column & Lantern etc. Opposite Rising Sun, Holborough. Mr. Wray proposed that the order for replacing the Lamp Column be held over until after a Committee Meeting had been held on site. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

11. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Fire Insurance, Fire Station and Cottage.

12. Letter from Royal Insurance Co. re:- Fire Insurance Policy.

13. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Drainage Committee.

Mr. Greenacre proposed that Messrs, Hammond & Harrington be appointed to represent the Council on this Committee. Seconded by Mr. Monk and carried.

14. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Footpath at Holborough.

15. “ “ “ “ “ re:- National Services.

It was arranged to pass this on to Territorial Association.

16. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Fire Station.

17. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Schedule of Equipment.

18. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Rating & Valuation Committee.

It was agreed that Messrs Freeman & Thomson continue to represent the Parish on this Committee.

19. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Minor Local Authority Manager Church of England School

Mr. Hammond proposed. Mr. Monk seconded that Mr. Greenacre be appointed in place of Mr. Hammond resigning, to hold office until 30th June 1942 and thereafter.

Annual Parish Meetings Suggestions

The question of repairing Entrance Gates at Central Schools, Closed, was left in the hands of the representative.

It was decided to ask permission to erect a Notice Board at World Stores Corner.

The question of repairs to footpath through Recreation Ground was deferred, owing to absence of Mr. Stotesbury.

Air Raid Precautions

A lengthy discussion took place on these matters and it was arranged to call a special parish council meeting on Tuesday May 2nd in the Devonshire Rooms at 7pm, and write Mr. Miskin & Captain Hordern to attend to discuss matter.

Housing Association

It was suggested to ask Malling Rural District Council to extend the privilege granted to Snodland Housing Association for use of Fire Station free of charge in future as in part.

J. Harrington.
23-5-39.
Chairman.

Special Parish Council Meeting.

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday May 2nd 1939

At 7pm.

Present Messrs Hammond (Chairman), Bishop, Gower, Greenacre, Hood Monk, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

An apology was received from Mr. Harrington for non attendance.

Captain Hordern, Chief Air Raid Precaution Officer attended and impressed the members it was definitely the duty of the Parish Council to see that Air Raid Precaution matters were pushed forward in the Parish. Until they had some organisation working it would be impossible to get a grant or any other form of help. He considered that the present Chief Warden was far too busy to carry out the duties properly.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided for the Chairman to interview several residents with a view to a change.

It was suggested that a Meeting be held once a fortnight for members of the Council present to enrol volunteers.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman.
23-5-39.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd May 1939

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Bishop, Freeman, Gower, Greenacres, Harrington, Hood, Norman, Robinson, Stotesbury, Tobin and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Owing to absence of Chairman, Mr. Hammond through illness, the Vice-Chairman Mr. Harrington occupied the Chair.

Apologies were received from Messrs Wray and Saul for non attendance.

Minutes.

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

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 672 and the fees amounted to £6.4.3d., as compared with 650 and £5.16.8d, for the corresponding period last year.

Cemetery

Mr. Greenacres gave the report of a Committee Meeting held on May 5th as follows. The paths were inspected and it was arranged to recommend the paths in first section should be treated and made up in exactly the same way as those in the farther section, which had given satisfaction.

Messrs Johnson Bros, were to be asked to submit an estimate in time for the May meeting of Council.

The back gate leading to the Cottage was beyond repair. It was agreed to ask Brattle & Draycon to submit an estimate for a new one. Also to quote for cleaning and varnishing seats, reading desk, and catalogue in Chapel.

Regarding the removal of four fir trees, and Privet hedge round Greenhouse, the Committee were not unanimous in this matter, although it was realized they were detrimental.

It was agreed these questions should be reconsidered again later. The Sub-Committee would, in all probability be then in a position to speak definitely on the matter of extra land.,

With reference to the two fir trees in general portion, the Committee decided to rescind their resolution made in May 1937, about their removal. He moved the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Tobin and carried.

The estimate of £66.7.0d from Johnson Bros. for spraying and covering path with grit was considered. Mr. Greenacre proposed that this be accepted, subject to contractor spraying the paths in farther section with Weed Killer. Seconded by Mr. Hood. Prices for new Gate and varnishing seats etc in Chapel as follows.

Brattle.	£4.3.0d.
Draycon	£3.8.0d.

Mr. Freeman proposed and Mr. Norman seconded that Draycon's tender be accepted. Carried.

Plan and Inscription

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the following Plans And Inscriptions be passed, subject to Clerk seeing the measurements were all in order. Headstone, Kerb and Vase to Grave No' 1423. Headstone, Kerb and Vase with Inscription to Grave No' 1433. Headstone, Kerb and Vase with Inscription to Grave No' 1309. Cross, Kerb with Inscription to Grave No' 1255. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Lighting

Mr. Gower read the report of the Committee Meeting held on May 5th, which recommended, the Council to erect the new Lamp Column and Lantern at Holborough at the price given by the Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. about three feet nearer to Snodland to be clear of lorries entering the works, and one foot inside

pavement in a line with the next Column. He moved the report be adopted.
 Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Stotesbury reported that one of the seats recently erected in the Recreation Ground had been removed and was missing. It was agreed to report this to the Police. The trees recently planted had been destroyed, only two were now left. The question of repairs to footpath leading from Bramley Road to Rookery Hill was discussed.

Mr. Greenacre proposed the matter be referred to the Recreation Ground Committee. Seconded by Mr. Tobin.

Mr. Gower moved as an amendment that no action be taken. Seconded by Mr. Bishop.

Voting for Mr. Gower's amendment (4)

Voting for Mr. Greenacre's amendment.. (4).

The Chairman gave vote in favour of resolution.

It was agreed a Committee Meeting be held on June 5th at 7pm with power to act re:- cutting grass.

Finance

Mr. Gower submitted the Financial Statement, and moved that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Tobin and carried.

Garrett & Neves Ltd.	Advertisement.	12.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	11.	13. 8.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	3.	8. 3.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	8.	2.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Bibtap.	4.	0.
Hinds. C.W.	Repairs etc.	1.	3. 2.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c Fire Station.	8.	6.
"	Removing Lantern.	9.	9.
Austin. J.	Repairs Cottage.	1.	0. 0.
Fowler. T.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	17. 0.
"	4 N.H.I. Stamps.	12.	8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1.	7. 4.
"	Coke.	2.	1. 8.
Hinds. C.W.	Dust Bin.	7.	0.
Monk. A.J.	Sundry Stores.	4.	6.
Local Gov' Guarantee.	Fidelity Insurance.	7.	6.
		<u>£31.</u>	<u>17. 10.</u>

Cheque for wages.£25.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Joint Meeting for appointing Minor Local Authority Managers Central School.

2. Letter from Malling Parish Council re:- Joint Meeting.

3. Letter from Ryarsh Parish Council re:- " "

4. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- Minor Local Authority Manager Church of England School.
5. Letter from Johnson Bros' re:- Inspecting paths at Cemetery.
6. Letter from National Fire Brigade Assoc' enclosing service bars.
7. Letter from Snodland Council of United Christian Effort re:- Services in Recreation ground. Mr. Greenacre proposed. Mr. Tobin seconded that permission be given to hold Services providing no collection is made. Carried.
8. Letter from World's Stores Ltd giving permission to re-new Notice Board.
9. Letter from territorial Association re:- National Service Parade.
10. Letter from National; Fitness Committee re:- Laying out Playing Fields.
11. Letter from Crowhurst. D. giving estimate for spiles fence at Working Men's Club.
Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Greenacre and carried.
12. Letter from Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers re:- Cemetery Land.
13. Letter from Charity Commissioners re:- May's Charity Land.
14. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Nursing Assoc' Meetings at Fire Station.
15. " " " " " " " " " " "
16. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Air Raid Precautions.
17. Letter from A. E. Jelly re:- Street Lamps at Holborough.
Mr. Gower proposed that Messrs Bracher, Son & Miskin be instructed to act in the matter. Seconded by Mr. Freeman.

The question of Street Name Plates raised at the last Parish Meeting was referred to Malling Rural District Council.

Notice Boards

Mr. Freeman proposed that a new Notice Board be erected by Draycon on wall of World's Stores with raised letters. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Mr. Hood expressed the regret the Council felt at the illness of Messrs Filmer and Hammond and suggested a letter should be sent them, wishing them a speedy return to health and business. This was unanimously agreed.

School Managers

A joint meeting of the Birling, Malling, Ryarsh and Snodland Council's was held on Wednesday May 31st at 8pm in the Fire Station, to appoint 4, Minor Local Authority Managers for Snodland Central and Council School to 30th June 1948.

Miss. Ruby Maud Fletcher, Messrs Ralph Gower, Sydney Thomas Peters and Thomas Bowles were appointed.

J.J. Hammond
27-6-39.
Chairman.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th June 1939.

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Hammond (Chairman), Harrington (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Freeman, Gower, Hood, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Apologies were received from Messrs Greenacres and Monk for non-attendance.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Freeman reported that the grass alongside paths and ditches through Allotments required cutting and clearing. He proposed that Dence be employed as in former years, also that he cut and burn grass along the Willow Walk. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 988 and the fees amounted to £9.4.6d as compared with 900, and £8.1.2d for the corresponding period last year.

He also gave report of the Committee Meeting held on June 16th to consider a request from the Mid Kent Gaslight and Coke Co. asking for permission to use Baths on two Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8.30pm, in connection with Air Raid Precautions Demonstrations. About 8 or 9 of their employees would require to bath and change. The Committee unanimously recommended the Council to agree to the free use of the Baths on these occasions. The Caretaker also readily agreed to co-operate with the Council on the matter. The Committee decided to consider the question of automatic control on Boiler. Also the Tanks which requires a through overhaul. Satisfaction was expressed at the general appearance of Baths, also on the new fence at the back. He moved the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Mr. Gower stated he was not in a position yet to deal with the question of automatic control and new valves, pipes etc.

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that Cattle had strayed onto the rubbish dump, and a letter was read from Mr. Walter Gates regarding this. It was agreed this should be sent on to Mr. Bundy, Sanitary Inspector for his attention.

Plans and Inscriptions

Mr. Gower submitted the following plans of memorials and moved they be approved. Kerb & Vase with Inscription to Grave No' 207. Kerb & Vase with Inscription to Grave No' 783. Kerb & Vase with Inscription to Grave No' 1430. Seconded by Mr. Freeman.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Stotesbury gave the report of Committee Meeting held on June 5th, which stated. It was agreed that the grass should be cut at the first opportunity, and the Clerk promised to obtain prices from Messrs Filmer and Auger, the quotations to include cutting and clearing the grass and trimming the edges.

The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with the Police regarding the removal of the seat, but so far they had been unable to locate it.

The footpath from Rookery Hill was examined and it was suggested that the section of path from the Public Road round the Council Houses should be cleared of grass and weeds, levelled and Tar-Sprayed and Gravelled. Prices for the work would be obtained from Messrs Terry & Company and Messrs. Johnson Bros.

The question of constructing a sandpit for the children was raised and it was decided to bring up this matter for discussion at the Council Meeting.

Mr. Stotesbury reported that prices had been received for cutting and clearing grass.

Filmer and Son. £4.10.0d.

Auger and Son. £4.0.0d.

The tender of Auger was accepted and the work had been carried out.

After the discussion on the question of a children's sandpit it was agreed for Mr. Stotesbury to deal with this.

A petition was received from Mr. J.R. Dennant signed by a large number of Parishioners asking for the path from Bramley Road To Rookery Hill to be Asphalted. Mr. Freeman proposed. Mr. Saul seconded this lie on table.

Messrs Harrington and Wray thought that consideration should be given to this matter, and it was agreed that the Kent County Council be asked to take the path over as it was a Public Right of Way.

Finance

Mr. Harrington proposed. Mr. Freeman seconded and it was resolved to draw cheques to pay the following accounts:-

Auger & Son.	Grass. Rec' Ground.	4.	0.	0.
Draycon. H.R.	Notice Board.	4.	1.	2.
Medway Drainage Board.	Rates. Brook.	2.	4.	0.
"	Rates. Allotments.	2.	6.	2.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	18.	15.	0.
Evenden.J.	Caretakers Wages.	14.	12.	1.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		15.	10.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	3.	9.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		12.	6.
Draycon. H.R,	Repairs. Etc.	3.	19.	0.
Malling R.D.C.	Rates.	2.	10.	3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Street Lighting.	12.	12.	10.
"	All Night Lights.	1.	4.	3.
Malling R.D.C.	Rates. Cottage.	3.	1.	5.
Fowler. T.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	15.	5.
"	5 N.H. I. Stamps.		15.	10.

Fowle. Mrs.	Soap.	3.	0.
Austin. J.	Papering Rooms.	1.	15. 0.
Crowhusrt. D.	Fencing. Etc.	4.	2. 6.
Hayman, Ltd.	Coal.		19. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	1. 8.
Malling R.D.C.	Rates.	8.	7. 6.
		<u>£100. 1. 2.</u>	

Cheque for wages. £25.

Correspondence

1. Letter from T. Plowright re:- Sports Central School.
2. Letter from H.W. Brown re:- Dairy of Social Functions.
3. Letter from N.A. Public Employees re:- Wages Baths. Lie on Table.
4. Letter from National Fitness Council. re:- Recreation.
5. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Street Name Plates.
Mr. Stotesbury suggested that the Malling R.D. Council be asked to apply for Urban Powers to enable this to be carried out.
6. Letter from Malling R.D. Council. re:- A.R.P – R.A.F. Exercises.
The Clerk was instructed to ask the Mid Kent Gas Co. to extinguish all street lights on July 8th.
7. Letter from J.R. Dennant enclosing petition re:- Path.
8. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Changes Lamp at Holborough.
9. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
10. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
11. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Erecting New Lamp.
12. Letter from Johnson Bros re:- Cemetery Paths.
13. Letter from Charity Commission re:- Proceeds of Sale. Chapel.
14. Letter from Kent Education Committee re:- School Managers.
15. Letter from M & R.L. Cobb re:- Fee for Search.
It was decided that this should be handed to the Chairman of Cemetery Sub-Committee.

Numbering Houses

The question of numbering houses was brought forward by Mr. Harrington who proposed that Malling Rural District Council be again approached on this matter. Seconded by Mr. Tobin and carried.

Mr. Wray suggested that the Managers of Snodland, Church of England Schools be asked the position of that part of John May's Charity which is controlled by them.

Mr. Harrington asked permission for use of Recreation Ground on night of July 8th for Incendiary Bomb demonstration. Agreed.

J.J. Hammond.
Chairman.
25-7-39.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th July 1939
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Hammond (Chairman), Harrington (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gower, Hood, Norman, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Mr. Hammond apologised for the non-attendance of Messrs Greenacre and Monk.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 746 and the fees amounted to £6.17.2d, as compared with 670 and £6.0.2d, for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that he had arranged with Crowhurst to put the fence at drinking bay in order to avoid cattle crossing onto opposite roadway.
Mr. Freeman proposed that this be approved. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Mr. Wray suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Bundy, asking him to re-erect the gate at entrance of roadway leading to rubbish dump.
It was dangerous for this to be open to straying horses etc. (Agreed).

Finance

Mr. Harrington submitted the Financial Statement and moved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Dence. J.	Allotments.	5. 16. 0.
Kent County Council.	Scavenging Streets.	3. 11. 6.
Bind. W.F.	Local Gov. Chronicle	3. 3.
Knight. ????	Audit Notices. Etc.	4. 0.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	1. 5. 9.
Public Works ? Bd.	Loan & Interest.	5. 17. 4.
"	"	6. 17. 11.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	11. 13. 8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 8.

Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	3.	7.	0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	10.	0.	
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cemetery.	11.	7.	
“	“ Cottage.	4.	8.	
Auger & Son.	Cutting Grass.	1.	0.	0.
Hinds. C. W.	Sundry Stores	13.	3.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Replacing Lamp.	9.	14.	3.
Bracher, Son & Miskin.	Professional Services.	1.	1.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cottage.	5.	9.	
Fowler. T.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	17.	0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12.	8.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	1.	8.
Abrey. F.	Repairs.	1.	13.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	5.	14.	9.
		<u>£70.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>8.</u>

Cheque for Wages £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Naming Streets.
2. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Numbering of Houses.
3. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Numbering of Houses & Naming of Streets.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.
5. Letter from Kent County Council Roads Dept’ re:- Footpaths. Recreation Ground.
6. Letter from Waterhouse & Co. re:- Notifying Council of Henry Peters legacy to the Parish.
7. Letter from Rev’ J.S. Granger re:- John Mays Charity.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- A.R.P. Royal Air Force Exercises.
9. Letter from District Valuer re:- Fire Station.
10. Letter from C.W. Hinds re:- Stove, Cottage, Waghorn Road.

Mr. Norman proposed that Hinds supply five new stoves as quoted. Seconded by Mr. Harrington and carried.

Receipt

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

General Expenses.	50
Burial Act.	100
Lighting Act.	150
Baths & Wash Houses Act.	<u>50</u>
	<u>£350</u>

Recreation Ground Footpath

The question of asking Mr. A.F. Johnson for a price to Tar & Gravel Recreation Ground Footpath, Bramley Road end to Council Cottages was put to vote. For the proposition 7. Against 3.

Permission was unanimously given to Mr. Harrington for use of recreation Ground for A.R.P. Demonstrations.

It was agreed to pay Messrs Cobb 10/6, search fee re:- connection with purchase of Cemetery Land.

J.J. Hammond.
Chairman.
22-8-39

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday August 22nd 1939

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs. Hammond (Chairman, Harrington (Vice- Chairman), Bishop, Freeman, Filmer, Gower, Robinson, Saul, Tobin, Wray, and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Regret was expressed at the illness of Mr. Monk.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Messrs Hood and Stotesbury.

Minutes

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

Arising out of Minutes, Mr. Wray proposed that the new rector Rev. J. Granger be asked to submit a balance sheet for the last 10 years of the Trustees portion of John Mays Charity to the Annual Parish Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 741 and the fees amounted to £7.0.9d, as compared with 629 and £5.11.1d, for the corresponding period last year.

Conveyance

Mr. Gower proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1450 Section B, Consecrated Portion to Mrs. Amelia Austin be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Wray and carried.

Inscription

Mr. Gower moved that the additional inscription to Grave No. 1297, be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Wray and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Wray raised the question of delay of a report regarding extra land for Cemetery extension and the paths for which an order had been placed. Mr. Gower explained

that Mr. Greenacre had been exceptionally busy just recently, owing to the exceptional circumstances prevailing, and the illness of Mr. Monk. He promised to take an early opportunity to consult with Mr. Greenacre on these matters.

Finance

Mr. Harrington submitted the Financial Statement and moved that cheques be raised to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried

Crowhurst. D.	Fencing Institute.	7.	0.	6.
“	“ Rec’ Ground.		3.	0.
“	“ Brook.		17.	0.
Blackman. Mrs.	Brook. Gatekeeper.	2.	0.	0.
Dence. J.	Allotments.	3.	16.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	11.	13.	8.
“	4 N.H.I. Stamps.		12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	18.	0.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		12.	6.
“	Gratuity.	1.	0.	0.
Chapman. E.	Help.		6.	0.
Cobb.	Search Fee.		10.	6.
Hinds. C.W.	Stove & Fixing.	3.	10.	0.
Fowler. J.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	15.	5.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		15.	10.
Fowler. Mrs.	Sundry Stores.		4.	9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.		16.	1.
“	“		2.	1.
	Coke.		8.	4.
			<u>47.</u>	<u>11.</u>
				<u>4.</u>

Cheque for wages. £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling Rural District Council. re:- New Building Be-laws.
2. Letter from Cobb H & R.L. re:- Search Fee.
3. Letter from National Fitness Committee. re: National Fitness Campaign Report.
4. Letter from Johnson. A.F. re:- Recreation Ground Path.

5. Letter from Johnson Bros. re:- Price for repairs to path £10.5.0d.

The Chairman considered this reasonable.

Mr. Bishop proposed that the quotation be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Harrington.

Mr. Freeman moved as an amendment that owing to absence of the Chairman of Recreation Ground Committee postpone until next month. Seconded by Mr. Gower.

Voting for the amendment. 4.

Voting for the proposition. 6.

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

6. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Gate entrance. Rubbish Dump.

7. Letter from Waterhouse & Co. re:- Late Henry Peters.

8. Letter from A. Simmonds. Re:- Fence Alma Place.

Air Raid Precaution

Mr. Harrington reported on progress of Air Raid Precautions. Mr. Wray proposed that the thanks of the Council be given to him, for his hard work. Unanimously agreed.

It was agreed to write the Malling Rural District Council re:- Warning System.

J.J. Hammond.
Chairman.
26-9-39.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday September 26th 1939.

At 7.30pm.

Present. Messrs. Hammond (Chairman), Harrington (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gower, Greenacre, Hood, Norman, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Minutes.

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

Allotments

Mr. Wray spoke of the number of vacant and overgrown plots, and suggested that notices should be placed on the Notice Boards offering these plots free of rent for a time in order to get them cultivated. The Chairman of the Allotment Committee said that this had been the arrangement for some considerable time. He also mentioned the great difficulty now being experienced in letting these plots, the demand for plots appears to be falling off.

Notices as suggested would be posted.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 827 and the fees amounted to £7.13.5d, as compared with 737, and £6.10.0d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also stated that he had given an order to have the windows at Baths Match-Boarded outside, owing to the "Black Out" in accordance with the Defence Regulations.

Mr. Freeman moved this action be endorsed.

Inscription

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the additional inscription to Grave No. 1041 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Saul and Carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Greenacre reported he had had the lights at Mortuary blacked out in accordance with regulations. Mr. Saul proposed that this be approved.

The question of installation of electric light was left for the time.

Mr. Robinson proposed that Johnson Bros. be asked to spray the top paths with weed killer as suggested in their estimate. Seconded by Mr. Wray and carried. The Clerk was instructed to consult with Caretaker and purchase bulbs to the value of about £1.

Land for Extension

The question of extra land for extension purposes was discussed at length. Mr. Freeman proposed that the Board of Directors of Associated Portland Cement Mfts. Be approached direct and the whole position be placed before them. Seconded by Mr. Wray.

Mr. Gower moved as an amendment that negotiations be again opened with Mr. Frank Cox of the Estates Dept. After which, on receipt of his reply, the District Valuer could again be approached. Seconded by Mr. Greenacre.

Voting for the Proposition 7.

Voting for the Amendment. 6.

The Chairman declared the Proposition carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Stotesbury reported that a good job had been made of the paths through Recreation Ground.

He proposed that Malling Rural District Council be asked to do their portion at top end in some way. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

It was agreed for games to be allowed for evacuated children in Recreation Ground.

Finance

Mr. Harrington submitted the Financial Statements and moved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Hinds. C.W.	Repairs Allotments.	6.	9.
Prudential Ass' Co.	Loan & Interest.	16.	16. 5.
Dence. J.	Willow Walk.	3.	0. 0.
"	Allotments.	1.	15. 0.
Blackman. Mrs.	Brook Gatekeeper.	2.	0. 0.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	18.	12. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers salary.	14.	12. 1.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	15.	10.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	3. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	10.	0.
Hinds. C.W.	Drain Grating etc.	1.	18. 6.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	17. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12.	8.
Abery. F.	Repairs.	2.	4. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	1. 8.
		<u>£76.</u>	<u>7. 11</u>

Cheque for wages £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Alice M. Smith re:- Notice of change Queen's Head.

2. Letter from National U.P.E.. It was decided not to reply.

3. Letter from Johnson Bros. re:- Footpaths.
4. Letter from Burham Parish Council. re:- Henry Peters.
It was agreed not to interfere with arrangements.
5. Letter from Westminster Bank. re:- Specimen Signature.
6. Letter from L.S. Bundy re:- Air Raid Warning Siren.
Mr. Harrington proposed. Mr. Tobin seconded that this matter be pressed strongly. Carried.

Ditch

Mr. Freeman proposed that a letter be sent to Malling Rural District Council, about the bad state of Ditch at back of Bramley Road. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury. Carried.

Beaconsfield Terrace

Mr. Freeman asked for a letter to Mr. J.W. Pell, pointing out the dangerous position of steps of houses at Beaconsfield Terrace.

Church Fields Footpath

Also a letter to Malling Rural District Council, to state of footpath etc in Church Fields, Gas Works to Holborough.

Mr. Harrington proposed that a strongly worded letter be sent to Malling Rural District Council complaining of delay in numbering houses and also inefficient equipment of the Auxiliary Firemen. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that gate had been erected at entrance.

J.J. Hammond.
Chairman.
24-10-39.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th October 1939

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs, Hammond (Chairman), Harrington (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Filmer, Freeman, Gower, Greenacre, Hood, Monk, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

The Chairman expressed pleasure at seeing Mr. A.J. Monk at the meeting again after his severe illness.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Freeman reported that no applications had been received in response to notices on boards.

It was also reported that theft of Cabbages was going on, and report would be made to the Police.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 732 and the fees amounted to £6.16.7, as with 540 and £4.16.1d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported the Boiler and Tanks had been cleaned and overhauled as usual, and were working satisfactorily.

The question of flexible tubes and nozzles for shower, suggestion at the September meeting was found to be impossible and the Air Raid Precautions, would not except liability for cost. After consulting with others it was agreed to fix a tee piece in each Bath (Hot & Cold) at a cost of about £12.

This being an urgent matter in these dangerous times, the work was being put in hand. Mr. Greenacre proposed this be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

In view of the many evacuees in the Parish Mr. Monk proposed. Mr. Hood seconded that the Baths be opened on Tuesday and Thursdays for ladies, and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for Men for a period of five weeks. Agreed.

Finance

Mr. Harrington present the Financial Statement and moved that cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Malling R.D.C.	Repairs Willow Walk.	31.	14.	8.
Bond W.F.	L. Gov' Chronicle.		3.	6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	2.	4.	7.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	11.	13.	8.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		12.	8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	3.	0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cemetery.		11.	7.
"	" Cottage.		4.	8.
Draycon. H.R.	Mortuary.	4.	12.	6.
Stedman. A.	Sodium Chlorate		6.	4.
"	Cyanide of Potassium.		1.	0.
Monk. A.J.	Hurricane Lamp.		3.	9.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage.		5.	9.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	17.	0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		12.	8.
"	Disinfectant.		1.	0.
Draycon. H.R.	Wooden Shutters.	4.	6.	9.
Abery. F.	Cleaning Boiler etc.	1.	16.	0.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.		19.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	1.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	5.	19.	3.

£80. 4. 0.

Cheque for wages 30.

It was reported £575, had been received for apparatus & equipment and the fire Station premises, at present on deposit in Westminster Bank. Mr. Monk suggested that the Ministry of Health be asked best interest for deposit with them.

Cemetery

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the design of Kerb with Inscription for Grave No. 1070, also additional Inscription for Grave No. 1044 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Mr. Greenacre reported a leak in the roof of Caretaker's Cottage, and moved that price be asked for repair and painting. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Land for Extension

Mr. Harrington proposed that copies of recent correspondence between Council and The Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers be sent to District Valuer re:- purchase of extra land for extension. Seconded by Mr. Wray and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mrs. A.M. Smith re:- Transfer of Licence, Queen's Head.
2. Letter from Johnson Bros' re:- Cemetery Paths.
3. " " " " " " " "
4. Letter from Westminster Bank re:- Specimen Signature.
5. Letter from Waterhouse & Co. re:- Late Henry Peters Will.
6. Letter from A.P.C. M. Ltd. re:-Land for Cemetery extension.
7. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Air Raid Precautions.
8. " " " " re:-Fire Brigade Act 1938. Cheque for £575
9. " " " " " " " " " " "
10. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Beaconsfield Terrace & Church Field Footpath.
11. " " " re:- Footpath, Council Cottages.
12. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Numbering of Houses.
Mr. Harrington proposed that this be pressed further. Seconded by Mr. Tobin.
13. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Stream. Bramley Road.
14. " " " " " " " " "
15. Letter from Medway Drainage Board. re:- Stream. Bramley Road.

High Street.

Mr. Saul called attention to the flooding of Gorhams Cottages in the High Street.

Covey Hall Farm Buildings

Mr. Freeman asked for a letter to be sent to Association Portland Cement Manufactures Ltd re:- Defective gutters Covey Hall Farm Buildings.

J. Harrington.
Chairman
28-11-39.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th November 1939

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Harrington (Vice-Chairman), Bishop, Bishop, Freeman, Gower, Greenacre, Hood, Monk, Norman, Robinson, Tobin, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman and Mr. Saul.

Mr. J. G. Harrington (Vice-Chairman) occupied the Chair.

Minutes

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

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. J.H. Greenacre asked for the word Painting to be inserted in space asking for tenders at Cemetery.

Allotments

Mr. Freeman reported he had let two of the rough plots free of rent until October 1940.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 791, and the fees amounted to £7.8.4d, as compared with 680 and £6.1.8d for the corresponding period last year.

He also gave the report of Committee Meeting held on November 13th, which stated the Meeting was called earlier than was expected owing to dissatisfaction being expressed with the work carried out at Boiler and Tanks, and also the new showers being installed in connection with Air Raid Precautions requirements.

After discussion it was agreed in future that any work to be carried out at the Baths must have an estimate submitted.

It was too early at this date to make a recommendation to the Council regarding the extra days of opening.

Extra openings are as follows:-

	Tuesday.	Wednesday
	Ladies.	Men.
1 st Week.	-	1

2 nd Week.	4.	2.
3 rd Week.	5.	4.
4 th Week.	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>

Suggested pay Caretaker & Wife extra for these days.

Proportion to wages in view of small number using Baths in extra days.

Mr. A.J. Monk proposed the Council went back to the original times of opening.

Seconded by Mr. B.H. Norman and carried.

Mr. Monk reported that Caretaker Fowler be paid an extra £2, for wages for the extra time given recently. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

A letter was read from Fowler stating if the Council could help him get a Council House he would like to resign.

After discussion, it was arranged for the Chairman of Baths Committee to interview Abnett to see if a change of Houses could be arranged and report.

Baths

Mr. Wray reported that three Horses were still grazing on the Brook contrary to rules, he proposed that a Committee Meeting be called to consider revision of rules and that the Key of Gate be handed to Clerk of Council on the closing date of each year. Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Greenacre reported paths had been completed.

Three tenders were received for work at Cemetery. Mr. Bishop proposed, Mr. Hood seconded that they be opened.

Brattle & Sons.	£11. 0. 0.
May. L.S.	£10. 10. 0
Draycon. H.R.	£5. 14. 6.

Mr. Draycon's quotation was not considered as it was not for work asked for in specification.

Mr. Wray proposed that May's tender be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Greenacre and carried.

It was agreed to order 1 ton of coal for use at Cemetery.

Finance.

Mr. Gower submitted the financial Statement and moved that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman.

Local Gov' Insurance.	Clerk's Premium.	3. 0.
Blackman. Mrs.	Brook Gatekeeper.	3. 0. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	14. 12. 1.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	15. 10.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	5. 3. 9.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps	12. 6.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	2. 12. 6.

Harrison & Sons.	Tulips.	1. 6. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Street Lighting.	55. 8. 11.
“	All night Lamps.	11. 16. 7.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate Cottage.	3. 4. 2.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 15. 2.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	15. 10.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2. 1. 8.
“	Gas a/c.	17. 10.
Fowler. W.	Soap.	2. 6.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	8. 12. 0.
		<u>£113. 18. 10.</u>

Cheque for wages. £25.

Correspondence

1. Letter from L.R. Gower. re:- Water in Cellar.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.
3. Letter from Waterhouse & Co. re- Estate of Late Henry Peters.
4. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- National defence Loans.
5. “ “ “ “ re:- Footpath Council Cottages.
6. “ “ “ “ re:- Stream. Bramley Road.
7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
8. Letter from Internal Drainage Bd. Re:- “ “
9. Letter from Kent County Council. re:- Flooding Birling Road.
10. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
11. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Land extension Cemetery.
12. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
13. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Kerbing. High Street.
14. Letter from Working Men’s Club re:- damp room. Lie on table.
15. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Numbering Houses.
16. Letter from S.L. Bundy to F. XXXXX re:- Subscription
National F.B. Union, not the Council’s liability.

December Meeting

Mr. Greenacre proposed that no Meeting of the Council be held in December.
Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Mr. Norman proposed that in view of no December meeting being held, a cheque for £18.15.0d. Clerk's Salary and a further cheque for £25, wages for January be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Monk.

May's Charity

Mr. Greenacre proposed that Mr. A.J. Monk be appointed Trustee of John May's Great Coat Charity in place of the late Mr. Gooding. Seconded by Mr. Bishop.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman
27-1-40.