

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd January 1940
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs. Harrington (Vice-Chairman), Gower, Greenacre, Hood, monk, Norman, Saul, Stotesbury, Wray and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Mr. Harrington (Vice-Chairman), occupied the Chair.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last eight weeks to be 909 and the fees amounted to £8.8.10d, as compared with 934 and £8.5.9d, for the corresponding period last year.

He mentioned he had spoken to Abnet, but he would not entertain an appointment as Caretaker.

Brook

Mr. Wray gave a detailed account of a Committee Meeting and submitted a draft of new rules for the regulation of the management of the Brook, but owing to the small amount of Councillors being present it was arranged to postpone decision until next month meeting, meantime the Clerk to supply each member with a copy of the old rules, also the suggested new ones.

He also reported that Blackman had made a "Dug-Out" on the Brook land without consent of Council. The Clerk was instructed to write Blackman and ask him to put the whole thing back in proper order, or to make the dug out quite safe to prevent any Cattle getting injured.

It was agreed to ask Crowhurst for estimate to put boundary fence in order.

Cemetery

Mr. Greenacre reported that 4 loads of Manure were requires and suggested Ashby & Cook be asked to quote. At the same time to clear the whole of the surplus Chalk and rubbish to entrance gate of Brook or dump as required.

He also reported that the mowing machine had been sent to Haynes Bros for overhaul, and that the usual quantity of seeds ordered for Caretaker.

After perusal of letter from Ministry of Health it was arranged for a letter to go to Kent County Council, pointing out that it was very essential that a farther strip of land for extension purposes must be obtained with as little delay as possible, and in view of the position between the Associated Portland Cement Mfrs' and District Valuer to advise us as to our next procedure.

Design

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the design of Headstone and Kerb with inscription for Grave No. 1256 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Conveyance

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the conveyance of Grave Space No. 1457, Section B, general Portion to Ernest Phillip Rawlins, also Grave Space No. 1488, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Arthur Jack Moul be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Lighting

A letter with reference to the street lighting account during restrictions was received from the Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. which necessitated two Committee Meetings. Mr. Gower read the report of the Lighting Committee Meeting held on January 16th, which stated the meeting was called to consider the letter received from the Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. relating to payment of charges during the time lighting restrictions are in operation. The matter was carefully considered at some length, but no decision could be arrived at, and the Meeting was adjourned until Friday, January 19th.

At the adjourned Meeting, a report was received of enquires that had been made, and it was decided to recommend the Council to make an offer to the Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co., to pay their charges in-full.(say £56.5.0d.) for the first year from the date of restrictions, afterwards at the rate of 3/- per lamp per annum (or proportion of year) for the remainder of period which restrictions are in force. Mr. Monk proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury and carried

Finance.

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

Johnson. Bros.	Reps' Rec' Footpath.	10.	5.	0.
Penny. Mrs.	Preparing Room		10.	0.
Smith. R.	Hire Of Room.	3.	17.	6.
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.		8.	5.
Shaw & Sons.	Forms. No. 106		2.	6.
Royal Ins' Co.	2 nd Party Brook.	1.	17.	6.
"	Fire Insurance Institute.	1.	17.	6.
Bond. W.F.	Local Gov' Chronicle.		3.	3.
Public W. Loan Bd.	Loan & Interest	5.	15.	9.
"	"	6.	16.	1.
Inland Revenue.	School. A. Tax Brook.	5.	1.	6.
"	" Birling Lands.	5.	15.	6.
"	" Slough Field.	4.	18.	0.
"	" Shorne H. Fd.	3.	13.	6.
Dence. J.	Allotments.		3.	6.
Blackman. Mrs.	Gate Keepers Salary.	1.	0.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	23.	17.	4.
"	8 N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	5.	4.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	8.	6.	0.
"	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cottage.		4.	8.
"	" Cemetery.		11.	7.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	3.	4.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	2.	10.	0.
Royal Ins' Co.	Fire Insurance.		19.	9.
Ryder & Son.	Seed.		10.	4.
May. L.S.	Repairs etc.	10.	18.	6.
Inland revenue.	Sch. A. Tax.	2.	12.	6.
Johnson. Bros.	Repairs Baths.	66.	7.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cottage.		5.	9.
Inland Revenue.	Sch. A. Tax.	2.	0.	10.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	14.	0.
"	Extra Work.	2.	0.	0.
"	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	5.	4.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1.	5.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Mantles.		3.	6.
"	Coke.	4.	6.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Extending Service,	11.	11.	9.
"	Water.	4.	7.	9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bath Tickets.		16.	6.
Inland Revenue.	Sch. A. Tax.	10.	10.	0.
		<u>£225.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>11.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. re:- Public Lighting.
2. Letter from Kent County Council. re:- Cemetery Land.
3. " " " " " " " " "
4. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Use of Capitol Monies.
5. Letter from H.M. Inspector of Taxes re:- Assessments.
6. Letter from Malling R.D. Council. re:- Fire Brigade Act 1938.
7. " " " " " re:- Fire Station.
8. " " " " " " " " "
9. " " " " " re:- Rates 1941.
10. Letter from Waterhouse & Co. re:- Late Henry Peters.
11. Letter from Fowle & Sons re:- Inscription.
12. Letter from Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. re:- Price of Coke.
13. Letter from Johnson Bros. re:- Cemetery Paths.

Receipt

Mr. Hood proposed that the following receipt be issued on the Rating Authority.

Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

General Expenses.	25.
Burial Act.	100.
Lighting Act.	125.
Baths & Wash Houses Act.	<u>50.</u>
	<u>£300.</u>

Institute

The Clerk was instructed to arrange with Draycon to put roof of Institute in order where the leaky slates are.

Footpath

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Malling Rural District Council's attention be called to the dangerous state of footpath through Allotments near stream. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th February 1940

At 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence were received from T.E. Hood and B. Norman.

Minutes.

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

Allotments

Mr. Freeman reported that the gate at Malling Road entrance had been damaged when sand was placed there.

Mr. Saul reported and Mr. Bishop seconded that Mr. Freeman be authorized, to get Hinds to repair and put in order.

Mr. Freeman also reported the fence at back of Silwood Place and near plot No. 51, was in a bad state, and that he had asked Crowhurst to give a price for repairs.

Mr. Harrington proposed. Mr. Saul seconded that Crowhurst's quotation of 11/- per Rod be accepted for repairs. Carried.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 472 and the fees amounted to £4.6.7d, as compared with 632 and £5.11.5, for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported that he had purchased from Sergeant & Parkes 4 brushes for use of Bathers. The Council approved.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Charges during Lighting restrictions.

2. Letter from District Auditor re:- Notice of Audit.

3. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Audit.

4. Letter from Evenden. J. re:- Asking for increase in Salary.

5. Letter from Kent County Council re:- Land for Cemetery Extension.

6. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Mr. Monk reported on the interview at Mr. Platt's office re:- Land for Cemetery Extension, he stated he had explained that the Parish Council required a price inclusive of "All in Charges". Mr Platt agreed, and has the proposition in hand.

8. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Assessment, Snodland Brook.

9. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

10. Letter from R.D.C. Association re:- Postponement of Elections.

11. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Waste Paper.

Annual Parish Meeting

Mr. Monk proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 19th March 1940 at 8pm. The monthly Parish Council Meeting same date at 6.45pm. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Lighting

Mr. J.H. Greenacre, manager of the Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co met the Council by appointment and placed before them the following amended offer of street lighting charges during restrictions.

To remove Lanterns at 2/6, per lamp and re-fix Lanterns ready for lighting at the close of the hostilities at a further charge of 2/6 per lamp, and for storage 1/- per lamp, per annum plus War Risk's Insurance on a basis of £3.0.0d per lamp, and a hire charge of 3/- per lamp, per annum for such controllers, reflections extensions prices as ??? the property of the Company.

Mr. Monk proposed that the Council accept the offer of the Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. Seconded by Mr. Filmer and carried.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the frost had damaged the footpath.

Finance

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

Dickenson & Son. Cheque Books. 1. 1. 6.

Clerk.	Audit Stamp.	8. 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.
Hinds. C.W.	Paraffin Etc.	8. 6.
“	Repairs to Tools.	14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 2. 9.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	1. 16. 1.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs Cottage.	6. 6.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 15. 5.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	15. 10.
“	Stores.	1. 11.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas a/c.	1. 14. 0.
“	Coke.	3. 8. 3.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	1. 16. 0.
Sergeant & Parks	Brushes.	15. 0.
Abery F.	Repairs.	<u>16. 3.</u>
		<u>£50. 16. 2.</u>

Cheque for wages £30.

Brook

The question of new rules, (deferred from last meeting) was discussed. Mr. Monk proposed. Recommend rules be not altered. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Mr. Greenacre moved an amendment that the question be referred to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Filmer.

Voting for the amendment 6.

Voting for the proposition. 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Saul called attention to a dangerous place in the Willow Walk footpath near stile. Mr. Harrington proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded that Mr. Gill be asked to repair. Agreed.

Conveyance

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1462 Section B, general Portion to Lily Morris be signed by the Council. Seconded by???????

Cemetery.

Mr. Greenacre reported that paths had been damaged by recent frosts, also glass and two gullies required replacing. It was agreed for the work to be done.

A letter was read from the Caretaker, Evenden asking for an increase in wages, also for his assistant Lavender, owing to extra cost of living through hostilities.

Mr. Greenacre proposed that a War Bonus of 3/- per week be granted to Evenden, and 1/6 per week to Lavender to date from 1st February 1940. Seconded by Mr.

Bishop.

Mr. Gower moved as an amendment that this be referred to the Cemetery Committee for consideration and report. Seconded by Mr. Monk.

Voting for amendment. 3.
Voting for proposition. 7.

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Lighting

Mr. Filmer reported that a communication had been received from the Mid Kent Gaslight & Coke Co. not agreeing to the Council's offer for the payment of Street Lighting charges during restrictions.

Mr. Monk proposed that a representative of the Gas Co. be asked to meet the Council after the meeting with a view to an agreement. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

J.J. Hammond.
Chairman.
19-3-40.

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

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Gower reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 336, and the fees amounted to £3.1.10d, as compared with 411 and £3.12.9d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported that a bedroom window and frame had blown out of the Baths residence during the gale and asked for permission for Draycon to put in a new one. As position was an urgent matter, the Council Agreed.

An application was received from Caretaker Fowler, for an increase in wages owing to extra cost of living. Mr. Gower proposed that a War Bonus of 3/- per week be granted to date from 1st March last. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that he had the safety pole re-fixed at the drinking bay. Mr. Saul moved that the Council endorse the action of the Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Mr. Hammond also reported that a large hole had been left by the Kent Electric Power Co near the archway which was very dangerous. The Clerk was instructed to get this filled in.

The question regarding the new scale of rules left over from February Meeting was discussed and Mr. Wray moved that the new scale of rules as recommended by the

Brook Committee for the regulation and management of the Brook be adopted by the Council. On being put to the Meeting it was carried by 9 votes to 3.

Lighting

Mr. Filmer reported the work of removing the Lanterns for storage was being carried out.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Stotesbury reported the footpath at end of Recreation Ground near Council Cottages had been repaired by Malling R.D. Council.

Finance

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

Prudential Ass' Co.	Loan & Interest.	14.	11.	1.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	18.	15.	0.
"	Postage Account.	3.	7.	4.
Post Office.	Stamping Cheque Book.	16.	8.	
Denniss. C. H.	Padlock.	2.	0	
Gower. C.	Books to Audit.	10.	0.	
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	16.	3.
"	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	9.	6.	
Lavender.	Apprentice.	3.	12.	9.
"	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	7.	6.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	2.	9.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.	6.	0.	
Royal Insur' Co.	Fire Ins' Cottage.	4.	6.	
Fowler, W.	Caretakers Wages.	6.	17.	0.
"	4. N.H.I. stamps.	12.	8.	
"	Stores.	4.	0.	
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	5.	6.
Hayman. Ltd.	Coal.	1.	5.	6.
Crowhusrt. D.	Firewood.	6.	0.	
Local Gov' Guarantee.	Fidelity Guarantee.	7.	0.	
		<u>£65.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>0</u>

Cheque for wages. £30.

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the Finance Committee consider the position regarding a better investment for the £575 now on deposit at the Westminster Bank. Seconded by Mr. Harrington and carried.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council, asking for the Council's seal to be affixed to deed confirming transfer of Fire Station to them.

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the Seal of the Snodland Parish Council be affixed to the document and the Chairman and Clerk authorized to sign on behalf of the Parish Council. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury and carried.

2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Public Lighting.

3. “ “ “ “ “ “ “
4. Letter from Fowler. W. Re:- Increase in Wages.
5. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Willow Walk.
6. Letter from National Savings Committee re:- National Savings Movement.
7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
8. Letter from Kent Council S. Service re:- Meeting at Maidstone.

Draft Report

The draft report of the Parish Council's Proceedings for the year was submitted and approved.

Footpaths

Mr. Freeman proposed that the Malling R.D. Council's attention be called to the following footpaths, Church Fields, High Street, Holborough Road. Seconded by Mr. Greenacre and carried.

Groves

Mr. Harrington asked for a letter to be sent to Malling R.D. Council, asking for all the Cesspits at Groves to be emptied regularly. He understood better facilities were now available.

Balance of wages. 30th March 1940

Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	6. 2. 10.
“	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	6. 4.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	2. 4. 6.
“	2 N.H.I. Stamps.	5. 0.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 12. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 8.
		<u>£17. 3. 4.</u>

Balance of Cash in Hand of Clerk 30th March 1940

Wages.	£21. 1. 7.
Allotment Rent.	£ 2. 18. 5.

J.J. Hammond.
Chairman.
23-4-40.

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At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Chairman

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

Vice-Chairman

Mr. Freeman proposed that Mr. J.J. Hammond be elected Vice- Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Committees

It was agreed that the following Committees be appointed.

Brook & Allotments.

Messrs H.G. Freeman, J.H. Greenacre, T.E. Hood, F.C. Wray, W. Stotesbury

Baths & Cemetery

Messrs. J.J. Hammond, W.F. Saul, R.C. Robinson, W. Stotesbury. G.A. Tobin, A.J. Monk, J,H, Greenacre.

Lighting

Messrs J.J. Hammond, J.W. Bishop, R. Gower, G.A. Tobin, F.C. Wray, A.J. Monk.

Finance

The whole of the Council in Committee.

Recreation Ground

Messrs. J.W. Bishop, T.E. Hood, G.A. Tobin, F.C. Wray, C. Filmer.

Trustees

It was agreed that the following Trustees of Charities be appointed.

Godden's Charity.

Messrs. W. Stotesbury (Chairman), G.A. Tobin, R. Robinson, T.E. Hood,

May's Charity

Messrs J.J. Hammond (Chairman), A.J. Monk, J.W. Bishop, W.F. Saul.

Clock Tower Trust

Messrs B.H. Norman (Chairman), T.E. Hood, W. Stotesbury, F.C. Wray, R.C. Robinson.

William Lee Robert's Trust

Messrs. W.G. Freeman, B.H. Norman, J.H. Greenacre, J.J. Hammond.

Allotments

Mr. Freeman reported that practically the whole of plots were now under cultivation, and the tenants had done well.

He also reported that the gate at entrance to Slough Field Allotments was in a bad state, and asked for permission to give order to Draycon for one new section.

Agreed.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 655 and the fees amounted to £6.2.2, as compared with 795 and £7.4.1d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported that an application had been received for the position of Caretaker. This was referred to the new Committee.

Also broken Boiler, Tanks and Pipes were due for cleaning and overhaul.

Mr. Norman proposed that Abery be employed to carry out this work as before.

Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Two members agreed to look in during time work was being done.

Brook

Mr. Hammond reported that Crowhurst had not yet repaired fence, but he had seen him on the matter and promised the work should be done in a few days.

Conveyance

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1460, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Horatio Robert Draycon, be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Plans & Inscriptions

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the following plans & inscriptions be passed.

Headstone & Kerb with inscription to Grave No. 1454. Kerb & Vase with inscription to Grave No. 1465. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Cemetery

It was agreed for new Committee to meet at an early date.

Finance

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

Draycon. H. R.	Repairs Institute.	3.	19.	4.
“	“ Park Seats.	3.	16.	3.
“	“ Cottages.	1.	14.	0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance Casual Labour.		3.	6.
“	Insurance Brook Gate Keeper.		1.	3.
Bond W. F.	Local Gov. Chronicles.		3.	3.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing etc.	4.	6.	6.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	4.	3.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		9.	6.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	3.	6.	9.

“	2. N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 6.
Smythe Ltd.	Grave Boards.	1. 11. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 2. 9.
Royal Insurance Co.	Insurance Caretaker & Appr’	1. 3. 11
Haynes Bros.	Repairs Mowing Machine.	1. 3. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Insur’ Caretaker & Wife.	10. 0.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs.	3. 17. 7.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 2. 9.
		<u>£38. 3. 7.</u>

Cheque for Wages £25.

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the £575 at present on deposit at Westminster Bank, Maidstone, be invested in Defence Bonds, subject to consent by Ministry of Health. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Stotesbury reported that some person had deposited rubbish in Recreation Ground, and it was agreed to call the Sanitary Officer’s attention to this.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Transfer of Fire Station.
2. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Representatives Drainage Committee.
3. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Footpaths.
4. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Drainage Graves.
5. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water.
6. Letter from Rogers & Stevens re:- Licence “Prince of Wales” B.H.
7. Letter from Kent County Police re:- Egyptian Consul
8. Letter from Kent Electric Power Cp. Re:- Brook.
9. Letter from F.G. Jones re:- Mobile Cinema Van.

Numbering Houses

The recommendations of the Parish Meeting re:- numbering houses was discussed, and it was agreed to urge this further.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Gower gave Notice of Motion at next meeting to propose that the resolution that Chairmanship be given to next member be rescinded. He thought the procedure wrong and that the regulations in the Local Government Act should be adhered to. The retiring Chairman eligible for re-election.

J.G. Harrington.
Chairman.

28-5-40

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th May 1940

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Freeman gave the report of the Committee Meeting held on Monday April 29th. The Committee first examined the small section of fence at entrance to Birling Lands, this being in such a bad state it was decided to ask Crowhurst to replace as soon as possible. It was also decided to get Draycon to fasten down the park seat the same as had been done in the Avenue.

The Committee expressed their satisfaction of the way the gardens were being cultivated this year. No. 6 plot, Slough Field was found to be in a neglected state and the Clerk was instructed to ask the tenant to make some improvement.

Mr. Hammond proposed that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Mr Stotesbury proposed that Mr. Freeman be given power to act in the matter of fence and gate at Malling Road entrance. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Baths

Mr. Hammond reported the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 750 and the fees amounted to £6.17.6d., as compared with 910 and £8.9.8d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also gave the report of Committee Meeting held on 30th April, which stated that the Committee first interviewed Caretaker Fowler with reference to verbal application that had been received for the position of Caretaker.

Fowler giving a satisfactory explanation, stating the position was the same as five months ago, as soon as he could get a house he would hand in his resignation.

The Committee inspected the work of cleaning Boiler, Tanks and Pipes being carried out by Abery, who stated that one section of Pipes was in a very bad state, and it was agreed to put new ones in, He also reported that Abery had made a good job of the Pipes and Tanks and everything was now working very satisfactorily.

Brook

In the absence of Mr. Wray the report of the Committees Meeting held on May 6th was submitted by Mr. Stotesbury, as follows.

After inspecting the drinking bay at Brook, it was agreed to recommend the Council to have this partly filled in with hardcore. Mr. Greenacre stating that he would have plenty available in about a month's time.

The Committee then inspected the Brook Land and agreed to recommend the Council that the under-mentioned need repairing and cleaning.

dykes each side of Willow Walk as far as Railway should be cleaned. Fence at double stile on Willow Walk to be repaired. Willow Walk path, between stile and white bridge in very bad condition, bordering on dangerous.

Boundary fence Mill Stream side needs repairing. Fences at Salt Dyke should be cleared away and 50 yards of new to replace it. This will prevent cattle straying on to private property. In building the new extension for their transporter if was found that Messrs C.T. Hook & Co. had gone beyond their boundary and encroached upon Parish property, the Committee suggested this be brought to the company's notice. The Clerk informed the Committee that two Horses had been turned out recently for which no authority had been obtained. The Committee decided to interview gate-keeper and it was found that she had the money for them which was handed to Clerk.

Mr. Greenacre proposed that the Gate-Keeper be given a receipt book for occasions when it was not possible to get the necessary authority from Clerk. Subject to the Council's approval this was agreed to.

It was agreed to engage Manning for the clearing of ditches at side of Willow Walk, also for Crowhurst to erect fence at Abbey mead end. The Clerk was instructed to call Messrs C.T. Hook and Co. Ltd attention to the matter of encroachment on Parish property. It was decided not to give Caretaker a receipt book.

Cemetery

Mr. Saul gave the report of the Committee Meeting held on April 30th. The Committee first discussed the question of removal of Fir Trees overhanging the Greenhouse, and it was agreed this matter should be considered again later.

The Committee recommended that should a number of deaths occur in the Parish from an air raid, the bodies be buried in one Grave in general portion of Cemetery. The Clerk was instructed to obtain prices of a suitable size motor mower for Cemetery.

The Committee expressed satisfaction at the general appearance of the Cemetery. The question of Burials in a common Grave was discussed and it was arranged to enquire if Malling Rural District Council had any information regarding this.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Saul proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space no. 1471. Section B. Consecrated Portion to George Arthur Hasemore, also Grave Space No. 1472. Section C. General Portion to Amy Amelia Dearing, and Grave Space No. 1470. Section b. Consecrated Portion to Clara Gammon, be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Bishop.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Saul submitted the following plans of Memorials and moved they be approved by the Council. Headstone, Kerb with Inscription to Grave No. 1407. Additional Inscription to Grave No. 1069, Additional Inscription to Grave No. 1187. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Finance

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

Crowhurst. D.	Fencing Allotments.	3. 19. 6.
"	" Brook.	12. 0.

Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cottage.	5.	9.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	3.	5. 1.
Knight & Co.	Fuel Statements.		2. 6.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	15.	7. 1.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		15. 10.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	5.	11. 3.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		12. 6.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	2.	13. 3.
Knight & Co.	Receipt Book.		12. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cemetery.		11. 7.
“	Water Cottage.		4. 8.
May. L.S.	Repairs.		13. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire Charges. Etc.	14.	5. 5.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	7. 5.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		15. 10.
Malling. R.D.C.	Rates.	8.	17. 6.
Crowhurst. D.	Fire wood		6. 0.
Royal Insurance Co.	Excess Premium.		1. 0.
Fowler.W.	Stores.		4. 10.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	5. 6.
“	Gas Account.	1.	12. 11.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	3.	9. 9.
Abery. F.	Repairs.		6. 15. 8.
			<u>£81. 8. 4.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £30.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Hood gave the report of the Committee Meeting held on May 2nd. The Committee made a tour of inspection of the ground and its boundaries and it was decided to make the following recommendations to the Council.

That the fence and gate at Bramley Road entrance be painted.

That 12 Laurel Bushes be planted at the Malling Road entrance about 7 feet away from the fence on the left hand or South side. Price of these to be obtained.

The Committee are of the opinion that the appearance of this entrance would be improved considerably if this were done.

That the top portion of the Ground be advertised for grazing purposes.

That undergrowth of the various trees and bushes round the ground be cut, and certain rubbish cleared.

That the tenant of a house in Bramley Road be asked to have the fence made good at the end of the garden where it appears that a permanent opening into the ground has been made.

With regard to the footpath the Committee thought that in spite of the hard winter this was in a reasonably good condition. It was decided to employ Dence to brush the various bushes round the ground and clear rubbish.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Burrows, 2. Parkstone Terrace re:- Closing entrance to Recreation Ground from back entrance also to obtain prices for cutting grass.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- Deposit of £575 Defence Bonds.

2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. Letter from Westminster Bank re:- “ “ “ “ “
4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Increased prices of Coke.
5. Letter from Halling Parish Council re:- Charges. (Referred to Gas Co.)
6. Letter from Malling R.D. Council. re:- Numbering of Houses.
7. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Waste Paper.
8. Letter from Kent County A.S. re:- Dig for Victory Campaign. (no reply).
9. Letter from National Savings Committee. Referred to Ministers Congregational Church

Notice of Motion

Mr. Gower agreed to withdraw his Notice of Motion regarding Chairmanship as no resolution could be found regarding it.

Mr. Robinson proposed that a letter be sent to owners of property at Beaconsfield Terrace asking for the steps to be removed from Holborough Road. Seconded by Mr. Hammond.

J.G. Harrington.
Chairman.
25-6-40

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th June 1940

At 7.30pm.

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

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

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Freeman reported that the gate at Malling road entrance and the fences had now been repaired

The Council agreed for him to employ Dence for the annual cutting and burning grass around the boundaries.

Baths

Mr. Hammond reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 685 and the fees amounted to £6.6.1d, as compared with 750 and £6.19.1d for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

In the absence of Mr. Wray, Mr. Hood reported that the work authorized by Council is proceeding satisfactorily, Crowhurst has completed the fences and it appears to be a very sound job.

Fever & Manning are making a good job of clearing Dykes and should be finished in about a week. There is room for several more loads of Hardcore at the Drinking Bay. It was reported that a difference had arisen with the Gatekeeper, Mrs. Blackman, and it was arranged for the Committee to meet her at an early date.

The question of having further Dykes cleared was left with the Committee.

Inscriptions

Mr. Saul submitted the following plans of Memorials and moved they be approved by the Council.

Headstone & Kerb with Inscription to Grave No. 1437, Kerb, Vase with Inscription to Grave No. 1460, Kerb with Inscription to Grave No. 862. Seconded by Mr. Hammons and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Saul proposed that Mr. Freeman be elected a member of the Cemetery Committee in place of Mr. Greenacre resigned. Seconded by Mr. Hammond and carried.

Finance

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

Public Wks' Loan Bd.	Loan & Interest.	5. 14. 2.
“ “	“	6. 14. 3.
Draycon. H.R.	Repairs. Allotments.	2. 16. 8.
“	“	2. 19. 2.
“	Re-fixing Seat etc.	2. 6. 9.
“	Notice Boards.	12. 6.
Manning. G.,	Work Recreation Ground.	1. 16. 6.
“	1 N.H.I. Stamp.	3. 2.
Fever. T.H.	Work Recreation Ground.	1. 5. 7 ½
“	1. N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 2.
Dence. J.	Work Recreation Ground.	1. 4. 0.
Manning G.	Work Brook.	7. 19. 11 ½
“	3 N.H.I. Stamps.	7. 11.
Fever. T.H.	Work Brook	7. 18. 5 ½
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.	9. 6.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	18. 15. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12. 5. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 8.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4. 9. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. stamps.	10. 0.

Draycon. H.R.	Iron Gratings.	2. 11. 6.
Cook. A.	Manure.	1. 4. 0.
“	Carting Chalk.	1. 5. 0.
Abery. F.	Repairs Machine.	11. 0.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers wages.	7. 9. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12. 8.
Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	1. 8. 4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2. 5. 6.
		<u>£96.10. 10.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £55.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Hood reported that the sand pit was finished and proposed that Austin be employed to paint gates at Bramley Road entrance. Seconded by Mr. Bishop. Also that Cook's price £5 be accepted for cutting and clearing grass. (Agreed).

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Greenacre resigning seat.
Accepted with regret and Clerk was instructed to thank him for his services.
2. Letter from Rev' Grainger re:- Employment.
3. Letter from Mr. Cottrell. Re:- National Savings Movement.
4. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. re:- Gantry Bases.
5. Letter from Mrs. King, re:- Steps, Beaconsfield Terrace.
6. Letter from Kent County Council. re:- “ “
7. Letter from Post Office Savings Bank. re:- 3% Defence Bonds.
8. Letter from Westminster Bank. re:- “ “ “
9. “ “ “ “ re:- Cheque Books
10. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Public Meeting.
11. Letter from Concrete & Cement Assoc;' re:- Memorials.
12. Letter from Hall & Co. re:- Land.

Mr. Hammond proposed. Mr. Stotesbury seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded for the efficient way our Chairman Mr. J.G. Harrington had carried out the duties of Chief Air Raid warden of the Parish. He had worked tremendously hard and the arrangements now compared favourably with any neighbouring Parish. This was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Freeman proposed. Mr. Saul seconded that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Smith of Red Lion Inn, for the hard work and willing co-operation he had given in collecting of scrap iron throughout the Parish. Over 7 tons had been cleared.

It was arranged that notice of the seat now vacant on Council by the resignation of Mr. Greenacre, should appear on next agenda. Nominations to be then received and seat filled.

Mr. Freeman asked that a letter be sent to the tenant of Alma House, Holborough Road, asking for his hedge to be cut back. It was overhanging the Public Footpath.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman
23-7-40.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd July 1940

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes

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

Allotments.

Mr. Freeman reported that the work of trimming hedges, cutting grass and clearing ditch had been satisfactorily done by J. Dence.

Baths

Mr. Hammond reported the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 619 and the fees amounted to £5.15.1d, as compared with 746 and £6.17.2d for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

Owing to the absence of Mr. Wray this report was given by Mr. Hood.

Report of Committee Meeting held on July 1st. Resulting from telephone conversation between Mr. Dedrick and Mr. Harrington, the Meeting arranged for the Brook Committee to meet Mr. Bowes, Hook's representative was postponed. The Committee viewed the work in progress, and expressed themselves satisfied with what had been done. It was decided, subject to the approval of the Council, to spend a further £25 to clean the Dyke on the right hand side of Willow Walk, starting at white Bridge end. At the same time to have path repaired where necessary. It was also agreed that more hardcore was required, Mrs. Blackman re:- Rule No. 6 of the Brook Rules, she having expressed her view and how it effected her.

The Committee decided to talk the matter over again as Messrs. Freeman & Stotesbury desired to attend another Meeting.

The Committee's attention was called to the large tidal Dyke near cottages with a view to getting it cleared and widened as there is no doubt it will effect the clearing of that part of Brook in winter. It was decided to ask the Council to attend to this.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Chapman asking him to remove his cattle that were still on the Brook.

Mr. Hood also gave the report of a further Committee Meeting held on Saturday July 20th for the purpose of discussing Rule. 6.

The Committee agreed to advise the Council to adhere in principle to the rule, and where special cases of hardships arise. i.e. a Ratepayer losing a horse or Cow during the season and wishing to replace it, the matter shall be left to the discretion of the Council, or Chairman of Brook Committee.

Mr. Tobin proposed. Mr. Bishop seconded that a further sum of £20, only be expended on wages for clearing ditches from date on Committee Meetings. Voting. 7 for 3. Against.

Mr. Hammond proposed that rule 6 must be strictly adhered to. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

It was reported that considerable difficulties arose owing to Cattle belonging the Mr. Chapman always trespassing on our common land. It was decided to put up a further length of fence and concrete post near bridge, to prevent this. Mr. Chapman to be given notice of our intentions after which if his Cattle are not removed he must put up with the inconvenience. It was agreed to pay 5/- of cartage for a load of hardcore.

Conveyance

Mr. Saul proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1478, Section B, General Portion to Fanny Louisa Wells be sign by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Finance

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

Dence. J.	Work Allotments.	5.	2.	0.
Manning G.	Work Brook.	11.	14.	6.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		6.	7.
Fever. F.H.	Work Brook.	11.	7.	11.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	2.
Blackman. Mrs.	Brook. Gatekeeper.	2.	0.	0.
Cook. A.	Grass. Recreation Ground.	5.	0.	0.
"	Carting Hardcore.	1.	7.	0.
Austin. J.	Painting Gates. Rec'	1.	5.	0.
Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicles.		4.	4.
Hambrook. A.N.	Printing. Etc.	2.	8.	3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Cottage.		2.	9.
Drainage Board.	Rate. Allotments.	2.	6.	3.
"	" Brook.	2.	4.	0.
Hall & Co. Ltd.	Sand. Recreation Ground.	2.	17.	9.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	5.	5.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	2.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	4.	8.	9.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	6.
Ryder & Son.	Seeds.		3.	0.

Auger & son.	Manure.	7.	6.
"	Cutting Grass.	1.	0. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage.	4.	8.
"	Water. Cemetery.	11.	7.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	9. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	12.	8.
"	Stores.	3.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	9. 8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	4.	10. 9.
Hambrook. A.N.	Bath Tickets.	1.	4. 9
		<u>£85. 16. 11.</u>	

Cheque for wages £55.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Hood reported the gate at Bramley entrance had been painted and that Cook had cut and cleared grass.

Mr. Freeman agreed to remove old iron and wire in Recreation Ground to old iron dump.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Miss. Johnson asking for permission to use Recreation Ground. Open Air Service 11th August. (Agreed).

2. Letter from M.S. Drainage Board re:- Watercourse on Brook.

3. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

4. Letter from Waterhouse & Co. re:- Henry Peters Deceased.

5. Letter from Wouldham Parish Council re:- Application to Court.

Mr. Hammons proposed that Snodland Parish Council agree to Burham Parish Council and Messrs. Whitehead, Thomas & Urmston acting on our behalf at Court. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried

Receipt

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

General Account	£75.
Burial Act.	£75.
Baths and Wash- houses Act.	<u>£75</u>
	<u>£225</u>

Vacancy

No nominations were received for the vacant seat on the Council. It was agreed for this to appear again on next month's agenda.

Mr. Saul called attention to the public pathway leading from Chapel Road to Bramley Road. The fence required renewing and bridge over stream wanting attention. It was agreed to write to Malling Rural District Council, also Mr. Wolfe.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. F. Bolton for his help in collection of old iron and use of yard for dump.

After report of Air Raid Precautions by Head Warden, the Malling Rural District Council are to be urged forward regarding Public Air Raid Shelters.

The Kent Education Committee to be approached with a view to their shelters at Schools to be used by Public at night time.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman
27-8-40.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th August 1940

At 7.30pm

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

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

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Hammond reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 934 and the fees amounted to £8.11.3d, as compared with 896 and £8.9.0d for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

It was agreed for Crowhurst to erect post near bridge in Willow Walk. Several other matters were discussed and it was arranged for a Committee Meeting on Monday next.

Cemetery

Mr. Hammond reported that a meeting of the Committee had been held on Tuesday July 26th.

On the proposition of Mr. Hammond. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. A.J. Monk was elected Chairman of the Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to get Caretaker to remove ivy round Chapel where it was untidy.

The Committee next considered the prices of Motor Mowers, submitted by Messrs Ransons, Sims, Jeffries and Green & Son Ltd. It was agreed to recommend the Council to purchase a 17" machine from Ransons @ £37.10.0d. It was arranged for Messrs Saul & Stotesbury to visit Messrs. Drake & Fletcher Ltd, agents for Ransoms to obtain further particulars.

The Committee recommended the Council to purchase a Ruby Lamp at cost of about £2 for use in the Mortuary. It was also decided to recommend the Council to repair and paint entrance gates and paint frame of Notice Board.

The Clerk reported that 100 Grave Markers were required, and was instructed to ask Doulton & Co Ltd for price.

Mr. Freeman proposed that the Motor Mower at £37.10.0d as recommended by the Committee be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Gower moves as an amendment, that this be postponed for a time. No Secunder. Proposition carried.

Mr. Freeman proposed that the Ruby Lamp for use at Mortuary and Grave Markers also be purchased. Seconded by Mr. Bishop.

Two tenders were received for repairs & painting gates.

Draycon £1.9.0d.

May. £1. If grained 7/6 extra.

It was agreed to accept May's price.

Mr. Hammond proposed. Mr. Stotesbury seconded that the Apprentice be given a gratuity of £1 for extra work during Caretaker's absence.

Plans & Inscriptions

Mr. Hammond submitted the following Plans & Inscriptions, and moved they be approved.

Headstone & Kerb with Inscription to Grave No. 1477. Marble Scroll to Grave No. 1478, and additional Inscription to Grave No. 1483.

Finance

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

Crowhurst. D.	Fencing Brook.	2. 16. 5.
"	"	1. 19. 0.
"	Seats. Recreation Ground.	4. 0. 0.
"	Fencing Allotments.	1. 6. 0.
Kent County Council	Scavenging Streets.	6. 3. 9.
Manning. C.	Work on Brook.	2. 19. 10.
"	1. N.H.I. Stamp.	1. 8.
Fever. T.	Work on Brook.	2. 18. 2.
"	2. N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 4.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	15. 6. 7.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	16. 10.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	6. 14. 10.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	13. 4.
Lavender. H.	Help.	10. 0.
Haynes Bros.	Bearings.	5. 6.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire Charges, etc.	7. 8. 1.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 10. 0.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	16. 8.
Hayman Ltd	Coal.	1. 6. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2. 9. 8.
"	Gas a/c.	19. 0.
		<u>£63. 9. 5.</u>

Cheque for wages. £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from S.C. Eyles re:- Broken Drain pipe
It was decided to forward this to the Sanitary Office.
2. Letter from C. Golding re:- Dyke on Brook.
To be referred to the Brook Committee.
3. Letter from Miss Johnson re:- Snodland Council of United Christian Effort Committee
Messrs Bishop, Stotesbury & Tobin agreed to serve on this Committee.
4. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Air Raid Shelter.
5. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Air Raid Precautions. Burial of Civilian Dead.
6. Letter from Medway Education Board re:- School Air Raid Shelter.
7. Letter from Lower Medway Drainage Board. re:- Watercourse 104.
8. Letter from Waterhouse & Co re:- Henry Peters deceased.
9. Letter from drake & Fletcher re:- 17” Motor Mower.
10. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture re:- Further development Allotments.

Vacant Seat

On the proposition of Mr. Freeman. Seconded by Mr. Tobin.

Mr. Frank John Austin was elected as a member to the vacant seat on the Council.

Mr. Freeman asked permission to remove the iron gates at entrance to Working Men's Institute to iron dump. Agreed.

Mr. Hammond asked for permission to be obtained from Malling R.D. Council to remove old tank from Bull Fields to iron dump.

Mr. Harrington asked for a meeting of Snodland Drainage Committee to be arranged for an evening if possible to discuss drainage at Groves.

Mr. Freeman asked for letter to Mr. Pell re:- Bad state of footpath in Church Fields..

Mr. Robinson called attention to the inconvenience of Automatic Stamp Machine often this is empty. Post Office Authorities attention to be called to this matter.

Mr. Saul invited members to a Church Parade at Christ Church on September 8th at 10.30pm.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman

10-9-40.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 10th September 1940

At 7.30pm

Present Messrs Harrington (Chairman), Austin, Bishop, Freeman, Gower, Hood, Norman, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury and the Clerk F. Simmons.

Declaration

Mr. F.J. Austin signed the Declaration on acceptance of office.
An apology was received from Mr. Tobin for non-attendance.

Before commencing the business of the evening the Chairman spoke of the great loss the Council and also the Parish of Snodland had sustained by the sudden death of our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Hammond. He had worked hard for the Parishioners for a number of years.

The Members rose in silent reverence.

Minutes.

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

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R. D. Council, agreeing to removal of Flushing Tank in Bull Field.
2. Letter from Malling R. D. Council re:- Snodland Drainage Committee meeting at 6pm on Thursday.
Mr. Freeman agreed to serve on this Committee in place of the late Mr. Hammond.
3. Letter from Sanitary Officer re:- Eyles complaint.
4. Letter from Malling R. D. Council re:- Cemetery Mortuary.
5. Letter from Drake & Fletcher re:- Motor Mower.
6. Letter from Lady Cavendish re:- Spitfire Fund.
7. Letter from Medway Education Board re:- Air Raid Shelters.

Spitfire Fund

The matter was carefully considered and it was agreed to carry this fund on. Messrs Harrington, Austin, Saul & Robinson agreed to serve on a Committee with power to add various Tradesmen.

Air Raid Shelters

The question of providing Public Air Raid Shelters was considered such an urgent matter in this area, and in view of the Malling Rural District Council not meeting in September it was agreed for Messrs. Harrington, Gower & Stotesbury to arrange an interview with Mr. Miskin to place the position before him.

Central Schools

It was suggested that the Kent Education Committee be asked to camouflage the Council Schools.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman
24-9-40.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th September 1940

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Harrington (Chairman), Austin, Filmer Freeman, Gower, Hood, Norman, Robinson, Saul, Stotesbury and the Clerk F. Simmons.

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 616 and the fees amounted to £2.16.0d, as compared with 672 and £6.5.2d for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

Mr. Stotesbury gave the report of Committee Meeting held on Monday September 2nd, to discuss the question of placing concrete post in Willow Walk path at entrance to White Bridge. The Committee found that the path there is only 2 feet wide with a sharp cut away on each side, and in our opinion it will be necessary to widen the approach for at least 6 feet back to allow people walking space round the post. As an alternative we suggest the Council write to East Malling Parish Council with a view to having a swing gate hung at the other end of bridge, which in our opinion will solve the problem much more easily.

Mr. Stotesbury has had some heavy hardcore tipped at drinking bay for filling in, and it requires a few loads of surplus chalk to make a good job of it.

The Internal Drainage Board have started to clear stream No. 104, around Brook Allotments and we suggest the Council permit them to dump the old iron and trees at our Parish Dump.

Mr. Stotesbury proposed the report be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Finance

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

Prudential Assurance Co.	Loan & Interest.	15. 4. 4.
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Malling R.D.C.	Oak Slabs.	17. 0.
Clerk.	¼ salary.	18. 15. 0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	12. 5. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 0.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	6. 0. 8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	10. 8.
“	Gratuity.	1. 0. 0.
Drake & Fletcher Ltd.	Motor Mower Lawn.	37. 10. 0.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 8. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Mantles.	3. 6.
“	Gas Ring.	19. 6.
“	Coke.	1. 4. 10
		<u>£103. 6. 10</u>

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mrs. Hammond.
2. Letter from Medway Education Board re:- Central Schools.
3. Letter from Malling R.D.C. re:- Air Raid Shelter.
It was agreed this matter should be pressed further.
4. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Cesspool Emptying. The Groves.
Mr. Gower proposed that although Parish Council had every sympathy with this area and felt something should be done, they cannot agree to a special charge on rates. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.
5. Letter from Cement & Concrete Association re:- Concrete Grave Landings.
6. Letter re:- Looting.
A small Committee was formed to deal with this matter.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of looting cannot substantiate any of the statements contained in the petition, and recommended the Parish Council not to interfere.

Vice-Chairman

On the proposition of Mr. Stotesbury, seconded by Mr. Hood Mr. Gower was elected to the Vice-Chairman.

J.G. Hammond
Chairman
22-10-40.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 22nd October 1940

At 7.30pm.

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

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 758 and the fees amounted to £6.17.3d, as compared with 732 and £6.16.7d for the corresponding period last year.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the fence adjoining White Dyke Road required a few more struts to keep it in position, also that the fence on the South Side was in a bad condition, and was afraid Cattle might break through and do considerable damage. A Shelter was wanted to house the Motor Mower, he also reported the Barrow was too shaky to deal with the surplus Chalk, but could be patched to remove the cut grass during the summer months.

It was agreed for Mr. Freeman to meet Crowhurst on site and arrange for struts and new lengths of barbed wire to make fence secure for a time, and also to try and purchase some old boards for shelter.

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that a Steel Twin Wheelbarrow with pneumatic tyred wheels be purchases from Winget Ltd @ £4.4.0d. Seconded by Mr Freeman. Draycon's price of £5.13.0d was accepted for repairs to Mortuary, Chapel and Greenhouse damaged by enemy action.

Permission was given for Caretaker to remove 5 trees on Grave Spaces.

Captain V.G. Housden (District Inspector) Imperial War Graves visited Cemetery on October 17th and left his card endorsed "very pleased" with excellent maintenance of War Graves.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Gower proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1487 Section C. Consecrated Portion to Alice Norton, also Grave Space. No. 1488, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Elizabeth Hinds be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Additional Inscription

Mr. Gower proposed that the additional Inscription for Grave No. 1415 be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Finance

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. Gower who moved that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. B.H. Norman.

Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage.	5.	9.	
Bond. W.F.	Local Government Chronicles.	4.	4.	
Hambrook. A.N.	Stationery.	1.	9.	6.
Blackman. Mrs.	Gatekeeper. Brook.	4.	0.	0.

Evenden J.	Caretakers Wages.	12.	5.	0.
“	4. N.H. I. Stamps		14.	0.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	6.	0.	8.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water. Cottage.		4.	8.
“	“ Cemetery.		11.	7.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	7.	9.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		17.	6.
“	Stores.		3.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	9.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.		<u>5.</u>	<u>7.</u>
			<u>13.</u>	<u>2.</u>
			<u>£42.</u>	<u>13.</u>
				<u>2.</u>

Cheque for wages £30.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Malling R.D. Council enclosing form N.O.W.I. War Damage Claim.
2. Letter from Medway Education Board re:- Central Schools Camouflage.
3. Letter from Drake & Fletcher enclosing Cheque rebate £1.17.6d.
4. Letter from Divisional Petroleum Office, enclosing Petrol Coupon.
5. Letter from Golding J.A. No reply necessary.
6. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Cesspool Emptying the Groves.
7. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
Mr. Gower agreed to interview Mr. Miskin.
8. Letter from Porter, Putt & Fletcher re:- transfer notice Monks Head.
9. Letter from Inspector of Taxes re:- Schedule D. Tax.
10. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co giving analysis of water.

Vacancy

No nominations were received for the vacant seat on the Council. It was agreed for this to appear again on next months agenda.

Committees etc

The following additions to Committees and Trusts were approved.

Brook & Allotment Committee.	Mr. Filmer.
Baths “ “ “ “	Mr. Austin.
Lighting “ “ “	“
John May's Great Coat Charity.	Mr. Norman.
William Lee Roberts Trust.	Messrs. Gower & Austin.

J.G. Harrington.

Chairman
26-11-40.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 26th November 1940

At 7.30pm.

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

Minutes.

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson read the report of the Baths Committee Meeting held on Tuesday November 12th. It recommended the Council to open the Baths an extra day (Mondays), on account of Troops in the neighbourhood. It was stated that they are willing to pay 2d per bath. The question of extra wages for additional work involved by Caretaker was brought up, and it was decided to place the matter before the next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed to alter the existing Baths Washouts same as the one already done. One hot water joint to be re-made and one tap repaired, the work to be given to Abery.

The Caretaker was asked to purchase material and make a better job of the black-out curtain. It was also agreed to purchase a Plunger for cleaning Baths Washouts. The Boiler continues to give satisfaction, and a good supply of hot water is now at hand.

Mr Gower proposed the report be approved and Caretaker be paid 2/- per day, for the extra days he opens for the Troops. Seconded by Mr. Freeman and carried.

Mr.

Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 816 and the fees amounted to £7.11.8d, as compared to 791 and £7.8.4d for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

Mr. Wray reported that a bomb had fallen on the Brook land, making a large crater, no damage done, but a workman employed by Kent Rivers Catchment Board had removed earth etc for the Brook Land to fill in another crater on the opposite side of Saltings in East Malling Parish. It was agreed to ask for an explanation.

Permission was given to employ Manning and for another to top the trees along Willow Walk and plant some alongside footpath. Also to repair footpath in places, about one months work.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange for surplus chalk from Cemetery to be removed to the Brook to make up the approach to the Drinking bay.

Cemetery

Mr. Freeman reported the repairs to the Greenhouse were not at all satisfactory. Mr. Austin supported, and it was agreed this must be properly done before payment is made.

Plan & Inscription

Mr. Gower submitted the following plan & inscriptions. Headstone and kerb with inscription to grave No. 1472. Additional inscription to grave No.1316. Additional inscription to grave No. 1096 Mr. Freeman proposed these be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Austin and carried.

Cottage, Waghorn Road

An application was received from the tenant R. Penny asking for two bedrooms to be painted and papered, and also for the Passage to be papered. The Clerk was instructed to obtain prices from Matthews & May for the work.

The tenant also asked if the Council had any objection to Electric Light being installed in the Cottage. It was agreed for permission to be given.

Finance

Mr. Gower submitted the financial Statement, and moved that cheques be signed to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried:-

Hinds. C.W.	Repairs Allotment Gate.	1.	0.	0.
“	“ Stove Cottage.	1.	18.	6.
Nat. Local Gov. A.	Clerk's Premium.		3.	0.
Blackman. Mrs.	Brook. Gatekeeper.	2.	0.	0.
Evenden. J.	Caretakers Wages.	15.	16.	3.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		17.	6.
Lavender. S.	Apprentice.	7.	10.	10.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.		13.	4.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.		7.	0.
Hinds. C.W.	Paraffin etc.		16.	11.
Winget Ltd.	Twin Wheel Barrow.	4.	4.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire Charges etc.	5.	8.	9.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	8.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	0.
“	Sundries.		6.	8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	2.	9.	8.
“	Gas A/C	1.	0.	11.
Crowhurst. D.	Firewood.		7.	0.
			<u>7.</u>	<u>0.</u>
			<u>£52.</u>	<u>12.</u>
				<u>8.</u>

Cheque for wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from H. Matthews stating that he could not tender.
2. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Increase of 5/- per ton of Coke.
3. Letter from Winget Ltd re:- Twin Wheel Barrow.
4. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- War Graves.

5. Letter from Working Men's Club re:- Repairs to Door.
6. Letter from Rev' J.S. Granger, asking for alterations in Chapel in Cemetery.
The Clerk was instructed to reply expressing the Council's regret, but could not consider this matter until after the close of hostilities.
7. Letter from Malling R. D. Council re:_ School Air Raid Shelter.
8. " " " " " " " " " "
9. Letter from Council of A. C. Effort re:- Joint Committee.
Messrs Harrington, Stotesbury, Tobin, Hood, Filmer & Bishop agreed to help.

10. Letter from J.T. Brattle re:- Cesspool at Groves.

Cesspool Emptying at the Groves

Mr. Stotesbury reported on his and Mr. Gower's interview with Mr. Miskin regarding the Cesspool emptying at the Groves, and after discussion it was agreed that this work be carried out as a charge on the Special Rate of Snodland and permission for use of Dump. The Council reserve to themselves the right to withdraw this permission should it be found at any time a nuisance was created.

December Meeting

It was agreed for next months meeting to be held on December 17th.

Vacancy

No nominations were received for the vacant seat on the Council.
It was agreed for this to appear again on next months agenda.

The Chairman made a suggestion that a small Committee be formed to work with the Women's Voluntary Service in case of families being rendered homeless by Air Raids.

Messrs Freeman, Gower, Harrington, Hood and Saul agreed to serve on the Committee. It was thought a kind of voluntary levy of 1/- per house would meet with a ready response.

Mr. Saul asked that the Surveyors attention be called to the Kerbs in Lee Road.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman
17-12-40.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday December 17th 1940

At 7.30pm.

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

Before commencing the business of the evening the Chairman spoke of the great loss the Council and also the Parish had sustained by the death of one of our esteemed and respected members, Mr. Alfred James Monk J.P.

He had been a member of the Parish Council for 18 yrs, and Chairman on two occasions. He was also one of the Parish representatives on the Malling Rural District Council, and member of the Kent County Council, and held several other important offices. His expert advice on local affairs was often sought and readily given.

A vote of Condolence was passed for the Widow and Family and the Council rose in respectful silence.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last three weeks to be 767 and the fees amounted to £8-11-10d, as compared with 404 and £3-14-10d for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported that a Committee Meeting had been held on Wednesday December 11th to consider an application from the Officer commanding the Searchlight Battery, stationed at Ladd's Farm, asking for the Baths to open a day for 50 or 60 of their men to bath, and they were prepared to pay up to 6d per bath.

The Caretakers reported that 14 men were sent on Monday, December 8th. This was not enough for the Committee to recommend the Council to open a further day.

It was decided on the figures given, for the men from the Burham Battery to use the Baths up to 12 noon on Monday, and the men from the Searchlight Battery from 12 noon to closing time that day, and the price be 3d per Bath.

He also reported that one of the Baths had been out of commission for a week, owing to waste rubber washer. It was agreed to obtain a spare one to avoid any delay in future.

It was also agreed to close the Baths on Boxing Day.

It was agreed the report be adopted.

Cemetery

It was arranged for the usual coal to be supplied to the Cemetery at the same price as Robert's Trust.

Conveyance of Grave Space

Mr. Freeman proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1493, Section C, General Portion to Josiah Alfred Penny, also Grave Space No. 1495, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Mary Ann Wooding, be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Brook

It was reported that no labour was yet available for topping threes etc.

Finance

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

Smith. R.	Hire of Room.	4. 2. 6.
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Malling R.D.C.	Rate Cottage.	3.	5.	1.
Public Wh. Bd.	Loan & Interest.	5.	12.	7.
“	“	6.	12.	4.
Clerk.	¼ Salary.	18.	15.	0.
Evenden. J,	Caretakers Wages.	9.	3.	9.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		10.	6.
Lavender.	Apprentice.	4.	10.	6.
“	3. N.H.I. Stamps.		8.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	4.	10.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate.	2.	13.	3.
Fowler. W.	Caretakers Wages.	7.	8.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	0.
“	9. Extra days @ 5/-	2.	5.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	5.	6.	10.
Malling R.D.C.	Rate	8.	17.	6.
		<u>£81. 16. 6.</u>		

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Doulton & Co. re:- Grave Markers.
2. Letter from Working Men's Club asking for repairs to roof.
It was arranged for Matthews to do this work.
3. Letter from Kent Rivers Catchment Bd re:- Maintenance of River Walls.
4. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Kerb in Lee Road.
5. “ “ “ “ “ re:- Cesspools Groves.
6. “ “ “ “ “ re:- School's Shelters.
7. Letter from Kent County Council re:- bridge over Saltings.
8. Letter from May. L.S. re:- tender for work required at Cottage.
9. Letter from Matthews. H. re:- “ “ “ “ “

May's tender accepted.

Receipt

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

Burial Act.	£50
Baths & Wash-Houses Act.	£50.
Lighting & Watching Act.	<u>£100</u>
	<u>£200</u>

Vacancy

No nominations were received for the vacant seat. It was arranged for this and also, the further seat now vacant to appear on next months agenda.

Goods Yard Entrance

Mr. Freeman asked for a letter to be sent to the Station Master asking for an improvement in the roadway at Goods Yard entrance. The Public are greatly inconvenienced.

Mr. Saul proposed that a letter be sent to the Malling Rural District Council, asking for the roadway from Holborough Road to Lee Road to be taken over by them and improved. Seconded by Mr. Norman.

Mr. Robinson stated that the Public were greatly inconvenienced by Automatic stamp Machine being often empty, and Post Office closed. He felt this should be brought to notice of Head Post Master Rochester, also that a second machine was badly needed.

It was arranged to ask Kent County Council and Maidstone and District Bus Co. to paint lamp posts and crossing signs etc white, so as to help pedestrians during black out hours.

J.G. Harrington
Chairman
28-1-41.