

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 26th January 1943
At 7.30pm.

Present, Messrs Gower, Austen, Robinson, Hood, Sabine, Saul, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Stotesbury, Rev. J.S. Granger, Hughes, Tobin, Finch and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

A deputation consisting of Chief Officer Hinds & Fireman Smith waited to place before the Council their views on the new arrangement of the N.F.S.

On the proposal of Mr. Saul, seconded by Mr. Stotesbury. The standing orders of the Council were suspended and the business of the deputation taken at this point.

Mr. Smith (Fireman), stated that the Snodland section of the N.F.S. felt they were being treated somewhat unfairly, and that the Parish of Snodland was not receiving the necessary efficient fire service that was due to it, considering the many important business premises in the Parish.

In the case of an emergency much valuable time would be lost by the new arrangements.

The telephone had been removed from his residence. Chief Officer Hinds supported Mr. Smith's remarks and said he had already protested to the Chiefs about this change.

He felt that after serving the Parish of Snodland very efficiently for many years, having now to refer to the neighbouring Parish of Halling for instruction was something of a slight on this Parish.

The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had no controlling powers over the Fire Service arrangements now. They were governed entirely by the N.F.S. But this Council naturally felt that the Parish of Snodland must be safeguarded.

The Council, after discussion promised to support the protest made by the Firemen and take the matter up strongly with the Malling R.D. Council.

The Rector suggested when a reply was received to the protest a special Meeting of the Parish Council be convened and Chief Officer Hinds and Fireman Smith be invited to attend.

The Members agreed.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 480 and the fees amounted to £6-10-2d, as compared with 666 and £6-8-10d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson said the reason for the drop in the Bathers was through trouble with the water, and that the Baths had to be closed for some time. This matter has now been put right by the Water Co.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report.

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that he had seen Mr. Lucas regarding the Rubbish Dump on his Allotment, and a reduction of rent for 2 rods be made.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Mr. Evenden had been ill, this was the reason that help had been obtained, to help with the Grave digging. Evenden was now back at work. He also said that no Glass had been broken from the Bomb blast.

Permission was granted to Mrs Harris to place Flower Vase, 1 foot high on Grave No. 1529, late Mr. Harris. The fee being 2/6d.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space, No. 1549, Section B, General Portion to Nellie Evelyn Burren be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Finance

Mr. Hood proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	5. 9.
"	Repairing Path.	1. 8. 10.
A.N. Hambrook.	Stationery.	4. 9. ½
W.H. Pay.	Removing Safe. Etc.	11. 6.
Knight.	Receipt Book.	19. 5.
Royal Insurance.	Third Party Risk.	1. 17. 6.
Inland Revenue.	Tax. Cottage.	5. 12. 6.
"	Allotments.	27. 15. 0.
"	Wayleave's.	4. 0. 3.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	17. 4. 10.
"	5. N.H.I Stamps.	18. 4.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9. 11. 3.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	18. 4.
Mr. Lucas.	Help.	1. 10. 0.
Mr. Russell.	"	12. 0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Rate.	16. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 11. 9.
Inland Revenue.	Schedule A.	3. 15. 0.
"	J. Evenden. Income Tax.	15. 7.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 8. 0.
"	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	6. 6. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3. 3. 6.
Mr. Crowhurst.	Wood.	8. 0.
Mr. Trudgett.	Vim, Soap etc.	6. 1 ½
Inland Revenue.	Schedule A. Tax.	15. 0. 0.
		<u>£114. 15. 7.</u>

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Water Co. Analyst.
2. Southern Railway. Street Sign.

3. Malling R.D., Council. Rates for 1944.

4. W.L. Platts. Burial ground.

Mr. Stotesbury & Mr. Gower would get together & go into this matter.

5. Holborough Cement Co. Cement Dust.

A letter be written saying the Council were not satisfied that everything was being done to stop this nuisance.

6. Letter from Mr. Wray re:- Brook Allotments.

Mr. Beech promised to look into this matter.

Other Business

Mr. Saul reported the very bad state the road in May Street had been left by the S.P.C. after trench digging and Mr. Stotesbury reported that the top of Malling Road near Christ Church was disgraceful. It was decided to write to the G.P.O. to have this repaired at once.

Mr. Robinson reported that the Maidstone & District Buses did not pull up at the Bus Stops, sometimes they stopped one side of the stop and sometimes the other, this being very unfair to the people in the queue. As the first there very often got left behind. It was decided to write to the Maidstone & District regarding this matter.

Mr. Sabine reported that the path leading from the Railway Bridge has been repaired. The Chairman thanked Mr. Sabine for looking into this matter.

Ralph Gower

Chairman

23rd February 1943.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd February 1943

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman). Norman (Vice-Chairman). Austen. Hood. Beech. Rev. J.S. Granger. Robinson. Saul. Bishop. Sabine. Stotesbury. Finch and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 492 and the fees amounted to £6-17-1d, as compared with 530 and £5-6-11d, for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson said that there had been a little more trouble with the water, but was now in working order.

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that he had had a load of Ashes put down at the entrance of Slough Field Allotments, and that the wire for repairing the gate had now been received.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the gale had blown a good portion of the fence down. Mr. Evenden had repaired some part of this by using the old wood & had made a very good job of it, but that still left about 118 yards still down. Mr. Stotesbury said he thought this should be seen to as soon as possible, as the Cattle would soon be turned out in the field adjoining and should one of these come through it would do a considerable amount of damage.

It was decided that Mr. Stotesbury see Messrs Baker and Crowhurst for price of stake fence. Mr. Stotesbury proposed that 3 loads of Manure be ordered from Mr Auger. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Mr. Stotesbury said that there was now about 10 loads of Chalk waiting for removal. It was decided that Mr. Beech see Mr. Ashby about carting this on to the Brook to fill in hole.

Referring to the Cemetery ground extension, the Chairman reported that both he and Mr. Stotesbury had seen Mr. Miskin about this matter, and that he advised them not to take up legal power, as this would only make a great deal of expense. It was left that Bracher and Miskin see to the transfer.

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a design of Kerb & Headstone for Grave Space No. 1505 and moved it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Two additional subscriptions were submitted by G. Elbourn, Mr. Stotesbury proposed these be passed. Seconded by Mr. Norman.

The date for the Annual Meeting was fixed for Tuesday March 23rd at 8pm.

Finance

Mr. Norman proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

Messrs. Dennis Paine & Co.	Wire.	1.	0.	9.
Local Gov. Mutual Insurance.	Guarantee.		3.	6.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	17.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	13.	0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
Mrs. Monk.	Wire, Nails & Oil.		6.	11.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.		11.	0.
Ryder & Sons.	Seeds.		12.	6.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	6.	8.
“	10. N.H.I. Stamps.		17.	11.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	3.	4.	4.
“	Gas.	3.	12.	2.
W. Hayman.	Coal.	1.	12.	0.

Mid Kent Gas Co.	Hire of Lamps & Gas	<u>13. 17. 0.</u>
		<u>£57. 4. 5.</u>

Cheque for wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Malling R.D. Council re:- Fire Service.
2. Fire Force Commander re:- “
3. Maidstone District Bus Co. re:- Bus Stop
4. Bracher Son & Miskin re:- Appointment.
5. Working Men's Club re:- Roof Repair.
This has since been repaired by Mr. Draycon.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
23rd March 1943.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd March 1943
At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Norman (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Rev, J. S. Granger, Hood, Robinson, Sabine, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Filmer, Finch and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 514 and the fees amounted to £6-18-8d, as compared with 575 and £5-13-2d, for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson reported that a new dust bin, 6 foot flu brush & scrubbing brush were much needed by the Caretaker. It was left to the Clerk to order this.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that the hole on the Brook had not been filled in, and that this should be done before the Cattle were turned out. It was decided that Mr. Ashby be asked to cart the 10 loads of chalk from Cemetery before the Brook is opened.

Working Men's Club.

Mr. Austin reported that no work had been done by Mr. Draycon for some time now, and he proposed that a letter be sent to him to finish the work as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer proposed that 2 loads of sand be ordered for the Children's sand pit.
Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that he had been unable to get any stake fencing, but had been able to get about 20 poles of wire fencing, which Mr. Crowhurst had promised to put up. Mr. Evenden would repair more of the old fence. Mr. Stotesbury said this would not look as well as a stake fence, but under the present War time conditions was the best he was able to get.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1556, Section B, General to Arthur Bax, also Grave Space No. 1558, Section B, Consecrated Portion to John Stanley Granger be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood

Designs

Two additional inscriptions were submitted by G.R. Elbourn, late Mrs. E. Goulds & late Frederick George Hucks. Mr. Stotesbury proposed these be passed. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

John May's Great Coat.

Mr. Norman reported that Leavey's, Maidstone, asked that the John May's Charity Coats be ordered as soon as possible. Otherwise they could not promise that we should be able to get any. Mr. Norman proposed we order as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Finance

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

Hadden Best & Co.	Meeting Notices.	3.	6.
Monkton, Son & Collis	Notice to Mrs. Monk	11.	3.
Prudential Assurance.	Loan & Interest.	15.	17. 6.
Royal Insurance.	Business Scheme.	2.	10. 0.
"	Comprehensive.	6.	9.
Postage Stamps.		1.	1. 1.
Clerk's Wages.		18.	5. 3.
13. N.H.I. Stamps.		1.	0. 7.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages,	13.	17. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	13. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	12. 2.
Mr. Crowhurst.	Wood.	8.	0.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden. Tax.	11.	0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	8.	8. 0.
"	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	4.	16. 6.
"	Mantles.	8.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Repair to Valve.	2.	9.

Mr. Crowhurst.	Wood,	8. 0.
Local Gov' Guarantee.	Fidelity.	<u>7. 0.</u>
		<u>£80. 11. 4.</u>

Cheque for Wages £32.

The Mid Kent Gas Co.	6. 16. 8.
The Mid Kent Water Co.	2. 9.
Local Gov' Guarantee Soc'	7. 0.
Prudential Assurance.	15. 17. 6
Royal Insurance.	2. 16. 9.
Monkton , Son & Collis.	11. 3.
Hadden, Best & Co.	3. 6.
Inland Revenue.	11. 0.
Wages.	51. 7. 10.
Sundries.	<u>1. 17. 1.</u>
	<u>£80. 11. 4</u>

Inland Revenue.	Evenden Tax.	2. 9.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	3. 9. 4.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	1. 18. 3.
“	1. N.H.I. Stamps.	3. 8.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 8. 0.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	<u>14. 4.</u>
		<u>£15. 0. 0.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Ministry of Health. Re:- Dust.
2. Letter from Martyn & Gane re:- Robert's Trust.
3. Letter from National Fire Services. re:- Snodland Area.
4. Letter from Nicholas & Son. re:- Lease of Land.

Other Business.

Mr. Saul reported that the posts on the bridge at Willow Walk were again broken. It was decided to write to the Surveyor regarding this matter.

Mr. Hood reported that a shed had been put up on the Recreation Ground, without any consent of the Council, for the purpose of Fire fighting. Mr. Filmer proposed that the Fire Officer be asked to remove it at once. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
27th April 1943.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th April 1943

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs, Gower, Norman, Robinson, Sabine, Hood, Saul, Stotesbury, Tobin, Rev. J.S. Granger, Bishop, Filmer, Beech, Austin, Hughes and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

At this point the retiring Chairman thanked the Members for their support and advice given during the year of office and vacated the Chair.

Chairman

Mr. Bishop proposed that Mr. Gower be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. Hood proposed that Mr. Norman be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Both Chairman and Vice-Chairman thanked the Members.

Committees

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the various Committees be appointed. Seconded by Mr. Tobin and carried.

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that Mr. Hinds had now put up barbed wire on the fence.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 678 and the fees amounted to £8-19-6d, as compared with 758 and £7-1-11d for the corresponding period last year.

A letter was read from the Caretaker asking for increase in wages. Mr. Saul proposed that an increase of 6/- per week be given. Seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that Mr. Cook was getting well on with the work of filling in the hole & was making a good job of it.

Cemetery

Mr. Storesbury reported that Crowhurst had put up the wire fencing, and that it was quite a good job.

The question of Lavender wanting to come back was discussed. Mr. Beech spoke of him leaving without giving any notice, when help was needed very bad at the Cemetery. Mr. Saul proposed that Morley be kept on. Seconded by Mr. Austin and carried.

A letter was read from Messrs. Bracher, Son & Miskin relating to the extension of the Cemetery. Mr. Stotesbury proposed that negotiations be proceeded with as this matter had been discussed for over six years. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried. This was subject to the District Valuer's Consent.

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a design of Headstone & Kerb for Grave No. 1407 and Kerb for Grave No. 294 and moved that these be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

Working Men's Club

Mr. Austin reported that Mr. Draycon was now getting well on with the repairs.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer reported that the sand had been delivered for the Play Ground.

Finance

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

Royal Insurance.	Caretaker Brook.	3.	6.
"	Casual Labour.	1.	3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	5.	9.
F.W. Bond.	Local Government Chronicles.	6.	6.
Hall & Co.	Sand for Recreation Ground.	3.	4. 0.
A. N. Hambrook.	Printing etc.	2.	17. 6.
H.R. Draycon.	Copper Lid.	9.	6.
Royal Insurance.	Caretaker & Wife.	10.	0.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water.	4.	6. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co,	Gas.	3.	8. 7.
"	Coke.	3.	4. 4.
W.F. Trudgett.	Soap etc.	3.	6.
Wm. Hayman Ltd.	Coal.	16.	9.
H.R. Draycon,	Work Done.	8.	5. 6.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	17. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	13. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.
Royal Insurance.	Caretaker & Help.	1.	5. 0.
Mid Kent water Co.	Cottage rate.	4.	8.
"	Cemetery & Mortuary.	11.	7.
J.Evenden.	Wash Leather.	8.	0.
Messrs. Dennis Paine.	Handbill.	6.	3.
A. N. Hambrook.	Internment Forms.	18.	7.
C.W. Hinds.	Work Done.	9.	0.
Baker Bros.	Fencing.	3.	10. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1.	12. 2.
Inland Revenue.	Evendens Tax.	13.	9.
H.R. Draycon.	Work Done.	4.	18. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas & Hire.	13.	17. 0.
		<u>13.</u>	<u>17. 7</u>
		<u>£79.</u>	<u>12. 7</u>

Cheque for Wages. £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from A. W. Lambert re:- Brook Fee Refunded.
Mr. Beech proposed against refunding money as the Horde in question had since been removed. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried,
2. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension.
3. Letter from Mr. Russell re:- Increase in Wages.
4. letter from Baden Fuller re:- Fire Bomb Hut.
5. Letter from Ministry of Health re:- dust Nuisance.
6. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- “
7. Letter from J.W. Pell. Surveyor re:- Repair to Willow Walk.
8. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Subdued Lighting.
9. Letter from Malling. R.D. Council re:- Gas Decontamination Centre.
10. Letter from Hook & Co. re:- Straw Nuisance.
11. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Historic Buildings
12. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co re:- Water Analysis.

Fireman's Medals

Mr. Hood asked what had been done about the long Service Medals for the Firemen. The Chairman promised to look into this matter.

Mr. Robinson asked if a Notice giving directions where the Service Canteen was, could be put up on the top of Parish Council Notice Board at Bull Corner. This was agreed to.

Mr. Saul reported the bad condition of the Willow Walk this side of the Railway. Mr. Gower replied that up to the present he had been unable to get the work done, but would do so as soon as possible.

Receipt

Mr. B.H. Norman proposed the following Receipt be issued on the Rating Authority. Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

General.	£ 50
Burial.	£150
Baths & Wash-Houses	<u>£100</u>
	<u>£300</u>

Ralph Gower
Chairman
25th May 1943.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 25th May 1943
At 7.30pm.

Present. Gower (Chairman). Austin, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Finch. Rev. J.S. Granger, Hood, Hughes, Robinson, Stotesbury, Saul and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 620 and the fees amounted to £8-4-7d, as compared with 671 and £6-10-8d, for the corresponding period last year.

Allotments

Mr. Hood read the report of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday May 20th. The Committee viewed the whole of the Allotments and expressed satisfaction with the gardens. A letter was sent to Mr. Morris, asking him to cut down the weeds at one end of 34, Slough Fields. The ditch at the top end of Slough Fields needed clearing, it was decided that Mr. Cornwell be asked to see to this. The Gate and fence at Sharnal Lane was inspected. About 6 stakes were needed to repair the fence. The old wire could be used again. It was agreed that a new lock with 6 keys be purchased for the gate. The Notice re:- Dogs, needed renewing on the Notice Boards. Only one Allotment was not let. Mr. Hood was re-elected Chairman. Mr. Stotesbury proposed. Mr. Beech seconded that the report be adopted.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury read the report of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday May 18th at the Cemetery.

Mr. Stotesbury was re-elected Chairman.

A letter was read from the Caretaker asking the Council to reconsider their decision regarding the reinstatement of Lavender.

A letter was read from Lavender, saying how sorry he was for the damage he had done and for the way he had left, and asking to be taken on again.

After a great deal of discussion this was decided against.

An estimate was submitted by Mr. Draycon for repairing and re-painting the seats. It was agreed that these be done. The Notice Board at the entrance was in a very bad state, also the Keep of the Grass Notices badly needed painting. It was decided to ask Mr. Draycon to see to these. The Grave Markers were getting low and it was left to the Clerk to ask Doulton & Co. for price.

The new fencing was inspected and the Committee expressed their satisfaction. A number of shrubs had been cut done on some Grave Spaces, this had let in quite a deal of light and it was a great improvement.

Mr. Beech proposed. Mr. Hood seconded, that the report be adopted.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Grave Space No. 1564, Section B, General Portion to Bert Phillips be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a design for additional inscription for the late Mr. William Thomas Chapman, also a design for Headstone & Kerb for the late Caroline Abery, and moved these be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer said nothing to report.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that bad state of the rubbish dump. It was decided a letter be sent to Mr. Bundy.

Finance

Mr. Hood proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

J.A. Harrison.	Air Raid Damage.	58. 15. 0.
Malling R.D. Council.	Cottage Rate.	3. 12. 5.
E. Ashby.	Carting Ashes.	5. 0.
H.R. Draycon.	War Damage Institute.	59. 13. 0.
"	Sign for Canteen.	1. 3. 0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	8. 8. 0.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 4.
Mr. Trudgett.	Jeyes.	5. 4.
W. Hayman.	Coal.	16. 9.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	4. 16. 6.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Dustbin.	16. 7.
Malling R.D. Council.	Rates.	9. 17. 6.
Royal Insurance.	Employers Liability.	2. 0.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	13. 17. 4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7. 13. 0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 8.
Malling R.D. Council.	Rates.	2. 19. 3.
J. Abery.	Repair to Mower.	7. 0.
A. Cook.	Clearing Chalk.	3. 0. 0.
Royal Insurance.	Employers Liability.	7. 6.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.	11. 0.
		<u>£179. 9. 10</u>

Cheque for Wages. £35-1-0d.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mrs. Judges re:- Bath Chair.

2. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- War Ships Week.
3. Letter from the Mid Kent Gas Co. re:- Subdued Lighting.
4. Letter from S. Marshal re:- Incendiary Bomb Hut.
5. Letter from St John's Ambulance re:- House to House Collection.
6. Letter from J. Evenden re:- Cemetery Help.
7. Letter from S. Lavender. re:- " "

Other Business

Mr. Hood reported that bad state of the path at Holborough where the Lamp Post was knocked down, this was left with a big hole and it was very dangerous to pedestrians. It was agreed a letter be sent to Mr. Pell regarding this matter. Mr. Robinson reported that the path next to Ladds Farm was very much overgrown and it was decided to ask Mr. Auger if he would cut this back.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
29th June 1943.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 29th June 1943
At 7.30pm

Present

Messrs. Gower (Chairman). Beech. Finch. Rev. J.S. Granger. Hood. Robinson. Sabine. Tobin. Saul and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 578 and the fees amounted to £7-12-7d, as compared with 673 and £6-6-6d, for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson reported that one of the Caretakers rooms upstairs was in a bad state. Mr. Russell would distemper this if the Council supplied the distemper. Mr. Beech proposed that this be supplied. Seconded by Mr. Saul.

Mr. Beech suggested that an extra day for Lady Bathers was needed, if only for the summer months. Rev. Granger proposed that Mr. Russell be asked to open on Wednesdays as an extra day for Lady's, and give this a trial for the next three months, after which the position be reviewed again. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Allotments

Mr. Hood said nothing to report.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer reported that Mr. Auger had cut the grass and had made a good job of it. At the Meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee held at the Recreation Ground Mr. Filmer was elected Chairman.

Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Gower gave the report. Mr. Evenden had been in bed for the last three weeks, but he was improving and hoped to soon be back at work. As there had been no Funerals during the last month, the bay had been able to carry on with some casual help.

Design

Mr. Gower submitted a design of Kerb and Headstone for Grave Space No. 1537, Section B, and moved that it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Tobin and carried.

Working Men's Club

Mr. Saul reported that Mr. Draycon had done nothing to stop the water from the gutter overflowing into the Caretakers Cellar. Mr. Gower said he would meet Draycon at the Club and look into the matter.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that there had been a little trouble with the Horses, but this had since been attended to.

It was suggested that before the Brook is opened for grazing next year, a receipt book giving the rules should be used. Mr. Beech reported that Mr. Ashby had made a good job of the Willow Walk.

Finance

Mr. Hood proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Tobin.

A. N. Hambrook.	Stationery. Etc.	15.	6.
Bank of England.	Interest. Public Works Loan.	11.	7. 9.
D. Crowhurst.	Repairing Fence.	8.	6.
C. W. Hinds. Excors.	Fixing Barbed Wire.	1.	15. 0.
Clerks Wages.		18.	5. 3.
"	13. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0. 7.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	17.	6. 8.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	18.	4.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9.	11. 3.
"	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	18.	4.
E. Withers.	Help.	18.	0.
Russell.	"	12.	0.
C.W. Hinds. Exors.	Petrol. Etc.	11.	10.
E. Withers.	1 Gall' Oil.	7.	6.
J. Abery.	Sharpening Shears.	2.	6.
D. Crowhurst.	Erecting fence.	10.	6.
Inland revenue.	Evenden's Tax.	13.	9.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	8. 8.

“	N.H.I. Stamps.	17. 11.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.	8. 0.
Sergeant & Parkes.	Scrubbing Brush.	1. 8.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	<u>6. 8. 8.</u>
		<u>£83. 8. 2</u>

Cheque for Wages. £45.

Correspondence

1. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Hole in Footpath at Holborough.

2. Letter from S. Bundy re:- Rubbish Dump.

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

4. Letter from Viner & Pinch re:- Organ for Cemetery.

Mr. Sabin proposed that owing to the present day condition this matter be dropped. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

5. Letter from War Damage Commission re:- War Damage Baths.

Mr. Robinson proposed that a letter be sent asking that the amount for £1-13-3d for Wallpaper should be sent by the War Damage Commission. Seconded by Mr. Tobin.

Other Business

Messrs J. Nichols & Son Lease.

Mr. Saul proposed that this be renewed for a period of 7 years, the whole position to be again reviewed at the end of that time. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Bath Chair.

It was decided that a letter be sent to Mrs. Judges, stating that at the present time this could not be entertained.

Wings for Victory

Mr. Hood suggested that letter thanking all those who helped to make our Victory weeks such a success be sent to the Saving Group Committee & also put in the Kent Messenger, thanking all who helped.

It was decided that the framed certificate for Warships Week, March 1942 be hung in the old Parish Church.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
27th July 1943.

Meeting of the Council
Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 27th July 1943
At 7.30pm

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Hood, Stotesbury, Beech, Austin, Sabine, Bishop, Filmer, Robinson, Rev. Granger and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that Mr. Cornwell had cleared the ditch in Slough Fields and made a good job of it.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last five weeks to be 812 and that the fees amounted to £11-2-0d, as compared with 802 and £7-1-6d, for the corresponding period last year.

He also reported that the door on the Boiler was in a very bad state & needed renewing, this was left to the Clerk to ask the makers for price.

Mr. Robinson said that there had been a gradual increase of lady bathers on the extra day.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer reported that there was a very bad hole on the path leading from the Malling Road entrance, this was very dangerous to pedestrians, it was left for the Clerk to attend to this matter.

Lighting

Mr. Austin said nothing to report.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that Ken Ashby had made a very good job of repairing the path with sleepers along the Willow Walk.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Evenden was now back at work, and that he seemed much better for the rest, the Cemetery was looking much better & tidy.

Cemetery Extension

The Chairman of the Council, Mr. R. Gower and the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee Mr. W. Stotesbury reported on the progress made up to date in this matter, and pointed out to the members that it was now necessary for the Council to make formal application to the Minister of Health for his approval to the site of the proposed extension.

The matter having been considered, Mr. W. Stotesbury proposed and Mr. A. Sabine seconded and it was unanimously resolved that application be now made to the Minister of Health for his approval to the site of the proposed extension of the Cemetery.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1565, Section A, Consecrated Portion to Walter William Lawrence be sign by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that owing to the shortage of petrol it was impossible to cut all the grass with the motor mower. The hand mower needed repairing, Mr. Abery had been to see him about the repairs and he could put it in working order for £3. It was decided that this be done.

Finance

Mr. Hood proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

W. Bond.	Local Government Chronicles.	6.	6.
Medway Drainage Board.	Brook Rate.	2.	9. 0.
“ “	Allotment Rate.	2.	11. 5.
Haynes Bros.	Lock & Cutting Keys.	8.	0.
Inland Revenue.	War Damage. Cemetery Cottage.	1.	2. 6.
“	“ Institute.	4.	0. 0.
“	“ Brook.	7.	3.
“	“ Allotments.	1.	0. 6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	5.	9.
Mrs. Blackman.	Brook Gate Keeper.	5.	0. 0.
Mr. Ashby.	Brook Help.	3.	15. 0.
Mr. Cornwell.	Allotment Help.	1.	5. 0.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	17. 3.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	13. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage rate.	4.	8.
“ “	Cemetery & Mortuary Rate.	11.	7.
Inland Revenue.	War Damage. Cottage.	15.	0.
“	Evenden's Income Tax.	11.	1.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas Supplied & Hire of Lamps.	7.	0. 0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	9. 8.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	4.
William Hayman.	Coal.	2.	10. 3.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Water Supply.	5.	11. 9.
“	Repairing Valve.	2.	0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Gas.	3.	7. 11.
Mr. Trudgett.	Supplies.	5.	11.
Inland Revenue.	War Damage Contribution.	3.	0. 0.
		<u>£79.</u>	<u>14. 8.</u>

Cheque for Wages £45.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension.

2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

3. Letter from War Damage Commissioner re:- Baths Wallpaper.

4. Letter from Nichols & Son re:- Lease.

It was decided that this matter be left till the next meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Stotesbury suggested that a letter be sent to the Manager of the Wardona about the Walls.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
24th August 1943.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 24th August 1943

At 7.30pm

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman), Norman (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Beech, Filmer, Finch, Rev. Granger, Hughes, Stotesbury. Sabine, Saul and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Arising from the Minutes, the Chairman proposed that Messrs Nichols & Son Ltd lease should now be reviewed. Mr. Sabine proposed that this be extended to 21 years on the same terms as the present arrangements. Seconded by Mr. Saul and carried.

Allotments

Mr. Austin reported that he has received several complaints about the Thistles seeds from the smallholding blowing over the gardens & he thought something should be done about this matter. Mr. Norman promised to see the owner regarding this.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report.

Baths

Mr. Gower reported the number of Bathers for the last 4 weeks to be 643 and the fees amounted to £8-18-2d against 753 and £7-3-0d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Gower gave the report of the Baths Committee held at the Baths on Tuesday August 2nd. Mr. Stotesbury was re-elected Chairman for the coming year. The Boiler was inspected & MR. Robinson pointed out the bad state of the Smokehood. This was beyond repair & a new one was needed. It was decided to order this as soon as possible from the makers.

The Baths were next inspected and they were found very neat and tidy. The walls were very badly in need of re-distempering, and the Caretaker was asked if he would undertake to see to this, using white washable distemper. Mr. Russell said he would be pleased to do this.

Mr. Russell reported that 2 of the sprays put in by the Decontamination Centre had rusted through and were breaking away.

Mr. Robinson proposed & Mr. Stotesbury seconded that a letter be sent Malling asking them if we should get these attended to and suggest that the others be overhauled at the same time. Permission was given to Mr. Russell to close for half hour at lunch time on Saturday, giving the Public a fortnights notice.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that J. Evenden had received rather a bad knock during digging operation of the holes on the proposed extension. Although he had not claimed damages, he thought that this should be notified to the Insurance Co. C. Morley had asked for his weeks holiday, and as this was a slack time Mr. Stotesbury suggested this be given to Morley now.

Mr. Stotesbury said that the Cemetery was looking a picture, and he had never seen it look better, and Mr. Draycon had made a good job of the seats & the Notice Boards.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1568, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Mary Jane Hayes be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Austin.

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted an additional inscription for the late Louisa ????? and proposed this be passed buy the Council. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Mr. Stotesbury read a letter received from Messrs Witcombe Ltd asking if a design measuring 6'6" x 2'6" would be accepted for erecting in the Cemetery or if it would be accepted with a 7'0" x 3'0" Stone Landing. Mr. Stotesbury proposed this be turned down. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Lighting

Mr. Austin said nothing to report.

It was agreed for the subdued lighting of the street lamps to commence for the winter months on September 1st. The Rector asked if an additional lamp could be lit in the High Street. The Chairman replied that we had only permission for 8 lamps from the Ministry of Home Security.

The Rector proposed that a letter be sent to the Ministry for permission for an extra one. Seconded by Mr. Stotesbury.

Finance

Mr. Norman proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Sabin and carried.

Filmer, Auger.	Cutting Grass.	6.	0.	0.
Edward Ash.	Sleepers. Willow Walk.	3.	13.	9.
H. Draycon.	Repainting & Repairing Seats.	2.	4.	0.
Prudential Assur' Co.	Loan & Interest.	16.	1.	3.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	12.	4.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps		14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	13.	0.
"	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
Auger.	Manure & Cutting Grass.	2.	15.	0.

H. Draycon.	Painting & Repairs.	29.	7.	8.
G. Evenden.	Help.	1.	7.	0.
S. Potter.	"		12.	0.
T. Abery.	Repairing Mower.	1.	4.	0.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.		16.	0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	9.	0.
"	4 Extra Days @ 5/-	1.	0.	0.
"	N.H.I. Stamps.		17.	11.
Ideal Boiler Co.	Smoke Hood.	3.	2.	6.
Gas Co.	Coke.	3.	4.	4.
Trudgett.	Vim.		3.	6.
		<u>£104. 12. 7.</u>		

Cheque for Wages. £45.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Witcombe & Son re:- Design.
2. Letter from Ideal Boiler Co. re:- Smoke Hood.
3. Letter from D. Hole re:- Decontamination Spray Fittings.

Other Business

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the seat in the Malling Road was in a very bad state. Mr. Sabin said that this seat was used very much by the Public. Mr. Stotesbury proposed that one of the freshly painted seats from the Cemetery be put in place of the old one. There were 17 seats now at the Cemetery, and one could easily be spared. Seconded by Mr. Beech and carried.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
28th September 1943.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th September 1943

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman) Norman (Vice-Chairman), Austin, Beech, Bishop, Filmer, Finch, Rev. Granger, Hood, Robinson, Sabine and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood reported that a number of Allotment holders had applied for keys for Slough Fields at the Recreation Ground entrance, also that Lower Shorne Hill Fields. Mr. Hood suggested that keys be purchased and the holders be charged for these. This was left for the Clerk to attend to.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 771 and the fees amounted to £10-10-4d as compared with 669 and £8-13-10d for the corresponding period last year.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that there has been a large subsiding just inside the Brook Gate. This was reported on Saturday afternoon on Sept' 18th by the Caretaker, Mrs. Blackman. Mr. Gower then reported what had been done regarding the filling in, During the weekend the hole was roped off and red lights were used during the black out. Mr. Langford lent the lamps, and Mr. Blackman saw that they were lit at black out & taken down in the morning. Mr. Cook has now filled in the hole with stones etc, approximately 50 cart loads were used. This was going to be a rather expensive item, but it was a job that had to be done.

Mr. Norman reported a suggestion from Mrs. Hammond about the purchase of a portion of Brookland. After discussion it was decided to put this on the agenda for October Meeting.

A letter was read from Messrs Argyles & Court regarding a cow belonging to Mrs Hammond straying on to Messrs C.T. Hook & Co's land. The Cow had to be destroyed on account of one of its hind legs getting crushed by an iron grinder, apparently in the Straw Stack. The letter asked if the Council could do anything in the matter, by the erecting of a fence by the responsible party.

Mr. Norman proposed that Messrs. C.T. Hook & Co be asked to put a fence up as agreed at the time of the sale. Seconded by Mr. Austin and carried.

Cemetery

Mr. Gower reported that the Ministry of Health Inspector had visited the Cemetery on Friday, Sept' 10th and inspected the trial holes in proposed new portion, also the Cemetery and Maps and Records. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. B.H. Norman and Clerk met him and explained all the details and proposals. This report had not yet been received. The trial holes have now been filled in.

Evenenden suggested alteration to Cesspool, but as this was not considered a convenient time to interfere with the system of drainage here, the Chairman of Cemetery does not advise this. It would involve a great expense and alteration of plans and also raise many problems with the Sanitary Authorities. The present system is good and no nuisance exists.

Lighting

The Rector suggested an extra light in the High Street. No Secunder.

Finance

Mr. Beech proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Seconded by Mr. Sabin and carried.

Mr. R. Gower.	Petroleum & Help. Brook.	11.	5.
Royal Insurance.	War Damage. Business Scheme.	1.	5. 0.
T. Ashby.	Repairing Path. Willow Walk	5.	5. 0.
Clerk.	Wages.	18.	5. 3.
“	13. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0. 7.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	17.	0. 5.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	18.	4.

C. Morley.	Assistant.	9.	11.	3.
“	5. N.H.I. Stamps.	18.	4.	
C. Betts.	Repairing Taps.		6.	
C. Hinds. Excors.	Petrol etc.	15.	5.	
Messrs. Doulton.	Grave Markers.	17.	18.	3.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.	1.	0.	0.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	10.	0.
“	4 Extra Days @ 5/-	1.	0.	0.
“	N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	4.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	4.	16.	6.
“	Mantles.		4.	0.
		<u>£90. 14. 7.</u>		

Cheque for Wages £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Bracher, Day & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension.
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. Letter from Day & Son re:- War Damage Baths.
4. Letter from Mid Kent Gas Co re:- Street Lighting.
5. Letter from Ministry of Home Security re:- Street Lighting.
6. Letter from Argyles & Court re:- Cow Destroyed on Brook.
7. Letter from Martyns & Gane re:- Robert's Trust Fund.
8. Letter from J. Nichols & Son re:- Proposed purchase of land.
This matter after discussion was postponed until the October Meeting.
9. Letter from St John's Ambulance re:- House to House Collection.

Receipt.

Mr. Beech proposed the following receipt be issued on the Rating Authority.

Seconded by Mr. Hood and carried.

General	100
Burial Act	100
Bath & Wash House Act.	100
Lighting & Watching	<u>50</u>
	<u>£350</u>

Other Business

Mr. Austin asked if anything had been done regarding the Firemen's Long Service Medals. Mr. Hood said he would see the Captain Mr. Hinds and enquire if the Firemen had kept the payments up with the Firemen's Union.

Ralph Gower

The Clerk was asked to see if it was possible to get some more Towels. It was suggested that this should now be charged 2d instead of 1d.

The Baths were next inspected and the Committee congratulated Mr. Russell on the fine job he had made of distempering the walls and the condition of the Baths in general.

After discussion Mr. Stotesbury proposed that Mr. Russell be paid £4-10-0d, 60 hours at 1/6 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Gower. It was agreed the report be adopted.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported the serious illness of Mr. Evenden and that he thought that he would be unable to do anymore work.

The lad with the help of Mr. Withers was managing very well.

Mr. Hughe proposed that Mr. Evenden be paid full wages until the next Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Norman and carried.

A letter was read from Mrs. Viney regarding the way the stone on her sisters Grave had been chipped, and asking if something could be done to stop this. It was decided that a letter be sent to Mrs. Viney, that in future we would see that more care was taken.

Design

Mr. Stotesbury submitted a design of Kerb for Grave Space No. 1545, Section G and moved it be approved by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

Lighting

Mr. Austin said nothing to report.

The Clerk reported that the Copper in the Cottage was falling in and becoming dangerous. It was decided to get Draycon to repair this.

Institute

Mr. Saul reported that the Guttering near the back door wanted attention. The facing board had rotted causing the Gutter to come adrift. The Clerk was asked to see Draycon about this.

Finance

Mr. Hood proposed that Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts. Seconded by Mr. Bishop.

A. Cook.	Carting at Brook.	27.	1.	0.
Kent County Council.	Scavenging.	7.	3.	0.
W./Bond.	Local Government Chronicles.	6.	6.	
Nat. & Local Gov. Insur.	Clerks Guarantee.	3.	0.	
A.N. Hambrook.	Stationery.	5.	3.	
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.	5.	9.	
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	12.	4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	15.	6.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.		14.	8.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.		16.	0.
E. Withers.	Help.	2.	2.	0.
A.N. Hambrook.	Printing.	1.	5.	6.
Mid Kent Water Co.	Cottage Rate.		4.	8.

“	“	Cemetery & Mortuary.	11.	7.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.		Caretakers Wages.	10.	15. 0.
“		N.H.I. Stamps.		14. 4.
Mid Kent Water Co.		Water Supplied.	6.	5. 3.
Mid Kent Gas Co.		Gas.	3.	14. 7.
“		Coke.	4.	16. 6.
“		Mantles.		6. 0.
William Hayman.		Coal.	1.	11. 0.
W. Trudgett.		Supplies.		3. 6.
F. Abery.		Work Done.		12. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.		Gas Supplied & Hire of Lamps.	<u>7.</u>	<u>0. 0.</u>
			<u>£98.</u>	<u>19. 7.</u>

Cheque for Wages £35.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Bracher, Day & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension
2. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
3. Letter from Working Men’s Club re:- Repairs.
4. Letter from Mrs. Viney re:- Damage to Kerb.
5. Letter from Mrs. Hammond re:- Proposal to sell or let portion of Brookland.
After discussion, Mr, Austin proposed that this portion of Brookland of about 1 acre be let to Mrs. Hammond at £2 per year for a period of 5 years. Seconded by Mr. Beech.
6. Letter from Malling R.D. Council re:- Conference at County Hall.
7. Letter from Kent War Agricultural Com. re:- Proposal of Mrs. Hamond.
8. Letter from Argyles & Court re:- Fencing on Brookland.
9. Letter from C.T. Hook & Co. re:- Fencing of portion of Brookland.
Mr. Norman reported that both he and Mr. Stotesbury met Mr. Dedrick on the Brook regarding the fencing of portion of land, now belonging to C.T. Hook & Co Ltd, but owing to the state of the land and War condition it seemed impossible to get this done.
10. Letter from Mid Kent Water Co. giving analysis of water.

Other Business

Mr. Hughes reported the untidy state of our streets and roads. It was decided that a letter be sent to the Malling R. D. Council asking them to give this their attention. Mr. Robinson reported that a drain from Vine Cottage was overflowing into the Holborough Road. It was arranged to pass this on to Mr. Bundy.

Mr. Saul reported that the Bridge near Abbey Mead was in a dangerous state. The Clerk was asked to pass this on to East Malling Council

Mr. Hughes complained about cyclist riding on the path at the Broadway in Holborough Road, and he thought that if the Kerb was made higher it would stop this. It was arranged to point this out to Malling R.D. Council.

Nichol's Proposal to Purchase

This matter was again discussed and Mr. Hood proposed that the lease remain as left at August Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Sabine and carried.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
23rd November 1943.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 23rd November 1943

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman) Norman (Vice-Chairman) Austin, Filmer, Beech, Finch, Rev. Granger, Hood, Robinson, Stotesbury, Saul, Sabine, Tobin and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Arising from the Minutes Mr. Austin said he thought that the voting for the extra light in the High Street was the same for the amendment, as for the proposition.

Voting for the Amendment 7

Voting for the Proposition 7.

Casting vote of the Chairman for the amendment. The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Allotments

Mr. Hood said he had nothing to report.

The Clerk reported that she had met the Allotment War Damages Commissioner at the Bomb hole, and he was now proceeding with the Allotment holders claims. The filling in of the hole did not come under this department. A letter had been sent regarding this matter, but no reply had been received. It was decided that a further letter be sent to hurry matters on & it was left that as soon as a reply was received, Mr. Hood & the Clerk go forward with arrangements.

Brook

Mr. Beech reported that Mr. Crowhurst had made a good job of repairing the Stile at the Willow Walk.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bathers for the last four weeks to be 500 and the fees amounted to £7-7-5d, against 712 and £9-4-5d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson said that the drop in Bathers was partly due, owing to closing for repairs to Boiler.

There had been slight trouble regarding the Ladies Day. This had now been overcome by Ladies Day being on Fridays and Gents Saturday & Thursday.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury gave the report of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held in the Devonshire Rooms on Monday November 22nd at 7pm.

Mr. Evenden was still very ill, and Mr. Stotesbury thought the Committee should come to an understanding regarding the wages. The Council had paid him full wages for the last 6 weeks, which he thought was very fair. After referring to Mr. Evenden's agreement, Mr. Saul proposed that Mr. Evenden be paid 30/- per week until the end of the year. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Mr. Stotesbury said that the boy was carrying on very well with the help of Mr. Withers, who was at the Cemetery for 2 half days a week & he thought we could manage like this until the end of the year, when this matter be gone into thoroughly.

It was agreed the report be adopted.

Conveyance

Mr. Stotesbury proposed that the Conveyance of Grave Space No. 1572, Section B, Consecrated Portion to Adelaide Pankhurst be signed by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Hood.

Institute

Mr. Saul reported that he had seen Mr. Draycon regarding the Guttering as he would get on with the job as soon as possible.

Lighting

Mr. Austin said nothing to report.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Filmer said nothing to report.

Finance

Mr. Norman presented the Financial Statement. Mr. Stotesbury proposed. Mr. Saul seconded that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts.

D. Crowhurst.	Repairing Stile.	7.	6.
Malling R.D. Council.	Cottage Rates.	3.	12. 5.
Mrs. Blackman.	Brook Gatekeeper.	3.	0. 0.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	13.	12. 4.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	7.	13. 0.
“	4. N.H.I. Stamps.	14.	8.
E. Withers.	Help.	2.	8. 0.
Inland Revenue.	Evenden's Tax.	16.	0.
Malling R.D. Council.	Cemetery & House Rate.	2.	19. 3.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9.	8. 8.
“	4 Extra Days & 5/- per day.	1.	0. 0.
“	10 N.H.I. Stamps.	17.	11.
G. Russell.	Work Done.	4.	10. 0.

F. Abery.	Repairs to Boiler.	1. 5. 0.
R. Robinson.	Supplies.	2. 12. 7.
D. Crowhurst.	Wood.	9. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	<u>4. 16. 6.</u>
		<u>£70. 15. 0.</u>

Cheque for Wages. £40.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mrs. Hammond accepting terms of Brook Rent.
2. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries re:- Allotment War Damage.
3. Letter from Whitehead, Thomas & Urmston re:- Nichol's Lease.
4. Letter from S. Bundy re:- Overflow at Vine Cottages.
5. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Raised Kerbs & Untidy Streets.
6. Letter from Bracher, Son & Miskin re:- Cemetery Extension.
7. Letter from Kent River Catchment Board re:- Drainage Scheme.
The Chairman said he had seen the plans regarding this matter & he thought it would be a big improvement to our Brookland.
8. Letter from Food Office re:- Towels for Public Baths.
It was decided to write to the Board of Trade for further information.

Other Business

The Chairman said he would like to see the seat on the Malling Rural District Council occupied, otherwise he was afraid we would lose it. Mr. Filmer said he would consider this as he had now plenty of time to spare.

Mr. Saul proposed that a letter be sent to Malling proposing Mr. Filmer. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Mr. Saul asked if anything could be done regarding the house in Woodlands Avenue being let to the lodger, when old Snodland Inhabitant had been promised this House. It was suggested a letter to Malling asking them to look into this matter.

Mr. Tobin asked if the Kerbs & Lamp Posts could be whitened, as this would be a great help in the black out. It was decided that a letter be sent to Malling asking them if they would do this.

Ralph Gower
Chairman
28th December 1943.

Meeting of the Council

Held in the Devonshire Rooms on Tuesday 28th December 1943

At 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Gower (Chairman) Norman (Vice-Chairman) Austin, Beech, Bishop, Rev. Granger, Filmer, Hood, Hughes, Robinson, Sabine, Stotesbury, Tobin and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Allotments

Mr. Hood said he had heard nothing about the Bomb Hole claim. The Clerk reported that up to the present nothing had been heard from Tunbridge Wells regarding the filling in, but a claim form had been received which had now been completed & returned. It was decided that the Clerk see Mr. Cook and ask him if he would proceed with the filling in & tidying up the hole.

Baths

Mr. Robinson reported that the number of Bather for the last five weeks to be 475 and the fees amounted to £7-0-11d against 1055 and £13-12-2d for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Robinson said that the drop was due to no Troops this year. It was reported by the Caretaker that one of the hot water taps had broken away, Mr. Robinson had asked the Water Co. to attend to this matter.

Brook

Mr. Beech said nothing to report.

Recreation ground

Mr. Filmer reported that a number of Stakes were broken & missing from the fence at the bottom of the Council Houses in the Recreation Ground. It was left to the Clerk to report this to the Malling R.D. Council.

Cemetery

Mr. Stotesbury reported that Mr. Evenden was now a great deal better, and wanted to take over the work again. After a great deal of discussion it was proposed by Mr. Norman that a letter be sent to Mr. Evenden asking him to get a certificate off his Doctor stating whether he was fit to resume work. If the Doctor signed him fit, he be given a months trial at full pay. The matter to be again discussed at the next Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Beech.

Lighting

Mr. Austin reported that the light at the corner of May Street had been out quite a number of times lately. It was decided that a strong protest be sent to the Manager of the Gas Works regarding this.

Finance

Mr. Norman presented that Financial Statement. Mr. Beech proposed. Mr. Stotesbury seconded that Cheques be signed to pay the following accounts.

Clerk.	Wages.	18.	5.	3.
“	13. N.H.I. Stamps.	1.	0.	7.
Inland Revenue.	Schedule D. Tax.	4.	12.	0.

R. Smith.	Hire of Room.	3. 15. 0.
Bank of England.	Loan & Interest.	11. 4. 3.
Royal Insurance.	Institute.	1. 17. 6.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell.	Caretakers Wages.	9. 10. 0.
“	8. N.H.I. Stamps.	14. 4.
Mid Kent gas Co.	Coke.	3. 4. 4.
W. Trudgett.	Supplies.	3. 8.
J. Evenden.	Caretakers Wages.	7. 10. 0.
C. Morley.	Assistant.	9. 11. 3.
“	10. N.H.I. Stamps.	18. 4.
E. Withers.	Help.	3. 3. 0.
Mid Kent Gas Co.	Coke.	1. 12. 2.
Royal Insurance.	Fire Insurance.	19. 9.
Messrs. Doulton & Son.	2. Grave Markers.	7. 6.
C. Betts.	Repairing Straps.	6.
		<u>£78. 9. 5.</u>

Correspondence

1. Letter from Board of Trade re:- Towels Public Baths.
2. Letter from Malling R. D. Council re:- Housing.
3. Letter from J.W. Pell re:- Painting Kerbs & Lamp Posts.
4. Letter from Mr. Evenden re:- Seeds
5. Letter from Whitehead, Thomas & Urmston re:- Option to re-new lease J. Nichols & Son.
This was granted by the Council.

Other Business

Mr. Stotesbury reported that after December 29th, the Ferry was being closed & asked if nothing could be done regarding this. Mr. Norman said he had taken this matter up with Malling, but nothing could be done about this.

Mr. Robinson reported that the Telephone post outside the Devonshire Rooms was a great danger to the Public & also very unsightly on the footpath, and asked if something could be done about it. It was decided that a very strong protest be sent to the G.P.O. asking if they could shift it.

Ralph Gower.
Chairman
25th January 1944.

