

Memorandum of Agreement
made the 7th Day of January 1896
between
The Bridge Gas Coke & Coal Compy Ltd.
and
Bridge Parish Council

The Gas Compy will keep in repair and light with a light of 3in by 2.5 The Eleven existing Lamps for the sum of Five Pounds Ten Shillings for each Lamp per ann.
The Lamps to be lighted one hour after sunset and extinguished at 10.30 pm except for three months in the summer viz From the Middle of May to the Middle of August and for five nights of every full Moon at which periods the Lamps will not be required except also at any time when circumstances may arise over which the Company has no control in which latter case a proportionate reduction of the amount payable shall be made by the Company.

This agreement commences 1st January 1896 and may be terminated by six months previous notice in writing on either side.

Joshua Fairbrass Chairman of
Parish Council
Henry J Bird Parish Councillor
Richard Friend Parish Councillor

Matthew Bell
Chairman of
Bridge Gas Compy
Chas Wills Secretary Bridge Gas Coke &
Coal Compy Ltd.

Patixbourne
Canterbury
May 8 1895

Revd. & Dear sir,

Your letter of the 23rd ult. was duly placed before the Parish Council, at its meeting last evening, and the terms you proposed, relative to the use, by the Council, of the Reading Room, were unanimously agreed to, and are hereby accepted, viz,

That the Council have the use of the Room on the first Tuesday evening in each month in consideration of a payment of $\square 1$ annually (at Michaelmas), with a payment of 2/- per night for additional meetings, if required subject to the room being at liberty, and reasonable notice being given to the caretaker, special arrangements to be made however for Parish Meetings.

I have pleasure in adding that on the proposition of Mr Fairbrass, seconded by Mr Bird it was also unanimously agreed, "that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Vicar for his services as Chairman of the Council to April last and for the liberal manner in which he had ...the Council in reference to the use of the Reading Room"

The Council consider the resolution passed by the Guardians at their last meeting (mentioned by me to you this morning) both illegal and uncalled for, but as it was stated that you would take action thereon, at the Board meeting tomorrow, it was decided to leave the matter entirely in your hands,

I am Revd. Sir
your obedt. servant

Robert Wye.