

Notes extracted from Bridge Gas Coke and Coal Company Minutes 1858-1932
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Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne, Bishopsbourne and Beakesbourne met at the Red Lion, Bridge, Tuesday 28th September 1858.

The meeting Chaired by Matthew Bell

Agreed to set up the Company with subscribers:

Marchioness	100 shares
Marquis	20
Matthew Bell	50

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Total	400 @ £5

Works to be erected by Messrs Drury & Co,

Contract accepted 6/10/1858

Lighting to be provided year round except mid May to mid August and '5 nights at the full of the moon' @ £4.10s per lamp per annum.

Lamp posts to be erected in Bridge Street

Gas tar to be 3d per gallon and 4d when retailed.

Five tons coal delivered ~10th December 1858

Service pipes and meter provided for private houses.

Tank to be filled from well on the premises (bell offered water barrel, if required).

Lamp posts fitted and works tested ~10th December 1858.

One ton lime ordered.

Drury to complete the well and fix a pump.

Thomas Redwood - stoker - appointed.

23/5/59 Gasman's cottage agreed with Mr Langfield for £147

17/8/59 Edward Dadds appointed Gasman with cottage

24/10/59 management taken over by Mr Berry of Ashford

only two out of three retorts needed to be used

21/11/59 Drury asked to quote for iron fence adjoining the road with iron gate and painted

Actually leased to Drury & Biggleston

Reference made to 'Gas Holder'

8/11/1928 343 shares transferred to East Kent gas Co.

1929 Gas now taken from East Kent Gas Co.

31/12/1932 Company wound up.

(Extract by John Corfield)