

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th of January, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of December, 1888—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Parsonage and Simms-Bull ; and Councillors Cox, Lawrence, Pippett, and Darby (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)

1--Street Crossings—In pursuance of the Resolution of the Town Council on the motion of Councillor Lawrence, of date the and Oct., this question was fully considered. And It was Resolved That all crossings not in continuation of footpaths, be taken up at the earliest convenience of the Road Inspector. and that where the Street and Highway Committee consider it necessary, an asphalte crossing be placed instead of the present crossing, And that the Committee be empowered to make experiments as to crossings such as are complained of as being objectionable, in the line of existing footways.

2—Destructor—The Town Clerk before the Committee Notices and Plans deposited with him of the Midland and South-Western Junction Railway Company, sheaving interference with the Gloucester Road, near the Midland Station and with the land agreed to be purchased for the site of the Destructor, and the approach road thereto from the Arle Road, and reported that the assent or dissent is required to be returned on or before the 20th inst. And It was Resolved That the Corporation be returned as dissenting.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of January, 1889—Present Aldermen Parsonage and ; Councillors Cox, Darby, Haddon, Heath, Pippett and Lawrence (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average illuminating power, 17.11 candles, purity average, 13.83 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2 ---Gas Inspector's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of gas 4.201 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Book—The Lamp book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined, and it was found that during the month 46 lamps (of which to were metered lamps) had been extinguished, and 33 burning dimly.

4-Lighting of Arle Road—The Chairman reported that he had conferred with the Manager of the Gas Works, who said he believed that if an application by the Corporation was made to the Gas Company to extend their main into Arle village it would be favourably considered. And It was Resolved, That application be accordingly made.

5--Trinity Lane. Belmont Terrace Road—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 1st instant of the works required to be done to the said streets were read and approved. And It was Resolved that the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of premises fronting ad-joining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Streets requiring to be levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

6-Christ Church Road, Footpath on West side from Yo-semite to Queen's Road--A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the not inst. of the Works required to be done to the above footpath was read approved. And it was resolved that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

7—Road froth Lansdown Crescent to Christ Church—A Letter from E. D. Hill, Esq., of Instowe, calling attention to the inconvenience arising from the want of a name to this road, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Road (from Gloucester Road through to Lansdown Crescent) be called Malvern Road, and that Name Plates be accordingly put up.

8—Libertus Estate, St. Mark's--A Letter from Mr. W. Witchell, the Hon. Sec. to the Libertus Estate Committee, stating that they are about to lay down thirty tons of stone on these roads, and asking that the use of the steam roller might be granted for half-a-day, was read. And It was Resolved, That the request be complied with as soon as the Highway Inspector can spare the roller.

9—Mr. R. Davis's Now House in Pittville Circus Road—A Letter from Mr. Davis requesting permission to provide fix and keep in order at his own expense a permanent gully in order to make room for the approach to his proposed new villa was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Davis be allowed to fix a gully in a position to be approved by the Borough Surveyor, and constructed with the necessary connections to his satisfaction.

10—Georges' Bakery in Clarence Street—The Plan deposited with the Corporation in July last was laid before the Committee and considered. And It was Resolved That the Corporation cannot give their consent under sec. 156 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the bringing forward of the shop front or any part of the buildings beyond the line of the shop front of the adjoining house, and that in the event of the same being brought forward without such consent, proceedings be taken to prevent the same. It was also Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee it would be desirable if possible at a reasonable expense to set back all the shop fronts and areas in front of the houses in Bedford Buildings so as to make an uniform frontage with the new Library building, and widen the footway, and that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and submit the same to the owners with the view to ascertain on what terms they would be prepared to set back their frontages.

11—Damage to Thomas's Shop Front, in Bath Road—A claim from Messrs. Thomas, Bros., Chemists, Bath Road, for damage done to their shop window by reason of one of the Corporation carts having

backed into it, together with a letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley, the agent for the Plate Glass Insurance Company, and a report from the Highway Inspector thereon were read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further enquiry.

12—Lamp at corner of Eldon Road and Hewlett Road—A memorial from Mr. D. Broom and others praying that this lamp may be re-fixed four feet further in a south-westerly direction, and not removed to the opposite side of the Hewlett Road was read. And It was Resolved, That the application be complied with.

13— Chester Walk—A memorial from Mr. W. C. Channon and others calling attention to the state of this roadway and footpath was read. And It was Resolved That the memorialists be informed that as soon as the gas main has been altered the repair of the walk will be proceeded with.

14—Hale's Road— A memorial from Mr. James Downing and others praying that the order served upon them to flag the footpath between Sydenham Road north and King's Road might be rescinded was read. And It was Resolved That they be informed the order has been rescinded.

15—Crossing from Queen's Circus to Clarence House—A memorial from Messrs. Furber and Son and others as to the unsatisfactory state of this crossing was read. And It was Resolved That the memorialists be informed the crossing is proposed to be altered as an experiment.

16—Seat near Lisnamoe, Lansdown Road—A letter from Major-General Finlay asking if there would be any objection to the removal of this seat from its present position to a spot some 50 yards farther up the road towards Gloucester was read. And It was Resolved that the application be complied with,

17—Lloyd, corner of Naunton Park Road—The Surveyor reported that Mr. Lloyd had erected a fence at his property, and in so doing had encroached on the public roadway. And It was Resolved That he be given notice to set back his fence 8 feet from the kerbing

18—Highway Inspector's Report—The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month :—Repaired with Clee Hill Stone : Part of Tewkesbury Road, from foot of Midland Railway Bridge to opposite Sun Street; Park Place, Tivoli ; Winchcomb Street and Leamington Place ; North Street, from Albion Street to High Street, Repaired with Wickwar Stone (patching): Hanover Parade, Dunalley Parade, Bath Road, St. George's Square, Grosvenor Street. Repaired with Tytherington Stone : Tewkesbury Road, from boundary to Railway Bridge; Tivoli Street ; Hatherley Street ; Lypiatt Street ; Sun Street, and Alstone Lane. Edging, Flagging, and Crossings : All Saints' Road (proceeding), Grosvenor Terrace, York Street, Duke Street, Hewlett Street, Albert Place, Portland Square, Carlton Place, Crescent Terrace, Sherborne Terrace, Montpellier Terrace, Bath Road, Corpus Street, Rodney Terrace, and Lansdown Terrace. Footpaths : Old Bath Road, near Railway Bridge; Millbrook Street ; Montpellier Gardens ; Selkirk Street and back ; Tivoli Road : Sandfield Road, Royal Well Parade. Asphalt : Repairs to footpath back Lansdown Terrace and Alley, Central Depot. Tariffing : Albion Street and Hale's Road. Ashes : Loads collected, 1759.

19—Horse Provender—Tenders were submitted from various Tradesmen for three months' supply of horse provender. And, It was Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Bloodworth and Son, at the following prices, be accepted :

Black Oats 16/6 to 19/6 per 312 lbs.
White ditto 17/3 to 20/- per 312 lbs.
English Beans 4/4 per bushel of 39 lbs.
Egyptian ditto 4/- per bushel of 39 lbs.
Small Maize 26/6 per 480 lbs.
Flat ditto 24/6 per 480 lbs.
Peas 32/. per 480 lbs.
English Barley 23/- per 400 lbs.
Foreign ditto 20/- per 400 lbs.
Bran £5 per ton ; Hay 10/- per ton
Straw £2 15/. per ton
Linseed 7/-per bushel
Prepared Corn £7 and £8 per ton.

20-Horse Manure—It was Resolved That the offer of Mr. Wm. Cook to take the manure at 6/- per ton be accepted, no other tenders having been received.

21---Lamp at entrance to All Saints' Churchyard—A Letter from Messrs. Billings, asking (on behalf of the Churchwardens of this Church) for permission to remove this lamp, and in lieu thereof to connect the service, which now supplies it, to one of four lamps which they are engaged in erecting upon stone pillars for the church authorities, the other three lamps being supplied from the church meter, was read. And It was Resolved That the application be granted.

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22-Midland and South-Western Junction Railway—It was Resolved That the Borough Surveyor do report to this Committee as to how and to what extent this Company's proposed extension will affect the Corporation in respect of the Destructor site.

23—New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from Messrs. Bendall and Sanders for two houses in Evelyn Road, the further consideration of which was adjourned ; from Messrs. H. A. and R. J. Webb, for a shed at the back of 19, Tivoli Place, which was not approved; from Mr. John Beamish for additions to Midland Coffee Tavern, Queen's Road, approved, subject to the walls being 9 inches thick; and from Mr. Arthur Mulcock for a house and shop in Ambrose Street, which was approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of January, 1889—Present :
Alderman Parsonage; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Applications from the following persons to be registered as purveyors of milk, were read, viz., A. Coveney, Cloughton House, Manchester Street ; A. Barnfield,

No. 4 Fairview Road; E. King, St. John's Coffee Tavern ; J. W. Oliver, No. 68 High Street ; J. Kingman, No. 6 Chester Walk ; F. Richardson, No. 4 Hewlett Road ; A. Herbert, No. 27 Bath Street ; G. White, Victoria Coffee Tavern ; and W. Garlic, No. 18a Great Norwood Street. And It was Resolved That the Applicants be registered.

2—Slaughter House Licenses—Applications from T. Sheppard, of 2, St. Mark's Emporium ; Ray Challis, of Tivoli Street ; Chas. Phipps, of 1, Exchange Buildings ; Edwd. Rymell, of No. 3 High Street ; Fredk. Rodway, of 278 High Street ; J. W. Storr, of Whaddon Lane ; J. Hastings, of Folly Lane ; T. Verrinder, of 3 Hewlett Road ; and E. E. Plydell, of 3 High Street, for renewal of their Slaughter House Licenses, were read. And It was Resolved, That they be permitted to use their present premises for one year. An application was also received from Mr. A. Mills for renewal of his Slaughter House License in Russell Place, and a Memorial from a number of residents in that neighbourhood, calling attention to the fact of the Slaughter House being, from its situation and condition a nuisance, and a fruitful source of disease, and also a Letter from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting that a case of typhoid fever had occurred in the vicinity. which was partly attributed to the insanitary condition of the Slaughter House premises, were read. And It was Resolved That the application be not complied with. An application from Mr. G. S. Tarr to be permitted to use his premises at back of No. 151, High Street, was refused.

3—Tuson's Disinfecting Fluid—The Medical Officer of Health was empowered to order 50 gallons of Tuson's Disinfecting Liquid No. 1 at 3/- per gallon for flushing purposes.

4—Sewage Farms The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to mark the timber on the Sewage Farms, had done so, and had arranged for the sale thereof by Mr. J. G. Villar by auction at the Pheasant Inn, Staverton, on the 15th inst., And It was Resolved, That the action of the Sub-Committee be approved.

5—Urinal, High Street—The Surveyor submitted an Account from the Water Department for water supplied to the Public Urinal in High Street, for the half-year ending 29th Sept. last, amounting to £10 14/6. And It was Resolved, That as the Committee consider the amount unnecessarily high, the account do stand over till next meeting, with a view to an arrangement being made for the payment of a fixed sum annually.

6—Proposed Public Abattoir—A Memorial from the Executive Committee of the Cheltenham Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and signed by a number of other residents in the Town, praying the Corporation to establish a Public

Abattoir in place of the existing Slaughter Houses of the Town, was read.

7—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed

Leckhampton Poor Rate	£0 8 9
Ditto General District Rate	£0 10 6
B. Bubb's Executors, Tithe on land at Hardwicke	£12 0 5
W. M. Gammond, Copies of Weekly Reports of District Medical Officers	£2 10 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths;	£0 18 10
Seabury and Johnson, Sulphur Candles	£1 4 3
W. A. Baker, Repairs to Urinals	£17 3 10

Georges Limited, Refreshments for Public Health Committee and Sub-Committee
on Three Visits to Sewage Farms

£3 0 1

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of January, 1889—Present The Mayor, Alderman Parsonage, Councillor King, (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1---Ragged School —D. T. Woodward, Esq., attended as a deputation from the Committee of this School, on the subject of the charges for water, which he hoped the Committee would remit or considerably reduce, and the Manager was instructed to examine the fittings and report thereon.

2—Tile Manager's Monthly Report on the state of the works at Hewletts and Dowdeswell, and on the proposed new works at Tewkesbury was read and approved. The Manager laid before the Meeting the plans and specifications of the Water Tower and Reservoir on the Mythe Hill, and the alterations and additions to the pumping station. And It was Resolved That the same be approved, and that Tenders be advertised for in the two Cheltenham papers, a Tewkesbury paper, the two County papers, the " Birmingham Daily Post," and " Engineer."

3—Appeals—Various appeals were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of December 1888—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Connor, Cox, Hands, Heath, and Skillicorne (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

1—Nuisance from "Echo " boys in Clarence Parade—A memorial from Mrs. E. B. Verrier and others, complaining of the great nuisance caused to residents in Clarence Parade and the vicinity by the boys employed by the Echo office playing games, using bad language, and throwing stones in the street, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Proprietors of the Echo, urging them to take steps to prevent the nuisance complained of.

2— Hunting Fares on C.W. Railway—A Letter from Mr. John Goodwin to the Mayor, calling attention to the fact that the Great Western Railway Co. had taken off the Hunting Tickets from Cheltenham, a step which would be greatly felt by the hunting gentlemen of the town, and asking the Mayor to take the matter up was read. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the General Manager of the Company upon the subject.

3--Hackney Carriages—Bullingham—An application from Mr. E. Bullingham to be allowed to transfer License No. 107 to another carriage, the old one being worn out, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Transfer be allowed.

4 — Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

W. A. Baker, sundry Repairs at Municipal Offices ..	£1 13 9
Ditto Cleaning Windows in Borough Accountant's Office	£0 4 0
Ditto Repairing Doors of Office at Cattle Market ..	£0 3 6
Ditto Sundry Disbursements re Fire Brigade	£2 19 3
Ditto Salaries of Fire Brigade, half-year ending Dec., 1888	£37 10 0
G. H. Devereux, Binding Monthly Circulars of Municipal Corporations Association, 1888	£0 4 0
R. W. Young, Market Expenses and Commission Highway Inspector, Cleansing Cattle Market	£1 6 11
C. St. Leger, Cleaning and Repairing Town Clock, &c.	£2 7 10
Llewelin Evans, Cover for Fire Escape ..	£1 8 0
W. A. Baker, Erecting Fire Escape Cover and sundry Repairs at Fire Engine Station..	£4 10 0
	£44 17 6

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1888—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—SWIMMING BATH—The Engineer stated that he had no report to make respecting the Swimming Bath, as the Bath was now closed, and the Caretaker was at present employed in the Medical Officer's Department.

2—RECREATION GROUND—The Surveyor reported that the Shelter was being proceeded with as rapidly as possible, the Contractor having commenced immediately after the execution of the contract a fortnight ago:

3—ACCOUNT—The following account was examined and allowed :

H. D. Brown o/a Contract for Caretaker's Lodge ... £127 5 0

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1888—Present :—The Mayor; Councillors Cox, Heath, Kite, and Haddon (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

1—DESIGNS—The following Designs were examined and approved, viz.: Headstones to A. T. Liddle, Emily S. Mitchell, Annie Pugh, and Ellen J. Dalrymple.

2—CHAS. SMITH—A Letter from Mr. Selim Smith, asking the Committee to remit to Mr. C. Smith, of Fairview Street, the fee paid by him on the interment of his infant child on the 8th Nov. last, the child having been buried in the same coffin as the mother, and two fees having been paid, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Supt. be authorised to remit the amount upon personal application to him by Mr. C. Smith.

3—ACCOUNTS—The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid, viz.—

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£6 17 0
T. H. Packer, Coal	£1 14 0
Waterlow Bros. & Layton, Stamping Burial Grants	£1 8 0
Webb & Sons, Coal	£1 12 1
Prestbury Poor Rate on Cemetery	£ 7 2 6
W. Green, Repairs to Firegrate, &c. in sitting room at Lodge	£0 10 9 ½
Cap. a/c Mark Williams, making and repairing roads at Cemetery	£48 17 8
ditto	£10 10 0

GEO. JAS. COX,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1888—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Griffith, Ramsay, and Welsh; Councillors Haddon, Kite, Lawrence, Neale, Parsonage, and Woodard (Alderman Captain Welch in the chair)—

1—LIBRARY BUILDING — As requested by the Committee at a previous meeting, Mr. Knight submitted a statement of the expenses already paid and the liabilities in connection with the new building.

2— RAILING ROUND LIBRARY—This matter was again adjourned in order to enable the Architect to prepare further sketches of the proposed railings.

3—SCHOOL of SCIENCE—Mr. Whittard's letter of date the 25th Sept. was again considered. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do see Mr. Whittard and explain to him the reasons why the Committee cannot accede to the proposals contained in his letter.

G. A. W. WELCH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1888—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Griffith; Councillors Neale, Parsonage, and Haddon (Councillor Haddon in the chair)—In the absence of the Chairman, The Mayor was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

4—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts of books had been made to the Library Mr. J.). H. Phillips .. 6 Vols. University Correspondence College, Cambridge .. 1 Pamphlet Mr. H. E. Branch .. 2 Vols. Messrs. Cassell & Co. 1 Vol. Society for the Abolition of Vivisection 1 Vol. Liverpool Free Public Library Committee 1 Vol. Annual Report of the Dundee Public Library

5—SCHOOL of SCIENCE—The Town Clerk reported that he had seen Mr. Whittard, the Hon. Sec. of the School of Science, in pursuance of the Resolution passed at the last meeting of this Committee, and a letter from Mr. Whittard to the Chairman of the Committee, asking for a more definite reply, so that he might lay it before his Committee, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Whittard.

6—CHELTENHAM EXPRESS—A Letter from Mr. S. H. Brookes, offering to present to the Public Library the office files of the

Cheltenham Express from 1886 to 1888, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Gift be accepted with thanks.

7 —ACCOUNTS—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

James Wilson, Books £0 19 0

J. W. Pink, ditto £2 7 0

James Webb, ditto £4 8 6

W. H. Smith and Son, ditto £11 17 5

John Grant, ditto £4 0 3

J. J. Banks, ditto £27 8 9

Ditto, Magazines £3 6 10

Ditto, Newspapers and Periodicals £10 2 8

Norman, Sawyer & Co., Printing and Stationery £14 2 6

Ditto Binding and Lettering £8 2 8

A. C. and S. Billing o/a Contract for Building £1000 0 0

W. H. Knight, Salary of Clerk of Works, two months, to 22nd Dec. £88 16 0 0

Saml. Denison and Son, Furniture, &c. £12 0 0

W. Jones, Assistants' Wages to 2nd Feb. £13 15 0

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 3rd day of January, 1888 (Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Kite, Parsonage and Pippett (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Dowdeswell Poor Rate—The Borough Accountant presented for payment a Demand from the Overseers of the Poor of Dowdeswell Parish for the Poor Rate on the Dowdeswell Works, amounting to £64 16/- being on an assessment of £840. And It was Resolved That the present demand be paid, but that the Corporation do appeal against the assessment before the making of the next rate.

2--Complaint against Mr. Loveridge—The complaint made by Mr. Albert Smith against the Rate Collector, read at the last meeting of the Council, was now considered, and the Committee having heard Mr. Loveridge's explanation, and the Member of the Committee who brought forward the charge having expressed himself satisfied therewith, It was Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee no blame whatever is attachable to Mr. Loveridge.

3 —COLLECTION OF RATES—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 3rd inst., on these Rates was read, shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £5439, leaving outstanding £6123 13/8 ¾ On the Branch Sewers Rate £276 10/ leaving outstanding £396 7/3 ½ . On St. Mark's Branch Rate £8 5/4, leaving out-standing £8 17/7 ¾

4—WATER RATE—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date 3rd inst., on the collection of this Rate was read, shewing receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £3820 16s. 1d. In Tewkesbury £264 18/10, leaving outstanding £226 7/8.

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5 —ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums :

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund	£0 2 6
Library (Revenue)	£10 3 7
Recreation Ground	£42 16 11
Urban Authority (Revenue)	£3593 7 2
Burial Board (Revenue)	£74 17 5
Branch Sewers	£177 5 0
Water (Revenue)	£2099 17 1
Ditto (Capital)	£87 4 0

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID -

Borough Fund	£592 7 6
Public Library (Revenue)	£728 2 3
Ditto (Capital)	£1016 0 0
Public Baths (Revenue)	£43 15 9
Recreation Ground (Capital)	£127 5 0
Urban Authority (Revenue)	£3105 2 3

Burial Board (Revenue)	£78	3	5
Ditto (Capital)	£48	17	8
Branch Sewers	£31	2	10
Street Improvements	£28	2	6
Water (Revenue)	£2893	14	1
Ditto (Capital)	£16	12	6

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, January 23rd, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Council, which, in pursuance of the provisions of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session held in the 35th and 36th years of the reign of Her Present Majesty, intituled " An Act to authorise the application of the Funds of Municipal Corporations and other governing "bodies in certain cases," will be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday the 28th day of January instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes

1. For the purpose of confirming the propriety of the promotion of the Bill deposited in Parliament by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough for making further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Good Government of the Borough, to provide for the issue of Corporation Stock, and for other purposes, the promotion whereof was resolved on at a Meeting of the Council held on the 15th day of October last.
2. For the purpose of considering the propriety of opposing the Bill deposited in Parliament by the Midland and South-Western Junction Railway Company, intituled "A Bill to authorise the Midland and South-Western Junction Railway Company to " construct a new Railway, and for other purposes," and of authorising the incurring of the expenses of and in relation to such opposition, and the payment of such expenses out of such fund or funds, rate or rates, and in such proportion as the Council shall determine.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of—

THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. [no minutes]

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, January 30th, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 4th day of February next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of the following Committees :

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Councillor Price to move : " That it is desirable that the urinal situate at the junction of Ambrose Street with the High Street be removed to some more convenient position, less open to objection than the present one."

5. Councillor Kite to move : That the Borough Surveyor be at once instructed to affix name plates at each end of streets and places at present without the same."

6. Notices of Motion.

7. To read the following Letters, Memorials, &c., and pass Resolutions thereon if need be :

W. Hands, application for a crossing at end of Millbrook Street. Edward Smith and others, re Roads in Lynton Place. Edwin Trigg and others, re Footpath from Exmouth Street to Fairfield Road. W. C. Channon, re Removal of Pillar Letter Boxes. William Dutton and others, re Allotments of Garden Land. W. J. Houghton and others, re Lighting of Marle Hill Road and Hanover Parade.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th of February, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 5th day of January, 1889—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Parsonage ; and Councillors Cox, Darby, Haddon, Heath and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Bedford Buildings—The Surveyor reported that he had seen Mr. McCarthy who was prepared to assent to the proposal to set back the shop front of No. 3 to the face of the walls of the houses, and throw the land in front of both his houses into the footpath if the Corporation would defray the cost of the new shop fronts for his two houses. A letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, on behalf of Georges (Limited), stating that the Company would be prepared to set back their front, the terms to be settled by arbitration, on being allowed to put up their new front at once as a temporary measure. And It was Resolved, That Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney be informed that the Committee would prefer that the Company should name the terms on which they would give up the land.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of January, 1889—Present Aldermen Parsonage and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Cox, and Heath (Alderman Parsonage in the chair):

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Examiner was read Average illuminating power, 16.91 candles ; sulphur, 17.77 grains per 100 cubic feet.

2--Gas Inspector's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average consumption 4.168 cubic feet per lamp, per hour.

3—Lamp Book—The Lamp book kept at the Police Station was examined, and showed lamps extinguished during the month 50, burning dimly, 14.

3—Mr. W. E. Williams' Letter—The letter from Mr. W. E. Williams, read at the last meeting of this Committee was again considered, and a letter from the Gas Examiner, stating that he had given the same his attention, and had been unable to discover in it anything not covered by his report of date the 26th November last, was also read. And It was Resolved, That a copy of Mr. Matthews' letter be sent to Mr. Williams.

4--Extension of Gas Main to Arle—A letter from Messrs. Griffiths, the clerks to the Gas Company, stating that the company will extend their main into Arle, as desired, was read.

5—Special Works in Selkirk Street, College Road, Chapel Street, and Barnard's Row and Little's Court—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Special Works ordered in the above localities had been completed in accordance with the specifications at a cost of £17 15s. 11d., £35 14s. 7d., £8 19s.

11d., and £7 2s. 0d., respectively. And It was Resolved, That notice of the apportionment be given to the respective owners, and demand made for repayment of the amounts respectively due from them

6 — Roadway at back of Upper Bath Street—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 28th instant of the works required to be done to the said street was read and approved. And It was Resolved that the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of premises fronting ad-joining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street requiring to be levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

7-D. Laughland -Ail application from Mr. D. Laughland, of Salem House, Clarence Parade, for permission to erect over his premises a signboard similar to Mr. Howlett's in the same street, and standing 12ft. 6in. above the pavement, and projecting 5ft., was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee, having viewed the premises, cannot consent to the erection of the sign-board proposed.

8—Pearce & Sons' Timber Yard, Regent Place—A Letter from Messrs. B. W. Pearce and Sons, asking to be allowed to lay down at the entrance to their timber yard a crossing of Staffordshire chequered crossing blocks was read. And It was Resolved That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification for this crossing, and also for one at the entrance to the Albion Saw Mills.

9—Special Works in Swindon Road—Knight—A Letter from Mrs. M. A. Knight of 065, High Street, asking to be excused from payment of the sum of £2 7s. 6d., for Special Works in Swindon Road, in consideration of having given up to the public, some years ago, a strip of land to form a pathway and paving the same, was read. And it was Resolved, That the letter be adjourned for further consideration.

10—Special Works in Exmouth Street—Whitmore—A letter from Mr. C. H. Whitmore, asking to be refunded the sum of £3 1s. 8d. paid by him for Special Works in Exmouth Street, in the year 1862, and further stating that no Notice of Special Works in Hales Road, payment for which had been demanded, had been served upon him, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Letter be referred to the Surveyor for a Report thereon.

11 — Ambrose Street Improvement—Flushing Cottage—A letter from Mr. Chas Bailey, the Lessee of this property, stating that he would be prepared to leave Flushing Cottage at a short notice, provided the Corporation would forego the rent, and that he had been unable to live on the premises for over two years, was read, and the Town Clerk having reported that Mr. Bailey's tenancy would expire in due course on the 04th March next, and that the L. & N.W. Railway Co's. agent had called upon him and stated that his Company would like to purchase the property, It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Plan of the Premises and report thereon.

12—Damage to Wall at back of Kenilworth House- A correspondence with Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, on behalf of Dr. Day, of Kenilworth House, upon the subject of damage to this wall by one of the Corporation teams, and an account from Messrs. Doogood of £3 12s. for repairing same, was read. And It was Resolved, That the amount be paid.

13--Fence at Corner of Naunton Park Road—A Letter from Mr. Thomas Lloyd stating that he was unaware he had encroached in this matter, as he had only enclosed a 3ft. ditch, and that he would delay the completion of the fence pending the settlement of the question was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor to inspect the place and report to this Committee.

14—Footway on Harp Hill—A memorial from Mr. E. Ansdell and others, calling attention to the state of this footpath and to the condition of the ditch opposite their houses, also asking for an additional lamp was read. And It was Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that the footpath has now been repaired, that one additional lamp will be erected, but that with regard to the ditch application should be made to the Charlton Kings Local Board, in whose district it is.

15-Footpath from Manchester Street to New Street—A memorial from Mr. G. H. Wynne and others, calling attention to the unsatisfactory condition of this road and footpath was read. And It was Resolved, That the Highway Inspector be directed to asphalt this footpath at the proper season.

16--Extraordinary Traffic near the Gas Works—The Borough Surveyor presented his certificate of the amount of extraordinary expenditure incurred by the Corporation in repairing the roads in the vicinity of the gasometer lately erected for the Gas Company, in consequence of the extraordinary traffic incidental to the erection of such gasometer, &c., the amount being £251 11s. 0d. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do apply to the contractors, Messrs. Holme and King, for repayment of the amount.

17—Highway inspector's Report -The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month, viz. :—Repaired with broken stone (Clee Hill stone) : Malvern Street and High Street ; (Wickwar stone), New Street, Hatherley Road, Grove Street, Old Bath Road, back of Suffolk Square, Stanhope Street, and Christ Church Road ; (Tytherington stone), Roman Road, Grove Street, and Sandfield Road. Edging, Flagging, and Crossings : Spa Buildings, Grove Street, Henrietta Street, Chester Walk, All Saints' Road, Montpellier Avenue, Pittville Street, and Promenade. Footpaths : Sandfield Road, Roman Road, and Harp Hill. Tariff: Whitehart Street, from Manchester Street to New Street, Regent Place, Carlton Place, Well Walk, and Tewkesbury Road. Crossings taken out : One in Suffolk Parade, four in High Street, one in New Street. Loads of Ashes collected : 1,363. Work proceeding (Repairs) : Old Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury Road, Malvern Street, All Saints' Road, Chester Walk, and Harp Hill.

18—Fish Offal—The Highway Inspector was directed to give notice to the fishmongers that on and after the 1st of March next the collection of fish offal by the Corporation will be discontinued, and that the same may be deposited at the Arle and Hatherley Brook Tanks.

19 - Ewlyn Road—A Letter from Mr. S. B. Dix stating that he had been requested to supplement the Plans sent in last month by Messrs. Bendall and Saunders for the erection of two villas in this road, and which were disapproved by the Committee, by a Plan and Section of the road itself, which is a new road running in an Easterly direction from the Leckhampton Road, was read. And It was Resolved, That Messrs. Bendall and Saunder's Building Plans be now approved, subject to the width of the road being 45 feet.

20-Infringement of Building Bye-laws—Cull—The Surveyor reported that Mr. James Cull of No. 19, Burton Street, had erected a building at the back of his premises without having given notice of his intention to do so. And It was Resolved, That proceedings be taken against him for infringement of the Bye-laws.

21 — New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted notice and plan received by him from Mr. Richard Davies for a house in Pittville Circus Road, which was not approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of January, 1889—Present Councillors Darby, Norman, and Price (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—SEWAGE FARMS : Sale of Timber—The Committee met to fix the reserves on the several lots. The catalogue was gone through, and the necessary instructions given to the auctioneer.

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of January, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman, Parsonage, and Price (Councillor Darby in the chair;

1—Typhoid Fever—An Account from the General Hospital, for the treatment of typhoid cases, at the rate arranged to be paid, amounting to £28 2/- was submitted for payment. And It was Resolved, That the amount be paid less £4 6/- charged in respect of the treatment of three pauper patients, which the Committee consider should be paid by the Board of Guardians.

2 — Medical Officer's Annual Report—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee his Annual Report for the past year, and the same having been read, It was Resolved That 200 copies thereof be printed and distributed.

3—Stand Pipes—The Town Clerk called the attention of the Committee to the observations of the Local Government Board Inspector at the enquiry held on the 9th inst, on this subject. And It was Resolved, That this Committee do meet the Water Committee at its meeting this afternoon to discuss the matter.

4--Willoughby, Jane, Burial of—The Committee considered the complaint of the Rev. W. Lawrence to the effect that a certificate of burial required at the interment of Miss Jane Willoughby had been mislaid by the Nuisance Inspector until after the interment had taken place, and finding that the certificate was handed to Mr. Long in an envelope with other papers to be shewn to the Medical Officer of Health, but of no immediate importance, without any intimation that the certificate was contained in it, the Committee acquit Mr. Long of blame in the matter.

5—Sewage Farms, Timber on—The Chairman Reported That the timber selected for felling and sale had realised at the sale thereof by auction, on the 15th inst., the sum of £424 2/6, and that that sum had been paid to the Treasurer's account.

6—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz.,

G. C. Holtam, Fly Hire ... £1 4 0

J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ... £0 19 11

J. Balcomb, Chemicals ... £0 16 1

W. H. Lewis, 5 weeks' wages to 2nd Feb. ... £8 15 0

Proprietors of Sanitary Record (1889) ... £0 10 0

E. Mallory, Picking Lock of Medical Officer of Health's Letter Box ... £0 2 0

W. Built Leonard, Printing ... £0 7 6

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of January, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Pippett, and Waghorne (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—The Manager's Monthly Report on the state of the of the works at Hewletts and Dowdeswell, and on the proposed new works at Tewkesbury, was read and approved.

2-Water Supply by Stand Pipes—The following members of the Public Health Committee, viz.: Councillors Neale and Norman, attended the meeting on this subject. The Town Clerk reported that the application of the Corporation to be invested with the powers given by Sections 7 and 9 of the Public Health (Water) Act, 1878, in this matter had been the subject of an enquiry by the Local Government Board Inspector (Mr. Arnold Taylor), on the 9th instant, and he submitted a letter he had received from that gentleman upon the question, deprecating the adoption of the Stand Pipe system, and intimating

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his intention of withholding his report to the Local Government Board until he heard the result of this Committee's re-consideration of the matter, and after considerable discussion, It was Resolved (Councillors Neale and Norman concurring in such resolution) That the Committee have carefully considered the observations and recommendations of the Inspector, and as a rule of general application they fully concur in them, at the same time they are of opinion that it is a power with which the Corporation should be vested, to enable them to deal with exceptional cases and localities, and rather as a temporary than a permanent measure.

3—Tewkesbury Works—The following Tenders, for the contract of the Reservoir and Water 'rower at the Mythe, being all that had been sent in were opened :

CONTRACT No. 1.

Pickthall and Sons, Merthyr Tydfil	£1415 17 1
A. J. Gould, Stony, Stratford	£1448 15 8
John Everal, Malvern	£1474 7 1
Wm. Jenkins and Son, Leamington	£1491 0 0
A. Krauss, Bristol	£1593 2 1
Thos. Collins, Tewkesbury	£1693 9 3
George Bell, Tottenham, London	£1705 16 6
Ambrose and Sons, Bath	£1834 17 1
R. B. Cater and Co, Newport, Mon.	£2018 15 0

CONTRACT No. 2.

Thos. E. Kershaw, Nuneaton	£220 5 9
David Parsons and Sons, Pensnett, near Dudley	£251 7 0
Hill and Smith, Brierly Hill	£261 1 8
W. W. Ward and Co., Great Bridge, Tipton	£277 16 8
E. White, Redditch	£287 7 0
Eagle Iron and Engineering Co. (Limited), Coventry	£291 18 0
Thomas Piggott and Co. Birmingham	£304 6 5
J. and S. Roberts, West Bromwich	£310 19 2
Picksley, Sims and Co. (Limited), Leigh, Lancashire	£312 12 6
Thomas Walker, Tewkesbury	£335 0 7
J. M. Butt and Co., Gloucester	£338 18 0
A. Krauss, Bristol	£344 17 0
A. Handyside and Co. (Limited), Derby	£371 17 1
Patent Shaft and Axletree Co., Wednesbury	£532 4 8

The Committee selected the first four names on the list for contract No. 1, and the first two on the list for contract No. 2, for enquiry and further consideration.

3 —Appeals —Various appeals were considered, and the amounts settled and adjusted.

GEO. PARSONAGE

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1888—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Simms-Bull ; Councillors Connor, Cox, Hands, Heath, and Skillicorne (Alderman Simms-Bull in the Chair)—

1- Fire Brigade—A report from the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade was read, reporting that the Brigade had been called out to two fires during the month, (1) at Christ Church Farm, in the occupation of Mr. W. J. Cypher, on the 21st instant, damage, £70, property insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, expenses £6 7s. 6d., account sent to that office ; (2), at the residence of Mr. Purnell, chemist, 337 High Street, on the 22nd instant, damage £7., furniture and

stock insured in the Phoenix Fire Office, the building uninsured, expenses £2 16s. 6d., half of which would be paid by the company.

2-Echo boys in Clarence Parade—A letter from Robert Anslow, Esq., the editor of the Echo, replying to the complaint made as to the conduct of the boys in Clarence Parade, and pointing out that it is impossible for him to control the actions of these boys, as they are only in the position to him of persons coming and going to purchase the newspapers he publishes, and he is not responsible for their actions off the newspaper premises, but that he had, however, done, and was still doing, all he could by advice and suggestion to make them more orderly, was read.

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3—Hunting Tickets on the Great Western Railway—The Town Clerk a letter he had written to the Manager of the Great Western attention to the hardship imposed upon hunting gentlemen in the neighbourhood by reason of the withdrawal by the Company of the hunting tickets, and a letter from the Manager acknowledging its receipt, and promising to give the matter consideration was also read.

4—Petroleum Licenses--Applications from Messrs. H. G. Norton and Co., for a license to keep 40 gallons of Petroleum at the back of No. 416, High Street, and from F. W. Brown for a license to keep 40 gallons in a garden in Sydenham Road South, together with the Borough Surveyor's reports thereon, were read. And It was Resolved, That licenses be granted.

5-Hackney Carriages-Paul--An application from George Paul, for permission to use for one month, another carriage in place of his licensed carriage, No. 79, whilst under repair, was read. And It was Resolved, That the request be granted.

SIMMS-BULL, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of January, 1889—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Cleeve Common—Referring to the proposal of the Commoners' Committee, laid before this Committee at their meeting, held on the 18th August last, and which had been accepted by the Commoners' Committee, as reported at the meeting of this Committee, held on the 25th September last. It was Resolved That the same be agreed to, the expenses of obtaining the Order not to exceed £200, and any further expenses of the Land Commissioners.

2-ACCOUNTS—The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid, viz.

Bryant and Garnick, Great Coat for Caretaker of Recreation Ground £3 18 0

W. A. Baker, Tarring Wood Fence £18 13 6

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1889—Present;—
Councillors Cox, Heath, King, and Parsonage (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

1—Grave Space 2788a, Section P.--Miss Buchanan, of 2, Oriel Place, the owner of this grave space having applied to be allowed to purchase the small piece of ground at the head of same for the purpose of providing an access thereto for future interments. It was Resolved, That the land be transferred to Miss Buchanan subject to the payment by her of a pro rata charge according to the ordinary prices paid for ground in that section.

2- New Portion of Cemetery—The Superintendent called attention to the necessity of at once levelling the upper part of the new portion of the Cemetery, and removing the surplus soil to the lower end, and asked that pegs showing the level required might be put in under the direction of the Surveyor, as a guide to the men when taking soil there when excavating in the old ground. And It was Resolved, That sectional pegs be put in by the Surveyor, showing the intended level of the ground.

3—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz. : Headstones to Alfred Lines and Isabella Todd, tombs to J. H. Buckle, William Dolman, Francis Gardner Reid, John and Mary McAlpine, and Elizabeth Gardner.

4 --Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

J. Humphris, Repairs to grave shield trucks ...	£2 17 6
W. Gregory, for labourer's wages ...	£5 7 0
A. Mulcock, Ironwork for grave shields, and repairs to truck ...	£0 13 9

JAS. COX, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of January, 1889—Present: Aldermen Griffith and Ramsay; Councillors Haddon, Lawrence, Neale, Parsonage, and Woodard (Alderman Ramsay in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts of books had been made to the Library :

The Secretary of the Armada Exhibition 1 Vol.

Mr. C. H. Warne, Brighton 1 Vol.

Messrs. Pillans and Wilson, Edinburgh 1 Vol.

Reports from Libraries at Aberdeen, Salford, Walsall, and West Bromwich

2- Chairs for Reference Library and News Room—It was Resolved, That 5 dozen Windsor chairs be ordered from Cavendish House for the Reference Library and News Room.

3—Doors to News Room and Reference Library—The architect was instructed to have these made swing doors.

4—Fire Hydrants—The desirability of fixing fire hydrants inside the building was discussed and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

5— Removal of Stock—It was Resolved That the work of removal of the Stock to the new building be under the control and management of the Librarian, Councillor Haddon having offered to lend covered vans and boxes for the purpose, the offer was accepted with thanks,

6—Appointment and Duties of Caretaker, and Arrangements for Opening.—It was Resolved, That the Committees of the Schools of Art and Science be invited to meet this Committee in conference for the purpose of arranging these matters.

7---Oxford University Extension Lectures—A Letter from Mrs. Oman, of St. Philip's Lodge, asking if the Corporation would grant the Committee of these Lectures the free use of a room in the new building for the course of lectures given twice a year for a period of six weeks, and a Letter from the Town Clerk informing her that all the rooms in that part of the building devoted to the use of the Public Library will be constantly required for the purposes of the Library, and that with respect to the portions of the building let to the Schools of Art and Science, application should in the first instance be addressed to the Committees of those institutions, were read. And It was Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved

8. --Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed

W. Jones, Assistants' Wages to 2nd March ... £11 8 0

J. Tinkler, Brushes and Repairs to Mat ... £0 12 6

Knight and Chatters, o/a Commission ... £200 0 0

Cheltenham Poor Rate on 1 Liverpool Place ... £1 11 2

Income Tax on Interest ... £9 3 0

ALEXR. E. RAMSAY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee. held on Friday, the 1st day of February, 1889—Present : Aldermen Griffith, Ramsay and Welch ; Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage (Alderman Welch in the chair).

9—Caretaker for Library—It was Resolved, That the services of a man and his wife, not exceeding 40 years of age, with no family, as Caretaker of the Library, be advertised for. The Caretaker and his wife to be allowed and required to live on the premises, and to be allowed gas and fuel. The salary to be £40 a-year, payable monthly or quarterly.

10—Gas Fittings—Mr. Knight attended this meeting of the Committee and laid before the Committee a specification of the gas fittings required ; and three tenders for the same from Messrs. Mallory & Co., Messrs. Marshall, and Mr. Jno. Fisher. And It was Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Marshall at £61 10/- and price for gratings, as per schedule, being the lowest, be accepted.

GEO. A. WELCH, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th day of January, 1889—Present : Aldermen Ramsay and Simms Bull ; Councillors Lawrence, Norman, Parsonage, Pippett, and Woodard (Alderman Ramsay in the chair)

In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Ramsay was appointed Chairman of this meeting.

It was Resolved, That a Sub-Committee of this Committee, consisting; of the Chairman of the Committee, Alderman Simms Bull, and Councillors Lawrence, Norman, and Skillicorne appointed to assist the Town Clerk in the promotion of the Improvement Bill.

ALEXR. RAMSAY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 1st day of February, 1889—Present Aldermen Ramsay and Simms Bull ; Councillors Cox, Darby, King, Norman, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair.

1—Improvement Bill—Overhead Wires—The objection of the United Telephone Company to the clauses in part VII. of the Bill was further considered. And It was Resolved, That as at present advised, the Committee must adhere to the form of clauses in the Bill.

2 --Crown Property—The Town Clerk submitted a clause, received through his Parliamentary Agents from the Treasury exempting buildings vested in Her Majesty or any department of the Government for public purposes from the operation of the Act. And It was Resolved, That the same be accepted and inserted in the Bill.

3—Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts—The Town Clerk submitted a clause received through his Parliamentary Agents from the Privy Council saving the operation of the said Act and all orders, &c., made thereunder by the Privy Council or Local Government Board, and any general Act passed or to be passed relating to Dairies, Milk, or Animals. And It was Resolved, That the same be accepted and inserted in the Bill.

4 – Pittville Estate—A Letter from Mr. Jas. B. Winterbotham submitting on behalf of himself and other gentlemen interested in this Act, a Saving Clause, for protection of the rights of the owners and occupiers of property on this estate, and the clause in question was read, together with the opinion thereon of Counsel who settled the draft bill. And It was Resolved, That the Committee recommend the acceptance of the clause as altered and settled by Counsel.

JNO. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day January, 1889: Present—Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Lawrence, Norman, Parsonage, and Waghorne (Councillor Norman in the chair).

1—Electric Lighting—The Committee further considered this matter and the information obtained laid before them by the Chairman and Town Clerk, who were requested to draw up a Report, to be

submitted to the Committee at its next meeting, in accordance with the resolution of the Council of the 3rd Sept. last.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 31st day of January, 1888 (Present : Aldermen Parsonage and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Darby, Haddon, Kite, Parsonage and Pippett (Councillor Darby in the chair)

1---Water Loans Sinking Fund—It was Resolved, That securities be executed for the following amounts invested in the undermentioned Loans, that is to say, £500 in the Mortuary Loan for £500, and £290 in the Millbrook Street Bridge Loan for £290.

2-Street Improvements Loan Sinking Funds—It was Resolved That the sum of £65 18s 10d standing to the credit of these Funds be invested in the £90,000 Water Loan, and that a security for the same and £934 13s previously invested in the same Loan be executed.

3--Sewage Farm and Mortuary Loans Sinking Funds—It was Resolved That the sum of £13 1s 6d standing to the credit of these funds be invested in the £90,000 Water Loan, and that a security for the same and for £95 9. 2d previously invested in the same Loan, be executed.

4--Street Improvement Debenture No. 43: £1247.—An application having been made by Messrs. Parsonage and Bain, the present holders of this debenture, for the cancelling thereof and the re-issue of two new debentures, viz., one for £833 in favour of Messrs. Geo. Parsonage, C. Chandler, and R. C. Warner, and the other for £414 in favour of the Misses Butt, of Holmesdale, It was Resolved, That the amount of the present debenture be paid off, the debenture cancelled and two new debentures issued in the names of the above parties.

5—Borough Rate on 3, Royal Parade—The Town Clerk read a correspondence between himself and Mr. J. H. Burkill, in respect of the rate charged on the above house, Mr. Burkill claiming a reduction in the amount demanded, by reason of his assessment having been reduced after the rate was due and had been demanded, and the Town Clerk having pointed out to him that it is against the practice to reduce the rating in such cases, but that the assessment on the making of the next rate will be altered in accordance with the valuation list, And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

6—Special Works in Old Bath Road—Paynter—A Letter from Mr. T. B. Paynter, requesting time to be allowed him for payment of the sum of £32 10s due from him for these works, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Paynter be required to pay 10s down, and the remainder with interest by five quarterly instalments.

7—Collection of Urban Rates—The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., on the collection of these rates was read shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £8374, leaving outstanding £3188 13s. 8¼ d.; on the Branch Sewers' Rate £478 10s. 0d, leaving outstanding, £194 7s. 3½ d. ; on St. Mark's Branch Rate £12 18s. 4d, leaving outstanding, £4 4s. 7¾ d.

8—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., on the collection of this rate was read, sheaving receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £5196 9s. 8d., leaving outstanding £1595 11s. 0d; in Tewkesbury £380 8s. 6d., leaving outstanding £124 15s. 0d.

9—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz.:

RECEIPTS.— Library (Revenue) ... £9 15 0
 (Ditto Capital) ... £193 7 0
 Urban Authority (Revenue) ... £ 3356 19 6
 Ditto (Capital) ... £424 2 6
 Burial Board (Revenue) ... £81 10 0
 Branch Sewers ... £206 13 0
 Street Improvements ... £100 0 0
 Water (Revenue) ... £1575 12 2
 Ditto (Capital) ... £1 13 7

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID –

Borough Fund ... £25 12 6
Public Library (Revenue) ... £22 14 8
Ditto (Capital) ... £200 0 0
Public Baths (Revenue) ... £5 0 0
Recreation Ground (Capital) ... £18 13 6
Urban Authority (Revenue) ... £1844 8 8
Ditto (Capital) ... £32 18 0
Burial Board (Revenue) ... £205 6 10
Branch Sewers ... £19 19 6
Street Improvements ... £1 0 0 0
Water (Revenue) ... £272 00 4
Ditto (Capital) ... £110 18 4

J. T. DARBY, Chairman

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, February 27th, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 4th day of March next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.

3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of the following Committees :

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. To appoint a member of the Council to serve with the Mayor upon the County Police Committee.

5. Councillor Lawrence to move : it is desirable to make one rate for the whole Borough in place of the Borough and Sewers Rates as hitherto made, and that the Finance Committee be requested to take the necessary steps accordingly.

6. Notices of Motion.

7. To read the tiers, &c., and pass resolutions thereon if need be :— The Clerk to County Council re Main Roads. G. F. Crowdy re Van and Wheel Tax. F. and E. Griffiths re Damage to Gas Mains, &c., by Steam Roller. F. and E. Griffiths re Reduction in Price of Gas.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th of March, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 8th day of February, 1889—Present : Aldermen Parsonage and Simms Bull; Councillors Cox, Haddon, Pippett and Lawrence (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Bedford Buildings Improvement—The claims of the several owners and occupiers of the houses in Bedford Buildings were considered. And It was Resolved, That if the improvement can be carried out for the sum of £500, the necessary arrangements with the parties be come to, and when entered into application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the necessary amount.

2--Great Western Railway —Steam Roller—An application from Mr. Armstrong, the Engineer for this district of the Great Western Railway, to be allowed the use of the Steam Roller, for rolling the metalling about to be put down in the approach to their station, was read. And It was Resolved, that the use of the Steam Roller as requested be granted without any charge for the same.

3—J. Burns—A Letter from Mr. J. Burns, of Broughton Lodge, Bayshill, requesting to be allowed to plant trees on the banks of the Chelt in the Central Depot opposite his house, to obscure the ash heaps and other nuisances, was read. And It was Resolved That if Mr. Burns will furnish the Highway Inspector with such trees or shrubs as he may approve, the same shall be planted.

4—Pillar Letter Boxes—An application from Mr. W. C. Channon on behalf of the Post Office, requesting permission to move three Pillar Letter Boxes to the positions shewn on an accompanying map, was read. And It was Resolved, That the box pro-posed to be placed in Imperial Square be placed opposite No. 13, and that the proposed positions for the boxes in Douro Road, at the corner of Malvern Place and corner of Parabola Road and Bayshill, be approved, subject to all the boxes being erected to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

5— Bennington Street—A Memorial from Mr. S. B. Dix and other residents in this street, requesting the Corporation to take over this street, and declare it to be a highway, after the completion of the works now in progress, was read. And It was Resolved that the Memorialists be referred to the resolution of this Committee, of date the 8th May, 1882, that they could not recommend the street to be declared a highway unless it was made the same width throughout, with a footpath on the West side in continuation of the footpath on that side from St. Margaret's Road, and which Resolution the Committee must adhere to.

6—Telephone Poles—A Memorial from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths and other owners and ratepayers in the district of Lansdown and St. Mark's, complaining of the unsightly appearance of the Telephone Poles, recently erected on the Gloucester Road, and suggesting that the wires might be carried over the fields from Benhall Wood to the level railway crossing at Alstone, was read. And It was Resolved, That a copy of the Memorial be sent to the Telephone Co. with a request to see if they could not alter the line as suggested.

GEO. PARSONAGE,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1889—Present Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Cox, Darby, Haddon, Heath, Pippett, and Lawrence (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

7—Bedford Buildings Improvement—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Co., on behalf of George's, Limited, offering to accept £250 for the setting back of their frontage at No. 4, and their interest as lessees of No. 5 was read, and the Town Clerk having reported that Mr. McCarthy would accept £260 in respect of Nos. 2 and 3, and the matter having been fully considered, It was Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the acceptance of those terms or any advance on the terms offered.

8—Ambrose Street Improvement—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of the conveyance of the property comprised in Mr. Dutton's lease from Corpus Christi College to Mr. A. Mulcock, which he had approved. And It was Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the engrossment thereof.

9-- Destructor—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of the land, agreed to be purchased by the Corporation, would give immediate possession for £20. And It was Resolved, That the same be paid.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1889 (Present: Aldermen Parsonage and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Cox, Darby, Haddon, Heath and Lawrence (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

10—Gas Examiner's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Examiner was read : sheaving average illuminating power, 17.08 candles ; purity, unofficial tests having shewn the gas to be of a high character no official tests had been undertaken.

11—Gas Inspector's Report--The monthly report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average consumption 4.260 cubic feet per lamp, per hour.

12—Lamp Book—The Lamp book kept at the Police Station was examined, and showed lamps extinguished during the month 26, (four of which were metered lamps), burning dimly, 2.

13--Footpath on North side of Regent Place (Entrance to Pearce and Sons' Timber Yard) ; Footpath South side of Regent Place (Entrance to Albion Saw Mills) — Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 25th instant of the works required to be done to the above footpaths were read approved, And It was Resolved that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said footpath requiring to be levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

14—Fence at Corner of Naunton Park Road—The Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor reported that on inspection they found this fence had been set back a short distance, and was now erected in the centre of the ditch. And It was Resolved, That the owner be required to set back the fence a distance of 7ft. 6in. from the kerbing, and put in a 6in. drain-pipe outside the fence.

15—Bedford Buildings Improvement—The offers of this Committee, as regards Nos. 2, 3, and 4, not having been accepted by the respective owners, and no terms having been received from the owner of No. 5, It was Resolved, that the improvement so far as regards No. 1 be proceeded with.

16—Footpaths on Gloucester Road and Hatherley Road—A memorial from T. P. W. Butt, Esq., and others, calling attention to the state of the footpath on Gloucester Road (from Benhall Farm gate to the end of the Borough Boundary), and the footpath on the Hatherley Road (from Gloucester Road to Hatherley Brake House), was read. And It was Resolved, That the footpaths in question be repaired and gravelled.

17—Footpath from Exmouth Street to Fairfield Road - A memorial from Edward Trigg and others, complaining of the bad state of this footpath, and of the bad smell which is prevalent there during warm weather, was read. And It was Resolved, That the footpath be repaired, and that the portion of the complaint relating to the nuisance caused by the bad smells be referred to the Public Health Committee to deal with.

18—Lighting of Marle Hill Road and Hanover Parade—A memorial from W. J. Houghton and others, calling attention to the dark and dangerous state of these roads, and asking for a lamp to be placed at the junction of the two roads, was read. And It was Resolved, That one lamp in Hanover Parade be moved, and that one new lamp be erected where requested by the memorialists.

19—Messrs. Webb's Building at Tivoli —A letter from Messrs. Ryland and Waghorne, stating that Messrs. Webb would undertake to roof this building with corrugated iron, and by the aid of their scene painter make it present a very picturesque appearance, under which circumstances they hoped the Committee would allow them to proceed with the erection, was read. And It was Resolved, That notice be given to Messrs. Webb to remove the building in question, both as infringing sec. 74 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act and sec. 30 of The Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888.

20 — Crossing in Bath Road (opposite St. Luke's Road)—A letter from the Rev, Geo. Despard, asking if it is the intention of the " Corporation to relay this crossing, which was taken up a few weeks ago, and stating that its removal had been universally complained of, was read. And It was resolved, That the matter be adjourned for a view by the Committee.

21-- Millbrook Street—An application from Mr. Wm. Hands for a crossing to be laid down at the Great Western Road end of Millbrook Road was read. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification for the works to be done to the footpaths mentioned in the Resolution of this Committee of the 26th July, 1887, and ascertain what arrangements can be made for setting back the frontage of the land opposite the South end of Park Street.

22—Special Works in Christ Church Road, Winstone—A letter from Mr. Chas. Winstone, stating that he was willing to comply with the order of the Council so far as the works in front of his new house were concerned, and that he thought the Council ought not to press the notice relative to the adjoining land until it is built upon, but that if the Council would have the entire work done now at their own cost he would agree to refund the expense as the land was built upon, was read. And It was Resolved, That the notices be withdrawn for the present in respect of the building land not taken into the curtilage of houses, and in the meantime the footpaths to be gravelled.

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23—Pope's Alley-A letter from Mr. Councillor Lawrence, calling attention to the bad state of the passage known as Pope's Alley, leading from New Street to the Knapp Road, was read. And It was Resolved, That enquiry be made as to whether this is a public or private thoroughfare.

24—Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft of the Petition of the Corporation against this Bill, and the same was approved, and the Corporate Seal directed to be affixed to the engrossment thereof.

25—Central Depot Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall's application—A letter from Messrs. R. P. and C. Marshall, requesting permission to use the yard at the Central Depot for the purpose of exhibiting a new fire extinguisher, for which they are agents, was read. And It was Resolved That the necessary permission be granted.

26—St. Paul's Road—Workhouse—The Surveyor reported that the Guardians were about to rebuild the boundary wall of their premises abutting on St. Paul's Road, but before doing so they wished to know what terms the Corporation were prepared to offer them for setting the same back to a new line of frontage, as shewn on the plan prepared by the Surveyor, so as to improve and widen the road and footpath. And It was Resolved, That this Committee recommend the payment to the Guardians of the sum of £60 for the land to be given up, the Corporation forming the additional width of road and foot-path

27---Swindon Road Improvement—A letter from Mr. Philip Collins of Rose Cottage, enclosing the consent of all the owners of property abutting on the north side of Swindon Road (with the exception of the land at the corner of Marsh Lane) to the setting back by the Corporation of their fences, the owners giving up sufficient land to form a footpath, was read. And It was Resolved, That the work be carried out so far as is practical in the absence of Mr. Milton's consent, on the understanding that the owners who give up the land are relieved from the expense of bordering, channelling, and paving, the Corporation setting back the fences where required.

28 - Highway Inspector's Report —The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month, viz.:—Repaired with broken stone (Clee Hill stone): Lower High Street, Tewkesbury Road, Prestbury Road, St. Luke's Place, Winchcombe Street, St. George's Place, Ambrose Street and Manchester Street; (Gore stone) Lower High Street; (Wickwar stone), Whitehart Street, Priory Street, St. George's Road, St. Luke's Place, Sandford Street, Mitre Street, Roman Road and Gloucester Road; (Tytherington stone), Millbrook Street, Upper Bath Street, and Harp Hill. Curbing, crossings and flagging Pittville Circus, All Saints' Road, Chester Walk, Montpellier Avenue, Spa Buildings, and St. George's Place. Footpaths (repaired with gravel): Roman Road, Harp Hill, Millbrook Street, and Sandford Street; (tariffing), Knapp Place. Crossings taken out One in High Street. Ashes collected : 1,416 loads.

29 - Clearing Snow from Streets—It was Resolved, That the Committee desire to place on record their approval of the promptitude and despatch displayed by the Highway Inspector and his staff in clearing away from the streets the recent snowfall.

30 - Colonnade Improvement—Corpus Christi College—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the account of Mr. Walsh, the College solicitor's charges in this matter, amounting to £71 16s. 9d., and the account of Messrs Castle, Field and Castle, the College Surveyors, amounting to £48 2s. 6d. And It was Resolved, That the respective amounts be paid, less the sum of three guineas, to be deducted from the latter account.

31—Ambrose Street Improvement, Flushing Cottage, and L. and N.W. Railway Depot—The Surveyor submitted his valuation of Flushing Cottage and of the premises occupied by the London and North Western Railway Co., in New Street, subject to the lessees' interest in the latter premises, after taking off the necessary land for widening New street, accompanied by a plan shewing the two

properties coloured green and pink. And It was Resolved, That the properties, as shewn on the plan, be offered to the L. and N.W. Railway Company for the sum of £600.

32—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved, viz.:—

Mr. F. A. Bretherton, for house in Malthouse Lane; J. J. Nunn, Esq., for additions to No. 6, Painswick Lawn ; Mr. C. Bailey, for alterations and additions to No. 13, Ambrose Street Mr. John Powell, for bedroom over open yard, adjoining No. 4, Albion Parade; Mrs. Willett, for bakery at back of 8, Hewlett Street; Mr. J. P. Harris, for additions to Blockley Villa, St. George's Place; Richard Davis, Esq., for villa on Pittville Circus Road, and Mr. Charles Hall, for bay window at Lamb and Flag Inn, Union Street.

GEO. PARSONAGE

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of February, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Norman, Parsonage, Price and Neale (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Applications from the following persons to be registered as purveyors of milk were read, viz.:—Clara Brown, 7 Clare Terrace ; John Price, 1 York Place ; Hardle Jackson, 27 Great Norwood Street ; Francis Rowland, 5 Adelaide Buildings ; C. St Ledger, 416 High Street ; Henry Little, 3 Adelaide Buildings ; and Walter Gibbons, 3 Marle Hill Parade. And It was Resolved, That all the applicants be registered.

2—Urinal in Tangent Alley—A complaint having been made by the Medical Officer of Health as to the condition of this urinal, It was Resolved, That the urinal be cleaned with dilute sulphuric acid, that the Surveyor do have an iron gate put up, and that the urinal be opened at 7 a.m. and locked up at 10 o'clock in the Winter and 5 o'clock p.m. in the Summer.

3— Minnow Ditch—A memorial from Mr. Edwin Trigg and others complaining (amongst other things) of the bad smells arising from this ditch, caused by the alleged foul condition of the pond at Fairfield House, which runs into the ditch, was read. And It was Resolved, That notice be given to the proper parties, under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, to abate the nuisance complained of.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he and the Surveyor to the Leckhampton Local Board had arranged to proceed with the proposed work of opening and cleansing this watercourse as soon as the flow of water was reduced.

4—Water Supply at the Duke of Sussex Inn—Two cases of Typhoid fever having occurred on these premises, It was Resolved, That the owners be at once served with notice, under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, to close the well.

5—Mr. C. S. Tarr—Slaughter House License—A letter from Mr. Tarr asking the Committee to reconsider their decision on his application for a license to slaughter at the back of No. 151 High Street, accompanied by a memorial from Mr. William Hands and others, stating that they had no objection to his being allowed a license in respect of the said premises, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee can see no reason for altering their previous resolution on the subject.

6—Proposed Public Abattoir—It was resolved, that the Surveyor be requested to report to this Committee at the next meeting as to a suitable site for a public abattoir.

7---Nos. 1 to 9 Swindon Parade—This property having changed hands, It was Resolved, That the present owner be served with fresh Notices, under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, in respect of the water closet and ashpit accommodation required at these houses, and, under Sec. 62 of the same Act, to provide a proper water supply.

8—Houses without a proper Water Supply—A report from the Surveyor, reporting that the houses therein mentioned were without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be obtained from the Corporation mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, was read. And It was Resolved, That Notice be given, under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the houses in question, requiring them to obtain such supply, and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose. The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of owners of houses on whom notices under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act had been served, who had not complied with the notices. And It was Resolved, That with respect to these cases the parties be informed that unless the notices are complied with forthwith steps will be taken under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to close the wells.

9—Sewer at Naunton Park Terrace—An application from Messrs. Smith Bros., for an extension of this sewer to two houses now in the course of erection by them at Naunton Park Terrace was read. And It was Resolved, That the necessary extension be made.

10-Typhoid Fever Cases—Accounts from the Delancey Hospital for the treatment of Annie Yates, 36 days, £3 6s., and from the General Hospital, for treatment of Alfred Deane, 14 days, £1 8s., were examined and ordered to be paid. And It was resolved, That the respective persons be applied to for repayment of the amounts.

11—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed:

J. H. Bennett—Returns of Births and Deaths ... £1 1 6

E. Macdonald—Chemicals ... £4 18 6

W. H. Lewis—Salary one month ... £7 0 0

Dr. Roch—Disbursements ... £0 11 6

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Pippett, and Price (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Tewkesbury Works—The Manager reported the result of the enquiries he had made in relation to the several Tenders sent in. He also reported that Mr. Everall's Tender had been withdrawn and Mr. Krauss's increased to £1,793. And It was Resolved, That the Committee recommend the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. Thou. E. Kershaw, of Nuneaton, for the ironwork at £220 5/9 ; and that of Mr. Collins' at the sum of £1,693 9/3 for the remainder of the works, with a reduction therefrom of £19 18/3 in respect of pipe laying.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of February, 1889—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King and Price (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

2—Manager's Report—The Manager's Monthly Report on the state of the Works at Dowdeswell and Hewletts, and at Mythe Hill, Tewkesbury, was read and approved.

3—Dowdeswell Works—The Manager laid before the Committee the Sketch for the Tablet to be put up on The Lodge, commemorative of the commencement and conclusion of the execution of the works at Dowdeswell. And It was Resolved, That the same be approved generally, subject to alterations in details, the cost thereof not to exceed £14 10/-, with lead letters at 2/6 per dozen.

4—Land at Dowdeswell —A Letter from Col. Holmes, offering £100 an acre for the piece of land adjoining his on the south side of the railway, containing of 1a. 2r. 5p., and £70 an acre for the piece of land between the railway and the road, containing 4a. 3r. 9p., was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend less than £100 an acre to be accepted for the whole.

5—Telephone--The Town Clerk reported that the General Purposes Committee had recommended the Telephone to be fixed in the office of the clerk in the Water Department. And It was Resolved, That this Committee do not approve of such recommendation.

6-- Extension of Works at Mythe Hill—The Town Clerk-laid before the Committee the contracts with Messrs. T. Collins and T. E. Kershaw, for the execution of the works at the Mythe, and the same were approved, and the seal of the Corporation ordered to be affixed thereto.

7—Appeals, &c—Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted. Applications and Agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of February, 1889—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffiths and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Cox, Connor, Haddon and Woodward; (Alderman Simms-Bull in the Chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to two fires during the month, viz.: On the 23rd inst., at No. 10 Witcomb Place, in the occupation of Mrs. Allberry, damage £15. The bill of expenses, amounting to £1 19s. 6d., had been sent in to the Manchester Fire Insurance Co., in which the premises are insured; and on the 24th inst., at No. 2, Suffolk Road, occupied by Mr. A. J. Thomas, confectioner, damage £30. The bill of expenses had been sent in to the Queen Insurance Office, in which the property is insured.

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2—Hunting Fares on Great Western Railway—A letter from the Manager of the Great Western Railway stating that the charges for hunting tickets had been revised and settled as far back as 1885, with a view to assimilate the charges made in Cheltenham to those made on the other parts of the line and upon the lines generally in this county, and that while the Company had every desire to meet the wishes of the inhabitants of Cheltenham, they considered there were no grounds for making any alteration in their existing arrangements in this respect, was read ; and also a letter from Mr. John Goodwin (to whom the Town Clerk had forwarded copy of Mr. Lambert's letter), stating that there are at present quite four times the number of people hunting from here by rail that there were at the time referred to by Mr. Lambert.

3—Hackney Carriages—Fowles—A letter from Mr. R. Fowles, requesting permission to use two other carriages for three weeks, during the repair of his licensed carriages Nos. 31 and 40, was read. And It was Resolved, That the request be granted.

4—Gifts to Corporation—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the following proposed inscriptions prepared by him pursuant to the Committee's instructions, to be printed on tablets intended to be placed in the Council Chamber, and the same were approved, viz. : —

BOROUGH OF CHELTENHAM —GIFTS TO THE CORPORATION.

On the 7th of August 1877, By Alderman Carrington, J.P., a Mayoral Chain and Badge.

On the 6th of August 1878, By Alderman the Baron de Ferrieres, a Loving Cup.

On the 1st May, 1882, By The Mayor, Alderman William Nash Skillicorne, M.A., J.P., D.L., his Portrait, presented to him by the inhabitants of the Borough, in the fourth year of his Mayoralty, as a mark of their esteem and regard.

On the 6th of August 1887, By The Mayor, Alderman George Parsonage, his Portrait and a Silver Gilt Mace presented to him by his friends and fellow townsmen in the fifth consecutive year of his Mayoralty, in testimony of their personal regard, and in recognition of his public services.

On the 5th May, 1888, By James Tynte Agg-Gardner, Esq., Member for the Borough, the sum of Three Thousand Pounds, the estimated cost of the Public Pleasure and Recreation Ground situate near Marle Hill in this Borough, and opened by him on the twentieth of June, 1888.

BOROUGH OF CHELTENHAM—THE WALKER MEMORIAL FUND.

In the year 1878 the Revd. James Edward Walker, M.A., son of the late Revd. Edward Walker, D.C.L., a former Rector of the Parish of Cheltenham, placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Borough the sum of £2,500, which had been originally subscribed, as a token of affectionate esteem by his parishioners and friends, for Dr. Walker shortly before his resignation of the living and his death, for the purpose of founding a Charity for the relief of indigent single women and widows who have been in domestic service, if not less than 50 years of age, members of one of the following Protestant Evangelical denominations, viz.: The Church of England, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Countess of Huntingdon, Baptists, Wesleyans and Methodists, born or resident for several years in the town of Cheltenham, or any parish within five miles of the Municipal Offices, and not in receipt of Parish Relief; and by an Indenture dated the 29th day of October, 1878, declared the Trusts of the said Fund, and placed the management thereof in the name of the Mayor and Alderman for the time being of the Borough.

5—Allotments Act—Several memorials praying the Council to purchase and allot garden land under the above Act, and also a letter from Messrs. Engall, Sanders and Co., offering to let the Chestnuts Farm for such a purpose, were read. And It was Resolved, that the further consideration thereof be adjourned, to enable the Town Clerk to report to the Committee on the provisions of the Act and the course to be adopted.

6--Telephone—It was Resolved, That this Committee recommends that the telephone be placed in the Clerk's office in the Water Department, to be attended to by Mr. Mullins, and that the Town Clerk do inform the Water Committee of this Committee's recommendation.

7—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

T. W. Harvey, Disinfectants ... £1 8 9
J. Sollors, Disbursements for Coal, &c. ... £0 8 9
B. W. Pearce & Sons, Bricks, Pipes, & Cement ... £2 19 7

W. SIMMS-BULL,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of February, 1889—Present Alderman Simms Bull ; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Norman and Waghorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Re-Opening of Swimming Bath—It was Resolved, That the Swimming Bath be opened on the 8th of April. It was Resolved, That the Care-Taker be allowed to supply coffee and other non-intoxicating drinks in the Bath.

2—Recreation Ground—It was Resolved That the sum of £100 be paid to the Contractor, Mr. W. C. Channon, on account of the contract for the Shelter.

3—Account—The following Account was examined and ordered to be paid T. W. Harvey,
Ironmongery £2 8 4
EDWIN LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1889—Present :—
Councillors Cox, Haddon, Heath, King, Kite and Price (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

1—Water Supply at Priors Lodge—An application from W. Nash Skillicorne, Esq., requesting to be allowed to supply water to his tenant Mr. William Holder, at Priors Lodge, by means of a pipe to be connected to the spring that supplies the Cemetery Lodge, for which Mr. Holder would be willing to pay a small annual acknowledgment, was read. And It was Resolved, That the required permission be given on the understanding that the pipe is laid at such a level as that there shall always be water in the well in the Lodge and otherwise to the satisfaction of the Surveyor, that the pipe be removed at any time on notice being given, and that an annual acknowledgment of is. be paid by the tenant.

2—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Henry Brown, Caroline E. Alcock, Louisa Day, Serella Biggs, E. A. Heskins, Elizabeth Ingles, James W. Birt, and Amelia Newton Tombs to Margaret Clarke, F. W. Nation, and C. P. Hildebrand.

3—Inspection of Cemetery—It was Resolved, That a meeting of the Committee be called for Tuesday next, at 2.45 p.m., for the purpose of making an inspection of the Cemetery.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :

Henry Ratcliffe—Repairs at Cemetery Chapel ... £0 12 6
Direct Coal Supply Co.—Coal ... £0 16 0
Prestbury Tithe on Cemetery ... £6 19 1
W. Gregory—Labourers Wages ... £9 3 6

GEO. JAS. COX, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 16th day of February, 1889—Present :
Aldermen Ramsay, Parsonage and Welch ; Councillors Kite, Parsonage and Haddon (Alderman Welch in the chair).

1—The Committee met at the Library to inspect the progress of the work. And It was Resolved, That the iron railing be continued from the south-west corner of the building along the whole front thereof.

GEO. A. A. WELCH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of February, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Ramsay, Griffith and Welch ; Councillors Haddon, Lawrence, and Parsonage, (Alderman Welch in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts of books had been made to the Library during the month, viz. :

Mr. E. H. Thompson ... 4 vols.

The Misses Whish ... 42 vols

Register of Durham University Callendar for 1889

Edwin Chadwick, C.B. ... 2 vols.

Mrs. Thorpe ... 165 vols

Mr. Wm. Gove ... 1 pamphlet

Mr. P. Chalmers ... 1 pamphlet

Reports from the Libraries at Blackpool, Chelsea, Clerkenwell, . Doncaster and Halifax.

2—Proposed Additional Assistant—On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, It was Resolved, That Arthur Bennett, who is at present in the service of the Permanent Library, be engaged as an assistant at 6/- per week, his duties commencing on the 4th of March.

3—Caretaker—It was Resolved, That the duties of the Caretaker, as drawn up by the Librarian and the Sub-Committee, be approved.

The following applications for the appointment of Caretaker were opened, read, and considered:—
William Addis, 27, Townsend Street, aged 32, Machine Salesman.

William Barnard, 23, Montpellier Villas, aged 40, Hairdresser.

Thomas Charles, 14, Courtenay Street, aged 40.

Henry Hiatt, 22, Albert Place, aged 32, Carpenter.

George Lloyd, 32, King Street, aged 48, Mineral Water Salesman.

Walter B. Oxborrow, 203, High Street, aged 45, Sergeant Royal Marines.

G. B. Piniger, Swindon, Wilts, aged 38, Clerk.

It was Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Addis be requested to meet this Committee at a Special Meeting to be held on Friday next.

4—School of Art—Letters from the Hon. Secretary of the School of Art, asking if they would be allowed to move their things into the new building on or soon after the 25th March next, also pointing out the unfinished appearance the hot water pipes in the entrance hall of the School of Art will present if, as at present contemplated, they are not covered in, and asking that two substantial scrapers may be fixed outside the front entrance to the School, were read. And It was Resolved, That the School of Art Committee be allowed to occupy their portion of the building on the 25th proximo, and that, with regard to the covering up of the pipes and the provision of scrapers, this Committee exceedingly regret that the funds at their command are not sufficient to justify the outlay.

5—Gas Fittings for Public Library—A letter from Mr. Knight, the architect, upon the subject of the contract for this work, and in reference to the statement made by one of the competing firms that they had received different instructions from those given to other competitors, indignantly denying such statement, was read.

6--ACCOUNTS—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

W. Jones, Assistants' wages to 30th March ... £11 8 0
Thos. Voile and Co., coal ... £0 16 0
W. T. Cossens, stationery ... £1 0 6
A. H. Nott, coal ... £1 12 0
H. D. Brown, repairs to doors, &c. ... £3 7 0
R. E. and C. Marshall, o/a contract for heating apparatus ... £300 0 0
Carrington and Co., advertising tenders for Library fitting ... £ 0 8 6

GEO. A. WELCH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 1st day of March, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffiths and Welch ; Councillors Kite, Haddon, Neale, and Parsonage (Alderman Welch in the chair)—

7--Care Taker—Mr. and Mrs. Addis attended this Meeting of the Committee. And It was Resolved, That- they be appointed Care-Takers for the Library, to commence their duties on the 1st of April next.

GEO. A. W. WELCH, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of February, 1889—Present : Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Norman, Pippett, Waghorne, and Woodard (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)

1-- Hale's Road—A letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Local Board objecting to clause 53 of the Bill was read, together with proposed draft reply thereto prepared by the Town Clerk. And It was Resolved, That the reply be approved and sent to Mr. Gabb.

2- Delancey Fever Hospital—A letter from Dr. P. T. Wilson, hon. sec. of the Delancey Fever Hospital, proposing certain amendments in the clauses of the Bill relating to this Hospital was read and considered. And It was Resolved, That all the amendments be agreed to with the exception of one in clause 27, which would have involved contribution as to the expenses of maintenance and treatment of patients not being inhabitants of the Borough.

3----Pittville Estate—A letter from Mr. Jas. B. Winterbotham objecting to some of the alterations made in the saving clause sub-mitted by him, on behalf of the Pittville people, was read and considered. And It was Resolved, That the words "subject to the provisions of this Act," inserted at the end of the clause, be omitted the remainder of the clause standing as previously altered.

4—Professional Auditor—The Town Clerk reported that he had only been able to find two precedents for appointing professional auditors in lieu of the elective auditors, but that there were plenty for appointing them in addition. He also read a letter from his Parliamentary Agents on the subject. And It was Resolved, That, if practicable, an attempt should be made to procure the insertion of a clause.

5--Telegraph and Telephone Wires—The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the Board of Trade on this subject.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday the 22nd day of February, 1889—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Ramsay, Simms-Bull ; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Norman, Parsonage, Skillicorne, Waghorne, and Woodard (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)

6—Hale's Road—The Roads Committee and the Clerk of the Charlton Kings Local Board attended this meeting of the Committee, and after discussion of Clause 53 of the Bill, it was agreed, (1), That the words "or adjoin " should be omitted from line 3 of the Clause. (2), That the Corporation should pay to the Charlton Kings Local Board the sum of £25, to be applied towards the repair of the eastern footpath in the southern half of the road, in discharge of any claim the Charlton Kings Local Board might have on the Corporation in respect of the non-repair of the said footpath. (3), That an agreement be entered into between the Corporation and the Local Board, under Sec. 248 of the Public Health Act, that all present and future gulleys and cross drains, whether partially in the channels or not, shall be repairable by the Authority having charge of the repair of the carriage way, and that the carriage way for the purpose of repairs be decided transversely as heretofore.

7—Great Western Railway—Various amendments and additions to several of the clauses in the Bill proposed by the Great Western Railway Company were considered, some of them were accepted, and others either rejected or modified.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of February, 1889—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Simms Bull and Ramsay ; Councillors Cox, Waghorne, Norman, and Woodard (Councillor Waghorne in the chair.

8.—Sub-Committee—It was Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed a member of this Committee.

9— Delancey hospital—A letter from Mr. Mallory, Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, in reply to the Town Clerk's letter of date the 15th inst., stating that it left their Board no alternative but to oppose this portion of the Bill, but that if the Corporation had any suggestion to make his Board would consider it, or would send a deputation to meet the Committee if desired, and that with reference to Clause 53 his Board would be satisfied with an amendment making it clear that they were not to repair any footways not in their own district, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Mallory be informed that the Committee are prepared to consider any suggestions by way of amendment of the clauses, or meet any Committee or Deputation of the Local Board.

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10—Pittville Estate—Mr. Jas. B. Winterbotham attended this meeting, and the clause submitted by him and altered by the Committee was further considered, and, subject to counsel's opinion and approval, it was altered so as to provide that nothing in the Act should extend to prejudice any of the rights privileges or immunities of the owners and occupiers on the Pittville Estate, under the Deeds of Regulation and Covenants entered into with Mr. Pitt.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1889: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Haddon, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne (Councillor Norman in the chair).

1—Report—It was Resolved, That the following Report to the Council be agreed on, and be presented at the next meeting of the Council :—

In reporting to the Town Council, in accordance with its resolution of September 3rd last, the Committee desire first to recall attention to the position in which the question of Electric Lighting in Cheltenham at present stands.

The resolution appointing the Committee (February, 1888) gave them general instructions to enquire into the question of Electric Lighting, to engage professional advice if necessary, and to report thereon to the Council.

Acting upon these instructions, and as the result of much personal enquiry and investigation, at the Council meeting in August, the Committee reported it as their opinion " that it is desirable to try the experiment of lighting a portion of the town " with the electric light," and defined the area they proposed to light; and they asked " that it be referred to the " Committee to consider and report as to the best mode of carrying out the foregoing recommendation, whether by the " Corporation itself or by contract, and if the former alternative be considered preferable, to report as to the best means " of carrying the work into effect." This recommendation, like the other resolutions preceding it, was unanimously approved by the Council.

At the meeting of the Council in September, the Committee submitted a resolution as follows

" The Resolution of this Committee, approved at the last meeting of the Town Council, was considered. And It was Resolved, That it is desirable that the lighting of the streets by electricity be carried out by the Corporation rather than by contract, with a Company or private individuals, if this course can be adopted at no large increase of cost; it being the opinion "of the Committee that the creation of another private monopoly to be hereafter purchased by the Town should, if " possible, be avoided, and that the retention of the supply under the control of the town will secure greater efficiency." That the Town Clerk be requested to report on the legal position of the Town Council in the matter, and as to what " powers it will be necessary to obtain to enable the Corporation to lay down the proposed service and supply "private consumers with the light, and what steps it will be necessary to take to obtain such powers ; and That he be asked to make enquiries with the view of obtaining professional services of a competent expert to advise the Committee "as to the installation; That the Borough Surveyor be requested to report what sites nose belonging to the Corporation " are available as generating stations."

Accompanying the resolution was a careful report from the Town Clerk on the questions referred to him, and also one from the Borough Surveyor indicating five sites belonging to the Corporation as suitable for stations. This resolution also was unanimously adopted by the Town Council, with the rider, accepted by the Committee, " That before any further step is taken, except for the purpose of enquiry, the Electric Lighting Committee do bring up an approximate estimate of the cost of their proposal."

The Town Council has thus already twice affirmed the desirability, subject to being satisfied, on the question of cost, of introducing the use of the electric light in Cheltenham, and it has also decided, subject to the same condition, that it is the duty of the Corporation to undertake its introduction. The Committee, in their present report, therefore, have to direct themselves to the question of approximate cost referred to them by the Town Council's resolution of September 3rd, and they beg to lay before the Council their report on this head.

With a view to make their estimate of cost, though approximate only, one that may be relied on as sufficient, the Committee have placed themselves in communication with two of the largest Electric Lighting Companies in the world, and have obtained from them covering estimates, that is to say, estimates within which they would themselves contract to do the work. It is understood between the Committee and these two companies that they will be included in any invitation to submit precise tenders, and one of them writes, as late as the 19th instant, that they " could make a very large reduction" in one branch of their estimate, and " therefore decrease the whole tender," but as they rely on a " further opportunity " being given to tender," they will then amend their price.

From the enquiries made by the Committee and information supplied to them, they have been strengthened in the conclusion they had come to that the cost of the Public Lighting would be very materially reduced by combining it with the supply of the light to private consumers, as it is well-known that the electric light can be produced at a proportionally lower cost when the size of the installation is increased, and they have, therefore, included in their estimate provision for such combined supply.

The Committee have invited estimates on the basis of the supply of 60 1,200 c.p. arc lamps, and of from 2,000 16 c.p. incandescent lamps. The area indicated in the Committee's report at the August meeting, would be sufficiently lighted by 36 arc lamps ; but the Committee believe that an extension of that area would be immediately required, and should be provided for; while lamps would doubtless be rented for the lighting of workshops, stable yards and other large areas. The number of lights upon which the estimate for the incandescent circuit is based is one that would probably soon be found insufficient ; but the plant can be readily added to, and any extension will reduce the working expenses, and consequently the proportionate cost.

From the particulars and information afforded to your Committee they have come to the following conclusions :—

That motive power, generating machinery, circuit, lamps and other plant sufficient for 60 arc lamps of 1200 c.p. each, and 2,300 incandescent lamps of 16 c.p. each, including £1,800 estimated cost of site and buildings, can be erected for £11,900. This estimate is based on the circuit being partly underground and partly overhead. On the assumption that the whole of the arc lights will be alight on an average nine hours per night, and that the incandescent circuit has pressure on for 18 out of 24 hours, the incandescent lamps being supplied by meter, and alight on an average 1,500 hours each per annum, the annual cost of the production of this light including repairs, maintenance, depreciation, and interest and repayment of capital will be from £3,300 to £3,700 per annum. Assuming that 2,000 16 c.p. incandescent lamps yield an income of about 1d. per lamp per hour, and 20 arc lamps are let out at £15 per annum each, your Committee estimate that the cost of the 40 public arc lamps would be under £250 per annum. As will be seen, the number of lamps in the foregoing calculation is below the number which the plant is designed to supply, and as the demand for light increases the income will increase accordingly, which will allow of a proportionate extension of the Public Lighting at no greater cost.

Your Committee estimate that 40 arc lights would render unnecessary 180 of the existing gas lamps which at the present reduced price per lamp would cost about £450 per annum. A saving of £200 per annum would, therefore, be effected in the Public Lighting, while the power of the light would be many times greater.

There are two sites belonging to the Corporation, either of which would be available for a station, namely Barrett's Mill, and the land purchased for the erection of the Destructor. The latter has the advantage of access to the railway, thereby slightly reducing the cost of the coal, but the former is more central, and on the whole your Committee recommend the adoption of that site, a course in which they are confirmed by the representatives of both the Firms they have been in communication with.

Your Committee having now given, as directed, an approximate estimate of the cost of the Electric Lighting proposed, ask to be allowed to proceed with the matter and procure Tenders to be submitted to the Council.

GEORGE NORMAN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of February, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull ; Councillors Darby, Haddon, Kite, and Parsonage, (Councillor Darby in the chair)

1-Destructor Loan —£6,500—Messrs. Charles Dagnall and Co., of 90, Cannon Street, E.C., having offered to advance this money at 3½ per cent, for a term of twenty years, repayable by annual instalments of principal and interest, their commission on the loan being 1 per cent., It was Resolved, That the money be engaged from them upon those terms.

2 -- Borough Rate on 3, Royal Parade—The Town Clerk stated the result of an interview Mr. Burkill had had with him upon this matter, when that gentleman desired him to again bring the subject before the Committee. And It was Resolved, that the Committee see no reason to depart from their decision arrived at the last meeting.

3—Collection of Urban Rates—The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of these rates was read shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was 410319, leaving outstanding £1243 13s. 8¼ d. ; on the Branch Sewers' Rate No.1, £600 10s. 0d., leaving outstanding, £72 7s. 3½ d. ; on Branch Sewers Rate No. 2, £14 18s. 4d., leaving outstanding, £2 4s. 7¼ d.

4—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this rate was read, shewing receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £647 9s. 7d., leaving outstanding £676 9s. 3d; in Tewkesbury £441 .2s. 9d., leaving outstanding £63 10s. 9d.

9—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz.:

RECEIPTS.—	Borough Fund ...	£2730 13 0
	Library (Revenue) ...	£8 7 0
	Public Baths (Revenue) ...	£38 0 0

Urban Authority (Revenue) ...	£2107 7 6
Branch Sewers ...	£124 0 0
Street Improvements ...	£1247 0 0
Burial Board (Revenue) ...	£44 19 10
Water (Revenue) ...	£1018 4 4
Ditto (Capital) ...	£96 18 8

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ...	£97 10 10
Public Library (Revenue) ...	£18 3 6
Ditto (Capital) ...	£300 8 6
Public Baths (Revenue) ...	£7 8 0
Recreation Ground (Capital) ...	£102 8 4
Urban Authority (Revenue) ...	£1742 2 7
Refuse Destructor ...	£20 0 0
Burial Board (Revenue) ...	£20 16 10
Branch Sewers ...	£27 1 9
Street Improvements ...	£1276 13 6
Water (Revenue) ...	£26314 7
Ditto (Capital) ...	£32 1 8

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK— Received during the month ...	£7347 10 4
Due to Treasurer last month ...	£2433 7 10
Paid by him during the month ...	<u>£4035 9 3</u>
	<u>£6468 17</u>
Balance now in Treasurer's hands ...	£878 13 3

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, March 6th, 1889.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend an Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 11th day of March instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
2. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of the following Committees :
3. To appoint a member of the Council to serve with the Mayor upon the County Police Committee.

4. Councillor Lawrence to move : That it is desirable to make one rate for the whole Borough in place of the Borough and Sewers Rates as hitherto made, and that the Finance Committee be requested to take the necessary steps accordingly.

5. Notices of Motion. 6. To read the following letters, &c., and pass resolutions thereon if need be :—The Clerk to the County Council re Main Roads. G. F. Crowdy re Van and Wheel Tax. F. and E. Griffiths re Damage to Gas Mains, &c., by Steam Roller. F. and E. Griffiths re Reduction in, Price of Gas. Col. Lewes, re Lighting of road at back of Douro Road. W. E. Williams 9'6 Gas-testing. W. H. Stone and others re Road at back of Lansdown crescent. Dr. E. T. Wilson, re Typhoid fever cases. Mark Williams, re Water Supply to his properties. R. E. Welby (Treasury) re Fees for Revision of County Electors lists. Notice from Secretary of Municipal Corporations Association of Annual Meeting.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, March 27th, 1889.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 1st day of April next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Motion for adjournment of the meeting to Tuesday, the 2nd April, at 11 a.m.
3. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
4. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of the following Committees :

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. Alderman Griffith to draw the attention of the Council to the insanitary condition of many of the dwellings inhabited by the members of the working classes of Cheltenham, and to move—That the Public Health Committee do take into their serious consideration the various powers entrusted by Parliament to the Council with a view to their suggesting means whereby the condition of the dwellings of the working classes may be improved.

6. Councillor King to move a resolution requiring Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and all other officers of the Corporation to, in future, first submit to the several Committees, through the Town Clerk, all or any specifications for works, materials, plant or goods that may be required by or on behalf of the Corporation that all estimates for the same be endorsed and addressed to the Town

Clerk, and by him opened in the presence of the Committees appointed that all works or extra works or materials, plant or goods likely to exceed in value the sum of £25 shall be duly advertised in at least two local papers, and estimates taken for the same and that all orders for or likely to be of less sums than £25 be given quarterly to tradesmen who are ratepayers within the Borough.

7. Councillor Heath to move—That all the Mill Dams within the Borough on the course of the Chelt be done away with, and that all existing walls along the course of the River be underpinned, as also the bridges and culverts connected with the same, thereby averting in the future great damage to property and loss by flood to the ratepayers of Cheltenham.

8. Notices of Motion.

9. To read and consider the following letters, memorials, &c., and to pass resolutions thereon, if need be :— Foster's Parcel Express Co. re Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888. Robert Anderson re Railway Rates and Charges. M. Taylor with Resolution of Working Men's Constitutional Club. Col. E. Brown re Kyrle Society and Grove Street Recreation Ground. Col. Graham re Crossing opposite Glenisla. W. Such re Banbury Railway Drains. R. L. Boulton re Urinal in Tangent Alley.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st of April, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 1889—Present Aldermen Parsonage; Councillors Cox, Haddon, and Darby (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

I—Bedford Buildings Improvement—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney stating that Georges, Limited, were prepared to accept the £200 offered by the Council upon the understanding that the Corporation do all the stonework in the path-way necessitated by the setting back both at the shop frontage and at the entrance to the yard that they undertake to have the pavement laid within 10 days of the altered shop-front being in. That time is the essence of this arrangement. That the coke-shoot and cellarage are reserved to the company, and that if any conveyance or title is required from the company it must be at the expense of the Corporation in the usual way, was read, And It was Resolved, That the terms proposed in Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney's letter be agreed to, except that the cellarage must be confined to the width of the new footway. It was further Resolved, That the Committee recommend application to be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan not exceeding £3,000, for the following purposes :—

For the St. George's Place improvement ...	£1000 0 0
For Bedford Buildings and Library improvement,	

including the paving works connected therewith ...	£1000 0 0
Widening of Chester Walk ...	£200 0 0
Widening of All Saints' Road ...	£400 0 0
Widening St. Paul's Road, altering Tewkesbury and Swindon ...	<u>£200 0 0</u>
	£2800 0 0

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1889—Present : Aldermen Parsonage and Shims-Bull ; Councillors Cox, Darby, Heath, Haddon and Lawrence (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

2-Gas Examiner's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Examiner was read : average illuminating power, 17.06 candles. Purity average, 18.17 grains of sulphur per 1,000 feet.

3—Gas Inspector's Report--The monthly report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp, 4.242 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book—The Lamp book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined, and it was found that during the month 19 lamps were extinguished, and 26 burning dimly.

5-Footpath in Carlton Place, Swindon Road—The question of the repair of this footpath (which in May, 1888, was adjourned pending the alterations at the Workhouse) was again discussed and adjourned for the Committee to view.

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6—Crossing over Bath Road, opposite St. Luke's Road—A letter from the Rev. Geo. Despard requesting to be informed if this crossing which was taken up a few weeks ago, would he re hid, was read. And It was Resolved, That an asphalte crossing be formed at this point in lieu of that taken up.

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7-Pope's Alley—It appearing, from enquiries made, that this is a private roadway, It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification for the repair thereof.

8-County Council and Main Roads—A letter from the Clerk to the Provisional County Council enclosing copy of a scheme which had been settled by a Committee of the County Council for the management of the main roads of the County in rural districts and asking whether the Corporation proposed to claim to retain the powers and duties of maintaining and repairing the main roads in their District, as empowered by Sec. 11 of the Local Government Act, 1888, or whether the Council would agree to the roads being maintained by the County on the terms proposed for Highway Districts, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Town Council as Urban Sanitary Authority retain the powers and duties of maintaining and re-pairing the main roads within their district.

The Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan and schedule shewing the roads the Committee consider should be repaired and maintained as main roads. And It was Resolved, That application be made to the County Council to declare the same to be main roads, or to contribute to the repair and maintenance thereof as highways.

9--Damage to Gas Mains by Steam Roller.—A letter from Messrs Griffiths, clerks to the Gas Co., complaining of the damage caused to the Company's Mains by the Steam Roller was read, and the letter was referred to the Highway Inspector to report thereon.

10—Lighting of road at back of Douro road.—A letter from Col. Lewis calling attention to the necessity of lighting the road leading from Douro road to Christ Church road was read. And It was Resolved, That one lamp be erected 20 feet to the west of the existing stables.

11—Fence at corner of Naunton Park road—Lloyd—A further letter from Mr. Lloyd stating that the present temporary position of this fence is entirely due to his efforts to meet the requirements of the Town Council, and if the Council would allow the storm water from Sir William Russell's field to be conveyed direct into the brook no further alteration of the fence would be necessary, also asking permission to lay a 3-in. iron pipe across the road to convey the water from the brook into an ornamental lake, and requesting the Council to determine the line of frontage for small detached or semi-detached villas to be built upon this land facing Old Bath Road was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend any departure from the terms of their previous resolution; they have moreover no power to comply with Mr. Lloyd's request to divert the water from the watercourse, and that the building line will be fixed when the plan for the erection of the first house is sent in

12- All Saints terrace, Hewlett road—A letter from Mr. Chas. Winstone calling attention to the dangerous state of this roadway and requesting the Corporation to give orders for the repair thereof was read. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification for the repair of the road by the abutting owners.

13—Footpath in Kings Road —A letter from Mr. C. W. Spackman stating that he had received instructions from the owner of this footpath to lay down a 3-feet pavement of silver grey stone in the centre thereof, but subject to the consent of the Council to the other part of the footpath being gravelled only and not paved until the land is built upon was read. And It was Resolved, That permission be given to lay down the 3-feet pavement as desired, subject to the work being done to the satisfaction of the Highway Inspector.

14— Crossing from Montpellier terrace to Sandford road—A letter from the hon. secretary of the Cheltenham General Hospital calling attention to the removal of this crossing and stating that it would be a great convenience to patients and others going to and from the Hospital if an asphalt crossing could be laid down at the above place was read. And It was Resolved, That the application be complied with.

15—Horses used by Corporation—A letter from the Cheltenham S.P.C.A. stating that constant complaints are made at their office as to the wretched condition of many of the horses used in the service of the Town Council for Scavenging, &c. was read. And It was Resolved, That the Society be

informed that instructions have been given to the Highway Inspector not to employ any haulier whose horse is not suitable and fit for the work.

16 — Footpath between 22 and 23, Lansdown Terrace—A Letter from Mr. H. K. Adkin, complaining of the state of the footpath, and of the fact that during heavy rains the water comes through the roof of his cellars, which are under the pathway, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Adkin be informed that so far as the drainage is concerned it is a case of ordinary repair which will be duly attended to, but the Corporation cannot undertake to make the coverings to vaults and cellars under pavements waterproof.

17—Erection of Sign-Boards in the Streets—A Letter from the Western Counties Telephone Co., stating that a sign-board erected by them at No. 8 Albion Street, had been put up in ignorance of the Bye-laws prohibiting the same, and requesting permission to allow it to remain ; also a similar application from Mr. F. J. Groves in respect of a sign put up by him at No. 9 Albion Street ; and a Report thereon from the Street Inspector (Mr. Young) were read. Applications were also read from the Telephone Co, for permission to put up a sign at No. 4 Portland Terrace, 3ft. 6in. long by 18in. wide, and from Mr. H. Cockshott for leave to erect a sign at the Bath Road Post Office. And It was Resolved, That the desired permission to put up new projecting signboards be not granted, and that notice be given for the removal of those already fixed.

18—Road at Back of Lansdown Crescent—A Memorial from W. H. Stone, Esq. and others, calling attention to the disgraceful state of this road, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the attention of the Highway Inspector has been called to it.

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19—Telephone Poles on Gloucester road—A further Memorial from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths and others, earnestly appealing to the Corporation to take measures for the removal of the nuisance caused by these telephone poles, was read, The Town Clerk stated that he had forwarded a copy of the Memorial to the Telephone Co., as also a copy of the previous one and that the Company had promised to give the matter their attention. And It was Resolved, That six month,' notice be given to the Telephone Co. to remove the poles in question.

20—Banbury and Cheltenham Railway Bridge at Hatherley—A Memorial from Mrs. M. H. Clarke and others, calling attention to the injury caused to their properties by the neglect of the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway Co. to repair the bridges and embankments on their line passing through the Hatherley Property, and referring especially to the bridge over the Hatherley Road on the fork line near the Great Western Railway, which is in a dangerous state, and is in fact only kept up by baulks of timber which rest upon and curtail the width of the public footpath, was read. And It was Resolved, That Notice be given to the Company to remove all obstruction in the footpath and to repair the bridge over the Hatherley Road, and to keep clear the brook or stream running under the Alma Road.

21-Keynsham Road and Sandford Terrace—A Letter from Councillor Ferguson, calling attention to the bad state of repair of these roads, and to the need of an extra lamp between the pumping station and the corner of Sandford Terrace, also asking for an asphalt footpath in the lane leading

from the corner of Sandford Terrace to Orrisdale Terrace Road, was read. And It was Resolved, That as regards the footpaths in Keynsham Road and Sandford Terrace the work is one of ordinary repair which will be duly attended to, but the Committee do not consider another lamp is needed here, That the footpath from Sandford Terrace to Orrisdale Terrace Road be gravelled and one lamp be erected about half way between the points named.

22—Bedford Buildings Improvement—A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, accepting on behalf of Georges Limited the terms contained in this Committees' resolution of the 12th inst., and requesting that the Plan which had been impounded might be returned as it contained certain notes as to quantities, &c., of importance to the Architect, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Plan be given up on a proper duplicate thereof, so far as the Corporation are concerned, being deposited with the Surveyor.

23—Daft's Footpath at Cloddimore—It was Resolved, That the Owner of this footpath be given notice to remove all obstructions therefrom, so as to leave the footpath a clear width of 5 feet.

24 -- Horse Provender—Tenders from Messrs. Ride & Co., Bloodworth & Son, E. Snowsell, and H. Williams, for the supply of horse provender from the 1st April to 30th Sept., accompanied by samples of oats, beans and bran, were opened and considered. And It was Resolved, That Messrs. Ride & Co's. Tender for Oats at 22s; Messrs. Bloodworth & Sons for Hay, at £4 2s 6d and for Bran at £4 7s 6d per ton ; and Mr. E. Snowsell's for straw at 50s per ton, Linseed 6s 6d per bushel, and Vetches 19s per ton, be accepted.

25—Tenders for Manure—The Tender of Mr. Walter Cook at 5s per ton was accepted.

26— Naunton Park Road—The Surveyor was directed to give the owner of this road notice to put in gulleys to prevent the surface water therefrom running over the Naunton Lane.

28—Highway Inspector's Report —The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month, viz. —Repaired with broken stone (Clee Hill stone) : Manchester Street, Clarence Street, St. George's Place, Promenade, back of Montpellier Terrace, Bath Road (crossings), Montpellier Avenue (crossings), High Street and London Road (crossings), Great Norwood Street (crossings), Montpellier Street (crossings). (Wickwar stone): Gloucester Road, Old Bath Road (patching), Bath Terrace, Upper Bath Street, Commercial Street. (Tytherington stone) : Gloucester Road, Old Bath Road, Hanover Street and Albert Street. (Brown stone): Old Bath Road and Harp Hill. Curbing, Crossings, and Flagging: New Library, All Saint's Road, London Road, Pittville Circus, Promenade, Tewkesbury Road, Brewery Lane, Lower High Street, Bath Road, Old Bath Road, Ambrose Street, and Warwick Place. Tariffing Milsom Street, Swindon Road, St. Paul's Road. Crossings Removed (intermediate): 7 in Bath Road, 57 High Street, 3 Montpellier Avenue, 1 Montpellier Street, 2 Great Norwood Street, 1 Pittville Circus, 2 Painswick Lawn. Loads of Ashes collected : 1,645.

28—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were disapproved, viz. : E. Wilks for two new houses on site of 27 and 28 Grosvenor Street, Mrs. E. Welch for stable at back of Hewlett Street,

Rev. Nash Bricknell for a house in St. George's Place. The Surveyor also submitted a notice and plan from Col. R. B. Graham for additions to Glenisla, Christ Church Road, which was approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of March, 1889—Present :
Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Hayden Knoll Farm—It was Resolved, That two and a half acres of the upper portion of Elm Hill be planted with gorse and fenced at a cost not exceeding £50, and that the Surveyor be instructed to have the same done by tender.

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of March, 1889—Present
Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman, Parsonage and Price
(Councillor Darby in the chair)—

2 — Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Applications from the following persons to be registered as Purveyors of Milk were read, viz. : Mrs. M. Pumphrey, Trinity Villas ; T. Callaway, 20 Great Norwood Street ; F. Richardson, 5 Winchcomb Place ; C. Webb, 4 Hewlett Road. And It was Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

3—houses Without a Proper Water Supply—A report from the Surveyor that the houses therein mentioned were without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be obtained from the Corporation mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts was read. And It was Resolved, That notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the houses in question requiring them to obtain such supply, and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

4— Urinal at Junction of Ambrose Street and High Street--The Surveyor laid before the Committee plan for an urinal on a suggested site belonging to Mr. Maule, and reported that Mr. Maule required to be paid £150 for the site in question. And It was Resolved' That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

5—Proposed Public Abattoir—The Surveyor laid before the Committee suggested ground plan for the erection of a Public Abattoir on the south side of the Market Place, and the matter was adjourned for further consideration.

6—Damage caused by Flood on 8th March—Letters from the following persons complaining of the damage done to their properties by reason of the flood on the 8th inst., viz :—Cavendish House Limited re Stamford House ; J. A. Robertson re 13 Royal Crescent ; James Burns re Wall at Broughton Lodge, Bayshill ; Col. Steevens re 1 Wolseley Terrace ; Secretary of New Club re New Club House ; F. and E. Griffiths re the late C. L. Harford's property, near Barrett's Mill, were read. And It was

Resolved, That the Surveyor do prepare and submit to this Committee a report on the foregoing complaints.

7—Medical Officer's Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer's Quarterly Report was read.

8—Medical Officer's Leave—Dr. Roch applied for leave of absence for six weeks, to be taken in two periods of three weeks each, he finding a suitable substitute during the time. And It was Resolved, That the request be granted.

9—Water Supply at Barnes' Court, Crone Street—The M.O.H. reported that the water in the well at the above place is so polluted as to be injurious to health. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do at once write to the owner giving him notice to close the well.

10—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz :—

W. M. Gammond, Sickness Returns ... £2 10 0

J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ... £0 18 2

Tuson's Disinfecting Liquid Co., Disinfectants ... £8 7 6

W. H. Lewis, 1 Months Salary as

Assistant Inspector of Nuisances ... £7 0 0

W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance ... £ 0 5 0

J. T. Norman, Printing M.O.H's Annual Report ... £14 18 6

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, and Price (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of Alderman Parsonage Councillor Darby was appointed chairman at this meeting.

2—Manager's Report—The usual monthly report of the Manager on the state of the works and other matters was read, the following being a precis thereof:—

That the springs yielded 497 gallons per minute, the average for the past four years being 397.

That all the Reservoirs were full.

That the rainfall for the three days ending the 8th instant was 3 ¼ inches, and that which fell within the gathering ground of the Dowdeswell Reservoir was equal to 9-10ths of the total storage.

That on the 8th inst. the overflow from the Chelt flooded the Pumping Station at Sandford Mead.

That the greatest depth of water in the Reservoir at Dowdeswell was at 7.15 p.m. when eight inches

was passing over the sill of the waste weir. No damage to the works has been observed arising from the rain or flood.

The revision and extension of the water mains is being continued.

The wire fence at Dowdeswell requires to be increased in height, or the pales filled in for half the height of the fence in order to keep out the rabbits.

Mr. Collins, Contractor, Tewkesbury, commenced the Mythe Hill works on the 18th instant.

Mr. Boulton, Sculptor, has agreed to carry out the amended design of the tablet for Dowdeswell in accordance with the terms agreed to at the last meeting of the Council.

It was Resolved that the services of Clerk of the Works for the works at Tewkesbury be advertised for at a salary of £2 10s. 0d. a-week in the two local papers and the Birmingham Daily Post.

It was also Resolved That the tender of Mr. Boulton for the tablet to be erected on the lodge at Dowdeswell he accepted.

3—Mark Williams—A letter from Mr. Mark Williams containing a statement of his houses and suggestions as to the mode of supplying them with water was read, And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the adoption of the suggestions in question, but that the Manager be instructed to inspect the property with Mr. Williams and confer with him thereon.

4—Regulations—The Manager laid before the Committee draft of proposed Regulations Nod. 1 and 2 one being alternative to the other, and he was instructed to re-model them so that there shall be one set of draft regulations with alternatives for those regulations which are not common with both systems, and to have copies printed for consideration by the Committee at a Special Meeting.

5—Appeals, &c—Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

6--Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and allowed.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of March, 1889—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffiths and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Cox, Connor, Hands, Skillicorne and Woodard; (Alderman Simms-Bull in the Chair)—

1—Allotments Act—Messrs. Taylor, Niamey and others—Memorials and applications requesting the Council to provide allotments for working men under this Act were read. The Town Clerk laid before the Committee his report on the Act (copy of which appears below), and read a letter he had written to Mr. Taylor on the subject of the proper form in which the application should be made, And It was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the application had been sent in in proper form.

TO THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen,—At your Meeting of the 25th of February last, you instructed me to Report to you on your powers and duties under the Allotments Act, 1887. These will, of course, be gathered from the Act itself; the principal provisions of which and those material to be considered by the Committee at present, are as follows

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On a representation in writing to the Corporation, acting as an Urban Sanitary Authority, by any six registered Parliamentary Electors or Ratepayers resident in the Borough, that the circumstances of the Borough are such that it is the duty of the Corporation to take proceedings under the Act, the Corporation must take such representation into consideration. As this representation is the foundation of the whole proceedings the requirements of the Act should be strictly adhered to.

If the Corporation are of opinion either after enquiry or otherwise—

(a) That there is a demand for Allotments for the labouring population of the Borough ; and

(b) That such Allotments cannot be obtained at a reasonable rent and on reasonable conditions by voluntary arrangement between the owners of suitable land and the applicants,

The Corporation, subject to the provisions of the Act, must purchase or hire any suitable land which may be available whether within or without the Borough adequate to provide a sufficient number of allotments, and must let such land in allotments to the labouring population of the Borough desiring to take the same.—Section 2, sub-sec. 1.

The Corporation must not acquire land for allotments save at such price or rent that in the opinion of the Corporation all expenses (save expenses incurred in making roads to be used by the public) incurred by the Corporation may be reasonably expected to be recouped out of the rents.

For the purpose of this section " reasonable rent " (but there is no such expression in the section) means the rent, exclusive of rates, taxes, and tithe rent charge, which a person taking an allotment might reasonably be expected to pay, taking one year with another, to a landlord, having regard to the value of similar land in the neighbourhood, to the extent and situation of the allotment, to the expenses of adapting the land to the purposes of the allotment, and to the repairs and other outgoings payable by the landlord, and to the cost and risk of collecting the rents of, and otherwise managing allotments.—(Sub-sec. 2.)

The powers of the Public Health Act, 1875 and the Lands Clauses Act relating to purchase of land by agreement are incorporated.—(Section 3, sub-sec. 1.)

If the Corporation are unable to purchase or hire suitable and sufficient land by agreement at a reasonable price or rent and subject to reasonable conditions the Corporation may petition the County Authority to make a Provisional Order authorising them to put in force the clauses of the

Lands Clauses Act for the purchase and taking of land compulsorily, with certain modifications to the effect that questions of disputed compensation shall be referred to one Arbitrator to be appointed by the Local Government Board, in case of difference, who shall have power to determine the amount of costs and disallow any costs he considers to have been unnecessarily incurred. (Sub-sec. 2, 3 and 4.) There are also certain restrictions as to the description, situation, and quantity of the land to be so acquired. (Sub-sec. 6.)

The Corporation may improve the land and adapt it for letting in allotments by draining, fencing, and dividing it, acquiring approaches and making roads, and do all things necessary to maintain the allotments in a proper condition. (Section 5.)

The Corporation may make regulations to be confirmed by the Local Government Board for regulating the letting of allotments, for preventing undue preference in letting, and for carrying the provisions of the Act into effect, the Regulations may define the persons eligible to be tenants, notices to be given of the letting, size of allotments, conditions under which they are to be cultivated, and the rent to be paid, and for giving reasonable notice of the determination of the tenancies.

A copy of all regulations shall be given gratis to any inhabitant demanding the same.

Allotment Managers, consisting either partly of members of the Council and partly of other persons residents and ratepayers or wholly of such other persons, may be appointed by the Corporation.

The proceedings and powers of the Managers shall be such as, subject to the provisions of the Act the Corporation may prescribe, and they may incur expenses to such an amount as the Corporation prescribe —Sec. 6.

The rents are to be not less than may be reasonably expected to ensure the Corporation from loss, and subject thereto such rents may be charged as are reasonable, having regard to the agricultural value of the land, and not more than a quarter's rent shall be required to be paid in advance if it is deemed necessary to require it to be paid in advance.—(Sec. 7. ss. 1)

The Corporation will have to pay all rates, taxes, and tithe rent charges, but such payments are to be apportioned between the allotments and added to the rents, and be recoverable accordingly (ss. 2). No person can hold more than one acre, and no allotment can be sub-let (ss 3.)

If no allotment can be let on the terms aforesaid it may be let to any person at the best rent that can be got for it, subject to the Corporation being able to resume possession within 12 months (ss. 4).

No building except a tool-house, shed, greenhouse, fowl-house or pigstye can be erected on any allotment, and if erected may be pulled down and sold, and the proceeds applied as rent. Neither the Corporation or the incoming tenant is obliged to take to any such building or pay any compensation for it, but the out-going tenant will be at liberty to remove it before the expiration of the term, if he does not, the Corporation may pull it down and dispose of the materials and apply the proceeds as rent (ss. 5.)

A tenant may remove any fruit or other trees or bushes planted or acquired by him for which he has no claim for compensation (ss. 6.)

Rent and possession may be recovered as in ordinary cases. (Sec. 8 ss. 1.)

If the rent is in arrear for not less than 40 days, or if after three months from the commencement of the tenancy the tenant has not observed the regulations or is resident more than a mile out of the Borough the tenancy may be determined on a month's notice, but in such case the Corporation, in default of agreement between the out-going and in-coming tenant, is to pay the out-going tenant any compensation due to him, to be settled by an arbitrator (ss. 2.)

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All expenses incurred by the Corporation, including allowance to officers for duties under the Act, are to be defrayed as expenses under the Public Health Act. (Sec. 10 ss. 1)

Separate accounts of receipts and expenditure are to be kept (ss. 6.)

A register is to be kept shewing the particulars of tenancy, acreage, and rent of allotments open to examination of the rate-payers, and an annual statement of receipts and expenditure, open to inspection by the ratepayers, is to be made within one month from the 25th of March in each year. (Sec. 15.)

The Local Government Board have issued model regulations for the use of Local Authorities.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

2—Telephone Company and Fire Brigade Station—The Town Clerk reported that the Telephone Company were about to establish the free connection which had been promised between their Telephone Exchange and the Fire Brigade Station, and he submitted the necessary forms of agreement and wayleave consent, which were approved and ordered to be executed.

3—Telephone at Municipal Offices—The question of the removal of the telephone from its present position was again considered. And It was Resolved, That the instrument be placed in the outer office of the Water Department

4—Hackney Carriages—The Committee granted permission to Mr. Chas. Burrows, of Dunalley Parade, to use another carriage in lieu of No. 13a, for a period of six weeks during the repair of the latter.

W. SIMMS-BULL,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 2nd day of March, 1889—Present Councillors Darby, Lawrence, King, Norman and Waghorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1- Cleve Common—Mr. Stroud attended this meeting of the Committee, and in the course of a long interview with reference to the proposed regulation of the Common strongly urged upon the Committee that in justice to the freeholders having rights of Common on the Hill, they should forego that part of their resolution of date 16th of August last, which required that one-half of the costs of promoting the scheme, viz., £200, should be borne by the Commoners. The Committee did not feel justified in recommending the Council to increase the offer previously made, but the Chairman having stated that he was authorised to promise that the amount required from the Commoners would be guaranteed from other sources to the satisfaction of the Committee, It was Resolved, That the matter be proceeded with on those terms, and that any claim on the Commoners for any part of the expenses be withdrawn.

It was further arranged that the number of Conservators should be 12, viz.: 1 for the Lordship of Bishop's Cleeve, 1 for the Lordship of Southam, 2 for the Township of Bishop's Cleeve, 2 for the Hamlet of Woodmancote, 2 for the Hamlet of Southam, and 4 for the Borough of Cheltenham.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd day of March, 1889—Present Alderman Simms-Bull ; Councillors King and Lawrence (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

2-Bathing Drawers—Samples and prices of bathing drawers were submitted from various tradesmen, And It was Resolved, That 33 dozen pairs be ordered from Mr. J. D. Taylor, of Osborne House at the respective prices of 5s 11d, 6s 6d, and 6s 1d1 per dozen for the three sizes required.

3-Recreation Ground—The Committee proceeded to the Recreation Ground and made and inspection thereof.

4- Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

Land Commissioners for England—Deposit re Cleeve Common Provisional Order ... £50 0 0

Hy. Davis, Printing Recreation Ground Bye-Laws ... £1 0 0

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of March, 1889—Present :—The Mayor ; Councillors Cox, Haddon, Heath, Kite, King, Parsonage and Price (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

1—Inspection of Cemetery by H.M. Inspector—The Superintendent reported that the Government Inspector of Burial Grounds had visited and inspected the Cemetery on the 18th inst., and had expressed himself generally as well pleased with the arrangements. He had, however, mentioned his disapproval of the system practised of interring the bodies of paupers three in each grave of the depth of eight feet, and stated that the Superintendent would hear from him further thereon.

2 — Drainage of South side of Cemetery—The Superintendent called attention to the wet condition of the lower or South side of the Cemetery, and he asked the Committee to consider the Advisability of ordering the graves in that part of the ground to be dug to a depth of seven feet instead of the customary depth of eight feet. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor be requested to make an examination of the drains, and report to the Committee as to the condition thereof.

3—Plan of New Ground—It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do prepare a complete plan of the ground and grave spaces laid out on the south side of the Cemetery to be mounted on rollers to correspond with the other plans to be hung up in the Committee Room

4—Design—The following design was examined and approved, viz.: Tomb to J. T. Connolly.

5—Account—The following Account was examined and allowed, viz. :

W. Gregory—Labourers Wages to May 4th, 1889... £9 3 6

GEO. JAS. COX,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 14th day of March, 1889—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith, Ramsay, and Welch ; Councillors Haddon and Lawrence (Alderman Welch in the chair).

1-- Tenancy of No. 1, Liverpool Place—The Town Clerk reported that he had seen Messrs. Engall and Co. with reference to the continuance of the tenancy until the opening of the Library, and read a letter he had received from them stating that the principal would let it for a further term of three months, also a further letter he had written to Messrs. Engall and Co. and their reply, consenting to extend the tenancy for one month from the 25th inst. at the proportionate rent. And It was Resolved That this arrangement be agreed to, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the landlord and Messrs. Engall and Co.

2-Opening of the Library—The Mayor reported that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach had expressed his willingness to open the Library on the 24th prox., if not detained by public or private business.

GEO. A. WELCH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of March, 1889—Present: Aldermen Griffith, Ramsay and Welch ; Councillors Neale, Parsonage, Haddon and Lawrence,.(Alderman Welch in the chair)-

3—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the following gifts of books during the month, viz. :

University Correspondence College, Cambridge ... 1 vol.

Treasurer of Delancey Hospital, Report for 1888

Mr. F. Grubb ... 11 vols.

Mr. G. D. Erskine ... 1 vol.

Mr. R. Garry, London 1 vol.

Annual Reports from Preston and Birmingham Public Libraries.

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4—Opening of Library—It was Resolved, That the date of the opening of the new Library buildings be fixed for Wednesday, the 24th day of April next, that the Mayors of the neighbouring towns be invited to attend the ceremony, and that a Meeting of this Committee be called for Friday next at 4 p.m. to arrange the details thereof.

5—Occupation of New Building by Schools of Art and Science—The Architect having reported that the rooms set apart for the use of the Schools of Art and Science were ready for occupation and might be taken possession of at any time, It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do so inform the Secretaries of the respective Schools, and remind them that the rent will commence to be payable from the 25th inst.

6—Caretaker's Apartments—The Committee informed the Architect that the duties of the Caretaker would commence on the 1st proxo., by which date the Caretaker's rooms must be ready for his occupation.

7—Date of Removal to New Building—It was resolved, that the removal of the stock be commenced on the 8th of April, and the Architect was requested to have everything completed before that date.

7—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

A. Cotgrove, Royalty on New Indicator ... £6 0 0

Norman, Sawyer and Co., Binding and Lettering Books ... £22 15 9

Printing Annual Report ... £4 0 0

Kelly and Co., Books ... £1 12 6

J. J. Banks, Books ... £2 3 8

" Newspapers and Periodicals ... £4 18 5
" Magazines ... £3 6 7
Wm. Morgan, New Indicator ... £60 0 0
W. Jones, for Wages of Assistants, to 4th May ... £13 17 6

GEO. A. W. WELCH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Ramsay ; Councillors Cox, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne, Waghorne, and Woodard (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Improvement Bill—The Town Clerk reported that the following petitions against this Bill had been lodged, viz.: By Charles John Chesshyre. " The Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company. " The Great Western Railway Company. " The Western Counties and South Wales Telephone Company. " The Leckhampton Local Board.

The Town Clerk read a letter he had written to the solicitors of the Gas Company and their reply, and draft of proposed reply thereto, which was approved.

A Committee of the Leckhampton Local Board consisting of the Chairman (G. B. Witts, Esq.), Mr. Nathl. Smith, and Mr. B. Coombe, with the Clerk and Surveyor attended this meeting of the Committee. Mr. Witts suggested that the opposition of his Board might be withdrawn if the Corporation undertook that in the event of their becoming owners of the Delancey Hospital they would not take in small pox Patients. The proposal was fully discussed, And It was Resolved, That the further consideration of this question be adjourned to an adjourned meeting to be held on Saturday next.

The Town Clerk reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Chesshyre on the subject of his petition, and that he (Mr. Chesshyre) would be shortly prepared to submit a clause or clauses for insertion in the Bill.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 16th day of March, 1889—Present : Aldermen Ramsay and Simms Bull; Councillors Cox, Norman, Waghorne, Parsonage, Darby, and King (Councillor Waghorne in the chair.)

2—Great Western Train Service—Mr. Vassar-Smith attended this meeting of the Committee, and the question of improved train service between Cheltenham and London and vice-versa was fully discussed, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

3—:Improvement Bill—The question of the petition of the Leckhampton Local Board was further considered, And It was Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to accept the proposal of the Leckhampton Local Board.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday the 18th day of March, 1889—Present : Aldermen Ramsay and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Cox, Darby, Lawrence, Norman, Parsonage, Skillicorne, Woodard and Waghorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)—

4-- Improvement Bill : Leckhampton Petition—This question was further considered. And It was Resolved, That the Committee would be willing to consent to the insertion in the Bill of a clause—" That in the event of the Corporation at any time becoming owners of the Delancey Fever Hospital, and in the event of the Borough being at any time thereafter threatened with or affected by any formidable epidemic of small pox, within the meaning of Sec. 134 of the Public Health Act, 1875, it should be lawful for the Local Government Board, subject to the terms of the trust, to make regulations as to the use or otherwise of the Delancey Fever Hospital for the treatment of any greater number of cases therein than the then existing accommodation for small pox cases at the hospital will allow of."

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th day of March, 1889—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Parsonage and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Darby, Haddon, Kite, and Parsonage, (Councillor Darby in the chair)

1—Collection of Urban Rates—The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of these rates was read shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £10,585 13s. [.]d., leaving un-collected £984 16s. 8¾ d. ; on the Branch Sewers' Rate No. 1, £625 1s. 1d., leaving outstanding, £48 3s. 4½ d. ; on Branch Sewers Rate No. 2, £16 18s. 2¼ d., leaving outstanding, 14s 9½ d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this rate was read, shewing receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £6611 1s. 2d., leaving outstanding £240 18s. 11d.: in Tewkesbury £488 18s. 0d., leaving outstanding £16 7s. 1d.

3—Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the meeting an account of his expenses in carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1888-9, amounting to £91 13s. 8½ d. And It was Resolved, That the said amount be certified to be due to him and be apportioned between the respective Parishes of Cheltenham, Leckhampton, and Charlton

Kings, in the proportion of £70 6s. 6d. to Cheltenham, £9 3s. 2d. to Leckhampton, and £12 4s. 0½ d. to Charlton Kings.

4—Recreation Ground Loan—It was Resolved, That notice be given to the lender of the intention of the Corporation to pay off this loan.

5—Destructor Loan—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the engrossment of the mortgage to the Yorkshire Penny Bank for the loan of £6,500 for the purposes of the Destructor. And It was Resolved, That the same be approved and the Common Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

6—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz. :

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RECEIPTS.-	Borough Fund ...	
	Library (Revenue) ...	£4 1 10
	Ditto (Capital) ...	£2 2 0
	Urban Authority (Revenue) ...	£515 13
	Burial Board (Revenue) ...	£27 5 8
	Branch Sewers ...	£26 0 11
	Street Improvements ...	£250 0 0
	Water (Revenue) ...	£532 8 3
	Ditto (Capital) ...	£1 3 0
ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID--		
	Borough Fund ...	£644 12 2
	Public Library (Revenue) ...	£102 19 1
	Public Baths (Revenue) ...	£ 7 18 2
	Recreation Ground (Capital) ...	£54 2 0
	Urban Authority (Revenue) ...	£2581 5 8
	Burial Board (Revenue) ...	£64 0 0
	Refuse Destructor (Capital) ...	£8 4 0
	Branch Sewers ...	£45 14 2
	Water (Revenue) ...	£1925 10 7
	Ditto (Capital) ...	£202 19 1
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—		
	Balance in hand last month ...	£878 13 3
	Received during the month ...	<u>£1365 4 5</u>
		£2243 17 8
	Paid by him during the month	<u>£2813 14 2</u>
	Balance due to Treasurer's	£569 16 6

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st of April, 1889.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 29th day of March, 1889—Present : Aldermen Ramsay and Simms Bull Councillors Cox, Norman, Skillicorne, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair),—

Improvement Bill : Leckhampton Petition—The Chairman of the Leckhampton Local Board (Mr. G. B. Witts), and Messrs. Nath', Smith and B. Coombe, members, attended this meeting of this Committee. The Committee offered to insert the following Clause : " That without prejudice to the rights under the Delancey Trust Deed of the neighbourhood of Cheltenham other than the Borough of Cheltenham, the Corporation shall not, if at any time hereafter they become possessed of the Delancey Fever Hospital, receive or treat therein a greater number of patients suffering from small pox than twelve at any one time." This Clause not having been accepted, It was Resolved, That an offer be made to withdraw Clauses 26 and 27 from the Bill.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 23rd of April, 1889.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 1889—Present: Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman, Parsonage, and Price (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Heyden Knoll Farm—Gorse Planting—The Surveyor reported that he had invited tenders from Messrs, Burgess, Hopwood, and Treseder, nurserymen, for this gorse and planting, on a specification furnished by him, and laid the same before the Committee, with the tenders and specimens of the plants from Messrs. Hopwood and Treseder—Messrs. Burgess not having sent any specimen, and having only tendered for one year old plants. The tenders of Messrs. Hopwood and Treseder were respectively 50/-and 55/- per 1000. And It was Resolved, That Messrs. Hopwood's tender be accepted.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 17th day of April, 1889 (Present: Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Ferguson, King, Norman, Parsonage, and Neale (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

2 -- Sewage Farms, Hoyden Knoll—The Surveyor reported that Mr. Bedford, of Broadway, was desirous of taking this farm. And It was Resolved, That the farm (including that portion thereof which is now let separately at £36 per annum, but except that portion thereof planted with gorse) be offered to him at £30 per annum for seven years from Lady Day, determinable by either party at the end of the third or fifth year on six months previous notice, or excluding that portion which is now let, for £270.

3--- Heyden Farm—The Surveyor was authorised to let this farm to Mr. Wood at the same rent as he gave last year, for one or three years, and, if not accepted, the same to be let by auction in lots.

4- Barn Farm—It was Resolved, That this farm be let in lots by auction.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st May, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 6th day of May instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last meeting, and of the Special Meeting held on the 23rd April.

2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.

3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Councillor Norman to resign his Membership of the Public Health Committee, and to move : That Alderman Griffith be appointed a Member of such Committee.

5. Councillor Skillicorne to move : That the regulation requiring Cabmen convicted of loitering to be suspended for six months after being fined by the Magistrates is unjust and should be rescinded.

6. Notices of Motion.

7. To read the following letters, &c., and pass resolutions thereon if need be :—

H. F. Lewis, re Signboard at Telephone Co's. Call Room in Albion Street.

W. T. Cossens, application for permission to put an automatic box in front of No. 2, Clarence Street.

The Rev. E. Cornford re numbering of houses in Great Western Terrace and Millbrook Street.

W. H. B. Soule, re alleged misconduct in Recreation Ground.

E. M. Anderson, re Prevention of Cruelty to Children Bill.

Alfred Pike, re Footpath in Lansdown Road.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th of May, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1889—Present : Aldermen Parsonage and Simmons-Bull; Councillors Cox, and Heath (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner's Monthly Report was read average illuminating power, 16.51 candles. Purity 15.36 grains of sulphur per 100 feet.

2 -Gas Inspector's Report--The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption per lamp, 4.266 cubic feet.

3— Lamp Book—The Lamp Book kept at the Police Station was examined, and shewed that during the month 167 lamps had been reported as burning dimly and 31 as being out. And It was Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be ailed thereto,

4-Pope's Alley and All Saints' Terrace—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 29th day of April, of the works required to be done to the above streets were read and approved. And It was Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

5—Footpath in Carlton Place, Swindon Road—It was Resolved, That this footpath be asphalted.

6—Footpath on West side of Hales Road—The Surveyor reported that the Special Works ordered on this footpath had been completed in accordance with his specification at a cost of £50 3s., one moiety of which—by the Resolution of the Town Council of date the 5th of July 1886—was due from the abutting owners, amongst whom he had apportioned the same according to their respective

frontages, as set forth in his report. And, It was Resolved, That notice of the apportionment be given to the respective owners and demand made for repayment of the amount due from each.

7- Damage to Gas Mains by Steam Roller—The Highway Inspector's Report replying to the complaint of the Gas Co. that damage had been done to the Co.'s mains and service pipes by the Steam Roller was read. And, It was Resolved, That the Committee regret that there has. been damage done to the pipes, and that a copy of the Inspector's Report be sent to the Company.

8—Telephone Poles on Gloucester Road—A letter from the Manager of the Telephone Co. acknowledging the receipt of the notice to remove these poles and asking to be favoured with a copy of both the Memorials including the signatures was read. And, It was Resolved, That the request be complied with.

9--Cottages in Grosvenor Street—E. Wilks—A letter from Mr. Edwin Wilks upon the subject of the building plan for two cottages in Grosvenor Street which the Committee refused at their last meeting to sanction was read. And, It was Resolved, That upon a proper plan being sent in by some person authorised by the owner, or by his builder, it will be considered.

10 --Footpath in St. Stephen's Road—A Letter from General Muspratt Williams, on behalf of Miss Butler, the owner of a house in this road, enquiring whether the Corporation would have an asphalted footpath laid down in front of her house charging her with the cost, or whether she must herself arrange for the execution of the work, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification of the necessary work.

11—Railway Rates— Letters from the Chairman of Foster's Parcels Express Co., Limited, and Mr. Robert Anderson, of Cirencester, desiring the co-operation of the Town Council in their opposition to the new classification of Tariff and Revised Rates for carriage just issued by the various Railway Companies, were read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee consider that this is a question which should be taken up rather by the Trading Community than by the Corporation, who have no power to spend money in relation thereto, except so far as regards their own traffic.

12—Crossing opposite Glenisla—A Letter from Col. Graham, calling attention to the Crossing opposite his house, the crossing being neither in front of his own gates nor those of Glyngarth, and stating it would be of much greater convenience if placed alongside the lamp-post facing Stanley Villa, was read. And It was Resolved, That Col. Graham be informed it is the intention of the Corporation to remove the crossing altogether.

13—Accident to Mrs. Morgan at Crossing between Clarence House and Messrs. Furber and Son's—A Letter from Mrs. Morgan, of 2 Albert Cottages, claiming £50 as compensation for damages sustained by her through a fall on the 25th March last, which was alleged to have been caused by reason of the edge of the pavement having been left in a rough state and the crossing having been removed, was read, and having viewed the spot, It was Resolved, That the Committee regret the occurrence of the accident, but they cannot, in a case like this, acknowledge any liability on the part of the Corporation.

14 -Accident to Mr. Porcher's Daughter—A Letter from the Rev. W. R. Porcher, of Leconfield, stating that on the 18th January last his daughter, Muriel, was seriously wounded by the falling of a branch of a tree near Priory Mews, lopped off by one of the Corporation men, and that he had consequently

been put to considerable expense—one-half of which was fairly represented by the doctor's account, which he enclosed, and which he considered the Corporation should pay, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Porcher be paid the amount of the account of the medical man, viz., £5.

15—Seat in Priory Parade—A memorial from Major-General Shewell and others praying for the removal of this seat was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

16—Street Projections at Nos. 137 and 195 High Street—A report from the Street Inspector (Mr. Young) as to the fixing of gas pipes and burners, &c., outside these shops was read. And It was Resolved That the same be allowed to remain on the parties giving an undertaking to remove the same when required.

17—Highway Inspector's Report -The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month, viz. :—Repaired with Clew Hill stone : Great Norwood Street, Painswick Lawn, Tivoli Road and Place, Larput Place, Park Place, High Street, 'Westal Place, and St. George's Place. Repaired with Gore stone : St. George's Clarence Street, Suffolk Place, Queen's Parade, Bath Road, and Tewkesbury Road. Repaired with Wickwar stone : Montpellier Villas, Park Place, and Gloucester Road. Repaired with Tytherington Stone : New Street, Tivoli Road, Swindon Road, and Old Gloucester Road. Brown Stone : Part of St. Phillip's Street. Footpaths : Gloucester Road (3,000 square yards, 95 tons of chippings), College Road, (asphalte), Hatherley Road (asphalte), Exmouth Street, Minnow Dyke, Russell Place, Tewkesbury Road, St. Phillip's Street, Christ Church Road. Curbing, Crossing, and Flagging: New Library, All Saints' Road, Tivoli Road, back of Painswick Lawn, Warwick Place, Ambrose Street, Regent Street, Imperial Square, Exmouth Street, High Street, Bath Road, Bath Street, St. Phillip's Street, Commercial Street, and Church Walk. Tariffing : Thirlestaine Road, St. George's Place, Bath Street, Hewlett Road, Albion Street, Commercial Street, and Bath Terrace. Ashes: Loads collected, 1,675.

The Inspector stated that, in consequence of the water pillars being situated as they at present are, the water carts have to travel considerable distances, and he desired the sanction of the Committee to the erection of half a dozen additional pillars, and permission to purchase two water vans to hold from 400 to 450 gallons. And It was Resolved, That the Highway Inspector be directed to confer with the Water Engineer as to the positions for six more water pillars, and to procure tenders for two more water vans and report thereon. The Committee to be empowered by the Council to fix the positions of the pillars and to select the water vans.

18—Name Plate on Railing of St. Andrew's Church—A letter from the Rev. J. More, the minister of this church, stating that the name plate fixed on the railing of this church, in Montpellier Street, is an ugly one, and quite out of keeping with the railing itself, and had, moreover, been placed there without the consent of the Deacons' Court of the Church, and asking the Committee to consider the matter, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to inspect.

19—" Stoneleigh," Bayshill—A letter from Messrs. Billings, stating that Major Rogers, the owner of this house, required to alter the position of the entrance gates, which would necessitate the removal of the crossing of footpath, and desiring the permission of the Corporation to make the necessary alteration, which would in no way interfere with the public trees, was read.

And It was Resolved, That the required permission be given, subject to a slight deviation in making the crossing, which will be pointed out by the Highway Inspector--the work to be done to his satisfaction.

20—Millbrook Street Footpath—A letter from Mr. Alfred Matthews, stating that he had completed the work to his eight houses in Millbrook Street, and asking the Corporation to continue the asphaltting of the footpath in front thereof, was read. And It was Resolved, That the asphaltting be continued.

21—Swindon Road : Footpath on South Side—It was Resolved, That the Surveyor's specification in this case be altered, by substituting chequered bricks for silver-grey Forest stone for the paving (except in the carriage entrances), and that the Surveyor do issue fresh notices to the owners.

22—Colonnade Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that the Arbitrator in this matter held his first sitting on the 26th instant. A Letter from Mrs. (or Miss) Hannah Stokes, stating that as Executrix of the late Miss Trapp, she intended to carry on the business at No. 15 Colonnade, and asking the Corporation to allow her to retain the premises at a weekly rent of 20s. (the present rent being 25s.), which, in the existing bad state of trade was the utmost she could afford, was read. And It was Resolved, That 20s. per week be accepted.

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23—New Buildings—The Committee laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect New Buildings, all of which were approved, namely-- Messrs. H. A. and R. J. Webb for additions to Stables, &c., at No. 19 Tivoli Place ; Alfred Matthews for two houses in Princes Street ; Miss Grant for a Mission Room in Upper Bath Street ; Alfred Wheeler for house on the Gloucester Road ; H. D. Brown for two houses in Leighton Road ; Henry Hodgkins for Coachhouse and Stables in Christ Church Road ; J. G. Villar for New Shop Front to 8 Clarence Street ; R. Chapman for alterations to three cottages at top of Rose and Crown Passage. The Surveyor also submitted Notices and Plans from Geo. Mayo for additions to house in Naunton Park Terrace, and Rev. Nash Bricknell for a house in St. George's Place, both of which were disapproved.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1889 (Present: The Mayor; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby Ferguson, King, Neale, Parsonage, and Price (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1-Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Applications from the following persons to be registered as purveyors of milk were read, viz. ;—B. Jones, 5, Union Street, and A. H. Jeynes, 31, Union Street. And It was Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

2—Houses without a proper Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of owners of houses on whom notices under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act had been served, and who had not complied with the notices. And It was Resolved, That the parties be informed that unless the notices

are forthwith complied with, steps will be taken under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to close the wells.

3 - Pond in Grounds at Fairfield House—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the notice served upon the owner of this pond to cleanse it had expired, and that the work ordered by the notice had not been commenced. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps for enforcing the order of the Committee.

4—Public Urinals—The Inspector of Nuisances submitted a report as the result of inspections of the public urinals in the town on various dates during the past month. And It was Resolved, That a man or men be appointed to attend to these urinals, and keep them properly cleansed, &c., under the direction of the [?? Inspector]

A memorial from Mr. R. L. Boulton and others, praying the Corporation to remove the urinal which now stands in Tangent Alley, on the ground of its being a nuisance and injurious to health, was read. And It was Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that steps will be taken to keep the urinal properly cleansed, that a gate will be put up at the entrance thereto, that the property was purchased subject to the urinal being there, and that the Committee do not consider it advisable to remove it.

5—Sewer in All Saints' Road—A letter from Mr. Charles Winstone, stating that his estimate of £35 for constructing a sewer in this road was wrong, and should have been £44, he having made a mistake in his quantities, and that he hoped the Corporation would only ask him to pay £10 towards its construction instead of £20, otherwise he would be at a great loss, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Winstone's attention be called to the arrangements made between him and the Corporation for the construction of this sewer, which this Committee see no reason to depart from.

6—Damage Caused by Floods—The Surveyor presented his report upon the various complaints made as to damage caused to property by the flood on the 8th March last. and the same having been read, It was Resolved, That in none of the cases are the Corporation in any way liable or responsible for the damage complained of, and that the several parties be so informed.

A Letter from the Rev. W. Barwell of Northampton House School requesting on behalf of himself and other residents in his neighbourhood that the Corporation will take steps to prevent a recurrence of the recent flood, and also the questions raised by the motion of Councillor Heath at the Meeting of the Council on the 11th April referred to this Committee were read. And, It was Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report thereon for the next meeting of the Committee.

7—The Dwellings of the Poor —The Resolution of the Council passed at the last monthly meeting at the instance of Alderman Griffith relative to the condition of the dwellings of the poor in the town was discussed. And, It was Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be adjourned till next month.

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8—Public Health (Water) Act 1878—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Board were prepared to accede to the application of the Town Council for an order investing them with powers under Sec. 7 of this Act and that an order had

accordingly been issued, but that the Board were not willing, to grant an order giving the Corporation the powers of Sec. 9, as they considered that tenements of the kind proposed to be supplied by Stand Pipes should not be so supplied when it is possible to provide a house supply, and requesting that the Town Council will exercise their powers of compelling owners of property to give to their houses a proper supply of water.

9—Drainage at Malvern Place—A letter from Mrs. Sabington of 2 Malvern Place, complaining of the inconvenience and danger to health to which she and her family were exposed by the bad state of the drainage at this and the neighbouring houses was read, and the Surveyor reported that since the receipt of the letter on the 13th ult., a new drain had been put in and other works executed which had removed the nuisance complained of.

10 —Heyden Knoll Farm—The Surveyor reported that the terms contained in this Committee's Resolution of the 17th April had been declined by Mr. Bedford and that he had therefore made arrangements for the farm to be put up by auction with the Barn farm on the 10th inst.

11—Urinal at Corner of Ambrose Street and High Street—This matter was again discussed and was adjourned for further consideration.

12 —Abattoir —It was Resolved, That that this matter be further considered as soon as the Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health are prepared to report as to a site and other matters.

13—Gorse Cover—The Surveyor reported that Mr. Treseder had commenced the planting of the gorse at Hayden Knoll, that he had planted about a quarter of an acre outside the proposed cover, and that the plants were not in his opinion up to the sample. He produced some specimens for the inspection of the Committee, along with the samples which accompanied Mr. Treseder's tender.

The Committee having adjourned to Mr. Treseder's stores, and inspected the remainder of the gorse which had not been Planted (some 7,000 plants), from samples taken promiscuously from the bulk, they expressed their opinion that the plants were fully equal to the sample tendered upon—some of the plants being in fact stated to be five years old —and Mr. Treseder was instructed to proceed at once with the work, which had been stopped pending the Committee's decision in this matter. Mr. Treseder informed the Committee that the whole of the planting would be completed during the present week.

14—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and ordered to be paid :

J. M. Butt and Co., Manhole Frames and Covers ...	£6 0 0
Corporation Water Department, Maintenance and	£1 0 0
Repair of Water Fittings at Drinking Troughs, to 25th March	
T. Waltham, Hauling, &c. ...	£4 4 0
W. H. Lewis, Salary to 27th April ...	£7 0 0
G. C. Holtam, Fly Hire ...	£0 14 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ...	£0 19 3

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Pippett and Price (Alderman Parsonage in the chair

1--Manager's Report— The usual Monthly Report of the Manager on the state of the Works and other matters, was read, the following being a precis thereof: That the springs yielded 338 gallons per minute, the average for the past four years being 298.

That all the Reservoirs were full.

That the Revision of the Mains in Royal Crescent and back Promenade district had been completed.

The Leckhampton Local Board having agreed to the terms of the Corporation for laying down Mains in Pilley Lane and Pilley, the works were being proceeded with.

That fair progress, considering the weather, had been made with the New Works at Tewkesbury, and enquiries for new supplies therefrom were being made.

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2—Mark Williams—The Resolution of the Town Council, passed at the last monthly meeting requesting this Committee to personally confer with Mr. Mark Williams with regard to the supply of water to his 72 cottages, was read. And It was Resolved That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned till Friday next, when a special meeting will be held to inspect the properties in question.

3—Breaking-up of Footpaths, &c., by Water Department —It was Resolved That an allowance of £to be made to the Street and Highway Committee towards repairing and reinstating the footpath in the road at back of the Promenade, damaged by the Water Department in re-laying their Mains.

4—Fishing at Dowdeswell Reservoir—It was Resolved, That the Engineer do have a Notice Board put up at each end of the Reservoir, with a Notice warning persons against trespassing on the grounds or fishing in the water without authority ; and that the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Rogers a friendly letter stating that it has come to the knowledge of the Town Council that several persons have recently been taken to the Reservoir for the purpose of angling with the representation that they were his (Mr. Rogers') guests, which the Committee do not believe to have been the case, and ask him to use his influence for the future to prevent illegal fishing in the Reservoir.

5—Clerkship of Works for Tewkesbury— The applications for this appointment, 18 in number, were opened and considered. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do telegraph to the three undermentioned candidates, enquiring whether they could, if appointed, commence their duties at once, and that the meeting be adjourned till to-morrow at 2.30 to await the replies : Edmund Balchin, Tiverton-on-Avon. Herbert C. Howes, Gloucester. W. J. Press, Burnley.

6-Appeals, &c.--Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted. Applications and Agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and allowed.

GEO. PARSONAGE

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of May, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, King, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

7-- Clerkship of Works at Tewkesbury—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the replies received from Messrs. Howes, Balchin, and Press, from which it appeared that only the first-named candidate was in a position to commence the duties at once. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do telegraph Mr. Howes to meet the Committee at 9.30 to-morrow morning.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 3rd day of May, 1889: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Parsonage ; Councillors King and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair).

8—Clerkship of Works at Tewkesbury—Mr. H. C. Howes attended the meeting, and was interviewed by the Committee, and after discussion the matter of the appointment of a Clerk of Works was adjourned for further consideration.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of April, 1889— Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Cox, Connor, Hands, and Woodard; (Alderman Simms-Bull in the Chair)—

1—Hackney Carriage Licenses—It was Resolved, That Wednesday, the 5th day of June, be the day for the inspection of hackney carriages, and that Tuesday, the 18th be the licensing day.

2—Montpellier Walk--It was Resolved, That a stand for two hackney carriages be appointed at the place there pitched for a stand, and that a notice board be accordingly fixed in some conspicuous position near the place in question.

3—Allotments Act—A memorial from Mr. W. N. Taylor and others representing that the circumstances of the Borough are such that it is the duty of the Corporation to take proceedings under this Act, and asking to be allowed to make suggestions as to property they considered suitable, was read. And It was Resolved, That the memorialists be requested to favour this Committee with their suggestions in writing.

4 —Hackney Carriages—Applications from Charles thereof, from W. Smith for permission Richard Staite for leave to permanently That the required permission be granted An application was also read from Charles carriage, and was refused.

Green for permission to change No. 59 carriage for three weeks during the repair to substitute another carriage for No. 61 (under repair) for a few weeks, and from transfer his licence No. 28 to a new carriage, were read. And It was Resolved, Davis for permission to transfer his licence No. 38, from a brougham to an open

5—Suspension of Drivers for Driving—A letter from Mrs. Jane Williams asking the Committee to reconsider the case of her son Albert, who has been suspended for offences under the Bye-laws, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter stand over until Mr. Skillicorne's motion to rescind this regulation is disposed of.

6 - Wheel Chairs - Facey—An application from John Facey for a wheel chair licence, he having nose become a resident in the town, was read. And It was Resolved, That the application be not granted.

7—Contracts, Specifications, and Tenders for Work, &c. —The Resolution of the Council, passed at the last monthly meeting, as an Amendment to the Motion of Councillor King, was duly considered. And It was Resolved, That with regard to the first paragraph of the Resolution, this is already the practice ; that with reference to the estimates for works, &c., being endorsed and addressed to the Town Clerk, and by him opened in the presence of the Committee, this is a matter that shall be done in the future ; that as to advertising for works likely to exceed in value £25, the Committee consider the provisions of the Public Health Act on this point to be sufficient, and that all orders for all goods of less value than £25 be as far as practicable given to tradesmen in the Borough, half-yearly, in rotation.

8—Accounts— The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz :—

C. St. Leger—Cleaning Town Clock ... £0 10 0

Jesse Sollors—Disbursements at Weighing Machine Office ... £0 10 6

W. Bryer—Fee for Inspection under Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act ... £0 5 0

W. SIMMS-BULL,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of March, 1889—Present Alderman Simms-Bull ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, Lawrence, and Norman (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Swimming Bath—The Engineer's report on the working of the bath since its opening on the 8th inst., was read. He also reported that the 32 dozen pairs of bathing drawers ordered from Mr. J. D. Taylor had been duly delivered.

2.--Cleeve Common —The Chairman reported that Mr. H. S. Milman, one of the Assistant Land Commissioners, had held two public meetings upon this subject at Bishop's Cleeve on the previous day, at which he, the Town Clerk, and other members of the Committee had attended on behalf of the Corporation, and that the matter of the regulation would now be proceeded with.

3—Grove Street Recreation Ground -A letter Col. Brown to the Mayor asking whether the Corporation felt disposed to take over this ground from the Kyrie Society, and stating that something will soon have to be done to render the ground suitable for a permanent playground as the original turf had been destroyed, and that the Society do not see their way to doing this effectually nor do they like the idea of closing the ground, was read. And It was Resolved, That the attention of the Borough Surveyor be called to the resolution of this Committee of the 27th July last, directing him to report as to the best material to be used for flooring the ground and the cost of it, and that Col. Browne be informed the matter is now under the consideration of the Committee.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—It was Resolved, That the sum of £63 0s. 0d. be paid to Mr. W. C. Channon on account of the contract for the shelter, according to the Borough Surveyor's certificate.

5—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

James Maggs, one month's salary ... £4 0 0

Proprietors of " Cheltenham Chronicle," advertising ... £0 7 6

Gas Company, Gas ... £0 4 4

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of April, 1889 —Present :—The Mayor ; Councillors Cox, Haddon, Kite, King, and Parsonage (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

1—Designs —The following Designs were examined and approved, viz. : Headstones to—Mary Carter, Augustus Holtham, Sarah Hall, Thomas Stockwell, Wm. Geo. Cother, Thos. Smart Hughes, Wm. Lyall, and Chas. Grimes.

2 - Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that Mr. Broom, the Nonconformist Sexton, had a Plan and Register of the Nonconformist portion of the Cemetery in his possession which he had offered to hand over for the use of the Supt., on receiving an authority from the Burial Board to do so. He also reported that a new wheelbarrow was required, as the present one is completely worn out, and that the Garden Shears were worn out and he required a new pair. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Broom be requested to hand over the Plan and Register of the Nonconformist Sections to the Supt., and that the Wheelbarrow and Garden Shears required by the Supt. be ordered.

3- Drainage of South Side of Cemetery—A Report from the Borough Surveyor, stating that he had opened and examined the outfall drains in this portion of the Cemetery and had found them clear and in good working order, that he thought the water in some of the graves there was nothing more than the rainfall held up in places by pot-holes-in the clay, and it would possibly disappear if the graves were sunk deeper, the drains being below the level to which they are now sunk, and that he was convinced that the present state of things would cease to exist if the graves were dug from right

to left, beginning in the lower ground and working up, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Report be approved, and that trial be made of the Surveyor's suggestions.

4—Plan of New Ground—The Surveyor laid before the Committee the numbered Plan, ordered at the last meeting of the Committee, And It was Resolved, That the Plan be bound and varnished to match the other Plans of the Cemetery, also that the Surveyor do prepare a duplicate thereof (unvarnished) for the use of the Supt. at the Cemetery Lodge.

5—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed—

Gas Company, Coke for Cemetery Chapel ... £2 17 2

W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages ... £7 4 0

Hy. Davies, Interment Forms ... £2 0 0

Webb and Sons, Coal for Cemetery Lodge ... £0 16 0

GEO. JAS. COX,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 29th day of March, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Ramsay, Griffith, and Welch ; Councillors Haddon, Lawrence, Neale, and Parsonage (Alderman Welch in the chair).

1—School of Science—A letter from Mr. Whittard, the Hon. Sec. of the School of Science, dated the 22nd inst., stating that in the judgment of his Committee the premises set apart for their School were not yet ready for use, and asking that his Committee might have an opportunity of meeting the Architect, in order to go over the work, was read, as also a letter from Mr. Knight dealing with the various matters complained of (which had been gone through by him and Mr. Matthews, the Science Master). And It was Resolved, That a copy of Mr. Knight's letter be sent to Mr. Whittard, and That the tap for hose be fixed in the corridor on condition that the School of Science provide and maintain in good order the hose for the same ; but with respect to the other matters mentioned (Nos. 1 and 2 in Mr. Knight's letter), the Committee regret they are unable to incur any expenditure for matters not provided for in the plans and specifications, and that so far as anything further is required to be done by the Corporation, the Committee consider the premises are quite ready for occupation by the School of Science.

2- Opening of the Library—The Mayor stated that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach had kindly consented to open the Library on the 24th proximo. And It was Resolved, That a Sub-Committee of this Committee, consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman, Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay, and Councillor Lawrence, be appointed to make arrangements for the opening of the Library, and that the Committees of the Schools of Art and Science be invited to appoint one member from each Committee with the Hon. Secs. to act with such Committees. It was also Resolved, That the Commanding Officers of the Engineer and Rifle Volunteers, and the Cheltenham Troop of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, be requested to attend the opening, with their respective corps and bands.

GEO. A. W. WELCH, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of April, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Welch ; and Councillors Haddon, Kite, and Lawrence (Alderman Welch in the Chair).

3- Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

The Representatives of the late Mr. Arthur Jack A Handsome Clock with Barometer and Thermometer.

Messrs. Martin & Co. Large Clock for Reference Library

Mr. Moody Bell Large Aneroid Barometer

Mrs. Bowd Busts (with Brackets) of Shakspeare and Milton

Committee of Cobden Club 9 Pamphlets

Mr. G. Dyke Smith 2 Vols.

Mr. F. P. Cobbe 1 Vol.

Mr. G. D. Erskine 14 Vols.

The Baron de Ferrieres 134 Vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Birmingham, Liverpool, Great Yarmouth, Wigan, Clerkenwell, and Bootle.

4 -School of Art—It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Secretary of the School of Art on the subject of the bolt placed by them on the door leading from the Library to the School of Art Department and the tower.

5---School of Science—It was Resolved, That doors be placed at the entrance to that part of the corridor marked Lobby on the plan annexed to the agreement with the School of Science, on the understanding that this settles all requirements of the School of Science, and that the rent is paid as from the 25th March.

Mr. Knight reported that the doors in question would cost £7 10s. And It was Resolved, That he be authorised to have the same made and fixed. No. 1, Liverpool Place—The Surveyor was directed to have such repairs done to the late Library premises as he and the Town Clerk may consider the Committee are liable to do under the agreement,

7 -Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :

W. Jones—Assistants Wages to 1st June ... £10 14 0

Do. Petty Cash ... £5 0 0

James Webb—Books ... £2 18 6

J. W. Pink Do. ... £0 15 0

GEO. A. W. WELCH, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of May, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Parsonage and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Darby, Kite, Parsonage, and Pippett (Councillor Darby in the chair).

1- Collection of Rates—The Borough Accountant's first Monthly Report on these rates was read.

2- £77,000 Water Loan—Mr. Chas. Bulmer, of Blenheim Lodge, Leeds, having offered to advance the sum of £1000 on this loan at 3 ¼ per cent., subject to six months' notice on either side, It was Resolved, That the money be engaged from him upon those terms, no procuration fee being allowed by the Corporation, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the necessary debenture.

3—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz.

RECEIPTS.—	Library (Revenue) ...	£3 19 3
	Public Baths (Revenue) ...	£9 13 11
	Urban Authority (Revenue) ...	£235 7 5
	Burial Board (Revenue) ...	£110 18 0
	Refuse Destructor (Capital) ...	£6500 0 0
	Branch Sewers ...	£1 14 7
	Water (Revenue) ...	£83 15 10

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ...	£344 1 5
Public Library (Revenue) ...	£23 7 8
Ditto (Capital) ...	£67 11 3
Public Baths (Revenue) ...	£21 4 11
Recreation Ground (Capital) ...	£76 4 1
Urban Authority (Revenue)	£1940 2 11
Ditto (Capital) ...	£2 15 0
Burial Board (Revenue) ...	£14 2 1
Refuse Destructor ...	£57 8 0
Branch Sewers ...	£12 4 6
Street Improvements ...	£10 0 9
Water (Revenue) ...	£1898 5 1
Ditto (Capital) ...	£484 10 3

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Received during the month ...	£6945 9
Due to Treasurer last month ...	£569 16 6
Paid by him during the month ...	<u>£5820 9 6</u>
	<u>£6390 6 0</u>
Balance in hand	£555 3 0

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, May 29th, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 3rd day of June next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes Of the last meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Councillor Skillicorne to move That the Resolutions of the General Purposes Committee of date the 5th March and 30th Dec., 1884, the Resolution of the Council of date the 2nd Feb., 1885, the Resolution of the General Purposes Committee of date the 2nd Dec., 1885, and that of the Town Council of date the 7th Dec. 1885, under which Hackney Carriage Drivers, who have been fined for loitering twice within twelve months, are peremptorily suspended from driving for six months, be rescinded, and that the suspension or otherwise of drivers so fined be left to the discretion of the General Purposes, before which each case shall be brought by the Street Inspector.
5. Councillor King to move That in the future the chief Officers of the Corporation be instructed to keep a diary (the said diary being the property of the Ratepayers, to be laid upon the Council table for the inspection of the members of the Town Council) shewing the amount of business daily carried out in the respective offices of the Town Clerk, Water Engineer, and Borough Surveyor, on behalf of the Corporation. The entries to be as brief as possible with a view to shew the work carried out in each department.
6. Notices of Motion.
7. To read the following letters, &c., and pass resolutions thereon if need be :—John Facey— Application for a Wheelchair Licence. L. Morgan re Road and Footpath at Harp Hill. B. W. Pearce and Sons re Crossing at Entrance to their Timber Yard. W. T. Cossens, application for leave to put up a signboard at 2 Clarence Street. Miss Buchanan re Drain opposite No. 1 Oriel Place. Chas. Moulder re gully at bottom of Roman Road.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 1889—Present :
Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Cox, Haddon, Heath, Pippett, Lawrence and Darby (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Water Carts—The Highway Inspector submitted Sketches and Tenders from the following firms for two water vans to hold 450 gallons, with Box Distributor, 2 Valves and Indicators, &c. complete, viz :—

Bristol Wagon Works Co. ... £42 0 0 each
Messrs. Abell, Worcester ... £41 0 0 each ..
Messrs. Glover & Sons, Warwick ... £39 10 0 each
Messrs. James & Son, Cheltenham ... £38 5 0 each

He also submitted a letter from Messrs. Glover and Sons offering to send down to Cheltenham for a month's trial one of Willacy's Patent Rotary Watering Machines, price £35, on the Corporation undertaking to pay the carriage thereof both ways if not purchased. And, It was Resolved, That one of these machines be had on the above terms, and that pending the trial thereof, the question of ordering water vans do stand over.

2—Ash Wagon—It was Resolved, That Messrs. Glover & Sons be requested to send down on trial one of their Patent Covered Tip Wagons for ash collecting at £50.

3—Floods—It was Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee it is most desirable that the question of the flooding of the basements &c. of properties in the town by reason of heavy rainfalls, such as was experienced yesterday, should be carefully considered with a view to suggestions and advice being given to owners and occupiers of property as to the best means to be adopted by them for the prevention thereof, and that the Surveyor do prepare and bring up his report which he has been instructed to make, as soon as possible, and that the attention of the Public Health Committee be directed to the matter, so far as it affects the main sewers, and that the further consideration thereof be adjourned to a further meeting of this Committee to be held on Friday.

4—House at Central Depot—It was Resolved, That the two rooms lately occupied by George Cook, at the Central Depot, be added to Mr. McGuire's apartments, and that they be put in proper state of repair to the satisfaction of the chairman of the Committee at a cost not exceeding £20.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 10th day of May, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Cox, Darby, Haddon and Lawrence (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

5—Storm on the 7th inst.—It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Report as to what improvement can be made in the surface water gullies and drains for carrying off the sudden and heavy storm water from the Highways. The Highway Inspector was instructed to direct his roadmen in all cases of sudden storms to see that as far as possible the gullies are kept clear.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1889—Present : Aldermen Parsonage, and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Cox, Haddon, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the Chair).

6—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read: average illuminating power, 16 candles. No formal tests of purity had been taken during the month.

7- -Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined, and shewed that there had been found extinguished during the month 30 lamps, burning dimly 98.

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A letter from the clerks to the Gas Company, in reply to this Committees Resolution on the above subject, stating the officers and workmen of the Company are most careful to see that the public lighting is thoroughly efficient in accordance with the contract, but that the wilful extinguishment of lamps and other unlawful interference with the lights that occasionally occurs, is wholly beyond their control, was read.

8 — Gas Inspectorship—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. St. Leger's resignation of this office had been accepted by the Council at the last meeting. And It was Resolved that an advertisement be inserted in the local papers, inviting applications for the vacant post, the appointment to be upon the same terms as heretofore and the salary £25 per annum.

9—Special Works in Whaddon Lane—The Surveyor reported that the Special Works ordered in the above locality, had been completed to his satisfaction at a cost of £50 1s. 10d. which sum he had apportioned amongst the respective abutting owners as set forth in his report. And It was Resolved, That notice of the apportionment be given to the respective owners, and demand made for repayment of the amount respectfully due from each.

10—Footpath in St. Stephen's Road—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 27th inst., of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And It was Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that, if such Notice is not

complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

11—Surface Water Flooding—In pursuance of the Committee's instructions of the 30th April last, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had carefully examined the gullies and drains in the Promenade, at the bottom of Trafalgar Street, the back of the Central Depot, &c., and he found there was ample space in the pipes for the water to get away if the gratings are kept clear, and that he thought the suggestion to construct at those parts bye-washes or side-shoots would only intensify the evil as the debris, gravel, &c., that has recently choked the gratings would then be deposited in the pipes, and would necessitate the breaking up of the roadways to cleanse them. And It was Resolved, That the 6-inch pipes be replaced by 9-inch pipes and be fitted with Bye-Washes in the Promenade and Well Lane.

12-Seat in Priory Parade —The memorial of General Shewell and others, praying for the removal of this seat, adjourned from the last meeting of the Committee, was again considered. And It was Resolved, That the seat be removed to the Central Depot.

13—Name Plate on railing of St. Andrew's Church —The Rev. J. More's letter upon this subject, read at the last meeting of the Committee, was again discussed. And It was Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to recommend the removal of the plate in question.

14-Accident to Mrs. Morgan—A letter from Mrs. Morgan upon the subject of her accident, and a letter from her son Edgar Morgan stating that he intended taking legal proceedings in the matter were read.

15—Numbering of Houses—Great Western Terrace and Millbrook Street—A letter from the Rev. E. Cornford calling attention to the necessity for revising the numbering of houses in the above streets, as the present numbering gives rise to much difficulty in finding the house wanted, was read. And It was Resolved, That inasmuch as the streets in question are private property the Corporation cannot interfere in the matter.

16—Trees in Lansdown Road—A letter from the Rev. E. Cornford, stating that the limes on the east side of Etchowe, in this road, overlap the hedge and should be pruned, and also that the trees on each side of the Christ Church Road need attention, was read. And It was Resolved, That the trees will be attended to at the proper season.

17—Montpellier Gardens—An application from Messrs. H. A. and R. J. Webb for permission to hang flags across the road from the Lodge to the Rotunda on special occasions, and for leave to make a carriage entrance to the Gardens, about 50 yards read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot give a standing below the present pedestrian entrance, was mission relative to the flags, but that Messrs. Webb must make a special application on each occasion which the Committee will consider on its merits, and that with regard to the proposed carriage entrance, the same be allowed, to be made subject to the work being done according to a specification to be supplied by the Surveyor.

18—Ewlyn Road—A letter from Daniel Mallory Esq., the Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board stating that the Board desired to call the attention of the Town Council to the present disgraceful

state of this road, which is partly in Cheltenham and partly in Leckhampton, and to know if the Council will join the Local Board in taking the necessary steps for having it put in a proper state of repair, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Mallory be informed that the Corporation have no power to interfere with the portion of the road which is out of the Borough, but otherwise they will be glad to render the Board any assistance they can in the matter.

A letter from Mr. S. B. Dix, applying for lamps for the above road, and for the public footpath running parallel with the Minnow Ditch, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot at present see their way to lighting this locality.

19—Sign Board at Telephone Call Room, Albion Street—A letter from the General Manager of the Telephone Company apologising for having offended against the Bye-Laws in putting up this sign and asking for permission to allow it to remain now that it has been fixed, was read. And It was Resolved, That the required permission cannot be given.

20-Telephone Poles on Gloucester Road—A letter from the General Manager of the Telephone Company stating that it was originally the intention of the Company to use short poles, planed and painted, which would have suited their purpose in every way but that the Corporation had requested the Company's Engineer to put up the present poles ; that with regard to the complaint by the memorialists of disturbance by noise of the wires he did not think that could be possible, but would take an early opportunity of testing it ; that there would be difficulties as regards way leaves in going round the fields, and also that if the Corporation carry out the wishes of the memorialists it will necessitate the disconnection of Cheltenham with Gloucester and the West of England, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

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21—Hoarding in front of Grammar School—A Letter from Mr. J. D. Taylor, of Osborne House, calling attention to this obstruction, and requesting the Committee to give orders for the removal thereof, now that the building is completed, was read. And It was Resolved, That Notice be given to the Builder to remove the hoarding in question.

22— Road leading from Lypiatt Terrace—A Letter from Mr. Alexr. Shirer, on behalf of the Hon. Mrs. Vansittart, asking the Corporation to exercise their powers with regard to the repair of this road, which is a private road, and is in a very bad state, was read. And the Surveyor was instructed to bring up a Specification for the repair thereof and for the provision of gratings to take off the water from the public footpath.

23—Corporation Horses—A Letter from the Inspector-General of Remounts, adverting to the reply of the Committee given to the War Office in July last that the Corporation Horses are only draught animals, stating that by far the larger proportion of horses required in case of an emergency are wanted for Transport work and that possibly, after an inspection by an officer of that department, it might be found that a few of the Corporation horses would be suitable for the purpose, was read. And It was Resolved, That the War Office be informed that the Town Council will have pleasure in submitting their horses to an inspection by an officer of the department, with the above object.

24—Sign Boards at 137 and 176 High Street—An application from Messrs. F. Heafield & Co., for permission to fix a sign board at No 137 High Street, and an application from Mr. D. W. Channon for leave to put up a sign-board at 176 High Street, were read. And It was Resolved, That in neither case can the desired permission be given. .

25—Montpellier Walk—A Memorial from Hick Bros. and others, calling attention to the bad state of the road and footpath in Montpellier Walk, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

26—Colonnade Improvement—A letter from Mr. E. E. White, Photographer, asking the Committee to grant him the use of the window of 10, Colonnade for shewing his specimens, he being prepared to paint the shop front and keep it tidy, and also a letter from Miss H. Stokes, asking whether in view of her present shop No. 15, soon coming down, she might have No. 10, at the same rent she is paying for No. 15, were read. And It was Resolved, That the applicants be informed, the Committee are not prepared to let the shop to anyone as it will shortly be pulled down with the others.

27—Land in Manchester Street—A letter from Mr. Alexander Shirer, offering on behalf of a client the sum of £650 for the piece of land at the corner of Manchester Street and St. George's Place, (Lots 4, 5, and 6, on the Sale Plan,) upon which the proposed purchaser purposed erecting shops, was read. And It was Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

28—Highway Inspector's Report —The Highway Inspector reported that the following work had been done in Isis Department during the month, viz :—Repaired with Clee Hill Stone : High Street, Ormond Place, Swindon Road, (patching) Montpellier Parade, (patching). Repaired with Gore Stone : Queen's Parade and Lansdown Place. Repaired with Stoney Stanton and Mount Sorrell : High Street, near Fleece Hotel. Repaired with Wickwar : Sandfield Road, back Lansdown Crescent, back Painswick Lawn, Circus Road (gateways). Repaired with Tytherington Stone : Sandfield Road, Old Gloucester Road, Rose and Crown Passage. Repaired with Brown Stone: Old Bath Road, back of Lansdown Crescent. Curbing, Crossing, and Flagging : Swindon Road, Carlton Place. Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester Road, St. Phillips Street, Rookery Lane, Church Walk, Pittville Circus, Townsend Place, back Painswick Lawn, Cambray, Knapp Place, Oriel Villas, Portland Street, Bath Road. Asphalte Crossings : 1 High Street, opposite Fleece Hotel, 1 opposite St. Luke's Road, 1 opposite Sandford Road. Asphalte Channelling: Ladies' College. Asphalte Footpaths : Carlton Place, Rookery Lane, Knapp Place, All Saints' Road, Millbrook Street. Gravel Footpaths, (Clee Hill) : Circus Road (gateways), Montpellier Parade, Swindon Road. Tariffing : Bath Terrace, Bath Street, Commercial Street, Exmouth Street, Gt. Norwood Street, Painswick Lawn. Ashes collected 1,600 loads.

29— Water Carts—A Report from the Highway Inspector upon the subject of the trial of Willacy's Patent Rotary Watering Machine, and giving comparison between it and Messrs James's Patent Box Distributor, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Willacy Distributor sent down on trial by Messrs Glover and Son of Warwick, be returned to them with the thanks of the Committee for the loan thereof, and that an order be given to Messrs James and Sons of Cheltenham, for two of their Patent Box Distributor Vans, at £38 5s. each.

30—Destructor—The Chairman and Town Clerk reported that the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill, came on for hearing before the Committee of the House of Commons on the

r3th instant, when clauses were passed by the Committee, confining the land of the Corporation to be taken by the Company for the purpose of their Siding to about an acre, and obliging them to provide a substituted road from the Arle Road in lieu of the one taken, but giving them 18 months within which to exercise their compulsory powers. The Committee also most unreasonably refused to give the Corporation a clause ensuring access to the Midland Railway from the land of the Corporation, completely severing the land of the Corporation, and placing the Corporation as regards such access entirely in the hands of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Company. And It was Resolved, That having regard to the purposes for which this particular land was selected and purchased and the necessity for proceeding with the works without delay, the Committee recommend opposition to the Bill to be continued in the House of Lords.

31—Land thrown into Streets by Public Library Committee—It was Resolved, That the sum of £350 be credited to the Public Library Account in respect of the land given up and thrown into the public thoroughfare around the new Library Building

32—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect New Buildings, viz., Gas Company for additions to " The Shrubbery" ; Major Rogers for additions to Stoneleigh, Bayshill ; Andrew Doxey, for additions to premises in St. George's Parade; George Mayo, for additions to Ellenville, Naunton Park Terrace ; T. Wilkins, for alterations to 1 Montpellier Exchange; George Day, for house in Roman Road; and Charles Hall for additions to 1 Exmouth Court. And It was Resolved, That the Plans be approved, the last named one subject to the building being set back in line with the front of the existing houses.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 10th day of May, 1889 (Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Norman, and Neale (Councillor Darby in the chair)----

1 —Sewage Farm Letting—The Reserve Prices to be put on the several Lots at this Letting were considered and fixed.

2- --Storm on the 7th inst.—Letters from Cavendish House, complaining of the Basement of Stamford House being again flooded by this storm, and from Mr. John Dyer, of the Royal Well Tavern, claiming compensation for damage to beer and cider from flooding of his cellar by sewage matter, were read. And It was Resolved that the same be handed to the Surveyor, to be Reported on in his Report which he has been instructed to bring up at the next meeting of the Town Council.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1889—Present Aldermen Griffith, and Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman and Parsonage, (Councillor Darby in the chair —

3—Dairies and Cowsheds Order—An application from Wm. Arkell of Churchdown to be registered as a purveyor of Milk at No. to, Hewlett Street was read. And, it was Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

4—Pig Keeping near Alstone Lodge—The Medical Officer of Health having reported the existence of a nuisance injurious to health, caused by pigs being kept by Mr. F. Rodway, Butcher, in a field near Alstone Lodge, and a letter of complaint upon the subject having been read from Mr. F. W. Wilkins, of Alstone Lodge. It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mr. Rodway in respect of the nuisance complained of.

5—General hospital—A Letter from the Hon. Secretary of the General Hospital adverting to the resolution of this Committee passed in May, 1888, in which it was decided to pay the General Hospital a subscription equal in amount to the Water Rate charged to them, and asking for a cheque in accordance with such resolution was read. And, It was Resolved, That a cheque be drawn in favour of the Treasurer of the Hospital for the sum of £21.

6-- Prestbury Sewage—A Letter from the Clerk to the Rural Sanitary Authority, stating that the Authority have adopted a scheme for the provision at Prestbury of a proper system of Sewers, flushing apparatus, &c., and that as an alternative scheme had been mentioned by the Engineer of the Authority whereby the Prestbury Sewers should empty into the Cheltenham Sewer instead of being dealt with by irrigation, the Local Government Board, before sanctioning the irrigation scheme, wished to be informed upon what terms the Corporation would be prepared to allow the sewage outfall to flow into their sewer, and enclosing a list of the houses to be drained, with the rateable values, &c., was read. And It was resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that the Surveyor do in the meantime prepare a report upon the capability of the Sewers for the reception of additional sewage matter.

7—Floods— In accordance with the resolution of the Committee of date the 1st instant, the Borough Surveyor presented his Report upon the best means of relieving the Chelt and the Sewers of the town from sudden flooding during continuous heavy rain, and the same having been read, along with reports presented by the Surveyor upon the same subject in the years 1879 and 1882. It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for consideration at a Special Meeting to be called during next week.

8 —The Dwellings of thin Poor—Alderman Griffith stated that he had endeavoured to obtain information with reference to the owner-ships, &c., of some of the poorer class of property of which special complaint had been made ; that for that purpose he had been in correspondence with the Vicar of Elmstone Hardwicke regarding the Pantile Row property and he read a letter from that gentleman, stating that the property in question stands on land granted to the Church in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and is managed by a Board of Feofees, 30 in number, of whom few survive or are accessible, and of which body Mr. Hubert Harris, of Tredington, is a leading member, and Mr. Coren, of Gloucester, is the Clerk. And It was Resolved, That the Medical Officer and the Borough Surveyor

do inspect the property and report to this Committee what works are needed to put the same into a proper state of repair, and fit for habitation.

9—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

W. H. Lewis, one month's salary	£8 15 0
Sanitas Company, oil and sanitas	£3 17 6
J. H. Bennett, returns of births and deaths ..	£1 1 8
John Balcomb, Chemicals	£0 4 9
General Hospital, treatment of typhoid fever case (William Hitchman)	£1 12 0
Gibbs and Canning, pipes ..	£5 16 8
Charles Winstone, constructing sewer at back of All Saints' Road	£42 15 6
B. W. Pearce and Sons, cement and pipe	£6 4 1
J. S. Treseder, So per cent. of amount due for planting of gorse at Hayden Knoll, as per accepted tender	£25 14 8
Corporation Water Department, water for cattle troughs ..	£6 6 0
water for urinal in Tangent Alley	£1 11 6

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of May, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage; Councillors Ferguson, King, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Mark Williams—Mr. Mark Williams attended this Meeting of the Committee, and the list of his property with the proposed means of supply was gone through and approved, with the exception of some 7 or 8 cases, which were adjourned for further inspection and consideration.

2—New Rules and Regulations—The Manager laid before the Committee Draft of proposed New Rules and Regulations. And It was Resolved, That the same be printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Committee.

GEO. PARSONAGE

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1889—Present The Mayor; Alderman Parson-age; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Pippett, and Price (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

3—Manager's Report— The usual Monthly Report of the Manager on the state of the Works and other matters, was read, the following being a precis thereof:

That the springs yielded 298 gallons per minute, the average for the 4 years being 285.

That all the reservoirs were full.

That Mr. Combe had given up the tenancy of Barrett's Malthouse.

That the fencing on the Dowdeswell Wood side had been finished and found to be effective in keeping out the rabbits.

That some of the Rhododendrons, Gorse, and other Shrubs are beginning to bloom.

That the Mains had been extended through Pilley as desired by the Local Board of Leckhampton.

That the new Extension Works at Tewkesbury are being satisfactorily proceeded with.

4— Dowdeswell Works—The Inscription to be put upon the Tablet at these Works in commemoration of the opening, &c., was read and approved.

5—Proposed Fire Plug at the Mythe, Tewkesbury—A Letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, asking, on behalf of the Tewkesbury Town Council for a Fire Plug to be erected at the Mythe when putting in the main from the new water tower on the Tewkesbury Corporation finding the necessary plug and their Surveyor arranging the site, was read. And It was Resolved, That the fire plug be fixed by the Water Engineer and the site be settled by him, at the expense of the Tewkesbury Corporation.

6—Clerkship of Works at Tewkesbury—It was Resolved, That Mr. W. T. McLandsborough be appointed Clerk of the Works at Tewkesbury, his salary to commence as from the date of the commencement of the Works, and to be at the rate mentioned in the advertisement, viz., £2 10/- per week.

7-Appeals, &c.—Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted. Applications and Agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and allowed.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1889 — Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Connor, Hands, Skillicorne, and Woodard; (Alderman Simms-Bull in the Chair)—

1 —Fire Hydrants—A Report from the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade recommending the marking of the Hydrants which have been re-fixed and the painting out of the old marks in several places was read. And, It was Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to have this done.

3—Allotments—A Letter from Mr. M. Taylor, the Secretary of the Working Men's Club, stating that the petitioners recommend the Council to obtain for the purposes of the Allotments Act the land

called Crab Tree Piece, and they were of opinion that the allotments ought to be charged at the rate of about £5 or £6 per acre was read. A Letter was also read from Messrs. Engall, Sanders & Co., stating that the land above referred to was in the market and would shortly be offered by public auction. And, It was Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to make an inspection of the land in question.

3—Wheel Chairs—An Application from Wm. Tinker of 4, Hatherley Street, for leave to substitute a new chair for his present chair was read and granted.

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4—Officer's Indicator Board—It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do have fixed at the entrance to these offices, a board fitted with sliding panels with the words " IN " and " OUT " opposite the names of each of the principal officers of the Council so as to enable persons to ascertain whether an officer is in his office without the necessity of going to enquire.

5—Petroleum License—An application from Mr. Robert Strang, of 17, Montpellier Walk for renewal of his License to keep So gallons of Petroleum in a shed on the West side of Montpellier Street, together with the Surveyors Report thereon, were read. And It was Resolved, That subject to the Inspector under the Petroleum Acts being satisfied as to the nature and quantity of the material so kept the license be renewed.

6—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and ordered to be paid :

H. D. Brown, Sundry Repairs at Municipal Offices £6 14 0

Western Counties Telephone Co., Removing Telephone into Water Office 0 7 6

W. SIMMS-BULL,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of May, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull ; Councillors Ferguson, Lawrence, Norman, and King (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Swimming Bath—The Engineer's Monthly Report on the working of the Swimming Bath was read and approved. It was resolved That the Bath be closed for women on Mondays, at 5 p.m. and opened for men from 6 to 9 p.m.

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Water Works Engineer submitted the design of the Drinking Fountain proposed to be presented to the ground by the Cheltenham Temperance Union. And It was Resolved, That the same be approved, and the fountain be erected near the Caretaker's Lodge. The Chairman and Surveyor were authorised to obtain and fix some Swings, and other apparatus, at a cost not exceeding £10,.

3— Mr. Soule's Complaint—A complaint from Mr. W. H. B. Soule, of 23, Hanover Street, as to the manner in which the caretaker of the Recreation Ground, had interfered with him on account of alleged misconduct on his part in the ground, on the 26th of April last, was read, and the Town Clerk having stated the officers version of the matter, as reported to him. It was Resolved, That the Committee see nothing to disapprove of in the conduct of the Caretaker.

4 - Grove Street Recreation Ground—The Surveyor Reported that he had considered this matter as directed, and he thought that a Blue Gravel surface, at a cost of about £17. would be most easily kept in order by being occasionally raked over and rolled, that an asphalte surface, at a cost of about £40 would make the best floor, but he feared it would soon be cut in holes and the surface broken up. And It was Resolved, That the ground be asphalted.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of May, 1889—Present :—The Mayor ; Councillors Cox, Heath, Haddon, King, and Parsonage (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

1—Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved, viz., Headstones to James Roylance, Elizabeth Rogers, Harriet Clements, Jane Lyne, John Wilkins, Andrew Calderwood, Hy. and Maria Brown, Catherine E. Bostock. Tombs to Beatrice C. Leaver, Eleanor Hodson, Wm. A. Bailey, and Euphemia Ellis.

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2—Superintendents Report —The Superintendent reported that the Boundary Hedge of the New portion of the Cemetery was choked up by weeds, and that the Roads also require attention. He also asked for an order for an additional pair of Shears and for the customary grant for the purchase of Bedding-out Plants. And It was Resolved, That the Superintendent be empowered to engage during the summer months an additional labourer at a cost not exceeding 3s. per day, his first duty being the cleansing of the Boundary Hedge above mentioned, and that the Superintendent be authorised to purchase a second pair of garden shears and to spend the suns of 50s. in the purchase of Bedding-out Plants as in previous years. It was also Resolved, That the duty of Cleansing the Hedges and Ditches belong in future to the Superintendent of the Cemetery.

3—Grass at Cemetery—Mr. Mark Williams having made the Surveyor an offer of £22 10/- for the crop of grass at the Cemetery, It was Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

4—Accounts —The following Accounts were examined and allowed—

W. Gregory—Labourers' Wages for June	£7 4 0
Davis, Bro's., New Wheelbarrow Bed	£0 18 6

GEO. JAS. COX, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of May, 1889—Present: Aldermen Griffith, Ramsay, and Welch ; Councillors Haddon, Lawrence, Neale, and Parsonage (Alderman Capt. Welch in the chair).

1- Election on Committee of Non-Members of Council—It was Resolved That this Committee recommends that non-members of the Town Council should, now that the New Building is completed, be elected on the Library Committee, and the Committee suggest that the number so added should not exceed four at any time, and that the Chairman do at the next Council Meeting give notice to move and appoint four members accordingly and to make the necessary alteration in the Standing Orders.

2 — Land thrown into the Streets around New Building—It was Resolved, That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called to the quantity of land thrown into the public thoroughfare in Clarence Street and St. George's Parade, by this Committee, with a request that they will credit the Library Account with a fair and reasonable sum as compensation therefor.

3 —Sub-Committees' Report—The Report of the Sub-Committee, recommending that the heating pipes in front of the Reference Library counter be removed ; that the Contractors be required to replace such of the Bookshelves as are "warped" with properly seasoned wood shelves, as the Committee consider those supplied are not of the right kind of wood for the purpose ; that the wood partition in the Lavatory be carried to the ceiling to avoid noise in the Library; that application be made to the Chairman of the School of Art for the key to the Library Skylights and for the removal of the bolt from the corridor door ; that the Town Clerk do ascertain by whose authority Bills have been placarded on the spare ground adjoining the Tower, and give notice for their removal and discontinuance ; that the attention of the architect be called to the inconvenience occasioned in the Library by the noise from the floor above, and also to the interior quality of the concrete in the hall, and that the price of the Catalogue be reduced to Sixpence, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted, and that its various recommendations be carried out.

4-Payments by Schools of Art and Science—It was Resolved, That application be made to the Schools of Art and Science for the sums respectively due from them, viz £500 and £200, and a further sum of £100 from the School of Art for alteration of the position of the Master's Room, according to the arrangements made in Nov., 1886.

5 -Librarian's Report on Removal into New Building—The Librarian presented a report upon the subject of the Removal of the Stock into the new premises and upon the general condition of the latter, calling attention to several matters of detail which needed to be remedied, all of which latter are, however, embodied in the report of the Sub-Committee, subsequently prepared.

6—Librarian's Monthly Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following Gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz : Mr. C. B. Holinsworth 1 Vol. Christian Commonwealth Publishing Co. 1 Vol. Trustees of British Museum 4 Vols. Dr. Beatty 3 Vols. and 31 Pamphlets. Mr. F. D. George 18 Vols. The Misses Best 11 Vols. Dr. A. C. Fryer 5 Vols. Mr. T. Hudson 1 Vol. Mr. S. H. Brookes 12 Vols.

Reports from Public Libraries at Blackburn, Glasgow, Hereford, Portsmouth, and Rochdale. The Baron de Ferrieres—Oil Painting of the Interior of the Parish Church. Mr. H. English—Oil Painting of George IV. Mr. J. Joyner—Photograph of the Library Building.

7—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

Gas Company, Sundry Gas Fittings and Rent of Meter	£2 2 1
Ditto, Gas	£1 2 9
Librarian for Assistants' Wages for June	£10 14 0
A. H. Nott, Coal	£3 4 0
Bell Ringers for Ringing at Opening of Library	£2 2 0
G. H. Boucher, Removal of Books, Fixtures, &c.	£5 6 4

GEO. A. W. WELCH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 7th day of May, 1889—Present : Alderman Ramsay ; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne, Pippett, and Parsonage (Alderman Sir A. Ramsay in the chair)—

1—Improvement Bill—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft clauses submitted by Mr. Chesshyre. And It was Resolved, That the same, as altered, be not objected to if the Committee on the Bill consent to their insertion. With regard to the Telephone Company's opposition, the Town Clerk was directed to exercise his discretion in the matter after conference with his Parliamentary Agents and Counsel. It was Resolved, That, subject to such alterations as may be made by Counsel, after conference with the Town Clerk and his Parliamentary Agents, the Bill be submitted to the Committee as it now stands.

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 15th day of May, 1889—Present : Aldermen Ramsay and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Cox, King, Lawrence, Norman, Pippett, Woodard, Parsonage, Waghorne, and Darby (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)—

2 --Improvement Bill : Pittville Estate—The Town Clerk laid before the meeting the draft clauses as received from Mr. Chesshyre. And It was Resolved, That the same be approved except as to the proviso added in blue ink to Clause 81a by Mr. Winterbotham, and be proposed to the Committee on the Bill if Mr. Chesshyre's opposition be withdrawn, and further that, provided such opposition is withdrawn, Mr. Chesshyre's costs out of pocket, not exceeding £50, be paid on the passing of the Bill, as far as the Pittville estate is concerned.

3—Overhead Wires—It was Resolved, That it be left to the Town Clerk's discretion, after conference with Counsel and his Agents, as to which set of Clauses shall be adopted.

JNO. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 30th day of May, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby and Parsonage, (Councillor Darby in the chair).

1—Street Improvement Sinking Fund—It was Resolved, That of the amount which will be at the credit of the Street Improvement Sinking Fund during the current month, £349 13s. 10d., be invested in the £90,000 Water Loan.

2—Water Sinking Fund—It was Resolved, That of the amount standing to the credit of the Water Sinking Fund, £5,200, be invested in the £1,500 Loan for purchase of land for the Destructor.

3—Collection of Urban Rates—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the Collection of these Rates was read, shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £1,648 leaving outstanding £11,357 0s. 10 ¼ d. On the Branch Sewers Rate, No. 1, £68, leaving outstanding £607 13s. 1d. On St. Mark's Sewers Rate, nil, leaving uncollected £17 3s. 6 ¾ d.

4—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read shewing receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £1138 9s. 8d., leaving outstanding £5,742 18s. 9d. In Tewkesbury £69 leaving outstanding £348 17s. 6d.

5—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz.:—

RECEIPTS.—

Library (Revenue)	£16 13 6
Public Baths (Revenue)	£25 13 5
Urban Authority (Revenue) 1852	£11 1
Burial Board (Revenue)	£42 7 10
Branch Sewers	£68 0 0
Water (Revenue)	£1214 5 11

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund	£434 16 2
Public Library (Revenue)	£25 15 9
Public Baths (Revenue)	£11 18 7
Urban Authority (Revenue)	£1844 7 2
Burial Board (Revenue)	£10 0 6

Refuse Destructor	£1500 0 0
Branch Sewers	£135 17 0
Street Improvements	£198 7 7
Water (Revenue)	£426 17 9
Ditto (Capital)	£425 14 2

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BAJ4K—

In hand last month	£555 3 0
Received during the month	<u>£3219 11 9</u>
	£3774 14 9
Paid during the month	<u>£4713 3 0</u>
Balance due to Treasurer	£938 8 3

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, June 12th, 1889 .

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 17th day of June instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting- the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages, Wheel Chairs, &c.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, June 26th, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday the 1st day of July next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting, and of the Licensing Meeting on the 17th inst.

2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Alderman Simms-Bull to move—That the Surveyor do make a return within one month after the passing of this resolution of all the orders for work to be done by him and passed by the Corporation during the last two years, the dates when the Notices were given, and the Dates when the works were completed.
5. Councillor Lawrence—To call attention to the resolution of the Council of 2nd March, 1885, to the effect that application be made to the Railway Commissioners to compel the Great Western Railway Company to give proper facilities to the town in the event of the remonstrance then made being unheeded, and to move that such resolution be now proceeded with.
6. Alderman Welch (as Chairman of the Public Library Committee) to move—That Standing Order No. 18 which limits the number of members of a Committee to eight be altered so as to exclude from its operation the Public Library Committee and also to move the addition to the Public Library Committee of four gentlemen not being members of the Town Council.
7. To approve of and affix the Corporate Seal to a Memorial to the Local Government Board re Land in Promenade.
8. Notices of Motion.
9. To read the following Letters and Memorials, and pass resolutions thereon it need be Alice Baker and others re Special Works in Belmont Terrace Road. J. F. Lane re Train Service between Cheltenham and London. Dr. J. Wilson and others re footpath between Cambray Place and Rodney Terrace.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of July, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of July, 1889—Present: Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Heath, Pippett, and Lawrence (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read. Avera Illuminating Power 16.72 Candles. Purity 12.12 grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2-Gas Inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector's Monthly Report (prepared this month by Mr. Matthews) was read. Hourly average consumption 4.267 cubic feet per lamp.

3—Lamp Book—This Book shelled 16 lamps found out, and 71 burning dimly during the month. And It was Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to what, considering the time of the year, is a very unsatisfactory report.

4—Office of Gas Inspector—The Town Clerk reported that he had received 3 applications for the office of Gas Inspector, viz : Mr. Arthur Hughes, of Pittville Street, machinist, age 34; Mr. Wm. Ralph, of 3, Russell Terrace, Gas Fitter, age 60; Mr. Frank Thornton, of 53, Tewkesbury Road, Gas Fitter, age 32. The same with the accompanying testimonials having been read and considered, It was Resolved, That the selection be made from the first two named.

5—Numbering of Houses—This matter, which was at the last Council Meeting referred back to this Committee for reconsideration, was again discussed. And It was Resolved, That Alderman Simms-Bull, and Councillors Cox, Haddon, and Darby, be appointed a Sub-Committee to take into consideration and report on the subject of the Numbering of the houses in the borough.

6--Land given up by Public Library Committee—The Resolution passed last month and referred back to this Committee by the Council was again considered. And It was Resolved, That the amount to be paid to the Library Committee in this matter be increased to £400.

7—Road in front of Lypiatt Terrace —A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 24th inst., of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And It was Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

8—Crossing at Entrance to Pearce & Sons' Timber Yard--Letters from Messrs. B.W. Pearce & Sons, stating that under the impression that their application for leave to lay this crossing with Staffordshire Cobbles had been granted, they had commenced the work but had been stopped by the Surveyor and directed to lay it in Black Rock Bristol Stone and forwarding a sample of the block they had intended to use and which they had got in for the purpose, and stating they would be glad to hear they might use the same, were read. And It was Resolved, That the work be proceeded with by the Surveyor according to the Specification, in the event of the same not being carried out by Messrs. Pearce.

9 —Main Roads—A Letter from the County Surveyor, enclosing a form of agreement to be executed by the Corporation, relative to the repair of Main Roads in the borough, and as to the sum to be allowed by the County Council in respect thereof, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

10-- Montpellier Spa Place—A Letter from Dr. E. Lawrence, of 3, Spa Place, asking for a name-plate for this thoroughfare, was read. And It was Resolved, That the road in which Montpellier Spa

Buildings, Spa Place, and other houses are situate from Montpellier Avenue to the Bath Road be named Montpellier Spa Road, and that Name Plates be put up accordingly.

11—Lighting of Ewlyn Road—A Letter from Mr. S. B. Dix, applying for gas lamps for this road and Minnow Ditch was read. And It was Resolved, That the application cannot be granted at present.

12—Special Works in Road at back of Upper Bath Street—A Letter from Miss C. G. Prockter on behalf of Harriet Howes, the owner of No. 4, Portman Terrace, asking the Council to put upon the other owners the largest share of the cost of these works, as Mrs. Howes is poor and has no means of paying, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot do as Miss Procter suggests, but they will be prepared to accept payment of the apportioned amount by instalments.

13—Lamp at Corner of Eldon Road—A letter from Mr. David Broom, respectfully urging the completion of this improvement, and suggesting the fixing of a large lamp at this point instead of the refixing of the existing lamp, on the residents in the locality paying the cost of the extra gas, was read. And It was Resolved, That the works will shortly be taken in hand in connection with other works in the neighbourhood, and that if Mr. Broom can make the necessary arrangements with the Gas Company, the Committee have no objection to the substitution of a large lamp for the present one.

14—Road arid Footpath on Harp Hill—A letter from L. and A. Morgan, the owners of property on Harp Hill, calling attention to the state of this road and footpath, and of the drain at the corner of the road, was read. And It was Resolved, That the letter be adjourned for further consideration.

15—Roman Road—A Letter from Mr. Chas. Moulder, calling attention to the state of the gully at the bottom of this road which, after a storm, appears to get choked and water consequently covers the whole road, was read. And It was Resolved, That another gully be put in to relieve the present one.

16—Sign Boards—Applications from Mr. S. Glover for permission to put up a sign at No. 431 High Street, and Mr. W. T. Cossens for leave to put up a sign at 2 Clarence Street, were read. And It was Resolved, That the applications be nor granted. The Street Inspector reported that since the last meeting sign boards had been put up by the following persons in contravention of the Bye-laws, viz.

F. & E. Andrews, at 3 Fairview Road
Henry Selley, at 61 Sherborne Street
Wm. Candy, at Clifton House, Bath Road
Mrs. Ely, at Sealdah House, Bath Road
Holman & Co., at 299 High Street

A Letter was read from Messrs. Andrews, pleading ignorance of the Bye-laws and asking to be allowed to retain their sign boards as erected. And It was Resolved, That this and all other applications for permission to affix sign boards be refused and that notice be given by the Street Inspector to all persons who have affixed sign boards since the passing of the Bye-laws to remove them forthwith.

17-Lamb and Flag Inn—Letters from Mr. A. G. Stockwell and Mr. Albert Mansfield, calling attention to a projection made at the Lamb and Flag Inn, Union Street, the same being three or four feet

beyond the line of frontage and a letter from Messrs. Engall, Sanders & Co., stating that the error had been made through an inadvertency, and asking that the building might now be allowed to remain, were read. And It was Resolved, That the building must be altered to agree with the deposited plan, which was only allowed after careful consideration.

18—Montpellier Walk—It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification of the Works, required to be done to this road and footpath by the owners.

19—Pillar Letter Boxes—Applications from Mr. W. C. Channon, on behalf of the Postal authorities, for permission to remove the Pillar Letter Box at York Terrace, to a point near Cambridge House, and to remove the Box nose standing at the corner of Henrietta Street, to the High Street, corner of Bennington Street, were read. And It was Resolved, That the permission be granted subject to the Boxes being fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to their removal when required.

20—Pittville Circus Road—The Highway inspector reported, That Mr. Richard Davies had opened the Pittville Circus Road, for the purpose of making connections between the Corporation Sewers, and certain drains in a private road without permission. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Davies be asked for an explanation of his conduct, and that he be required forthwith to properly fill up the openings made, to the satisfaction of the Highway Inspector.

21 —Highway Inspector's Report—The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month :—Broken Stone: Repaired with Clee Hill Stone : Fairview Road, Mountpleasant, Ormond Place, Old Gloster Road, Park Place, (patching) Painswick Lawn, (patching) High Street, (patching). Repaired with Gore Stone: Hatherley Lane, Priory Street, (crossing) Swindon Road. Repaired with Wickwar Stone : Old Bath Road. Repaired with Tytherington Stone : Old Bath Road. Curbing, Crossing, and Flagging : Repaired with Brown Stone : Old Bath Road, Oriel Villas, Park Place, Thirlestaine Road, Townsend Street, Knapp Place, Portland Street, York Passage, Well Walk, Great Norwood Street, Winchcombe Street, Hatherley Lawn, and Lane. Clee Hill Chippings : Suffolk Square, Thirlestaine Road, St. George's Road, Old Bath Road. Footpaths: Asphalte : St. George's Road, Suffolk Square, St. James Square, Imperial Square, New Street to Manchester Street, Ambrose Street. Tariffing : Lansdown Road, St. James Place, Swindon Road : Gullies and Drains : Built 2 New Gullies, Hatherley Road, 2 Portland Street, 2 Central Depot, Elm Street. Ashes : 1,608 Loads collected.

22 ---Ash Wagon—The Highway Inspector reported that the patent covered tip wagon for ash collecting had arrived and was very satisfactory. And It was Resolved, That the Inspector be authorised to procure one of these wagons.

23—Railway Siding at Central Depot—The Highway Inspector reported that these sidings are in a very dilapidated state and re-quire re-laying with good serviceable materials, the cost of so doing being estimated by the railway company's engineer at £70. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

24 - Lighting of Arle Road—It was Resolved, That the Gas Co's. attention be called to the resolution of this Committee of date the 1st January last, applying for the extension of the gas main to this road.

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25—Destructor Land—The Surveyor reported that he had sold the grass on this land for 48, and had let the land at 5s. per week, subject to a week's notice to give up possession.

The Town Clerk stated that he had written to Messrs. Burchell & Co., the Solicitors for the Midland and South-Western Junction Railway Bill, informing them that if they were prepared to accept a clause limiting the exercise of their compulsory powers over the Corporation property to six months from the passing of the Act, and to accept the clause No. 2 which had been proposed by the Corporation with respect to the access to the Midland Co's. line, which clause they would have accepted had they been able to agree as to time, the Corporation would be willing to withdraw their opposition, and he read a Letter from Messrs. Burchell & Co., stating that their Board did not see their way to reduce the original time of three years for the purchase of the land beyond the 18 months.

26-Bedford Buildings Improvement—A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, on behalf of their clients Messrs. George's Limited, asking the Committee to have these works proceeded with as soon as possible, as the delay in so doing prevents their clients opening their shop, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed at once with the temporary works necessary to making the paving good.

27— New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved, viz., Mr. John Powell for two houses in Leighton Road, Mr. G. Bick for two houses on the Queen's Road, Mr. J. G. Freeman for additions to 9 Bennington Street. The Surveyor also submitted Notice and Plan received by him from the Council of the Ladies College for additions to the College, which was not approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 7th day of June, 1889 (Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Griffith and Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, Norman, Parsonage, Price and King (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Floods in the Chelt—The Reports of the Surveyor of the 11th Oct., 1879, and 28th May last, were further considered and the further consideration thereof adjourned for a further Report from the Surveyor as to the probable cost and expenses of enlarging and improving the covered channel through the town, and other works.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Neale, Parsonage, and Price (Councillor Darby in the chair-

2- Medical Officer's Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer's Quarterly Report was read.

3 - Pantile Row—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his Report upon the condition of these houses, as instructed at the last monthly meeting of the Committee. And It was Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Borough Surveyor to prepare a Specification of the works necessary to be done by the Owners to put the same in proper state of repair.

4- Houses without a proper Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of owners of houses on whom notices under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, had been served, and who had not complied therewith. And It was Resolved, That unless the notices are forthwith complied with the water be laid on by the Corporation, and the expense recovered from the Owners.

5--Dairies and Cowsheds Order—An application from Mr. G. Lammas, of St. George's Coffee Tavern, to be registered as a purveyor of milk, was read. And It was Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

6—Urinal at Corner of Ambrose Street—A Letter from Mr. H. Maule expressing his willingness to allow the Corporation to erect a urinal on a portion of his unbuilt on ground in New Street for the sum of £100, subject to his approval of the plan thereof, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

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7—Floods—A Memorial from Messrs. Wm. Felton & Son and others, calling attention to the frequent flooding of premises occupied by them in the Promenade, through the inadequate size of the Sewers in the neighbourhood, and praying that speedy arrangements may be made to prevent repetitions, was read. And It was Resolved That the Memorialists be informed that this matter has already been before the Town Council and referred to this Committee, who have the same under their consideration at the present time.

8—Prestbury Sewage—In pursuance of the instructions of the Committee, the Borough Surveyor presented his Report hereon, in which he stated that to take in the Prestbury sewage at the point shown on the tracing supplied by the Rural Sanitary Authority, the Wyman's Brook Main Sewer would have to be extended some 300 yards from the Evesham Road, and that in consequence of the large number of houses recently built on the Marsh Meadow Estate the present Sewer could not possibly carry the sewage of Prestbury, so that a new sewer would have to be provided from the South Eastern corner of the Recreation Ground to the Arle Tank, a distance of nearly 2,000 yards. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration, in the meantime the Rural Sanitary Authority to be informed that their application is not being lost sight of, but that as the necessary works would require a large outlay of capital, the Committee must make further enquiries with reference thereto before giving a reply.

9—Sewage Farms—The Borough Surveyor reported that the 25 acres at the Hayden Knoll Farm not let at the recent auction had since been let, and that the remainder of the Hayden Farm (21 acres) which he had been unable to find a tenant for, he proposed to have mown at once.

10—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

Delancey Hospital, for Treatment of Muriel Collins ...	£2 4 0
Ditto Frederick Fisher ...	£4 4 0
Arthur Mulcock, Smith's Work ...	£4 10 3
W. H. Lewis, One Month's Salary ...	£7 0 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ...	£0 18 8
W. M. Gammond, Sickness Returns ...	£2 10 0
Llewelin Evans, Manilla Rope ...	£3 0 4
T. Waltham, Hauling ...	£2 2 0
W. J. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance ...	£0 15 0
J. Bubb's Executors, Tithe on Land at Elmstone Hardwicke ,,,	£0 11 10
B. Bubb's Executors, ditto	£11 11 4
Leckhampton Poor Rate ...	£0 7 11
Ditto District Rate ...	£0 10 6
General Hospital for Treatment of Lottie Hitchman ...	£1 6 0
W. A. Baker, Sundry Works of Repair at Urinals ...	£1 12 0

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, 1889—Present Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, Pippett, and Price, (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1- Manager's Report—The usual Monthly report of the Manager on the state of the works and other matters was read, the following being a precis thereof:—

That all the Reservoirs of the Corporation are full with the exception of two million gallons, and they are in their usually sound condition.

That the Springs yielded 269 gallons per minute, the average for the past four years being 236 gallons per minute.

That a print of the suggested rules and regulations had been sent to the members of the Corporation, and to 74 others—Architects, Builders, and Plumbers.

That the water supply to the Dean Close School Swimming Bath was laid on the 20th inst.

That one of the filters at Tewkesbury had been re-made.

That the additions to the Pumping Station at Tewkesbury were nearly finished, also that the works connected with the covered Reservoir and Water Tank at the Mythe Hill were well advanced, that most of the water mains had been laid, and that the contractor intends commencing to erect the Tank during the present week.

2—Land at Dowdeswell—A letter from Col. Holmes stating that he was prepared to give £70 an acre for this land as referred to in the Committee's resolution of date the 26th February last, was read.

And It was Resolved, That Col. Holmes be informed the Committee could not recommend the Town Council to accept so small a sum as £70 an acre.

3---Appeals—Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

4—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and allowed.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of June, 1889—Present: Alderman Griffith; Councillors Cox, Connor, Hands, Heath, and Woodward; (Councillor Cox in the Chair)—

1 —Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the month, viz at Colesgate Farm, Charlton Kings, on the 5th instant, that the damage was estimated at £200, and that the expenses of the Brigade attending the fire amounting to £8 11s. 3d. had been sent in to the Law Fire Insurance Company, in which the property was insured. The Superintendent also reported, that at the usual quarterly practice of the Brigade, held on the 17th instant, he had been requested to call the attention of this Committee, to the fact that the Fire Brigade premises are very much in need of repair, both inside and out. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do make an inspection of the premises, and report at the next meeting as to what he considers necessary to be done to them.

2 — Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor presented a Report as to the works necessary to be done to the interior of the building, in the way of cleansing and decoration, And It was resolved, That an advertisement, not to cost more than £1, be inserted in the Examiner, Chronicle and Mercury, inviting tenders from Local Tradesmen for the required work.

3—Hackney Carriage Licenses —Letters from Henry Workman and Robert Fowles, offering apologies for non-attendance at the annual licensing meeting, and asking the Committee to renew their respective licenses, were read. And It was Resolved, That the Licenses be renewed, as, and from the date of the next Council Meeting. Applications from the following persons for Hackney Carriage Licenses were read, viz :—

Charles Cooke, 28 Mountpleasant,
Edward Garner, Park Mews,
William Tapp, jun. 312, High Street,
Jesse Arter, Lansdown Crescent Stables,
John Phelps, 5, Belmore Place,
W. P. Jones, 18, North Place,
Charles Green, 3, Walton Terrace, St. Marks,
Joseph Roebuck, Havening Cottage, Milsom Street,
Thomas Taylor, 34, Montpellier Villas,

Herbert Sumner, Lansdown Court East Stables,
Charles Stroud, Early Dawn Inn,
Jas. H. Harrison, jun., 3, Dagmar Villas,

And It was Resolved, That Fly Licenses be granted to Messrs Garner, Arter, Phelps, Green, Taylor, Sumner and Harrison, the other applications being not granted.

4—Pony Carriage License—It was Resolved, That a Pony Carriage License be granted to Mary Ann Brownett, of Photo Cottage, Hewlett Road.

5—Wheel Chair Licenses—A letter from Thomas Richards of 12, Hatherley Street, stating that through an oversight he had omitted to apply for the renewal of his Wheel Chair License, and asking that it might be now renewed was read. An application from Thomas McIlwain, for a Wheel Chair License was also read. And It was Resolved, That Thomas Richards License be renewed, and that the application of T. McIlwain be not granted.

6— Suspension of Drivers—Letters from George Clifford and Albert Williams, praying to be released from the Suspension to which they became subject, prior to the passing of Mr. Skillicorne's motion, which leaves these matters to be settled by the Committee, were read. And It was Resolved, That the applications be refused.

7—Petroleum Licenses—It was Resolved, That the responsible officer of the Corporation, be required to make an inspection, at least ante in every six months, of all the premises in which Petroleum is kept within the Borough, and report as to whether or not they comply with the requirements of the Petroleum Acts.

8—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz :—

W. A. Baker, Disbursements ...	£5 0 0
Ditto, Fire Brigade Salaries ...	£37 10 0

GEO. JAS. COX,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th day of June, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King and Lawrence (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1 —Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Engineer on the working of the Bath during the past month was read.

2 --Footpaths gear Baths—The Engineer have reported that it would greatly facilitate the cleanliness of the Bath if the footpaths converging upon the Bath were asphalted or pitched with some clear

wearing material, It was Resolved That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called to the matter, and that they be asked to consider it.

3--Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor certified that the sum of £30 was due to Mr. C. H. Channon on account of the Shelter. And It was Resolved, That the same be paid. The Committee made an inspection of the Recreation Ground.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed

Diamond Sanitary Laundry Co., Washing Towels ...	£7 4 4
C. H. Channon, Step Ladder, &c. ...	£0 50 3
Gas Co., Gas for Baths ...	£2 4 8
Boiler Insurance Co., Premium on Insurance of Steam Boilers at Baths ...	£2 7 6

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of June, 1889 —Present :—
Councillors Cox, Haddon, King, Parsonage, and Price (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the roof of the nonconformist chapel required repairing, and that the doors of both chapels require to be eased, also that the Garden Seats in the Cemetery require repairing and painting, and that two new Scythes and two hay rakes were needed. And It was Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to have the roof and doors attended to, to have the seats done up, and to obtain new Scythes and Hayrakes.

2-Designs-The following designs were examined and approved, viz :—Headstones to Eliza White, May Brown, Catharine Murphy, George Dauncey, Henry Gilling, R. C. F. Cockell, Francis B. E. Evans, Beatrice Hamlin, Martha Flory, George Meek, and Mary Pinson.

3—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz :—

W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages ...	£17 2 0
J. S. Treseder, Collection of Bedding Plants ...	£2 10 0

GEO. JAS. COX.

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of June, 1889—Present: Councillors Haddon, Kite, Neale, Parsonage and Woodard, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month viz :—

G. Boucher ... 12 vols.

T. Baker .. 1 vol.

M. Mull .. 1 vol.

Miss Hemming ... 1 vol.

Hon. Mrs. Vansittart ... 1 vol.

Miss Crawshay ... 1 vol.

Rev. Cannon Bell .. 2 vols

Corporation of Cit.y of London 1 vol.

John Heywood ... 2 vols.

Mr. J. Simmons ... Handsome Clock for News-Room.

Mr. J. Matthews ... Enlarged Photograph Cheltenham Musical Festival.

Mr. B. Slade ... Photograph of Library Building on Opening Day.

Mr. J. Round ... " Sun " Newspaper, for 28th June, 1838, printed in gold.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Barrow-in-Furness, St. Margaret's Westminster, Richmond, Leek, Stirling and Glasgow, Ealing, Battersea, Hanley and Twickenham.

2—Supply of New Literature—Tenders for the supply of New Literature were received from Messrs. J. J. Banks, C. Westley, and W. T. Cossens. And It was Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Cossens at the several prices named therein be accepted.

3 —Bookbinding—It was Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to obtain tenders for the necessary Bookbinding and to accept such tender at they may consider desirable.

4 — School of Science—The Librarian reported that the key of the door leading to the tower had not been handed over to him by the School of Science and also that a notice board belonging to them had been placed in front of the Library and was causing damage to the wall thereof. And, It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Secretary of the School Science again asking for the key and also requesting the removal of the notice board. Mr. Knight submitted copy of a letter dated the 18th inst., addressed by him to the Hon. Secretary of the School of Science on the subject of the waste water pipes and fittings in the School of Science being unsatisfactory, and not in accordance with the plan that was made, and to which letter he had not yet received any reply.

5—School of Art—Letters from Dr. Wilson the hon. secretary of the School of Art, stating that as the payment of the additional sum of £100 in respect of the Master's room was to be made on certain specified conditions, a statement of the cost of the Library Buildings should be furnished before it can be paid over to the Town Council, that the Committee had given instructions for the key of the skylight to be handed to the Library Committee, that the caretaker of the School of Art had been instructed to undo the bolt on the door of communication with the Library, and that during the holding of the classes the bolt will be used at the discretion of the Master, and also that with regard to the removal of the notice board from the palings adjoining the School, a member of the Committee had been requested to enquire into the me-.ling of so unexpected and unfriendly a communication, were read. And, It was Resolved, That a statement of the cost of the building be

furnished as requested, that the Town Clerk do again write to Dr. Wilson requesting the removal of the It on the corridor door so as to give the caretaker of the Library access to the whole of the building without leaving it to the chance of the School of Art caretaker undoing same before leaving, and informing him that the notice board appeared to have been put up without the consent of the Committee and would encourage the use of paling by bill posters and others.

6-ACCOUNTS—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

W. Jones, Assistants' Wages, 1 month ...	£13 7 6
J. J. Banks, Newspapers and Periodicals ...	£14 14 8
Norman, Sawyer and Co., Binding, &c. ...	£14 15 1
Ditto, Stationery ...	£1 0 1
J. Tinkler, Brushes ...	£1 10 0
Vimpany & Co., Soap ...	£0 9 8
Seeley & Co., Books ...	£0 7 6
Bristol and Gloucester Archaeological Society, Entrance Fee and Subscription, 1889 ...	£1 1 0
Gas Company, Gas, &c. ...	£3 18 0
A. C. & S. Billings, o/a Contract for Library Building ...	£1000 0 0
W. H. Knight, Clerk of Works Wages to 16th March ...	£24 0 0

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Haddon and Parsonage, (Councillor Darby in the chair).

1--Collection of Urban Rates—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th inst., was read, shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £4,766, leaving outstanding £8,239 0s. 10 ¼ d. On the Branch Sewers Rate, No. 1, £162, leaving outstanding £483 13s. 1d. On the Branch Sewers Rate No. 2, £7, leaving outstanding £10 3s. 6 ¾ d.

2-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read shewing receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £2,875 19s. 9d., leaving outstanding £4,034 15s. 4d. In Tewkesbury £288 11s. 5d. leaving outstanding £129 6s. 1d.

3—Special Works in Old Bath Road—Lloyd—The Town Clerk reported, that as the time during which proceedings could be taken against persons who had neglected to pay the apportioned amounts for the above works had expired, he had laid an information against Mr. Thomas Lloyd, one of the owners, for the recovery of the sum of £14 13s. 6d. due from him, and he read a letter from Mr.

Lloyd offering, if the summons were withdrawn. to pay the amount by two instalments of £7 6/9 on the 30th Sept. and 26th Dec., but without interest or other charges. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Lloyd be informed he must either pay the full amount at once or one-half down and the remainder with interest on the 30th Sept. next.

4— Norman May & Co.—A Letter from Norman May & Co., stating that they desired their premises in the Promenade to be rated separately, viz., as a dwelling-house and as a lock-up shop, and they would be glad to receive revised demand notes accordingly, was read. And It was Resolved, That they be informed that as the assessments are made in accordance with the Overseer's valuation list the Corporation cannot amend the rating until the valuation list has been altered.

5--ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz. :—

RECEIPTS.—

Library (Revenue) ...	£9 10 9	
Public Library (Capital) per School of Art ...		£ 500 0 0
Public Baths (Revenue) ...	£22 9 11	
Urban Authority (Revenue) .	£3303 10 9	
Refuse Destructor (Loan) ...	£1200 0 0	
Branch Sewers ...	£131 0 0	
Water (Revenue) ...	£1997 16 2	
Water (Capital) ...	£360 11 1	

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ...	£81 17 5	
Public Library (Revenue) ..	£93 9 2	
“ (Capital) ...	£1024 0 0	
Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground (Capital) ...	£50 0 0	
Public Baths (Revenue) ...	£157 8 3	
Urban Authority (Revenue) ...	£2726 17 0	
Burial Board (Revenue) ...	£ 64 19 6	
Branch Sewers ...	£13 16 8	
Water (Revenue) ...	£2982 17 0	
Ditto (Capital) ...	£900 9 7	

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Received during the month ...	£7524 18 8	
Due to Treasurer last month ...	£938 8 3	
Paid during the month ...	<u>£5291 13 4</u>	
	<u>£6230 1 7</u>	
Balance in Treasurer's hands ...	£1294 17 1	

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, July 31st, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Tuesday the 6th day of August next, at Eleven o' clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Alderman Simms-Bull to move—That the Surveyor do make a return within one month after the passing of this resolution of all the orders for work to be done by him and passed by the Corporation during the last two years, the dates when the Notices were given, and the Dates when the works were completed.

5. Councillor Hands to move—That a Special Committee be appointed to consider the matters brought before the Council at the last meeting by Councillors Norman and Hands, namely the facts connected with the appointment of Clerk of Works at Tewkesbury, and the application of Mr. Wetherell to the Council, and to report thereon, and that such Committee consist of Alderman Parsonage and Councillors King, Hands, Pippett, Darby, and Connor. 6. Notices of Motion.

7. To read the following letters and memorials, and pass resolutions thereon if need be. Mrs. Block re Drain from Queensholme. Local Government Board re Grant for Main Roads. Walter Long re Footpaths in Hanover Street. Engall Saunders & Co. re Land adjoining Pittville Gardens. B. Singleton re Chelt Water in Swimming Bath. A. H. Nott re Water Supply at Bennington Coal Exchange. J. B. Heischman re Seat in Priory Parade. T. Richings re Seat in Victoria Walk.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of August, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of July, 1889—Present: Alderman Parsonage; Councillors Darby, Heath, Lawrence and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Extraordinary Traffic at Gas Works—The Town Clerk reported that the claim against Messrs. Holme and King, the Contractors for the new gas holder at the gas works, for damage to the roads in the neighbourhood, caused by the extraordinary traffic resulting from the building of the gas holder in question, was heard before the Justices on the 16th inst., who dismissed the complaint on the ground that the traffic in question was not extraordinary traffic within the meaning of the Act; and that application for a case on the law or Notice of Appeal to the next Quarter Sessions, if made or given at all, had to be given within 7 days from the hearing, and that on the advice of Counsel, he had given Notice of Appeal to the Sessions preferably to Application for a Case. And It was Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved, and that the Appeal be prosecuted.

2—Colonnade Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that he had taken up the Arbitrator's Award in this case, and paid his fees amounting to £197 15s., and laid before the Committee the following short statement of the provisions of the Award:

To be Paid BY To be paid TO Corporation. Corporation.

1. Corporation to pay to Cockrell's Trustees for what they take from them and the cost of taking down and re-building ...	£1084 13 0
2. Cockrell's Trustees to pay for the hereditaments to be conveyed to them right to construct vaults, and enhanced value ...	£1447 5 8
3. Corporation to pay Cockrell and Clissett for disturbance ...	£350 0 0
4. George's Limited to pay for equality of exchange ...	£181 2 0
5. Corporation to pay to W. Sharpe for the hereditaments taken by them from him, cost of re-building, disturbance in business, and loss of rent...	£1956 17 6
6. William Sharpe to pay for Heywood's, for permission to build over part coloured blue and marked X in Plan 2. For closing of passage way, for old materials and right to construct vaults, and enhanced value	£1891 17 6

7. Corporation to pay Messrs. Dobell for hereditaments marked N on Plan 2. Release of right of way, cost of alteration of buildings and disturbance ...	£118 0 0
8. Messrs. Dobell to pay for hereditaments coloured light brown adjoining land marked X on Plan and increased right of way ...	£190 0 0
9. Messrs. Dobell to pay for hereditaments coloured pink on Plan 2. Right to make cellars under Q and C on Plan 2. For ground floor and licensed part and cellaring beneath portion coloured green, edged with red on Plan 2 and for existing cellaring beneath part of Y on west of part edged red ...	£1269 18 8
10. George's Limited to pay for land coloured yellow marked Q and C on Plan 2, and right of way over same subject to Dobell's rights under the agreement. For purchase of part marked Z and coloured yellow on said Plan and right to construct vaults and cellars thereunder and for improved right of way after deducting value of passage into the Colonnade ...	£406 18 0
11. Corporation to pay W. Sharpe, as assignee of Handy's Trustees, for hereditaments coloured grey and etched marked on Plan 2, cost of removal and setting back buildings and rebuilding ...	£139 3 0
12. Corporation to pay F. D. George for hereditaments to widen Arched Buildings Passage, cost of alteration of buildings, deducting value of increased right of way ...	£300 0 0
13. Corporation to pay Messrs. Dobell for alteration of Premises at W, Plan 2, and disturbance of business ...	£48 0 0
Ditto to Henry Taylor ditto ...	£47 0 0
14. George's Limited to pay for purchase of said Premises marked W ...	£65 0 0
15. Rights as to construction of sewers and drains to be settled by Arbitrator when buildings in progress.	
16. Sewers in Arched Buildings to be imbedded in concrete.	

17. Mode of construction of roadway in Arched Buildings Passage prescribed. Cost of same to be defrayed three-tenths by George's Limited, two-tenths by F. D. George, two-tenths by Messrs. Dobell, and three-tenths by the Corporation.

18. Arched Buildings Passage to be kept in repair by Messrs. Dobell six-twentieths; six-twentieths by F. D. George ; and eight-twentieths by George's Limited.

19. Amounts to be paid within 12 months from date of award.

20. Parties to execute Conveyances on payment.

27. J. Cockrell to complete buildings by 1st April, 1890, and occupy late Haywood's premises rent free.

22. W. Sharpe to complete work by 1st October, 1890.

23. Corporation to complete work to be done by them by 1st October, 1890.

24. Compensation to include all rights, &c.

And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk and Surveyor do bring up an estimate of the amount necessary to be borrowed to carry out and complete the improvement.

3—Central Depot—The Highway Inspector laid before the Committee an estimate from the Engineer of the Great Western Railway of the renewals and repairs necessary to be done at the siding from the Great Western Railway at the Central Depot, amounting to £70. And It was Resolved, That the same be approved, and the work be done.

Geo. Parsonage,
Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 80th day of July, 1889—Present: Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Cox, Lawrence, Pippett, (Alderman Parsonage in the chair).

4-Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read. Average Illuminating Power 17.26 Candles. Purity 11.34 grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

5-Gas Inspector's Report--The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read. Average hourly consumption per lamp 4.248 cubic feet.

6-Lamp Book—The Lamp Book kept at the Police Station was examined, and shewed that during the month 14 lamps had been found extinguished and 46 burning dimly.

A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, stating that the resolution of this Committee of last month, relative to the number of lamps extinguished and burning dimly during the month of May,

had received the attention of the Directors, and they found that every possible care had been taken by the officials of the Company to maintain the efficiency of the public lighting, was read.

7-Extension of Gas Main to Arle—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, stating that the application of the Town Council in January was agreed to upon the understanding that lamps would be placed upon the new main at the time of its being laid, and that the Company was only waiting for the Council to fix the number and site of the lamps they require, was read. And, It was Resolved, That the Company be informed that the Committee have instructed the Highway Inspector to point out the proposed positions of seven lamps as settled by the Committee.

8-Special Works in Christ Church Road, ditto Portland Street—The Surveyor reported that the Special Works ordered in the above localities had been completed in accordance with his specifications at the cost of £342 3s. 7d., and £93 11s. 5d. respectively, which sums he had apportioned among the respective abutting owners as set forth in his report. And, It was Resolved, That notice of the apportionment be given to the respective owners and demand made for repayment of the sum due from each.

9—Montpellier Walk — A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 29th inst, of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And It was Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

10- Main Roads—The consideration of the agreement with the County, relative to the sum to be allowed to the Town Council for the repair of the Cheltenham Main Roads, was further adjourned.

11.-Footpath on Harp Hill—The further consideration of the memorial from Messrs L. and A. Morgan, as to this footpath, was adjourned for an interview with the agents of the Battledown Estate.

12.—Occident to Mrs. Morgan—A letter from Mr. Harry Lewis, Solicitor, stating that Mrs. Morgan had instructed him to require compensation in this matter, and that he trusted the application would be dealt with in such a manner, as to obviate the necessity of legal proceedings, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do forward to Mr. Lewis, a copy of the previous resolution of this committee upon the subject, and state that the Committee see no reason to depart therefrom.

13-Crossing over Hales Road to Kings Road—A letter from Major General Harvest, asking whether—as the Pathway up to Kings Road is now being asphalted—an asphalted crossing might not readily be run from the Pathway of Kings Road just below the boundary posts, and in the jurisdiction of the Town Council, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the spot.

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14—Stone Crushing at Central Depot—A letter from Miss Hennell and a memorial signed by Miss Middleton and others, complaining of the nuisance alleged to be caused by the Stone-breaking, and Stone-crushing, which goes on at the Central Depot, were read. And It was Resolved, That the memorialists be informed the Highway Inspector has given instructions that when Stone-crushing is required to be done it shall not be commenced until after nine o'clock in the morning. . -

15. Footpath between Cambray and Rodney Terrace—A memorial from Dr. J. Wilson and others, praying the Council to take steps for the widening of this footpath into a road, and a letter from Baynham Jones, Esq., stating that the existing footpath is vested in himself and his brother, who would object to its being used for any other purpose, were read. And It was Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that before any steps could be taken in the matter, they would have to obtain the consent of the owners of the Land over which the proposed roadway is to pass.

16—Water Pillar in Gloucester Place—A memorial from Mr. A. H. Taylor and others, complaining of the water pillar recently erected on the pavement in Gloucester place, and praying the Committee to order its removal to a more convenient site, was read. And It was Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned, to enable the Committee to view the locality.

17—Belmont Terrace Road—A memorial from Mrs. Baker and others stating that they considered it would be a great hardship to call upon them to do up this road in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's specification, and praying the Council to modify the order to one of channelling only, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter their previous resolution with regard to the repair of this road.

18—Sign Boards—The Street Inspector reported that all the signs referred to in his report to the Committee last month had been removed, except that belonging to Mr. William Candy, of Clifton House, Bath Road. He also reported that during the month signs had been put up by the following, viz : —F. Heafield & Co., 137, High Street ; E. Stretton, Cycle Depot, Bath Road ; A. Tobias, 3, St. James's Street. And It was Resolved, That notice be given to all the parties to remove the signs or alter their positions so that they shall not project over the public footways, and that in the event of such notice being disregarded, legal proceedings be taken to enforce the Bye-law.

19 — Pittville Circus Road—The Highway Inspector reported that Mr. Richd. Davies had not filled up the openings made in this road, that he had fixed one iron guile). and made a connection with the sewer, and had left other iron gulleys and edging stone alongside the road in a manner which he considered dangerous to traffic. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to compel Mr. Davies to fill up the openings and reinstate the road in its former condition.

20--Highway Inspector's Report—The Highway Inspector reported that the following work had been done in his department during the past month viz : —Repaired with Clee Hill Stone: Hales Road, Bath Road, (sides) Montpellier Street, (side) St. George's Road, (patching) Oriel Road, Malvern Road, (crossings) Wellington Street, (crossing) Douro Road, (crossing) Winchcombe Street, North Place,

Albion Street, Ormond Place. Repaired with Gore Stone: Hales Road, Old Bath Road, Bayshill Road, (crossings). Repaired with Wickwar Stone Lansdown Road, (crossings) Gloucester Road, (crossings) Queen's Road, (crossings) Mill Lane. Crossings taken out 2 Malvern Road, 2 Queens Road, 1 Douro Road, 1 Lansdown Road. The crossing at Furber's is finished, Repaired with Tortworth Stone : St. Pauls Street S. Curbing, Crossing, and Flagging: Hatherley Road, Montpellier Street, Fauconberg Road, Great Norwood Street, Hales Road, Lansdown Road, Gloucester Road, Queen's Circus, Suffolk Square, High -Street, Imperial Square, College Road. Chippings : Hales Road, Old Bath Road. Footpaths : (Asphalte) Montpellier Street, Fauconberg Road, Hales Road, Pittville Circus, Ambrose Street, College Road, High Street, Tivoli Road, Trafalgar Street. Tariffing : Lansdown Road, St. Paul's Road, Gloucester Road, Whitehart Street, Swindon Road, King Street, Gullies and Drains Repaired 2 College Road, 3 Gloucester Road. Ashes collected 1,773 loads.

21-Loss of Horse—The Highway Inspector reported that the aged roan gelding had died of ruptured stomach, and produced Mr. Bryer's certificate to that effect.

22 Building Plans—The Surveyor submitted notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved, viz :—Gen. Godfrey Pearse for additions to existing stables at Godfrey House ; G. Devereux for additions to Birdlip House, Bath Road ; Chas. Winstone for Coach house and stables in Hewlett Road ; Mrs. Lawrence, additions to No. 39, Montpellier Terrace; Thos. Collins for additions to Woburn Villa, Grosvenor Street ; Col. Reynolds for additions to Thorncliffe ; H. E. Millard for villas in Naunton Park Terrace ; Mr. W. A. Powell for additions to 335, High Street. The Surveyor also submitted Notice and Plan received by him from Mr. Geo. Mayo for a greenhouse in Naunton Park Road, which was adjourned for further consideration.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of July, 1889 Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman, and Price (Councillor Darby in the chair).

1—Flooding of Basements in the Promenade, &c.—The Committee had before it a large number of complaints as to the flooding of the basements of premises in the Promenade and other parts of the town during recent storms, and it having been suggested that some temporary obstruction might account for a portion of the flooding, Mr. Sadler was instructed at once to examine the whole length of the main sewer, and report thereon. The Committee also minutely enquired into the capacity of the several sewers and examined the plans, and the Committee being of opinion that the capacity of the sewers was in several places inadequate, the Surveyor was instructed to at once report upon the subject and advise the Committee what steps he would recommend to effectually remedy the matter complained of.

2—River Chelt—The Surveyor's Report as to the probable cost of enlarging and improving the covered channel through the town, and other works in connection therewith, was read and considered, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Tuesday, the 30th day of July, 1889—Present : Councillors Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman, and Price (Councillor Neale in the chair) —

3—Chairman—In the absence of Councillor Darby, Councillor Neale was appointed Chairman of this meeting.

4—Clay Pit at Rowanfield—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the old clay pit at Rowanfield is in such a state as to create a nuisance injurious to health. And It was Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act to abate the nuisance.

5 —Dairies and Cowsheds Order—An application from Mr. T. T. Denley, of No. 305, High Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk, was read. And -It was Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

6—Cab Stand at Midland Railway Station—It was Resolved, That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called to the nuisance caused by the disgraceful state of the above Cab Stand, and to the necessity for its being immediately put into a proper condition.

7--Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—It was Resolved, That the special circumstances under which the Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, Mr. W. H. Lewis, was temporarily appointed, having now ceased to exist, the Committee recommend that the additional expense be no longer continued, and that a month's notice be given to Mr. Lewis to terminate his engagement.

8—Pantile Row—This matter was adjourned for further consideration.

9—Prestbury Sewage—It was Resolved, That the further consideration of this matter be adjourned until the Surveyor has prepared his Report to the Committee as to the sewers of the town generally,

10— Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed—

General Hospital for Treatment of A. Camden ...	£0 18 0
E. McDonald, Chemicals ...	£1 14 11
F. C. Calvert & Co., Soap ...	£1 11 0
W. H. Lewis, 5 weeks wages ...	£8 15 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ...	£0 16 5
T. Waltham, Making and Stacking Hay, &c. ...	£28 0 0

HENRY NEALE,
Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of July, 1889—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Parsonage, Councillors Ferguson and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Myths Works, Tewkesbury—The Manager reported that the Contractor for the iron work was delaying the progress of these works by not delivering materials and fixing the same as provided by his contract, that the tests of the cast iron only gave an average of 2674 lbs. on the square inch as against 3080 specified ; and that the Contractor proposed to meet this by extending the period of his maintenance of the works from 6 months to 9 months. And It was Resolved, That notice be given to the Contractor that he has incurred and is incurring; penalties under his contract, and that it will depend on the future progress of the works whether any abatement therefrom in made, And that with respect to the deficiency in the strength of the cast iron, while reserving any claim for damage resulting therefrom, the Committee recommend the acceptance of the Contractor's offer.

2—Water Supply to the Workhouse—A Letter from the Clerk to the Guardians, complaining that the supply of water at the Workhouse had been turned off from 4 p.m. on the 25th to on the 26th June last, and requesting enquiry to be made into the matter, and an explanation given, was read, and handed the Manager to report thereon.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of July, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Pippett, Price, and Waghorne (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

3—Water Regulations—The Committee met to consider these suggested Regulations and the objections thereto, and suggested alterations and amendments received from the Plumbers and others. A Deputation from the meeting of the Plumbers held on the 5th inst., consisting of Messrs. S. B. Dix, Geo. Seward, J. Moore, E. Bourne, R. R. Skemp, and R. Williams, attended this meeting of the Committee, and the suggestions and alterations proposed by them were considered, and the further consideration of them adjourned.

GEO. PARSONAGE

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of July, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage; Councillors Ferguson, King, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

4—Manager's Monthly Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Manager on the state of the works and other matters was read, the following being a précis thereof—

That the water in store on the 26th instant was 128 million gallons.

That the springs at Hewletts yielded 193 gallons, the average for the past 4 years being 186 gallons per minute. Main meters have been fixed on the Hewletts and Dowdeswell mains.

That a revision of the mains has been made in the Thirlestaine Road district, the pressure in which is now adequate for fire purposes.

That the Corporation Mains have been laid so as to supply Sandford Terrace. That arrangements have been made for giving a fuller supply to the Lansdown Midland Railway Station.—

That the general extension works at Tewkesbury are well advanced.

That the Contractor for No. 2 contract has now delivered most of the iron work, and the work is being proceeded with in a more satisfactory manner than heretofore.

That application was made to have the Corporation mains extended to supply Montrose," Battledown.

The Manager was directed to see the representatives of the property and try to come to some :Arrangement with reference to a supply thereto.

The Manager submitted a report on the interruption of the supply to the Workhouse, as also a report on the laying on of the water to the Cedars, St. Marks.

5--Boddington Manor Estate--The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with Messrs. Whitcomb and Gardom, solicitors to Mr. J. S. Gibbons, on the subject of the works to be constructed by the Corporation for guaging the water in the Chelt, where it passes through the Boddington Manor Estate. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

6—Appeals—Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted. Applications and Agreements for the supply of water for the past month examined and allowed.

GEO. PARSONAGE,
Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 18th day of July, 1889—Present : Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Connor, Hands, Heath, and Woodward (Alderman Griffith in the Chair)—

1-- Police Force—A Letter from the Clerk of the Peace, of date the 13th inst., enclosing copy of a resolution of the Standing Joint Committee of the County Council and Quarter Sessions, Resolving that a copy of an extract from the last Report of the Inspector of Constabulary, reporting that having regard to the area and population of the city of Gloucester and Borough of Cheltenham, the strength of the force needs augmentation, be forwarded to the Town Clerks of Gloucester and Cheltenham,

with a request that the same be brought to the notice of the respective Town Councils. And It was Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the state of the peace in the Borough does not call for any increase in the Police Force of the Borough at present.

2—Swine Fever—A Letter from the Clerk of the County Council, asking for an expression of opinion on the part of this Committee as to the closing of the markets to swine, and whether any joint action should be taken to stop the spread of this disease, more especially in the direction of preventing the movement of swine into the county, was read, together with a Report from Supt. McRae as to two cases which had occurred in the borough, which was however now free from the disease. And It was Resolved, That this Committee consider it is unnecessary to close the Cheltenham Market, but they will be pre-pared in any outbreak of Swine Fever to declare the place where it occurs an infected area.

3—Wheelchairmen —A Memorial from several wheelchairmen, complaining that certain wheelchairmen were allowed to work un-licensed chairs, contrary to the Bye-laws, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that any unlicensed wheelchairmen who is found standing or plying for hire in the streets will be prosecuted for breach of the Act and Bye-laws.

4—Hackney Carriages—An application from Mr. Henry Workman for leave to transfer his license No. 14 to the carriage lately licensed as No. 13 was read. And, It was Resolved, That the transfer be allowed. An application from Geo. Fowles for a pony carriage license, and a letter from John Beamish praying the Town Council to re-grant him the license No. 45 formerly held by him were read. And, It was Resolved, That the applications be refused.

5 --Wheel Chair License—An application from Edward Toms for a renewal of his wheel chair license, which he had omitted to apply for on the Annual Licensing day, was read and granted.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 1889—Present The Mayor; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Cox, Hands, Connor, and King (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

6— Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the month, viz., at a rick of hay belonging to Mr. H. W. Holliday in a field near the Recreation Ground on the 23rd instant, the expenses of which amounting to £1 7s. had been paid by Mr. Holliday.

7- Repairs, &c., to Municipal Offices —The Tenders sent in for this work were opened and were found to be as follows

H. D. Brown, St. Luke's Road ...	£59 0 0
E. Packer & Son, London Road ...	£59 10 0
Price and Parker, Pittville Street ...	£72 10 0
Hack & Co., High Street ...	£77 9 6

And It was Resolved, That the tender of Mr. H. D. Brown at £59 be accepted, the Town Clerk to prepare the necessary contract.

8—Allotments—A Letter from the Secretary of the Working Men's Constitutional Club, asking if the Corporation had inspected the land called " Crab Tree Piece," and if so, what decision they had arrived at, was read. And the Committee proceeded to view the land in question, which is advertised to be sold by auction on the 15th Instant.

9—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

Corporation Highway Department—Cleaning Cattle Market ...	£1 13 0
W. Hayman, Printing ...	£0 13 0
J. Sollors, 4 weeks' wages ...	£3 0 0
W. A. Baker, Re-painting Street-name Plates ...	£4 3 10

GEO. JAS. COX, Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of July, 1889—Present : Councillors Darby, Ferguson, Lawrence, King and Norman, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1-Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Engineer on the working of the Bath was read.

2.—Recreation Ground—It was Resolved, That the Swing Ground be gravelled with Charlton Kings gravel, and that some wood planking be laid down on the ground at the Parallel Bars. It was Resolved, That the hours of opening and closing the ground be as follows :—May 1st to August 31st inclusive. Open at 7 a.m., and close one hour after sunset. - Remainder of year. Open at 8 a.m., and close half an hour after sunset, and that notice thereof be affixed at the entrance gates.

8—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz :—

Henry Workman, Coal for Baths ...	£3 12 2
John Williams & Co., ditto ...	£11 16 11
Henry Davies, Stationery ...	£0 9 0
Poor Rate on Recreation Ground ...	£1 13 0

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st day of August, 1889 —Present :—The Mayor ; Councillors Cox, and Price (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

1.--Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz :—Headstones to Thomas J. Sanderson, Elizabeth M. A. Cane, William Billet, Edward Downes, Eliza Brill, William H. Fisher, Thomas Tibbles, Elizabeth Dimmock, and Mary M. F. Cumine, and Tomb to Cecil Turner, with the exception of the Epitaph.

2 — Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz :—

W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages to 31st August ...	£10 16 0
R. E. and C. Marshall, Sundry Work and Materials for Cemetery ...	£6 4 2
Henry Ratcliff, repairs to pump at Cemetery ...	£0 5 0
Gas Company, Coke ...	£1 6 11
Prestbury Tithe on Cemetery land ...	£6 13 11
John Williams & Co., Coal ...	£1 12 0
Prestbury Poor Rate ..	£8 11 0

GEO. JAS. COX.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of July, 1889—Present Aldermen Griffith, Ramsay, Welch ; Councillor Neale ; Messrs. Chas. Daley, Edward Wethered, E. T. Wilson. (Alderman Capt. Welch in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month viz :—

Cobden Club ..3 vols

Mr. H. Pinson .. 1 pamphlet

Mr. J. T. Norman .. 1 vol.

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Rev. E. Viner (on loan) Atkyns's "Gloucestershire ", and [?] Nahs's " Worcestershire."

Mrs. Simons ... 7 pamphlets

Mr. Chas. Wilson .. 18 vols.

Mr. F. H. Cliffe .. 2 vols.

Mrs. Saunderson .. 5 vols.

Geo. Bell & Sons, London .. 1 vol.

John Bellows, Gloucester .. 6 vols.

Trustees of British Museum .. 1 vol.

Reports from the Libraries at Plymouth, Leicester, Smethwick, Chester, Southport, and Fleetwood.

2—Supply of New Literature—A letter from Mr. W. T. Cossens to the effect that he would prefer monthly payments of his account for Newspapers, &c., supplied to the Library, was read. And, It was Resolved, That the present arrangement of quarterly settlements must be continued.

3-School of Art—A letter from Dr. Wilson, the Hon. Secretary of the School of Art, stating that the Committee had met and sanctioned the payment of the £100 towards the alteration of the Master's Room, that with regard to the removal of the bolt on the door of communication, the Committee must adhere to their former resolution, as in the case of a real alarm, the bolt if accidentally left fastened could easily be forced, and, that in respect to the notice board, the Committee would be glad to have permission to take the necessary steps towards fixing a permanent notice board to the stoneworks on one side of the entrance door, was read. And. It was Resolved, That the bolt referred to be allowed to remain on the understanding that the door is left unbolted at night, and that the question of notice boards be adjourned.

4- Valuable Books—It was Resolved, That the Librarian be instructed to confer with Mr. Knight as to the provision of a lock-up book case for valuable works of reference.

5—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed viz :

Jones, Wm., Assistants' Wages to August 31st ...	£10 14 0
Addis, Wm., One Month's Wages to August 1st ...	£3 6 8
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Printing and Stationery ...	£1 5 10
Smith, J. A., Fly Hire, (Opening of Library) ...	£10 8 0
Gas Co., Coke ...	£3 6 5
Bryant & Co., Livery for Caretaker ...	£5 5 0
Engall, Sauders & Co., Rent of 1, Liverpool Place ...	£13 5 0
Cavendish House Co., 72 Windsor Chairs ...	£12 0 0

GEO. A. WELCH,
Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st day of August, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Kite and Pippett (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Collection of Urban Rates -The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., was read, shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £9,570, leaving outstanding £3,435 0s. 10¼ d. On the Branch Sewers Rate, No. 1, £515, leaving outstanding £160 13s. 1d. On the Branch Sewers Rate No. 2, £10, leaving outstanding £7 3s. 6¾ d.

2- Water Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read, shewing receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £5,196 12s. 0d., leaving outstanding £1,828 0s. 1d. In Tewkesbury £425 7s. 5d., leaving outstanding £60 6s. 10d.

3—Street Improvement Loans—Mr. Healy Thompson, the holder of the mortgages Nos. 18 and 21 of £900 and £600 respectively, having given notice of his intention to require repayment of the principal sums at the expiration of six months from the date of the notice, and which notice expires on the 23rd inst., It was Resolved, That the amounts be repaid at the expiration of that period and re-borrowed.

4—Colonnade Improvement—The Town Clerk and Surveyor laid before the Committee approximate estimate of the amount required to complete this Improvement. And It was Resolved That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow a sum not exceeding £9,000 for the above purpose.

5—Water Loan—It appearing that the Capital Account is overdrawn to the extent of £2674 13s. 10d., and that the current month's payments on Capital Account amount to £358, It was Resolved, That a further sum of £3,000 be raised for the purposes of the Corporation Water Acts as part of the loan of £30,000.

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5—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz.:—

RECEIPTS.—	Borough Fund ..	£1668 0 0
	Library (Revenue) ..	£11 18 11
	Library (Capital) ..	£200 0 0
	Public Baths (Revenue) ..	£44 6 2
	Urban Authority (Revenue) ..	£5409 7 0
	Burial Board (Revenue) ..	£60 1 5
	Branch Sewers ..	£326 0 0
	Water (Revenue) ..	£2394 2 3
ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID—		
	Borough Fund ..	£526 2 5
	Public Library (Revenue) ..	£48 11 11
	(Capital) ..	£12 0 0
	Public Baths (Revenue) ..	£26 9 5
	Urban Authority (Revenue)	£3748 4 3
	Burial Board (Revenue)	£485 18 7
	Refuse Destructor	£29 17 0
	Branch Sewers	£15 1 8
	Street Improvements..	£197 15 0
	Water (Revenue)	£176 17 7
	Ditto (Capital)	£358 10 9
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—		
	Balance in hand last month	£1294 17 1
	Received during the month ..	<u>£10113 15 9</u>

	£11408 12 10
Paid during the month	<u>£8420 0 3</u>
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	£2988 12 7

N. B. THOYTS,
Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, Aug. 29th, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 2nd day of September next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE SPECIAL WATER COMMITTEE.
4. Notices of Motion.
5. To read the following Letters and pass Resolutions thereon if need be : C. E. Wall and others re Declaring Alexandra Street a Highway. A. C. Billings re Crossing in Albert Place.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of September, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 9th day of August, 1889—Present Aldermen Parsonage and Simms Bull ; Councillors Cox and Darby, (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Colonnade Improvement— The Town Clerk laid before the Committee correspondence he had had with the Steward of the Manor on the subject of the Enfranchisement of the premises purchased from Olive (Trustee) and Miss Trapp, from which it appeared that the Lord required £120 for the Enfranchisement of both properties, inclusive of all fees, cost of deed, &c. And It was Resolved, That the terms be accepted, subject to a separate deed being made in respect of each property, the consideration being divided in the proportion to be arranged between the Steward and the Town Clerk.

2-Cambray-The Resolution of this Committee on the subject of the formation of a road from Cambray to the street from High Street to Imperial Square, referred back to this Committee for further consideration, was further considered. And the Surveyor was instructed to prepare a plan sheaving the proposed road and the properties necessary to be acquired for the purpose. And It was Resolved, That the said road from the High Street to Imperial Square be named " Rodney Road," and that name plates be accordingly affixed at each end of the road.

3—Eldon Road—David Broom—A Letter from Mr. David Broom, stating that the negotiations respecting the large lamp at the corner of this road had fallen through, was read. And the Highway Inspector was instructed to proceed with the work as originally arranged.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of August, 1889—Present: Alderman Simms Bull; Councillors Cox, Darby, and Heath (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

4—Chairman—In the absence of Alderman Parsonage the Chairman, Alderman Simms-Bull was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

5—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read. Average Illuminating Power 16.72 candles. Sulphur 11.36 grains per 100 cubic feet.

6,— Gas Inspector's Report--The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read. Average hourly consumption per lamp 4.2586 cubic feet.

7—Lamp Book—The Lamp Book kept at the Police Station was examined, and shelved—lamps extinguished during the month 7, (including 2 metered), lamps burning dimly 7 (including 1 metered).

8—Horse Manure—Tenders for the Horse Manure were received. And It was Resolved, That the tender of Mr. James Holder at 6s. 3d. per ton, being the highest, be accepted.

9—Home Provender—Various tenders for a half year's supply of Provender were received. And the samples having been examined, It was Resolved, That the tenders of the following tradesmen be accepted at the prices set opposite their names :—

Oats—Elijah Snowsell ..	At 21/- per 312 lbs.
Beans—Samuel Harris ..	4/6 per 39 lbs.
Maize—J. Bloodworth and Son	22/6 per 480 lbs.
Peas—Elijah Snowsell	34/- ditto
Barley—J. Bloodworth and Son	21/- per 400 lbs.
Bran—Elijah Snowsell .	87/6 per ton
Straw—W. Ride and Co. ..	45/- ditto

Hay and Vetches to be left to the Inspector to select having regard to the prices quoted at the time.

Linseed—Samuel Harris At 7/6 per bushel.

10—Main Roads-Agreement with County –It was Resolved, That this matter be further adjourned.

11—Footpath on Harp Hill—The Chairman stated that the Committee had viewed this place in company with the agent of the Battledown Estate, who had promised to remove the gullies to the position pointed out by the Committee. And It was Resolved, That drains be taken across the road, to take off the Storm Water into the water course on the north side of the road.

12-Crossing over Halos Road—The Committee having viewed this locality, It was Resolved, That the Committee consider a Crossing at the point mentioned in General Harvest's letter to be unnecessary, there being one already very near thereto.

13— Footpath between Cambray and Rodney Road—The Surveyor laid before the Committee plan of suggested widening of this footpath, so as to form a roadway of from 36 to 40 ft. in width. And It was Resolved, That the plan be approved, and that the Surveyor do ascertain on what terms the Owners will give up the necessary land.

14—Water Mar in Gloucester Place—It was Resolved, That this Pillar be placed opposite the end of Mr. Stibb's Stables on the north side of Albion Street.

15—Messrs. Harfords' Property at Sandford—A letter from Messrs F. and E. Griffiths, as Solicitors to the Trustees of this property, stating that they understand the Council had recently executed certain works upon the said property without the sanction or authority of the Trustees, that a few years ago the Town Authorities constructed a Catch Pit and Drain in the South West Corner of Perry's Meadow, communicating with the public gully a few yards distant in the College Road, the discharge from which passed into the public sewer running down the centre of the road, that the Council had recently cut off this communication with the sewer, and in lieu of it laid a drain from the gully to another gully on the opposite side of the road in order to send the discharge which hitherto passed from the catch pit to the sewer into the Trustees' ditch round the orchard, that the Corporation had also enlarged the catch pit in Perry's meadow and laid an additional length of about 10 feet of pipe in the ditch there and constructed brick work to provide an outlet for the increased volume of water, that the Trustees consider that these works are calculated seriously to damage

their property and that they (Messrs. Griffiths) were instructed to respectfully request the Council to take immediate steps to remove the enlarged catch pit and prevent the increased volume of water flowing into their ditch, and remove the pipes and restore the ditch to its state before their interference, and also remove the brickwork in the ditch, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee have viewed the premises and ascertained that the facts are not as stated in Messrs. Griffiths' letter, that the discharge from the gully mentioned never did pass into the sewer but always into the water course called in Messrs. Griffiths' letter a "ditch," and that such works as have been done so far from damaging their clients' property have materially improved it.

16—Cab Stand at Midland Station-- The Town Clerk stated that on the 1st inst. he wrote to the Engineer of the Midland Railway calling attention to his (the Town Clerk's) letter of June 1888, replying to the proposal of the Midland Co. as to certain alterations intended to be made at the Midland Railway Station, and requesting to know how soon the alterations would be carried out, as serious complaints were being made relative to the state of the Cab Stand, the site of which would have to be removed if the proposed alterations were effected, and he read a reply from Mr. McCallum, the Company's Agent stating that the matter is under consideration, and that he hoped shortly to be able to reply definitely to the Town Clerk's enquiry, under which circumstances he hoped the matter would be allowed to rest for the present.

17--Seat in Vittoria Walk—A Letter from Mr. T. Richings calling attention to an alleged annoyance caused by the existence of this seat and asking for its removal was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the removal of the bench.

18—Drains from Queensholme—A Letter from Mrs. Block requesting to be allowed to connect with the main drain a short drain to carry off the surface water from the road between Queensholme and Westbourne House, was read. And It was Resolved, That permission be given to connect the drain with the Sewer in Pittville Circus Road, the work being done to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

19—Seat in Priory Parade—A Letter from Mr. J. B. Fleischmann requesting the Council to reinstate the seat lately removed from Priory Parade, was read. And It was Resolved, That the seat be replaced.

20-Lighting of Pittville Circus Road—A Letter from W. H. Mellersh, Esq., asking the Council to erect a Lamp on the South side of this road in continuation of the existing row of lamps and suggesting that it be fixed opposite the party wall dividing the Gryphons from the house now being erected by Mr. Davies, was read. And It was Resolved, That the additional lamp be granted.

21 --Lighting of Hewlett Road —A Letter from Mr. D. Broom requesting that instructions might be given to the Highway Inspector to erect the Lamp which the Committee some months ago promised should be placed on the above road between Eldon Road and All Saints Terrace, was read. And It was Resolved That the position of the corner lamp having been altered since the passing of the resolution referred to, the matter must be adjourned for the Committee to view and finally settle the situation of the second lamp.

22- Lansdown Road and Queen's Road—A Letter from the Rev. E. Cornford, asking if the Town Council would have any objection to this—in conjunction with other residents in the vicinity, at their

own expense —filling in some of the depressions in these roads which are a serious source of discomfort, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Cornford be informed the road will shortly be repaired by the Corporation.

23—Mr. Bence's Yard at Mountpleasant—A Letter from Mr. G. O. Bence, asking the Committee to substitute, for the present dangerous crossing at the entrance to his yard, a level crossing, a portion of the cost of which he would be willing to pay, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

24—Accident to Mrs. Morgan —A Letter from Mr. Harry Lewis, Mrs. Morgan's Solicitor, desiring to know the decision of the Corporation in this matter was read. And It was Resolved, That while the Committee still maintain that the Corporation are free from liability in the matter, they would be willing under all the circumstances to recommend the payment of La to Mrs. Morgan.

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25—Highway Inspector's Report —The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month :—Broken Stone : Repaired with Clee Hill Stone : Hatherley Road (sides), Malvern Road (crossings), St. Georges Road (crossing), Suffolk Parade (crossing), Prestbury Road, (sides) High Street (patching). Repaired with Gore Stone Lansdown Road, Hatherley Road (sides), Malvern Road (crossing). Repaired with Wickwar Stone : College Road, Pittville Circus (patching), and Thirlestaine Road (patching). Repaired with Tortworth Stone : Fiddlers Green. Repaired with Brown Stone : Alstone, Lansdown Road, Prestbury Road (crossing). Curbing, Crossing, and Flagging : Hatherley Road, Clarence Street, Gloucester Road, Grove Street, Lansdown Road, Wellington Street, Pittville Villas, Old Bath Road, Prestbury Road, Arle, Suffolk Parade, High Street, Selkirk Parade, opposite Grammar School, Suffolk Square, Hewlett Road. Footpaths Asphalte : West side St. James' Terrace, Queen's Road, Lansdown Road, Prestbury Road, St. George's Place, Old Church Yard. Crossings Asphalte : Douro Road, Winchcombe Street (two). Footpaths Chippings : Royal Well Place, Prestbury Road, Arle Road, Pittville Circus, Gloucester Road, Thirlestaine Road. New Sett Crossing re-laid, Suffolk Parade Tariffing repaired : Great Norwood Street, Commercial Street, Swindon Road, St. Paul's Road, Thirlestaine Road. Six Gullies reconstructed. Ashes collected 1,269 Loads.

The Inspector also submitted a Statement of the cost of Provender and Straw for the Horses, the average for each horse being £32 per annum, and a summary of the materials used during the past year.

26—Ambrose Street Improvement —A letter from Alexander Shirer, enquiring the price asked by the Corporation for the property known as Nos. 29 and 30, Ambrose Street (No. 43 on the deposited plan), was read. And It was resolved, That the price of the property in question be fixed at £300.

27--Colonnade Improvement—A letter from Mr. H. G. Workman, asking whether he might be allowed to occupy a portion of the other property in the Colonnade during the rebuilding of the premises he now occupies, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee are not at present in a position to give an answer to the application.

28—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect New Buildings, all of which were approved, viz.: Mr. Wm. Cleeveley for two houses at the Knapp ; Mr. Evan Butler for two houses in College Road ; Rev. H. K. Adkin for two villas in Christ Church Road ; W. Baker, Esq., for additions to Boyne House, College Road ; Mr. E. H. Daniells for additions to No. 6, Well Walk.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of August, 1889 (Present : Councillors Darby, Ferguson, Neale, Norman, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)-

1-Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Applications from Mr. Wm. Price, of 24, Bath Street, and Mr. G. Lammas, of St. George's Coffee Tavern, to be registered as purveyors of milk, were read, and the parties ordered to be registered.

2-No. 2, Clare Cottages, Bath Road—A Correspondence between the Medical Officer of Health and Mr. Spencer, owner of this property, on the subject of the water supply to these premises, and a Letter thereon from Dr. Cardew, were read.

3—King Street Gardens —A Report from the Assistant Inspector of Nuisances on the state of this property was read, and the Inspector of Nuisances reported that the insanitary condition of the premises had been reported to Mr. Sadler, the agent of Corpus Christi College, to whom the property belonged, that he had had the water closets cleaned, and had undertaken to cleanse, lime whiten, and do all the requisite alterations and repairs to the property.

4— Houses without a proper Water Supply—It appearing in the report of the Surveyor that certain houses in such report, dated the 27th inst., and now laid before the Committee, are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be furnished thereto at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, It was Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the said houses, requiring them to obtain such supply, and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose. The Inspector of Nuisances laid before the Committee a return of cases in which the Notices under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act had not been complied with. And It was Resolved That the supply be obtained and laid on, and all necessary works for that purpose be executed, and the expenses thereof be recovered in a summary manner.

5—Pantile Row --The Report of the Medical Officer of Health, of date the 26th June last, and a Report from the Surveyor of date the 27th inst., as to works necessary to be done to put this property into a habitable condition, were read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee, being satisfied of the existence of nuisances on these premises, and that they are such as to render the premises unfit for human habitation, Notice be given under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act to the Owners to abate the nuisance and execute the works mentioned in the Surveyor's Report.

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6—Post Martens Chamber—It was Resolved, That application be now made under and by virtue of Sec. 125 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the Local Government Board for their consent to the application of the unexpended balance of £123 7s. 9d. of the Mortuary Loan to the erection of a post mortem chamber on the market site and to the appropriation under Sec. 93 of the said Act of the necessary site.

7—Main Sewers—A Report of the Surveyor on the annual examination of the Main Sewers, was read, from which it appeared that they were all structurally in good order and repair, and with the exception of a little silt and deposit in some three or four places (and which had now been all cleared away) were all clear and in good working order.

8—Flooding in the Promenade—A Report from the Surveyor on this subject was read and considered. And It was Resolved, That the same be printed, and the further consideration thereof adjourned. (Print of Report appended).

9--Sewage Farms—It was Resolved that the Shooting on the Heyden and Heyden Knoll Farms be let to Mr. Buckley for £4, and that on the Barn Farm to Mr. D. Theyer for £2.

8--Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ..	£0 14 1
Treasurer of General Hospital, Treatment of Typhoid Fever Cases	£13 4 0
G. F. Poole, Printing ..	£0 4 6

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of August, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Ferguson and King (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—manager's Monthly Report--The usual Monthly Report of the Manager on the state of the works and other matters was read, the following being a précis thereof—The springs at Hewletts yielded 165 gallons per minute, the average for the past 4 years being 168 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The water in store on the 26th instant was 117,640,000 gallons.

Mr. Bryant had given notice to give up garden ground at Sandford, the Committee decided to let same to Mr. R. Pearce.

A new fence has been put up between the Sandford Mead and the Nursery garden adjoining.

Separate meter supply had been given the Midland Railway Co. at Tewkesbury.

It was arranged to supply the Reservoir Inn Charlton Kings from the Dowdeswell instead of the Linover Main on payment of 10/-per annum, Mr. Gael giving up all right to supply thereto from the Linover Main.

The Manager reported on charges for schools on which Committee passed resolution.

The revision of the Mains was being proceeded with in the Sydenham Road district.

The Manager to exercise his discretion as to Water Closet Fittings pending the approval of the new rules and regulations.

The Mains of the Corporation were being extended so as to supply 1 and 2 Moorend Park Lawn.

The Engineer to prepare Specification for repair to boundary wall next to the road at Hewletts.

Completion of covered reservoir at Tewkesbury, the earthwork now being proceeded with.

The Contractor for Contract No. 2 was not proceeding satisfactorily with the works comprised in his Contract.

As to the iron fence.

Arrangement made with the Lloyd's Bank, Limited, for the extension of the Corporation Main so as to supply " Montrose," Battledown, on payment of £55 down and £6 15 0 per annum.

2 —Baker Street Schools—A Letter from Mr. Whittard, the Hon. Sec. of these schools, to the Chairman of the Committee, on the subject of the water supply to these schools, was read. And It was Resolved, That the water supply to the elementary schools in the borough be given by meter at a dead rent of so/. each half-year, with an allowance therefor of 8,000 gals. of water, all additional water consumed to be paid at the rate of 1/3 per 1,000 gals.

3—Tewkesbury Works —The Manager reported that the progress made by Mr. Kershaw, the contractor for the iron work was far from satisfactory. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Contractor, referring him to Clauses 21 and 23 of the Contract, and inform him that the Corporation would have to act on the clauses in question. It was Resolved That the Iron Fence be continued on the West side of the land, and returned as far as the gate in the fence next the road.

4—Appeals—Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted. Applications and Agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 9th day of August, 1889—Present ; Alderman Simms Bull ; Councillor: Cox, Hands, Skillicorne, and Woodard (Alderman Simms Bull in the chair)—

1—Contagious Diseases Animals Act—It was Resolved, That Mr. Supt. McRae be appointed Inspector for the purposes of this Act, in the room of the late Supt. Day, and on the same terms and conditions.

2-Swine Fever --Supt. McRae reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on premises in Marsh Lane occupied by Mr. Henry Fryer, of 56, Tewkesbury Road, butcher, 18 pigs being affected ; that 6 had died, and the remaining 12 had been killed by Mr. Fryer ; that he had had their carcasses properly buried, and the premises thoroughly cleansed and disinfected. He laid before the Committee his Declaration and copy Notice served on the occupier of the premises. The Committee, being satisfied of the correctness of the Inspector's Declaration, Do order, determine, and declare accordingly and prescribe, That the premises in question and the premises adjoining or near thereto, in the several occupations of Wm. Cox, Alfred Phipps, Henry Jones, and A. J. Shinner, shall be a Swine Fever Infected place.

W. SIMMS BULL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of August, 1889 —Present : The Mayor; Alderman Simms Bull ; Councillors Connor, Hands, Heath ; (Alderman Simms Bull in the chair.

3—ALLOTMENTS ACT—A Deputation from the .Memorialists on this subject, consisting of Messrs. Lenthall, Brown and Maslin, attended this meeting of the Committee.

The question of the purchase of the land known as The Crab Tree Pieces, advertised to be sold by auction on the 15th inst. by Messrs. Engall, Sanders & Co., and containing 27a. 3r. 20p., subject to a charge thereon of £23 per annum, was considered. And It was Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee there is a demand for allotments, which cannot be obtained at a reasonable rate and on reasonable conditions by voluntary arrangement between the owners of land suitable for such allotments and the applicants for the same ; and that if the land in question can be purchased at a price not exceeding £120 per acre, the expenses may be reasonably expected to be recouped out of the rents. The Committee, therefore, recommend the purchase of the land in question, subject to the Corporation obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary loan.

W. SIMMS-BULL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1889—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull : Councillors Connor, Cox, Heath, and Skillicorne (Alderman Simms Bull in the chair) —

4—Allotments Act—The Town Clerk read a Letter he had addressed to Messrs. Engall, Sanders & Co., and Reported That Mr. Sanders had called on him and informed him that he had withdrawn the land

advertised to be sold on the 15th inst. from sale, and that he had subsequently received from Messrs. Engall & Co. the particulars and conditions of sale.

5—Contagious Diseases Animals Act—The Town Clerk laid before the meeting Declaration by Inspector McRae of the existence of Swine Fever in a pigs' sty at Marsh Lane, in the occupation of William Cox, within the area declared at the meeting of this Committee, held on the 9th inst., that 4 animals had been attacked and one had died and been properly buried and the premises thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, accompanied by a copy of the Notice served on Mr. Cox ; also the Inspector's Return for the week ending the 24th inst., and from which it appeared that the disease had not spread further.

6—Fire at Battledown Lawn on the 25th inst.—There appearing to be no fire plug or hydrant nearer this property than about half-way down the King's Road, It was Resolved, That the attention of the Water Committee be called to the desirability of putting in a fire plug or hydrants in Hales Road.

7—Fire Engine Station—A Report from the Surveyor on the repairs necessary to be done to this property was read. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do prepare and bring up a specification of the repairs reported by him to be necessary, and that tenders for the execution of the same be advertised for.

8—Hackney Carriage Licenses—An application from E. Garner for permission to make a temporary change of carriage No. 43 was granted. An application from Jno. Beamish to change his No. 50 to another carriage was granted. Applications from W. T. Smith and Chas. Cooke for Fly Licenses were refused.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of August, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull ; Councillors Darby, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Cleeve Common—The Town Clerk laid before the meeting a Letter from Messrs. Griffiths, enclosing copy of letter from the Land Commissioners stating that they were prepared to issue a Provisional Order for the Regulation of this Common on the terms set forth in the accompanying Draft (a copy of which accompanied the letter) and that on the Draft being returned to the land office, with an undertaking by the Corporation, under their seal, to contribute the annual sum mentioned in the last paragraph of the recitals in the Draft, that is to say, " such annual sum not exceeding as the Board of Conservators shall require for the maintenance of the Common," the formal Order would be issued and instructions given for its deposit, and obtaining the necessary further consents. And It was Resolved, That the Draft Order be approved subject to an addition as to

the making and maintenance of roads, supply of water, and other conveniences, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the necessary undertaking mentioned in the Commissioners' letter.

2 —Swimming Bath—The Report of the Engineer on the working of the bath during the past month, was read. A Letter from Mr. B. Singleton, of 95, Albion Street, calling attention to the use of the Chelt water at the Bath, and asking if it might not be discontinued, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Singleton be informed that it is impracticable at present to dispense entirely with the supply from the Chelt, which is properly filtered.

3—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Edwd. Hart, One Month's Salary ..	£5 0 0
Direct Coal Supply Co., Coal for Boilers ..	£0 17 6
J. M. Butt & Co., Iron Plates for Boilers ..	£0 11 0
Diamond Sanitary Laundry Co., Washing Towels ..	£8 0 9

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1889—Present :—The Mayor ; Councillors Cox, Heath, King, and Price (Councillor Cox in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that in accordance with instructions, the Garden Seats in the old portion of the Cemetery had been repaired and painted, and he desired the opinion of the Committee as to whether those in the new part should also be painted, that the roofs of the Chapels had undergone the necessary repairs, that a new register of graves was required, the form of which he would like to have slightly altered from that in use, that a very large number of Sectional Pegs are rotten or broken and required to be replaced, that the Water Supply at the Lodge is at present very defective, the supply pipe being constantly choked, and the latter being outside boundary fence it cannot be got at without committing trespass, that the Cemetery Pump which was out of repair on the 16th inst. had been repaired, that the man employed to clean the boundary hedge of the new portion of the Cemetery had completed his work, and a considerable portion of the quick and privet required to be renewed, and also that a new pair of long shears are required to replace the old ones which are worn out. And It was Resolved, That the Seats in the ;new ground be cleaned and re-varnished and the gates painted, that the question of ordering a New Register of graves be settled by the Town Clerk and the Superintendent, that the Surveyor do prepare and fix new pegs where necessary, that the question of the Water Supply be referred to the Water Committee, to see if the Corporation Water cannot be laid on, that the dead quick and privet be replaced at the proper season, and that a new pair of Shears be ordered.

2.-Designs-The following designs were examined and approved, viz :—Headstones to Elizabeth A. Watson, Mary Ann Bridgewater, Wm. Daniel Keen, Emily M. C. Maude. Tombs to Arthur Benzie Jack and Rev. Henry George.

3. —Payment to Cemetery Employees—It was Resolved, That Notice Boards be put up at the entrance to the Cemetery, intimating that no person officially employed at the Cemetery is allowed to receive money for keeping graves in order, under pain of immediate dismissal.

4.—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

R. E. and C. Marshall, Materials and repairs at Cemetery	£6 4 2
W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages ..	£13 10 0
Prestbury Poor Rate ..	£0 4 9

GEO. JAS. COX,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of Aug, 1889—Present Alderman Ramsay ; Councillors Kite, Neale, and Woodward (Alderman Sir A. Ramsay in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following Gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :

Mrs. Saunderson .. 31 vols
Miss Lecluse .. 9 vols
Sir Brook Kay .. 1 vol
Messrs. Dougall & Co., London .. 1 vol
Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin .. 3 vols
Oxford University Press .. 1 vol
Jno. Grant, Edinburgh .. 1 vol
Rev. Jno. Mugliston .. 15 pamphlets
Mr. E. Webb .. 5 vols
Miss Land .. 4 vols
Mr. Bettam .. 1 vol

Reports from the Libraries at Northwich, Stafford, Aston, Birkenhead, and Wednesbury.

A Lady—Stained Glass Window Blinds for Committee and Librarian's Room, Two large Notice Boards for Reference Library and News Room, and Three large Mats for Entrance Doors.

2—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed : Librarian—

Wages Account for September ..	£13 7 6
Vimpany & Co. - Cleaning Materials ..	£0 8 5

ALEX. E. RAMSAY, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

.41 a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th day of August, 1889—Present : Aldermen Ramsay and Simms Bull ; Councillors Cox, Lawrence, Norman, Waghorne, and Woodard (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)—

1-Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 — It was Resolved That the Committee do Report to the Council as follows :

Your Committee beg to report that the Cheltenham Improvement Bill received the royal assent on Monday, the 26th instant, consequently it has now become an Act of Parliament in operation within the Borough.

Petitions were presented against the Bill by Charles John Chesshyre, the Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company, the Western Counties and South Wales Telephone Company, Limited, the Great Western Railway Company, and the Leckhampton Local Board. The objections of the four latter Petitioners were removed by the omission and modification of some of the clauses objected to and the petitions were withdrawn. By arrangement with the Leckhampton Local Board the clauses empowering the Corporation to acquire the Delancey Fever Hospital and contribute to its funds were struck out, but inasmuch as the Corporation have power under the Public Health Act to pay to the manager of any hospitals any annual or other sum, the omission of the latter clause is not practically of much importance. The only petition left was that of Mr. Chesshyre and an arrangement was come to with that gentleman under the circumstances and of the nature explained to the Council by the Chairman of this Committee at the meeting of the Council held on the 1st July last, and the clauses relating to the Pittville Estate as they now stand in the Act, were agreed to with the concurrence of Mr. James Winterbotham who acted for several owners and occupiers of property on the Pittville Estate. Reports on the Bill were made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Local Government Board on criticising and objecting to several clauses thereof, and observations on and objections to some of the clauses were made by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords.

The Bill came on for hearing before the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations of the House of Commons, on 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 27th, and 28th June, the Corporation being represented by Mr. G. A. R. Fitzgerald. The preamble of the Bill was supported by the evidence of the Member for the Borough, J. T. Agg Gardner, Esq. The clauses were

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gone through seriatim, evidence was given in support thereof, and such objections as were made to the Officials of the Home Secretary and Local Government Board, or by the Committee were thoroughly and exhaustively argued. Of late years there has been a great disinclination on the part of this Committee, to admit of alterations or amendments of the General Law in private Bills, unless they follow the model clauses, or can be shown to be required by local circumstances, or the reasons

for them are overwhelming, notwithstanding that defects and deficiencies in the general law are one of the moving causes of the promotion of Private Bills. Some few of the clauses in the Bill were struck out or modified by the (as your Committee think in some few instances too strict) application of this principle, but upon the whole the Bill emerged from its ordeal before the Committee with substantially little to complain of in this respect. In this Session of Parliament Public Acts have passed extending the provisions of the Police Clauses Act relating to Hackney Carriages, to Omnibuses and relating to the Employment of Children, which rendered unnecessary several clauses in the Bill relating to these matters, and they were accordingly struck out. At the moment of making this Report a Bill is in progress through Parliament relating to Infectious Diseases, which had it been passed earlier, would probably have rendered unnecessary the sections of the Act relating to " Infectious Diseases."

The only material alterations made in the Bill in the Lords were

1. To restore to its original form the clause sec. 47 relating to ingress to and egress from places of Public Resort. The Common's Committee were divided in opinion as to the retrospective operation of this clause, and after a division restricted the operation of it to buildings to be erected after the passing of the Act. The Lords' Committee however extended the operation of the clause to all buildings used for such purposes after the passing of the Act.
2. To strike out a clause inserted in Committee of the Commons after full explanation and discussion, to clear up a doubt on the point, preventing the application of the Land Charges Registration and Searches Act, 1888, to Private Improvement Expenses (there being a Local Register of such charges to be established under the Act). The question whether this Act does or does not so apply is now *sub judice*.
3. To restore the clause relating to Investments by Trustees in Corporation Stock to the form adopted in the model clauses, i.e. prohibiting the Investment by Trustees in such Stock in cases where two or more persons are successively interested in the Trust Fund at a price exceeding the redemption value of the Stock. It may be recollected that this provision was strongly objected to. The Town Clerk, in concert with the Town Clerks of other Boroughs promoting Corporation Stock Bills in Parliament this Session, endeavoured to induce the Chairman of the Committees of the House of Lords to consent to an alteration of the clause but without effect. During the progress of the Bill through Parliament a Public Bill was brought in authorising Trustees amongst other Investments to invest in Corporation Stocks providing such investment was not made within 55 years before the date fixed for the redemption of the Stock. The clause in the Improvement Bill was accordingly made to correspond with the Public Bill and was so passed by the Commons' Committee, unfortunately however the Public Bill was altered in Committee by limiting the Stocks to be invested into those of Boroughs having at the last census, prior to the date of Investment, 50,000 inhabitants. Your Committee made every possible effort to get this altered in the Improvement Bill and also in the Public Bill by inserting in the latter the alternative of the Borough having a Debt of £250,000 and which it was understood would be supported by Earl Morley. It was pointed out that the Bill as it stood would act peculiarly hardly in Cheltenham, as although the population of the Borough would probably not exceed 50,000 at the next Census it might do so soon afterwards, yet Trustees would not be able to take advantage of the Act until the Census of 2001. The Town Clerk and his Parliamentary Agents had an interview with Lord Herchel on the subject, who promised to consider

the position but said he would not risk the loss of the Bill at that period of the Session, the Bill standing for third reading the same evening, and in the result the amendment was not made. A further attempt was made to induce the Chairman of the Lords' Committee to alter the clause in the Improvement Bill so as to place Cheltenham in the same position under the Public Act as a Borough having a population of 50,000, but he could not be prevailed on to consent to such an amendment. The practical result will be, unless the Law is altered in the meantime, that the Corporation will have to issue their Stock at such a rate of Interest, and at such a price that it will rarely if ever be at a premium.

Having thus recapitulated the work done in the carrying through Parliament of this Act, your Committee congratulate the Council on the general result, and suggest that this Committee should be continued as a permanent Committee of the Town Council, to be charged with the carrying out of secs. 47, 59, 63, 64 and 65 and Part V. (Pittville Estate,) and that portion of Part VI of the Act relating to Museums, and any other matters arising under the Act not referred to the other Committees of the Council, or otherwise relating to the improvement of the town. With reference to the other portions of the Act your Committee suggest that Part II., Infectious Diseases, Hospitals, Drains and Privies, &c., and Slaughter-houses, Part X., be referred to the Public Health Committee. Part IV., Parks and Pleasure Grounds (except the secs. 59, 63, 64, and 65 above mentioned) and sec. 187 to the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee. Part III., Streets and Buildings, Part VII., Overhead Wires, and Part XIII., Private Improvement Works and Expenses, to the Street and Highway Committee. Part III. (iii.) Fires, Part VIII., Hackney Carriages, and Part IX., Porters' Licenses, to the General Purposes Committee. Part VI., as far as the same relates to Schools of Art and Science, to the Library Committee. Part XIV., Borrowing Powers and Rates, and Part XV., Corporation Stock to the Finance Committee, and the remaining sections and sections in Part XVI. to those Committees to which they would respectively naturally, according to their respective subject matters, be referred.

2-Charlton Kings Local Board and Hales Road—A Letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Local Board, requesting that payment may be now made of the sum of £25 agreed to be paid by the Corporation to his Board in respect of the repairs to the footpath on the East side of the Southern half of this road, in pursuance of the Resolution of this Committee of date the 27th February last, was read. And It was Resolved, That the payment in question be made.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th day of August, 1889—Present The Mayor; Alderman Simms-Bull ; Councillors Darby and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair).

1-- £90,000 Water Loan—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Letter and Notices from Mr. Henry Thomas, requiring re-payment of Mortgage Debenture No. 53 for £350 on the 25th March next. And It was Resolved, That the amount be repaid at the time named, and re-borrowed.

2-Borough Accountant—The Committee granted Mr. Minett leave of absence for three weeks.

3—Collection of Urban Rates—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., was read, shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £11,727, leaving outstanding £1,278 1s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. On the Branch Sewers Rate, No. 1, £620, leaving outstanding £55 13s. 1d. On the Branch Sewers Rate No. 2, £15, leaving outstanding £2 3s. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

4—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read, shoving receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £6,251 2s. 5d., leaving outstanding £897 0s. 10d. In Tewkesbury £472 12s. 7d., leaving outstanding £16 12s. 7d.

5—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz. :—

RECEIPTS.—

Library (Revenue) ..	£9 4 11
Library (Capital) ..	£100 0 0
Public Baths (Revenue) ..	£36 19 1
Urban Authority (Revenue) ..	£2245 7 3
Burial Board (Revenue) ..	£41 0 6
Branch Sewers ..	£105 0 0
Water (Revenue) ..	£1120 6 9
" (Capital) ..	£55 0 0

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID —

Borough Fund ..	£17 13 1
Public Library (Revenue) ..	£22 4 3
Public Baths (Revenue) ..	£18 9 6
Agg Gardner Recreation Ground (Capital) ..	£97 16
Urban Authority (Revenue) ..	£1729 5 1
Burial Board (Revenue) ..	£ 20 4 5
Branch Sewers . 8 9 8 Street Improvements..	£120 0 0
Water (Revenue) ..	£225 10 1
Ditto (Capital) ..	£77 19 7

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK —

Balance in hand last month ..	£2988 12 7
Received during the month ..	<u>£3712 18 6</u>
	£6701 11 1
Paid during the month	<u>£5186 0 11</u>
Balance now in Treasurer's hands.	£1515 10 2

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

SPECIAL WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1889—Present Councillors Connor, Hands, Heath, King, Lawrence, and Waghorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Clerkship of Works at Tewkesbury--Mr. Wetherill's Complaint—It was Resolved, That the Committee do report to the Council that they have had four meetings and have carefully investigated the two subjects referred to them and are prepared to report thereon to the Council, but as in the course of their investigations numerous other complaints as to the conduct of the Engineer, have been brought under the notice of the Committee, they recommend, before doing so, that further powers thereto be entrusted to them, authorising them to thoroughly enquire into such matters and into the general conduct of Mr. McLandsborough as the Engineer and Manager of the Water Department.

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, CHELTENHAM, Borough Surveyor's Department, August 27th, 1889.

FLOODING IN THE PROMENADE, &c.

TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,-In pursuance of your instructions of the 30th July last, I have given this matter the most careful attention, and before placing my scheme for preventing further flooding before you, it would perhaps be well for me to give a short description of the Main Sewers in their passage through the town, and that the Committee may the better understand the subject, I have prepared a sheet of diagrams, shewing the size of the sewers, drawn to scale, the ordinary flow of sewage in them, the several storm overflows, &c

The Chelt Sewer is about 3,460 yards in length, extending from the tanks at Arle to the Old Bath Road, and increases in size from 3ft. by 2ft. at the Old Bath Road to 4ft. 6in. by 3ft. at the Tanks. This sewer is relieved by a Storm Water Overflow near the G.W. Railway Goods Station (see Fig. 1 in drawing) and another at its junction with the Wyman's Brook Sewer in the Meadow below Lower Alstone Mill (see Fig. 3 in drawing), there is also a large Storm Water overflow in the High Street sewer near its junction with the Chelt Sewer (hereinafter described) which would assist in relieving the Chelt Sewer if ever it became surcharged at that point. The Bath Road Sewer is also relieved by a Storm Water overflow before entering the Chelt Sewer.

The High Street Sewer is about 2100 yards in length, extending from its junction with the Chelt Sewer in the Gloucester Road to opposite Corpus-Street. This sewer is of uniform size throughout 5ft. by 3ft. and is relieved by a Storm Water Overflow of large size in the Gloucester Road near its junction with the Chelt Sewer (see Fig. 2 on drawing).

The Wyman's Brook Sewer is about 1940 yards in length, extending from its junction with the Chelt Sewer as above described to the Evesham Road near Saxham Villas, and increasing in size from 3ft. by 2ft. at the Evesham Road to 3ft. 6in. by 2ft. 4in. at its junction with the Chelt Sewer. This Sewer is relieved by a Storm Water Overflow at the back of Saxham Villas (see Fig. 4 on drawing) and another

at the bottom of Hanover Street (see Fig. 5 on drawing) in addition to the St. Paul's Road Sewer, which is a tributary to the Wyman's Brook Sewer, is relieved at the top of Hanover Street.

I will not trouble the Committee with a description of the Hatherley Brook Sewer, as it has a separate Water Shed, separate Tanks, and a separate outfall to the Sewage Farm, and there has not, so far as I know, been any complaint of flooding in that district.

It having been suggested at the last Council Meeting that the flooding in the Promenade may have been caused by some supposed obstruction at the junction of the High Street Sewer with the Chelt Sewer in the Gloucester Road : I have taken the levels of the Chelt Sewer and find that if that had been so the Sewage would have run over the Gloucester Road to feet deep before it could possibly have reached the basements in the Promenade, whereas no overflow has ever taken place there.

The lowest gradient in the Chelt Sewer is about 1 in 250 where it passes through the town from the Bath Road to the Central Depot. This would give a velocity of 4.875 feet per second, which, taking the capacity of the sewer there running two-thirds full, would be equal to a discharge of upwards of $8\frac{1}{4}$ million gallons per diem.

The lowest gradient in the Wyman's Brook Sewer is about 1 in 400. which would give a velocity of 3.327 ft. per second, which taking the capacity of the Sewer running two thirds full, would be equal to a discharge of upwards of 6 millions of gallons per diem.

Taking the population served by the Cheltenham Sewers at 50,000, and allowing 20 gallons per day to each person would give 1000000 gallons, to which if we add 25 per cent for water used for trade purposes and sub-soil water, (a very liberal allowance) we have a total daily flow of 1250000 gallons of Sewage.

Assuming that this volume of Sewage would pass during 16 out of the 24 hours, it will still be seen that the Sewers are capable of carrying more than four times the quantity of Sewage that can possibly get into them.

That being so, I have turned my attention to the best means of keeping the Storm Water out of the Sewers, and so doing have endeavoured to formulate a scheme which while relieving the Sewers of the Storm Water, shall also assist the flow of the Chelt through the town.

I may say I have never known the Chelt and the sewers in flood at the same time.

To accomplish this end I would recommend the construction of is Storm Water Culvert from the Chelt in Rodney Terrace through Imperial Square, along the St. George's Road to St. George's Place, and thence along the back of Bayshill Terrace to the Central Depot, as shewn on the Map.

Surface Water Drains should then be laid in connection therewith.

1. Along Oriel Road, up the Bath Road, fold along the Sandford Road to the College Lodge, to take the large volume of water coming from the College Playground, &c.

2. Up Trafalgar Street to receive the surface water from Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Gardens, Montpellier Spa Road, the Riding School, Queen's Hotel Yard and Stables, &c.

3. Up Montpellier Street to take in Promenade Terrace, the Ladies' College, the Theatre, St. Andrews Church, &c., with a branch to the Queen's Hotel, up Montpellier Avenue to the Montpellier Gardens, &c.

4. Bayshill Road to receive the surface water from the Parabola Road, Bayshill Villas, Royal Parade, Queen's Parade, &c. And on North side in connection with the Chelt :

5. Up Regent Street from the Chelt to Smith's Stables to take in the surface water from the Pantechnicon, Baker's Horse Repository, Plough Hotel Yard and Stables, with branches up the back of the Promenade.

6. Along the back of the Promenade to Clarence Street.

7. Along St. George's Place to take the surface water from St. Mary's Hall, St. Matthew's Church, The Public Library, &c. Branches in this side may also be extended to Rodney Terrace and Cambray, if thought necessary.

It will be seen that the ordinary flow of sewage through the High Street sewer is not enough to fill the invert there, and a large number of house drains very low in this sewer, several close down on the invert and over 200 within 2 feet of the bottom, so that if ever the sewer ran half full a great many houses in the High Street would be flooded.

Under these circumstances it would not be desirable to increase the quantity of sewage in the High Street Sewer.

If it is thought necessary or desirable to make any change here, I would recommend the construction of a new pipe sewer at a low level for sewage purposes, using the present brick sewer for surface water only.

The new High Street Sewer may then commence at Hales Road, taking in the Coltham district of Charlton Kings, Keynsham Street, and which now flows into the Chelt Sewer, and instead of running along the Gloucester Road may be continued down the Tewkesbury Road until it joined the Wyman's Brook Sewer.

Surface water drains should then be constructed along most of the Streets between the High Street and Albion Street.

If the surface water from the Pittville Estate and surrounding district were taken out of the Wyman's Brook Sewer it would be ample for all that would be required of it.

I have no knowledge of the depths or gradients of the Pittville Sewers, and am therefore unable to report what is best to be done in that district, but as the Pittville Estate is shortly coming into the hands of the Corporation, it will be necessary to examine the whole system of drainage, as many complaints have been made of defective drainage in this district.

I expect it will be found best, in some cases at least, to construct new pipe sewers, and utilise the old brick sewers for surface water, as has been done in other parts of the town.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully, GEO. W. SADLER, Borough Surveyor.

Borough of Cheltenham

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, CHELTENHAM, 20th SEPT., 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, acting as Urban Sanitary Authority of the Borough, to be held at the Council Chamber, at the Municipal Offices, on MONDAY, the 21st day of October next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes :

Of considering the question of applying to the Board of Trade for a Provisional Order under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, authorising the Corporation to supply Electricity for Public and Private purposes within the Borough, or any area therein.

Of considering the Applications made to the Corporation for consent to the grants of Provisional Orders for the supply of Electricity in the Borough. And of approving the proceedings of the Electric Lighting Committee, and of passing such Resolution or Resolutions on the said purposes as to the Council shall seem meet.

Yours truly,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, Oct. 2nd, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 7th day of October instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Notices of Motion.

5 To read the following Letters &c., and pass Resolutions thereon if need be :

Chas. Cooke, application for a Fly License.

Dr. H. Jessop, re Pope's Alley.

W. J. Geeves re Footpath between Cambray and Rodney Road.

General Morton re Seat in Priory Parade.

Colonel Hewett and others ditto

Mrs. Ritchings re Seat in Vittoria Walk.

F. D. George and others, Application for Crossing between George's Ltd. and Lance's

C. A. J. Ward re Pilley Brook.

B. Waugh re Prevention of Cruelty to Children, (Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act).

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th day of October, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of September, 1889—Present: Aldermen Parsonage and Simms Bull ; Councillors Cox, Darby, Heath, Lawrence, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Main Roads—The Letter from the County Surveyor and form of agreement therewith in respect of maintenance of the Main Roads, for the year ending the 25th March, 1890, was considered. The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with the Local Government Board on the subject of the Government contribution. And It was Resolved, That application be made to the County Authority for payment of the moiety of the cost of maintenance of the Main Roads for the year ending the 25th March last, and that it be pointed out that the estimate of £550 given by the Chairman to the County Surveyor was for the year ending the 25th March last, not 25th March next.

2-Colonnade Improvement—It was Resolved, That Notice be given to the tenant of the shop and premises purchased from the late Miss Trapp to give up the same at the end of the following week, and that Mr. Cockrell be informed that he can have possession of the premises purchased from Miss Haywood.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of September, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Heath, Lawrence and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

3--Colonnade Improvement—Mr. Knight attended this meeting of the Committee on the subject of his account for Plans, &c., and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned to Saturday next, at 11 a.m.

4—Army Remounts—Reserve Horses—A Letter from Capt. Digby Whitfield, of the Army Remount Depot, Woolwich, requesting to know what would be the average price of the six horses offered by the Corporation, was read. And It was Resolved, That £45 each be the price put upon the horses in question.

5—Street Improvements—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the sanctions received from the Local Government Board to Loans for £2,000 for the purchase of land, repayable in 50 years, £900 for works, and repayable in 15 years, for the purposes of the St. George's Place, Bedford Buildings, All Saints Road, and other street improvements. And It was Resolved, That the improvements not completed be proceeded with and completed forthwith.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, 28th day of September, 1889—Present Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Heath, Haddon, Lawrence, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

6—Colonnade improvement— Cockrell—A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney as to the position Mr. Cockrell is placed in under the Agreement and Award, and asking for an undertaking and indemnity from the Corporation to enable him to commence his buildings at once, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Corporation will undertake to convey the land to be conveyed to Cockrell's Trustees on the terms mentioned in the Agreement and Award, notwithstanding the provision in the Agreement with respect to the sanction of the Local Government Board, and that the Corporation will join in the expense of the party wall.

7—Mr. Knight's Account--Mr. Knight attended this meeting of the Committee with his account against Messrs. George, Cockrell, and Sharpe, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned.

8—Main Roads—The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with the County Surveyor on the subject of the payments to be made by the County towards the cost of the repairs of the Main Roads. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do apply to the County Authority for payment of the moiety of the expenses of repairs of the Main Roads for the 1 year ending 25th March last. And It was further Resolved, That the Highway Inspector bring up an estimate of the expenditure for the remainder of the current year, to the next meeting of the Committee.

9—Sandfield Road at Arle—The Town Clerk reported that the parties to the Agreement in this case, except Mr. T. P. W. Butt, had refused to sign the Agreement. And the Surveyor was instructed to make his apportionment of the expenses of the repairs done to the road.

10—Theatres, &c.—Part III. of the Improvement Act, 1889, having been referred by the Council to this Committee, It was Resolved That Public Notice be given of the provisions of Section 47 of the Act, and that the Notice be sent to all proprietors of all places of public resort.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a meeting of Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, 1889—Present Alderman Parsonage; Councillors Darby, Lawrence, Heath and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the Chair)--

11—Gas Examiner's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Examiner was read. Average illuminating power 16.65 candles; Purity 11.78 grains of Sulphur per 100 Cubic feet.

12 —Gas inspector's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Inspector was read. Average hourly consumption per lamp 4.261.

13 —Lamp Book—The Lamp Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined, and it was found that during the month 17 lamps were burning dimly, and 21 were extinguished, of which 2 were metered lamps.

14—Mr- Matthews' application - Mr. Matthews, having applied to be remunerated for performing the duties of Gas Inspector during the interim which elapsed between the resignation of Mr. St. Leger, and the appointment of Mr. Ralph, It was Resolved, That he be allowed the sum of two guineas therefor.

15—Special Works in Courtenay Street, Ditto in arse Road—The Surveyor reported that the works ordered in the above road had been completed in accordance with his specifications at the cost of £101 13s. 11d. and £380 1s. 3d. respectively, which sums he had apportioned amongst the respective abutting owners as set forth in his report. And It was Resolved, That Notice of the apportionment be given to the various owners and demand made for the repayment of the sums respectively due from them.

16- Bence's Crossing at Mountpleasant —The Committee having viewed this Crossing, It was Resolved, That Mr. Bence be informed the the Corporation cannot undertake to lay down a new crossing but that they will allow Mr. Bence to do so on the under-standing that the work is done to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

17—Lighting of Hewlett Road —Broom —A Letter from Mr. David Broom reminding the Committee that the additional lamp was part of the resolution of the 4th January, 1888, and the promise of its erection was his consideration for giving up the land at the corner of Eldon Road was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Broom be referred to his memorial and request which was complied with on the 10th December, 1888, thus doing away with the necessity for a second lamp.

18-Pavement in St. James's Square—A Letter from Mr. Edwin Broom calling attention to the holes in the pavement at the corner of St. James's Square, abutting on Messrs. Barnby Bendall and Co's

premises, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do give Messrs. Barnby Bendall, & Co. notice of the provisions of Sections 41 & 42 of the Improvement Act, 1889.

19--Main Roads—The Highway Inspector brought up an account of the actual expenditure on the Main Roads during the current year, up to the present time, and an estimate of the cost of repairing same, during the remainder of the year, ending 31st March next. And It was Resolved, That the account be forwarded to the County Surveyor.

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20-Daft's Footpath at St. Mark's—A letter from Mr. Charles Daft calling attention to the dangerous state of this footpath near the Railway Crossing, caused by the recent flooding of the brook washing part of the bridge away, and reminding the Corporation that the footpath leading from Glo'ster Road to the Railway Crossing, is in a bad condition, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to have the bridge repaired, and that the question of the repair of the footpath, and as to the width thereof be adjourned, to enable the Highway Inspector to report thereon.

21—Footpath in Montpellier Street—A Memorial from Mr. C. H. Channon and others, calling attention to the state of this footpath between St. Andrew's Church and Rotunda Terrace, and suggesting the continuance of the asphalte path recently laid near the Church was read. Attention was also called by the Memorialists to the Resolution of the Street and Highway Committee of the late Board of Commissioners, of date the 31st March, 1874, by which the Commissioners agreed to make and form the footpath between Rotunda Terrace and the Road leading from Queen's Circus to Bayshill on the owners giving up sufficient land to make the path 7ft. 6in. wide throughout. And It was Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the conditions of the resolution above referred to were fully performed at the time. It was also Resolved, That the footpath be repaired and gravelled with blue gravel.

22 —Destructor Land— The Town Clerk read a correspondence which had taken place between Messrs. Morrell and Son, Messrs. Castle, Field and Castle, and himself, upon the subject of Messrs. Castle's account of costs and charges, in the matter of this purchase. The bill of costs amounting to £40 4s. was laid before the committee. And after consideration, It was Resolved, That the same be paid.

23—Sign Boards—The Street Inspector reported that the following persons who had been served by the Town Clerk to remove Sign Boards, had failed to comply with the notice, viz : Messrs Heafield and Co., No. 137, High Street, and Mr. A. Tobias, 3, St. James' Street, also that New Signs had been put up by the following : Mr. F. J. Wright, 326, High Street ; Mr. H. G. English, Lansdown Mews, and J. F. Jones, 55, Winchcombe Street. And It was Resolved, That Messrs. Heafield & Co. be required to set back their sign to the line of projection of the cornice, that the Town Clerk do take proceedings against Mr. Tobias, in respect of his sign, that notice be given to Mr. English to remove the sign put up by him, and that the sign erected by Mr. Wright being merely a refixture of the sign, which lately stood in front of the adjoining shop, and the Sign at Mr. Jones' premises, not projecting over the public highway, be allowed to remain.

A letter from the churchwardens of Trinity Church, asking for permission to fix a small Sign Board over the footpath at the New Parish Room in Jersey Street, was read. And It was Resolved, That such permission cannot be given, and that the Committee suggest that a board may be attached to the face of the building at each corner.

24—Boarding opposite Wellington House, Tewkesbury Road—A Letter from Mr. E. F. Barnfield, calling attention to a posting station erected by Messrs. Maisey and Shenton on land belonging to the above house, and in front of property belonging to him, the tenants of which had complained of the obstruction to view, air, and light, caused by the said structure, was read. And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

25—Extraordinary Traffic—The Town Clerk read a correspondence which had passed between himself and Messrs. Layton, Steel and Co., relative to a proposal for a settlement of this matter, in which they asked the Town Clerk to let them know what amount would be accepted. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to settle the matter on terms indicated to him by the Committee.

26—Highway Inspector's Report—The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month viz :—Broken Stone : Repaired with Glee Hill Stone Suffolk Place, Queen's Road (part), Bath Road (near High Street), Montpellier Walk, Lansdown Road, Pittville Terrace, Colonnade (patching), Portland Street (patching), High Street (patching), Albion Street (patching). Repaired with Wickwar Stone : Queen's Road, Eldon Road, Hewlett Road, Montpellier Walk, Arle Road, Suffolk Place, Pittville Terrace, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Road. Repaired with Stanton Stone: Suffolk Place, Great Norwood Street. Repaired with Brown Stone Eldon Road, Old Bath Road. Repaired with Tortworth Stone : Arle Road, Hesters Way, Fiddlers Green. Repaired with Gore Stone : Queen's Road (part). Curbing, Crossing, and Flagging: Fairview Road, Roman Road, Gloucester Place, Beaufort Buildings, Harp Hill, Hewlett Road, Tivoli Road, and Place, Promenade, Lyppiatt Terrace, Suffolk Lawn, Lansdown Parade, Great Norwood Street, Waterloo Street, Priory Street, Glenlee, Bayshill Road. Footpaths (Asphalte): Promenade, Stanhope Street, Waterloo Street, Priory Street, Suffolk Square. Footpaths (Chippings) : Roman Road, Grovefield, Harp Hill, Near Midland Station. Tariffing : Gloucester Road, and Millbrook Street. Ashes Collected, 1,553 Loads. The Inspector asked to be allowed to purchase a new horse Road Sweeping Machine, and a tumbler cart to hold 200 gallons. And It was Resolved, That a Sweeping Machine be purchased from Messrs. Abell and Co., Worcester, at a price not exceeding £33, and that the question of ordering a tumbler cart be adjourned.

27—Bridge over Chelt on Gloucester Road at Corner of Mill Lane—It was Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do call the attention of the County Surveyor to the dangerous condition of this Bridge.

28 — Footpath from Coach goad to the Pound—It was Resolved, That this Footpath be bordered and channelled at the expense of the owners and asphalted by the Corporation, and that the Surveyor do bring up a Specification accordingly.

29-New Street and Great Western Road—It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification for the repair by the abutting owners, of the Footpath from New Street Terrace to the

Swimming Bath on the N.W. side, and the Footpath from Market Street to Alston Villa on the West side.

30-Footpath between Cambray and Rodney Road—The Surveyor reported that he had been unable to obtain the consents of the Owners to this proposed Improvement.

31- Sherborne Terrace Improvement—The Surveyor reported the result of negotiations with Mr. C. A. Hiam for the removal of the projection and lowering the pavement at his house. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Hiam be offered £30, the Corporation removing and setting back the fence and forming the footpath, Mr. Hiam doing whatever other work is required at his own cost.

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32—New Street Improvement—It was Resolved, That the materials of the premises lately occupied by Mr. C. Bailey, be sold by auction by Mr. John Villar.

33—New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect New Buildings which were approved, viz :—J. Cornell and Sons for Two Cottages in Lypiatt Street, and Mr. Adcock for Two Houses on Sandfield Road. The Surveyor also submitted Notices and Plans received by him from Mr. Chas. Winstone, for Shop and Dwelling House at corner of Sherborne Place, and Mr. Wm. Smart for Corrugated Iron Cottage on Leckhampton Road, which were not approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of September, 1889 (Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Norman, Parsonage, and Price (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1 —Sewage Farms—The Chairman Reported That on Friday last, the 6th inst., the Committee had inspected the overflow junctions in the Chelt, High Street, and Wymans Brook Sewers, the Arle and Hatherley Tanks, and had visited the three sewage farms. The Chairman, in conjunction with the Surveyor, was requested to draw up a Report embodying the views of the Committee with respect to the overflows from the sewers, and other matters coming under their notice during their inspection.

2—Prestbury Sewage—This question was further considered. And It was Resolved, That the Rural Sanitary Authority be informed that the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to take the Prestbury Sewage for a lesser annual payment than £100, such payment to include the payments now made under the existing agreement.

3—Flooding of Chelt and Promenade—The Surveyor's Report on this subject was furthered considered, and the Surveyor was directed to Report as to the cost of duplicating the Chelt Main Sewer from its junction with the High Street Sewer to the Tank, and of carrying out his suggestions for the construction of a Surface Water Drain from Rodney Terrace to the Central Depot and subsidiary works.

4 --Scarlatina Ambulance—The Medical Officer of Health recommended certain repairs to be done to this ambulance to prevent jolting, at a cost of about £4. And It was Resolved, That he be authorised to have the same done.

5-Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health asked for further leave of absence for 52 days, Mr. Cocks Johnstone having undertaken to act as his Deputy during his absence. And It was Resolved That the same be granted.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of September, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Neale, Norman, Parsonage, and Price (Councillor Darby in the chair).

6—Flooding of the Promenade and Chelt—The Surveyor laid before the Committee the following estimate: To the Public Health Committee

Gentlemen,—In pursuance of your instructions of the 9th instant, I have carefully estimated the probable cost of the different schemes suggested for preventing flooding in the above locality as follows :

1. For the construction of a new brick intercepting sewer of the same capacity as the Chelt Sewer, from the outfall below the Arle Tanks to the Gloucester Road, diverting and reconnecting the Chelt Sewer at the Gloucester Road and near the Lower Alstone Mill, connecting the High Street and Wyman's Brook Sewers, and making good the Chelt Sewer £2,986

2. For the construction of a brick intercepting Sewer as above from the outfall to the junction with the Wyman's Brook Sewer, thence along the course of the Wyman's Brook Sewer and up the Tewkesbury Road to Townsend Street, and connecting the High Street Sewer there £3,966

3. For constructing the proposed Storm Water Culvert from the Chelt in Rodney Terrace to the Chelt at the Depot Bridge, as shewn on drawing, and described in my Report of the 27th August last £3,300

For constructing the seven surface Water Drains in connection therewith, as shewn on drawing and described in my Report of the 27th August last £757

The gradient of the Chelt Sewer from its juncture with the Wyman's Brook Sewer is 1 in 330 and taking the capacity of the Sewer there running two-thirds full would be equal to a discharge of upwards of 55,000,000 gallons per diem.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

GEO. W. SADLER, Borough Surveyor.

And It was Resolved, That the Resolution of this Committee, of date the 6th August last, approved by the Council, be acted on, and the advice of a Consulting Engineer obtained.

7--Infectious Diseases, Notification of--It was Resolved, That Public Notice be given of the provisions of the Improvement Act, relating to this and other kindred matters, that is to say, Sections 6 and Secs. 12, 13 and 16, and that a sufficient number of Forms of Notice to be given to the Medical Officer of Health by medical practitioners be printed and distributed amongst them.

8 —Water Closets, Urinals, &c.—It was Resolved, That Public Notice be given of Secs. 29 and 30 of the Improvement Act relating to these matters be given.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, 1889,—Present Aldermen Griffith and Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, Norman, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

9—Turner—Pig Nuisance—A Letter from Mr. Turner, who keeps pigs near the Old Cemetery, asking for a week in which to get rid of them, and stating his intention to discontinue the keeping of pigs there, was read. And It was Resolved, That he be allowed a week and a week only.

10-Pantile Row —The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with Mr. Coren, the Solicitor to the Owners of this property, who stated that he would advise the Owners to do what was necessary, but wished the formal notice to be served on Mr. Theyer, one of the Feoffees. And the Town Clerk was directed to serve the notice accordingly.

11— Flooding of Basements in the Promenade —The Town Clerk read letters from Messrs. Bailey, Denton & Co., Mr. Baldwin Latham, and Mr. Mansergh, stating the terms on which they were prepared to advise in this matter. And It was Resolved, That the services of Messrs. Bailey, Denton & Co., be retained at the fee named by them--50 guineas, and to cover expenses out of pocket.

12-Bridge at Boddington—A Letter from Mr. Geo. Hone with respect to the repair of a bridge over a stream on Mr. Gibbon's property at Boddington, into which the effluent water from the Sewage Farm flows, and the Town Clerk's reply thereto, were read, and the latter approved. 13 Medical Officer's Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee his Quarterly Report for the Quarter ending 2gth Sept. last. And the same was read and considered.

14—Public Abattoir —The Surveyor Reported that he looped to be able to bring up the Plans for the erection of the Abattoir at the next monthly meeting.

15—Rotunda Terrace—A Letter from Mr. George Townshend for Mr. Mr. F. Butcher, the owner of Nos. 13 and 18, Rotunda 1 Terrace, complaining of a nuisance from rats supposed to proceed from old brick drains in Nos. 14, 15, and 17, Rotunda Terrace, was read, and referred to the Surveyor to Report on.

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16—Grosvenor Street—Wyllie—A Letter from Mr. J. H. Wyllie, of No. 9, Grosvenor Street, complaining of a nuisance from Rats was read. The Surveyor Reported that there were old vaults under the pavement through which the rats apparently came from old brick drains on the premises, and that he had advised the complainant to concrete the vaults.

17.—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

Andrew Page, Fencing Chelt at Old Bath Road ...	£3 16 0
James Wood, Straw ...	£2 1 3
J. H. Bennett, for Returns of Births and Deaths ...	£0 16 7
Norwich Union Fire Office, Premium on Insurance of Heyden Knoll Farm Buildings ...	£3 0 9
Phoenix Fire Office, Premium on Insurance of Heyden Farm Buildings ...	£1 1 6
W. M. Gammond, Sickness Returns ...	£2 10 0

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of September, 1889—Present Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Water Regulations—The Committee further considered these Draft Regulations and the objections and suggestions of the Plumbers and Builders, and made several alterations and amendments therein and ordered the same to be re-printed for the Committer at its next meeting.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of September, 1889—Present: Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, King, and Price (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

2-Tewkesbury Works—The Town Clerk read a Letter he had addressed to Mr. Kershaw, the Contractor for the Iron Work, on the 3rd instant, in pursuance of the Resolution of this Committee of the 28th ult., and to which he had received no reply, and the Engineer was instructed to make enquiries at the foundry.

3—Ragged School—A Letter from Mr. Wethered, presuming that the concession made to this school by the Corporation would not be affected by the new arrangement with the elementary schools generally, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Wethered be informed that the Regulations in question would not affect the arrangement with regard to the supply of water to the Ragged School.

4—High School for Girls—A Letter from Mr. Hume-Spry, Hon. Sec. to this School, objecting to the charge made for the supply of having to this School, was read. And It was Resolved, That the charge per head for the pupils is a minimum one having regard to the fact that the pupils do not board on the premises, but that the charge will be made on the actual number of pupils attending the school if proper returns are made at the periods of payment.

5-3, Waresley Villas—A correspondence on the subject of the supply of the water to these premises, between Mr. J. D. Steel, Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard, and the Town Clerk, was read, and the arrangements made approved.

6—Hale's Road Fire Plugs—The Manager Reported That there were no Fire Plugs in this road, and recommended the fixing of a sufficient number. And It was Resolved, That Application be made to the Charlton Kings Local Board to join in the expense of fixing them.

7—Barrett's Mill—A Letter from Mr. B. Combe, offering to take the malthouse at this mill on the same terms as last winter, was read. And It was Resolved, That it be let to him accordingly on his undertaking to give it up at a month's notice if the property should be required for any public purpose.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, 1889—Present : Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Ferguson, and Pippett, (Alderman Parsonage in the chair).

8— Manager's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Manager on the state of the Works and other matters was read, the following being a précis thereof : That the Springs at Hewletts yielded 126 gallons per minute, the average for the past 4 years being 1361 gallons.

That the depth of water in store on the 1st instant was 106,467,390 gallons,

That the Caretaker Hack be allowed 2 tons of coal for keeping the property well warmed in winter.

That the Repairs to the Slating of the Roof of the Stable and Piers to Bridge belonging to the Corporation Farm in Mrs. Raisher's occupation be carried out.

That the Corporation Mains had been extended to supply Montrose, as also property in Clare Street and Clare Place, and that the eight Mains between the Bath Road and the foot of Bayshill were being proceeded with.

An application for extension of Corporation Main in Ham Lane, Charlton Kings, was agreed to, on the Owners undertaking to pay the statutory income.

That the Manager obtain and fix as an experiment and at the cost of the Water Department two wells or self-closing cocks in the two wash-houses belonging to 13 houses in Cleaveland Passage and adjoining premises, the property of Mr. Mark Williams.

The Contractor for No. 2 Contract at the My-the Works has now delivered all the iron work with trifling exceptions, and the Tank is being pushed forward.

The Covered Reservoir has been filled with water for 6 days and appears to be perfectly sound and watertight.

9—No. 1, Bath Street—The Manager read a correspondence he had had with the Board of Works on the subject of an overflow of rain water on the flat of the roof. Also a Letter to the Town Clerk on the same subject. And It was Resolved, That the Manager do what is necessary to prevent a recurrence of the overflow in question.

10—No. 5, Grosvenor Place -- A. H. Smith—The Town Clerk read Letters received from Mr. A. H. Smith, complaining of the water having been cut off from these premises, and that it had not been laid on again, as he had paid for the water up to the end of the current month. And It was Resolved, That the water be laid on.

11-Leckhampton Street Watering—A Letter from Mr. D. Mallory, Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, requesting that the price charged for water for street watering purposes be reduced from 1/8 per 1000 gallons to 1/- the same as is charged for the Water en for the same purpose in Cheltenham by the Water Department to the Council acting as an Urban Authority, was read. And was Resolved, That it be pointed out to Mr. Mallory that the charge made by one department of the Corporation for supply of water to another is a very different thing from supplying another Urban Authority whose Ratepayers, unlike the Ratepayers in Cheltenham, contribute nothing towards payment of the debt and working expenses of the undertaking, but that the Corporation would be willing to give the Leckhampton Local Board a supply for street watering purposes on the same terms as those agreed to by the Charlton Kings Local Board, viz., a payment of £7 10/- each half-year with an allowance of 120,000 gallons of water for each payment, all additional water to be paid for at the rate of 1/3 per 1000 gallons.

12 —Pillee—A Letter from Mr. Mallory, Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, complaining that the pipes used in the recent ex-tension of the water mains in this district were old ones in a filthy condition, and enquiring whether old or new pipes were used were pipes which had been taken up in other parts of the town for the purpose of substituting larger mains, and were used, and whether they were the same as those which were objected to by the Board of Guardians, and what was the actual cost of extending the mains, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Mallory be informed that a part of the pipes equally as good as, and in some respects better than, new pipes, and that it

is not correct to say they were in a filthy condition, and that with respect to the cost of the extension, the Board be referred to the Resolution of this Committee of date 26th Sept., 1888, on the acceptance of which the extension was made.

13—Workhouse—A Letter from the Clerk to the Board of Guardians, transmitting copy of a Resolution of the Board, passed at their meeting on the 29th August last, objecting to the payment of any dead rent for water supply, but are prepared to pay for water actually consumed, and consider 1/- per 1000 gallons ample charge therefor, and the copy of the Resolution in question were read. And It was Resolved, That it be pointed out to the Board that they have not hitherto, under the existing arrangements, paid for more water than they have consumed, and that the Committee are not prepared to recommend the acceptance of a less sum than 1/3 per 5000 gallons or any alteration in the terms which were agreed to after full discussion of the matter with a Deputation from the Board in July, 1887.

14—Gibbons—The Town Clerk read a Correspondence he had had with Messrs. Whitcomb and Gardom, the Solicitors of Mr. Gibbons, on the subject of the guage to be put down in the Chelt on Mr. Gibbons's estate, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned.

15—Water Regulations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee proof of print of these Regulations as settled by the Committee at their meeting on the 4th ult. And It was Resolved, That a print thereof be sent to each Member of the Council.

16—Taylor—A Letter from Mr. A. H. Taylor, of Gloucester Place, giving notice of intention to discontinue the supply of water to his property in Albion Street and Gloucester Place, and asking if the Corporation would supply a closet alone on the latter premises. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Taylor be informed that the Corporation cannot supply a closet apart front the general supply for domestic purposes.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of September, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith, Councillors Cox, Connor, and Woodard (The Mayor in the chair)--

In the absence of the Chairman The Mayor was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

1—Fire Brigade—A Report from the Superintendent, reporting (1) an alarm of fire at No. 12 Clarence Square (2) a fire at Battledown Lawn, Charlton Kings, expenses £4 9/6, account of which had been sent to the Manchester Fire Office, in which the property was insured. The Superintendent Reported that 50 yards of new canvas hose was required and two couplings. And It was Resolved, That 100 yards of new hose be ordered and one coupling.

2-Fire Plugs—The Superintendent reported that several Fire Plugs had been covered up with road metal. And It was Resolved, That when it is necessary to raise the metalling above the fire plug, the Highway Inspector Report to the Superintendent and that he arrange with the Manager of the Water Department for the necessary raising of the fire plug, and that after a fall of snow the Highway Inspector be instructed to have the snow cleared off the plugs. And It was further Resolved, That the Superintendent do Report where additional fire plugs are required.

3--Brigade Practice—It was Resolved, That the Practice be fixed for Wednesday, the 16th prox., at 2.30 p.m.

4—Fire Engine Station—The Surveyor laid before the Committee Specification of Repairs to be done at the Fire House and Station. And It was Resolved, That the same be approved with the substitution of wood block flooring in the kitchen, and that Tenders be advertised for.

5—Committee Room —It was Resolved That this room be re-papered at a cost not exceeding £4. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to obtain a Pedestal Writing Table with Drawers for the Committee Room.

6- Allotment Land—A Letter from Mr. Winstone, the tenant of a part of this land, whose tenancy expires at Michaelmas, asking to be continued as tenant, was read. And It was Resolved That so far as the Corporation are concerned there is no objection to his continuing the occupation of the land to Christmas, but that he must make his arrangements as to that with the Vendors, as the purchase would not be completed before Christmas.

7—Market Place—A Letter from Mr. H. Sydney, asking if the Council would let him a portion of the Market Place whereon to erect a portable Theatre, was read. And It was Resolved, That permission be given on the terms of payment of £4 a week rental, payable in advance, and a deposit of £20 to cover damages, the site and space to be selected and marked out by the Market Inspector.

8—Hackney Carriage License—An Application by Mr. Walter Toms, of 9 Promenade Terrace, for a License for a new Bath Wheel Chair in place of his old one was read. And It was Resolved, That the License be granted.

9—Porters' Licenses—Part IX. Improvement Act, 1889 —This part of the above Act having been referred by the Council to this Committee, It was Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee it is desirable to License Porters, &c., under the Act, and that the Town Clerk do prepare and bring up Draft of Bye-Laws regulating their conduct, duties and charges.

10—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

R. E. and C. Marshall, Fitting Letter Boxes at Municipal Offices .. £0 14 0

W. A. Baker, Repairs at Municipal Offices .. £1 1 10

Arthur Whitcombe, Taking down and Refixing Portraits in Council Chamber .. £1 11 0

W. A. Baker, Expenses of Fire Brigade attending No. 12, Clarence Square, on alarm of Fire .. £2 16 0

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of September, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Ferguson, Lawrence, and Norman, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Swimming Bath—The Report of the Engineer on the working of the bath during the past month, was read

2-Recreation Ground—The Chairman having received a Letter from Mr. W. F. Pates, Secretary of the Town Football Club, pro-

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posing to play matches in the Recreation Ground, and asking the Committee to assist them in keeping the ground clear, was read. And It was Resolved, That a portion of the Recreation Ground be set apart under Sec. 67 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, for the purpose of Football Matches during the winter season, the requisite Notices to be posted on the ground by the Town Clerk, and that permission to play matches on this reserved ground be granted on application to the

Chairman of the Committee.

3—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz.:—

Mark Williams, Making Road at Recreation Ground ..	£2 13 3
James Maggs, Paid Man for Mowing and Cleaning Recreation Ground ..	£0 15 0
Andrew Page, Fencing Recreation Ground ..	£37 4 6
James Maggs, Paid for Coal for Airing Lodge ..	£1 12 0

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 4th day of October, 1889—Present : Councillors Ferguson, King, Lawrence, and Norman (Councillor Lawrence in the chair),—

4.1—Cleeve Common—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft of the Provisional Order, with Letter thereon from the Board of Agriculture, who now represent the Land Commissioners. And It was Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to an undertaking, as required by the Board, to contribute and pay to the Conservators an annual sum of £50 towards the maintenance and regulation of the Common.

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, 1889—Present :—The Mayor ; Councillors King, Kite, Heath, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved, viz., Tomb to Eva B. Beresford. Headstones to Arthur E. Baker, George Watts, Harriet Cottle, Henry Whittick, Anne Ireland, Emma McCausland, Eliza Perrot and Anne Jay. A Design sent in for a Headstone over grave of Colin D. Donald was not approved.

2—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed:

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages, October ..	£6 6 0
Henry Ratcliffe, Repairing Pump at Cemetery ..	£0 6 2
Andrew Page, Sectional Pegs ..	£4 12 0

N. B. THOYTS, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of September, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Griffith, Welch ; Councillors Neale, Parsonage ; Messrs. C. Wilson, C. Daley, E. Wethered, E. T. Wilson (Alderman Capt. Welch in the chair).—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following Gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. : Dr. Cardew .. 6 Vols. Mr. J. D. Steel .. 1 Vol. Institute of Civil Engineers .. 1 Vol. Cobden Club ..1 Vol. and 6 Pamphlets Bristol University College .. 1 Vol. Mr. Hill, " Examiner " and " Mercury" 6 Vols. The British Association .. 34 Vols. Record Department, India Office 1 Vol. Miss Carnegy .. 49 Vols. Rev. J. Robberds 19 Vols. Mrs. M. Thompson .. 2 Pamphlets National Association for Protection of Technical Education 4 Pamphlets Trustees of British Museum . 4 Vols. Anonymous (Bath) 7 Vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Cambridge, Folkestone, Maimonides U.S.A., Rotherham, Southampton.

2--Newspaper Accounts—It was Resolved, That the Tradesmen's Accounts for the supply of Magazines and Newspapers be paid monthly.

3—1, Liverpool Place—A Letter from Messrs. Stone, King & Co., making a claim for dilapidations of £67 10/- was read, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto, and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned.

4—School of Art—A Letter from Dr. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec. of the School of Art, requesting permission to make certain alterations in two of the windows of the School of Art, which were considered absolutely essential to the proper teaching of drawing in the school, was read. And the Committee having proceeded to view the windows in question, It was Resolved, That the alterations be allowed to be made subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the architects.

5—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

Librarian for Assistants' Wages ..	£13 7 6
J. J. Banks, Books ..	£1 1 3

W. T. Cossens, Books..	£0 19 0
" Magazines ..	£2 15 5
" Newspapers ..	£10 15 2
Henry Workman, Coal ..	£1 12 0
Thomas Excell, Furniture and Fittings ..	£0 14 0
Andrew Page, ditto ..	£1 18 6
Shirer and Haddon, ditto ..	£24 16 10
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding and Lettering ..	£15 15 7
Printing and Stationery ..	£2 13 6

GEO. A. W. WELCH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 3rd day of October, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Griffith and Welch ; Councillors Haddon, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Alderman Capt. Welch in the chair)—

6 —Library Building--Certificates from Mr. Knight for Messrs. Billings on account of Contract for the Building, £800, and on account of the Contract for Fittings, £300, were laid before the Committee and approved. Also the following Accounts certified by Mr. Knight, were examined and approved :

Messrs. Marshall, balance of account for Heating ..	£107 to 6
Ditto, account Gas Fittings ..	£87 18 1
Ditto, ditto for Lightning Conductor ..	£13 3 6
Ditto, ditto, Taking down and re-fixing Pendant on opening day ..	£0 10 0

GEO. A. W. WELCH,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Lawrence, Norman, Pippet, Parsonage, Skillicorne, Woodard and Waghorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)—

1—Land in Promenade—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Approval by the Local Government Board of the acquisition by the Corporation of the piece of land opposite the Imperial Rooms And he Reported That the Conveyance had been settled and was now before the conveying parties for execution by them.

2 —Pittville Estate—A Letter from Messrs. Winterbotham and Gurney, on the subject of Mr. Shenton's tenancy and asking for some allowance as compensation to be made on account of the

purchase of the Estate by the Corporation, was read, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

3—Land adjoining Pittville Estate—A Letter from Messrs. Engall, Sanders and Co., stating that the price of the piece of land offered by them to the Corporation was £550, subject to the rent charge thereon of £6 15/- was read. And It was Resolved That Messrs. Engall, Sanders and Co., be informed that the Committee are not prepared to recommend the purchase of the land at the price named.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 3rd day of October, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Haddon and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair).

s—Library Account—It was Resolved, That a payment of £500 be made to Messrs. Billings on account of these contracts ; £107 10s balance of Heating account to Messrs. Marshall, and their account for Lightning Conductor £13 3s 6d.

2—Collection of Urban Rates—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 3rd inst., was read, shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £11,875 18s. 6d., leaving outstanding £1,142 9s. 9d. On the Branch Sewers Rate, No. 1, £625, leaving outstanding £50 13s. 1d. On the Branch Sewers Rate No. 2, £15, leaving outstanding £2 3s. $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

3—Water sate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 3rd inst., on the collection of this Rate was read, shewing receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £6,924 18s. 11d., leaving outstanding £334 8s. 5d. In Tewkesbury £473 9s. leaving outstanding £16 0s. 4d.

4— Tewkesbury Collection—It was Resolved, That the Collector be required to pay the amounts collected by him into the bank, and to make his returns to the Borough Accountant fortnightly.

5—Recreation Ground Loan and Water Loan—It was Resolved, That an order for £3,000 payable to Mr. Cooley in discharge of the amount due to him on the Loan for the Recreation Ground be signed, and that a Debenture for £3,000 to be advanced by him as part of the £30,000 Water Loan be executed, he having agreed to lend the same on the same terms as the previous Loan, viz., at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. repayable at the end of one year or afterwards on 6 months notice on either side.

6—Street Improvements Loan—It was Resolved, That the Loan of £900 sanctioned for Street Improvements repayable in 15 years be borrowed on the principle of repayment by equal annual instalments of principal and interest, and that the sum of £2,100 sanctioned for the same purpose, repayable in 50 years, be borrowed under the Local Loans Act, and that a Sinking Fund for reduction thereof be established, and that the Town Clerk do enquire on what terms the same can be borrowed.

7--ACCOUNTS.--The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz.:—

RECEIPTS.—

Library (Revenue) ..	£10 16 3
Public Baths (Revenue) ..	£24 6 6
Urban Authority (Revenue) ..	£354 17 7
Burial Board (Revenue) ..	£36 9 7
Refuse Destructor..	£8 0 0
Branch Sewers ..	£10 0 0
Water (Revenue)..	£699 4 0

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ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID -

Borough Fund ..	£170 16 10
Public Library (Revenue) ..	£122 13 0
“(Capital) ..	£620 14 0
Public Baths ..	£16 8 4
Agg Gardner Recreation Ground (Capital) ..	£43 5 9
Urban Authority (Revenue) ..	£3317 12 4
Burial Board (Revenue) ..	£57 14 10
Refuse Destructor (Capital) ..	£32 18 3
Branch Sewers ..	£6 2 7
Street Improvements ..	£3 10 7
Water (Revenue.) ..	£1966 12 8
Ditto (Capital) ..	£98 7 4

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Balance in hand last month ..	£1515 10 2
Received during the month ..	<u>£1143 13 11</u>
..	£2659 4 1
Paid during the month ..	<u>£2577 4 10</u>
Balance now in Treasure's hands ..	£81 19 3

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, CHELTENHAM, 21st October, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, acting as Urban Sanitary Authority of the Borough, to be held at the Council Chamber, at the Municipal Offices, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of October instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purpose :

To approve or otherwise of a Report of Proceedings of the Special Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th October instant.

Yours truly,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL WATER ENQUIRY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee has met on twelve occasions and has spent several hours in the consideration of the subjects referred to it. With the exception of Ald. Parsonage, who did not attend the first five meetings, all the members of the Committee have taken part in its deliberations. Your Committee regrets to learn that ill-health may have been in part the cause of Ald. Parsonage's absence, but the Committee has elicited from Mr. McLandsborough that he has consulted with Ald. Parsonage in drawing up the written statements he has prepared, so that your Committee has indirectly had the advantage of Ald. Parsonage's knowledge of the facts.

The two subjects referred to your Committee were (1) the facts connected with the appointment of a Clerk of the Works at Tewkesbury Waterworks and the alleged withholding or suppression of the application by a Mr. Davis for that appointment ; and (2) the improper withholding by the Waterworks Engineer of a letter of complaint against his Department addressed by Mr. E. Wetherill, of The Cedars, St. Mark's, to the " Municipal Commissioners of Cheltenham," and admittedly intended for the Town Council.

With reference to the first of these two subjects of complaint, the facts are as follows :—

The Tenders for the erection of the New Works at Tewkesbury were selected by the Water Committee on the 19th February last.

On Feb. 26th the Committee recommended that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the contracts.

On Feb. 4th a Mr. Allen, who was then acting as Clerk of the Works at the Grammar School had addressed to Mr. McLandsborough a letter applying for the situation of Clerk of the Works at

Tewkesbury, and on the 26th February (before the meeting of the Committee on that date, and with a view to its being brought before the Committee) Mr. Davis, who had been Clerk of the Works at the Cheltenham Workhouse and the Cheltenham Free Library, addressed a similar letter to Mr. McLandsborough.

Members of the Water Committee assert that Mr. Allen's letter was read to that Committee at its meeting on February 26th, and Mr. King, one of such members so stated, without contradiction, at the Meeting of the Town Council on June 4th. But Mr. McLandsborough says this was not so ; Mr. Davis's letter was certainly not brought before the Committee on that occasion, and Mr. Davis, who was waiting to hear the result of his application, was so informed by Members of the Committee at the close of the meeting. After the meeting of the Town Council (March 4th) following the meeting of the Water Committee on the 26th February, no mention having been made of his application for the post at Tewkesbury. Mr. Davis applied for a similar post advertised as vacant at Coventry, and to this post he was appointed on May 6th.

The next meeting of the Water Committee was held on March 26th. No mention of either Mr. Davis's or Mr. Allen's letter is made in the minutes, but in the written report of the Water Engineer, Mr. McLandsborough, stated that " he had "received applications from Mr. Allen, who is Clerk of the Works at the Grammar School, and the late Clerk of the Works "at the Workhouse, who, it is stated, has left the town for a better appointment," and that as some time would elapse before Mr. Allen would be liberated from the Grammar School, he had put him (Mr. McLandsborough's son) temporarily in charge of the Works. Presumably the Report was thus read to the Committee, but in the precis of it prepared by Mr. McLandsborough for inclusion with the printed minutes of the Committee for the information of the Council any reference to the applications or the appointment of Mr. McLandsborough's son was omitted, though a variety of small details was given. The only reference to the Clerkship was a minute of the Committee deciding to advertise for candidates, at a salary of £2 10/-- a week.

The advertisement for Candidates led to eighteen applications for the post, and on May 1st the immediate filling up of the post was considered so desirable that three candidates, selected from the eighteen, were communicated with by telegraph, to ascertain if they could immediately take office if appointed. Only one of these could fulfil the condition, and he was interviewed at an adjourned meeting of the Committee on the following day. He was not appointed, and the matter remained in abeyance, so far as the Water Committee was concerned, until May 29th, when the Committee passed a resolution appointing Mr. McLandsborough, jun., as from the 20th March previously.

The facts with reference to Mr. Wetherill's letter are as follows :

The letter was addressed on Dec. 19th, 1888, to " The Municipal Commissioners " admittedly meaning the Town Council—" of Cheltenham," and it complained of certain action of the Water Engineer's Department. This letter was received by Mr. McLandsborough himself, and was not brought to the knowledge of the Water Committee or the Town Council until the monthly meeting of the latter on July 1st, nearly seven months later, when it was called for by a Member of the of the Council. Mr. McLandsborough on that occasion said that he did not recollect receiving a letter from Mr. Wetherill, though the Committee is satisfied that his attention has been called to it only three

days previously by a second letter from Mr. Wetherill. It was not until a copy of the first letter was produced that he admitted the receipt of the letter enquired for.

The substance of Mr. McLandsborough's explanations are—

(1) As to the Clerkship of the Works he considered Mr. Davis's letter to be addressed to him personally as Engineer, but that on the day following the Committee meeting of Feb. 26th, viz., on the 27th, he conferred with the Chairman of his Committee as to Mr. Davis's letter, and it was decided between them that the appointment would be in ample time if made at the next monthly meeting of the Committee, prior to which date he learned that Mr. Davis had left the town. When he did bring the two applications forward on March 26th he expected and desired that Mr. Allen should be appointed, and this not having been done, he attended no other meetings of the Water Committee with reference to the Clerkship until the Committee visited Tewkesbury on the 8th May, when the Chairman informed him that the Committee had expressed itself pleased with the appearance of the Works, and had determined to allow the Works to proceed under his son's care.

(2) As to Mr. Wetherill's letter, Mr. McLandsborough's explanation is that the matter concerned his Department, that he had seen Mr. Wetherill several times and endeavoured to give an explanation, and that he had dealt with the matter of complaint ; but he admits that he omitted to lay the letter before the Council or the Water Committee, for which omission he expresses his regret and gives assurance that it shall not occur again.

Your Committee regret that it cannot accept the explanations as satisfactory. Mr. McLandsborough's claim to consider Mr. Davis's letter as a personal one is not consistent with the fact that he did ultimately bring it before the Water Committee, though not until after Mr. Davis had left Cheltenham, or with the fact, which the Committee find as established, that Mr. Allen's application was brought before the Water Committee on the 26th February, while Mr. Davis's was withheld. As to Mr. Wetherill's letter, the Committee consider the withholding of it from the Town Council as intentional, and under the circumstances under which it was ultimately produced, inexcusable.

The matters which your Committee has had to investigate resolve themselves into charges of the improper suppression of the letters with a view to the concealment of facts and of a reasonable complaint as to his Department, from the Town Council, and the Committee, finding that those charges are established, is of opinion that the Engineer has been guilty of a grave breach of duty in both the matters referred to it. And having regard to the facts stated in this Report and other matters brought before them, the Committee are of opinion that there has been much friction between the Ratepayers and the Manager of the Water Department which is not conducive to the interests of the town, and considering also certain irregularities which the Committee consider to have been carried on under Mr. McLandsborough's management, the Committee are of opinion that he should be called upon to resign.

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

October 1889.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, Nov. 5th, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Saturday, the 9th day of November instant, at Twelve o'clock at noon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
- 2 To assign Aldermen to be Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
3. To appoint and fill up vacancies on Committees.
4. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting, and of the Special Meetings held on the 21st and 25th days of October last.
5. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
6. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
7. Notices of Motion.
- 8, To read the following Letters &c., and pass Resolutions thereon if need be :

" The London Medical Record " re their Annual Diary. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Guardians re Prestbury Sewage. Col. Holmes re Land at Dowdeswell. Henry F. Kite re Electric Lighting. Western Counties Telephone Co. re Telephone Poles on Gloucester Road. W. McLandsborough, Acknowledgment of Resolution of Town Council. W. H. Parker re Flooding in Hewlett Road. J. P. C. Anderson, re School Attendance.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Saturday, the 9th day of November, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of October, 1889—Present : Aldermen Parsonage and Simms Bull ; Councillors Cox, Haddon, Heath, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Street Improvements -Flushing Cottage—It was Resolved, That the Reserve to be placed on the sale of the materials of this property be

2-Asphalte Crossings—The Letter from the Highway Inspector with respect to the crossings recently put down in the High Street. read at the meeting of the Council on the 21st inst., was considered. And the Inspector was directed to have the crossings made good and repaired with chippings and well rolled.

3- Bedford Buildings and St. George's Place Improvements—It was Resolved, That Tenders for the execution of these works be advertised for.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of October, 1889—Present Aldermen Parsonage and Simms Bull ; Councillors Darby, Heath, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

4-Gas Examiner's Report---The monthly report of the Gas Examiner was read. Average illuminating power 56.0t candles; Sulphur 11.30 grains per 100 Cubic feet.

5 —Gas Inspector's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Inspector was read. Average hourly consumption per lamp 4.226.

6—Lamp Book—The Lamp Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined, and it was found that during the month 18 lamps were burning dimly, and 55 were extinguished.

7 —Footpaths in New Street—Footpath on South Side of Tewkesbury Road— Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 28th inst., of the works required to be done to the above streets, were read and approved. And It was Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 44 of The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Streets requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

8-Road adjoining Conservative Club—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 28th inst. of the Works required to be done to the above Street, was read and approved. And It was Resolved that the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or

made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

9—Section 101 of Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889— It was Resolved, That in future an addition of 45 per cent. for Supervision, &c., be added to the cost of all Special Works executed by the Corporation for owners of private roads, by virtue of the above section.

10—Special Works in Bennington Street—Ditto South Side of Swindon Road—The Surveyor Reported that the Special Works ordered in the above localities had been completed in accordance with the Specifications at a cost of £122 16s. 3d. and £54 2s. 5d. respectively, which sums he had apportioned amongst the various abutting owners in manner set forth in his report. And It was Resolved, That Notice be given to the said owners of the apportionments and demand made for payment of the sums respectively due from them.

11 --Boarding near Wellington House, Tewkesbury Road —It was Resolved That Mr. Barnfield be informed that the Committee having considered this matter, after viewing the spot, have no power to interfere therein.

12--Cheltenham Roads—Henderson—A Letter from Mr. Geo. Henderson to His Worship the Mayor, upon the subject of the repair of the roads in the Borough, was read.

13 —Road in front of Oriel Villas—A letter from General Brook-Smith drawing attention to the state of the road in front of Nos. 2 and 3 Oriel Villas, was read. And the Surveyor was instructed to bring up a specification for the repair thereof by the owners.

14 — Daft's Footpath at St. Marks—A letter from Mr. Chas. Daft, stating that the footpath he had complained of, is that from the Glo'ster Road, to gate leading to the enclosed portion of the path, that the latter had been repaired by the Corporation every Winter and is in good condition, and the width has never been altered, was read. The Highway Inspector reported that the enclosed portion of the footpath has been trimmed up, the shoots however in places required cutting for the safety of pedestrians, that the footpath is 4 feet wide, and that if the portion complained of by Mr. Daft is a public footpath it should be coated with gravel. And It was Resolved, That the Highway Inspector do have this done.

15 --Hatherley Road Footpath—Letters from Arthur Mather, Esq., of South Park, Up Hatherley, upon the subject of the bad condition of this footpath between the last lamp post and the Hatherley Inn, were read. And It was Resolved, That the Highway Inspector be instructed to have the footpath repaired.

16 -- Special Works in Christ Church Road—A. H. Smith—A letter from Mr. A. H. Smith, stating that his mother, on whom demand had been made for repayment of Special Works expenses, in respect of Normanhurst, had no interest in such property other than the ownership of a ground rent, he himself being the owner, and contending that the Corporation had no power to enforce payment of the cost of other Works than were needed for putting the road into a reasonable state of repair as a private road, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to enforce payment of the amount due.

17—Special Works in Portland Street—A letter from W. M. Lennox, Esq., the Secretary to the Trustees of the Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, asking the Corporation to forego their claim of £8 7s. 11d. for Special Works executed in Portland Street, on the ground of the greater portion of the premises fronting the Street named being used in connection with their Chapel, was read. And the Surveyor was instructed to make enquiries and report as to the facts.

18--Special Works in Courteney Street—Smith—A letter from Francis Adams, Esq., calling attention to a demand made upon Mr. C. Smith, of 38, Courteney Street, for repayment of £1 14s. 9d. due from him for Special Works in that Street, and asking the Council to remit the amount, as Mr. Smith is both deaf and dumb and without means, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot relieve Mr. Smith from payment of the amount, but the same may be paid on or before the 26th March next, by instalments or otherwise.

19--Pavement in Henrietta Street—A Letter from Mr. F. Palmer, of 12, Henrietta Street, calling attention to the state of the pavement in that street, was read. And the Highway Inspector was directed to do the necessary repairs.

20—Albert Place — Billings—A Letter from Mr. A. C. Billings, asking the Committee to construct an asphalt crossing opposite No. 18 Albert Place, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee having viewed the locality, do not consider a crossing to be necessary.

21 —Tree in front of Bayshill Parade —A Letter from Mr. C. T. Alexander, stating that owing to its dead condition a large tree in front of No. 4, Bayshill Parade, rather jeopardised the windows, was read. And It was Resolved, That the tree be re-moved and another planted.

22 —Tree in front of Kingsmuir—A Letter from Gen. Burge, stating that the light in his house is greatly obstructed by a tree immediately in front, and suggesting that the same should be thinned, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the adoption of the suggestion.

23 —Pope's Alley—A Letter from Henry Jessop, Esq., acknowledging receipt of the Borough Surveyor's Notice to repair this footway, and intimating his refusal to comply with the same, on the ground that it is a public way and has always been repaired by the public authority, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Jessop be informed this is a private path, and even if it were not, the Corporation would be entitled, under Sec. 44 of the Improvement Act of 1852, to call upon the owners to pave it.

24—Seat in Vittoria Walk—A Letter from Mrs. Ritchings, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision relative to this seat was read. And It was Resolved, That having regard to the convenience of the public, the Committee cannot recommend the removal of the seat.

25-Seat on the London Road—A numerous signed Memorial from Dr. Lyall and others, and Letter from Gen. Morton, respect fully requesting the Committee to cause this seat to be removed, were read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the removal of the seat. It was further Resolved, That a copy of the Memorial be forwarded to the Chief Constable with a request that instructions may be given to his officers to prevent the improper use of the seat.

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26 --Alexandra Street, Tivoli—A Memorial from Mr. C. E. Wall and others, calling attention to the state of the road and footpaths in this street, and requesting the Committee to give the necessary notices to the owners to put the same into good order, so that the road may be declared public, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification for repair, with a view to the road being declared public.

27—Lighting of Sandfield Road—A Memorial from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths and others, calling attention to the necessity for extending the lighting of this road at least so far as it is built on, was read. And It was Resolved, that one additional lamp be erected in this road.

28—Crossing between George's Limited and Lance's—A Memorial from George's Limited and others, asking the Council to consider the desirability of laying down a crossing between the above places of business, was read. And It was Resolved That the Committee cannot recommend another crossing in that locality.

29—Lighting at Junction of Pittville Circus Road and Hewlett Road—A Memorial from Mrs. Clift and others, calling attention to the insufficient and inconvenient gas lighting at the junction of the above roads, and submitting that the corner lamp should be placed in the centre of the road, as shewn on a plan drawn on the Memorial, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend any alteration of the position of the existing lamp.

30—Registration of Horses for Army Reserve—A Letter from the Inspector-General of Remounts, transmitting the form of Agreement to be executed by the Corporation with respect to the registration of six of the Corporation horses for military purposes in cases of emergency, was read. And It was Resolved, That the agreement be approved, and be sealed with the Corporate Seal.

31—Sign Boards, &c.—The Street Inspector reported that sign boards had been put up by Mr. J. J. Smith at 13, Montpellier Street and Mr. G. Chew at 15, Queen's Retreat, and that an automatic box had been fixed outside the shop of Mr. J. Darter 2 and 3 Northwick Terrace, and letters in reference thereto having been read from Mr. Smith and Mr. Darter, It was Resolved, That the sign fixed by Mr. Smith and the automatic box put out by Mr. Darter must be removed so far as the same project over the public footway, but that of Mr. Chew, being in a private street, the Committee could not interfere.

32—Crossing near Osborne Rouse—A letter from Miss Podmore to the Mayor, stating that she had been very much annoyed to find that the above crossing had been removed, and asking His Worship to use his influence to get it replaced, was read.

33— Sherborne Street Improvement—Han[?]-A letter from Mr. C. A. Hiam[?], declining to accept the terms offered by the Committee, in their resolution passed last month, was read.

34—Highway Inspector's Report—The Highway Inspector reported that the following works had been done in his department during the past month viz :—Repaired with Clee Hill Stone : -- Promenade ; Albion Street, (patching) ; Rodney Terrace ; Regent Street ; Pittville Street ; High Street, (near North Street); Sandford Road, (Bath Road end); St. George's Place; Tivoli Road and Place;

Trafalgar Street, (patching). Repaired with Wickwar Stone :—Patching, Hewlett Road ; Fairview Street; Sherborne Street. Repaired with Tortworth Stone :—Sandford Road, (part) ; Swindon Road, (proceeding): Patching : Arle Road ; St. Anne's Road and Terrace; High Street ; Tivoli Circus ; Queen Street ; Malvern Street ; Elm Street ; Waterloo Street. Repaired with Brown Stone :—Regent Street. Curbing, Crossing and Flaging :—Priory Street ; Tivoli Place ; Hatherley Street ; Lypiatt Street ; Corpus Street ; Lansdown Crescent ; Back Lansdown Place; Union Street, (Fairview); Queen's Circus; Suffolk Square; Princes Road ; Church Yard ; Union Street, (Great Norwood Street); Promenade ; Baker Street ; Park Street ; Malthouse Lane ; Bayshill Terrace ; Promenade Place. Footpaths, (Asphalte) ;—Priory Terrace, St. James' Square ; Lansdown Crescent ; Prestbury Road. Footpaths, (Chippings):—Montpellier Street ; Naunton Lane. Tariffing :—Tewkesbury Road ; Swindon Road; St. Paul's Road. Ashes Collected :---1,249 Loads.

35—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved :--Mr. Cockrell, for New Shop in Colonnade; Mr. C. S. Holliday, for additions to Stables in Montpellier Street ; Henry Hodgkins. Esq., for additions to Rawdon House, Christ Church Road ; Mr. Charles Winstone, for additions to 13, Hatherley Place. The Surveyor also submitted notice and plan from Mr. Averill, for additions to Nos. 29 and 30 Ambrose Street, which was not approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of October, 1889 (Present : Aldermen Griffith and Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, Norman, and Parsonage, (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1 —Houses without proper supply of Water—It appearing from the Report of the Surveyor now read that certain houses mentioned in such report, are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be furnished thereto at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, It was Resolved that Notices be given under Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of those houses, requiring them to obtain a supply and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

2-- Zymotic Disease—A Report from the Medical Officer of Health on cases of zymotic disease, and making suggestions as to the sewers and drains at Pittville and the trees there and in the town, was read and considered.

3—Driver of Ambulance—It was Resolved, That the driver of the ambulance be supplied with a new mackintosh.

4—Pilley Brook—Ward—A Letter from Mr. C. A. J. Ward, of 1, Brooklyn Villas, Leckhampton, on the subject of the diversion of the water in this stream, was read. The Surveyor reported That the pipes under the highways through which this stream passed were clear from obstruction. And It was

Resolved, That Mr. Ward be so informed, and that with respect to the diversion of the water it was a matter that concerned the Riparian Owners, and should be dealt with by them.

5—Minnow Ditch—A Report from the Surveyor, reporting that this ditch, otherwise The Gratton Brook, where it formed the boundary between Cheltenham and Leckhampton, had been cleansed and the drains from one house on the Cheltenham side and several pipe drains at the back of St. Philip Street on the Leckhampton side had been removed and the brickwork of the culvert made good at a cost of £8 14/9, was read. And It was Resolved, That a copy of the Report be sent to the Leckhampton Local Board, with a request for payment of a moiety of the said cost..

6 —Flooding of the Promenade—The Surveyor reported that Mr. Bailey Denton had been down to Cheltenham and inspected the locality, and required certain plans and further information, which he would furnish him with.

7— Salaries of Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a Letter from the Local Government Board, in reply to a Letter from the Town Clerk, stating that the County Council would repay the moiety of these salaries for the 12 months due Michaelmas last. Also a Circular Letter from the Clerk of the County Council on the same subject.

8—Public Abattoir—The Surveyor laid before the Committee a sketch plan of proposed Public Abattoir to be erected in the Market Place. And the Surveyor was directed to have the site pegged out on the ground for the Committee to view the same, which they propose to do on Wednesday afternoon next at 3.30.

9—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz.:—

General Hospital, Treatment of Patients ..	£5 12 0
G. C. Holtham, Fly Hire ..	£1 3 0
Delancey Hospital, Half-year's Rent of Cottage ..	£6 0 0
Corporation Water Works, Maintenance of Cattle Troughs ..	£1 0 0
W. J. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance ..	£0 15 0
C. Westley, Plan of Cheltenham ..	£0 2 0
Medical Officer of Health, Disbursements ..	£0 18 10
W. Hayman, Printing ..	£1 13 0

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of October, 1889—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Ferguson, Pippett, and Price (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)-

1—Appeals—Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted. Applications and Agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of October, 1889—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Ferguson, and Pippett (Alderman Parsonage in the chair)—

2—Manager's Report—The usual monthly report of the Manager on the state of the works and other matters was read, the following being a précis thereof:

That the present yield of the springs at the Hewletts was 116 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years being 160 gallons per minute.

That the street watering pillar had been removed from Gloucester Place and fixed in Albion Street, as requested by the Streets Committee.

That it was agreed to that if Mr. Leighton would enter into an agreement to pay the annual sum of £10 for 3 years, being interest on cost of the work, that the Corporation Main be extended in Folley Lane to opposite the brickyard as desired.

That the Trunk Main between Bath Road and the bottom of Bayshill had been satisfactorily completed, and the revision of the mains connected therewith were being proceeded with.

The Manager submitted the prices of several makers of high pressure water meters, and the Committee agreed that those of Guest and Chrimes be used.

That the alterations made to the Tewkesbury Engines had proved to be perfectly satisfactory, and that the increased lift to the new reservoir and tank on the seater tower were both well within the power of the engines as altered.

That the tests of the covered reservoir and tank on tower had been carried out as provided for in the contract, the result in both cases being satisfactory, no sign of leakage whatever in either of them being observable.

That the brickwork would shortly be completed, and the Engineer desired that the works be inspected before they were brought into use.

That experimental self-closing wells or cocks had been fixed to 13 Houses in Cleaveland Passage. That the water was being compulsorily laid on to the properties named in the list received by him from the Town Clerk.

3—Tewkesbury Works—It was Resolved That Mr. Kershaw, the Contractor for the iron work, be paid on account of his contract.

4—Grove—A Letter from Mr. Brown, Mr. Grove's solicitor, objecting to the overflow pipe from the works being made to enter into the ditch on the North side of the land instead of into the pool on the South side, and making a proposal for extension of the supply at his house into his walled-in kitchen garden, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Brown be informed that the overflow pipe on the South side is merely a right of easement which the Corporation can exercise or not, and that there will, as the works are arranged, practically be no overflow.

5—Mill Owners' Claims and re Grove—It was Resolved that the Town Clerk be allowed the sum of £49 in respect of his services in these matters.

6—Mark Williams—A Letter from Mr. Mark Williams requesting that the water might be laid on to the properties therein mentioned was read. And the Manager reported That the water had been laid on.

7—Appeals—Various appeals were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted. Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

GEO. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of October, 1889—Present : Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Connor, Hands and Woodward (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1—Allotments Act—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft of the Contract for the purchase of the Crab Tree Pieces which he reported he had practically settled, except as to a clause introduced by the Vendor's Solicitor requiring the purchasers to pay for the timber or to allow the Vendors to fell and remove it. And It was Resolved, That as the price for the land agreed to be given was intended to be for the land as it stood, and to include everything thereon which the tenants had not any right to remove, the Committee cannot agree to the clause in question.

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2 —Advertising Trucks --A Letter from Mr. E. Shenton requesting permission to use an advertising truck for the Theatre, 2 feet 6 inches wide, 5 feet long and 6 feet 6 inches high, and an application from Mr. Shakespere Shenton to use an advertising truck 3 feet 8 inches wide, 6 feet 8 inches long and 6 feet 1 inch high, were considered. And It was Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend permission to be given for the use of any such vehicles.

3—Hackney Carriages—Applications from Chas. Cooke, of 28, Mountpleasant, and Geo. Paul, of 9, Portland Terrace, for Hackney Carriage Licenses were read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the grant of any new Licenses until the Annual Licensing Meeting.

4—Prevention of Cruelty, &c., to Children Act—The Town Clerk drew the attention of the Committee to this Act, and read a letter on the subject from the Hon. Sec. for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. And It was Resolved, That Public Notice of Sec. 3 of this Act be given by handbills.

5— Police—A Letter from Mr. Guise, the Clerk to the County Council, pointing out that the Resolution of this Committee of date the 18th July last, was directly opposed to the wishes of the Government Inspector, and that if a proper addition is not made Cheltenham may be held in default with the result prescribed by the statute, was read. Also a letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Guise requesting to be informed why the Representatives of the Town Council, appointed under the agreement for Consolidating the County and Borough Police, had never been summoned to the meeting either of the Police Committee of the Justices or the Standing Joint Committee of the Justices and County Council, and Mr. Guise's reply suggesting that the Local Government Act overrode the Agreement. And the further consideration of the matter was adjourned until Friday next at 11 a.m. And the Town Clerk was instructed to request Admiral Christian to be good enough to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, 1889—Present :
Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Hands and Heath (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

6—Admiral Christian, the Chief Constable, attended this meeting of the Committee, and placed before the Committee his reasons for recommending an increase in the Police Force of the Borough of 1 Sergeant and 6 Constables. And It was Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, as provided for by the Consolidation Agreement with the County, the Police Force be increased by the number and the grades recommended by the Chief Constable. The Committee consider that a Constable should be in attendance at each meeting of the Council, and that Admiral Christian be requested to arrange accordingly. The question of the enforcement of the Bye-Laws by the Police was considered. And It was Resolved, That Supt. McRae be appointed an Officer of the Corporation for the purpose of instituting and carrying on prosecutions for breaches of the provisions of the Police Clauses Act and the Bye-Laws relating to Hackney Carriages and offences committed in the streets.

7 —Wheelchair Licenses—An application from John Lockett for a Wheel Chair License was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee recommend that a License be granted. An Application from John Cook for leave to change his Licensed Wheel Chair, was read and granted.

8—Ornithological Show at the Winter Gardens—A Letter from Mr. G. A. Powell, the Hon. Sec. of the above show, requesting permission to exhibit a banner across the Promenade on the occasion of the exhibition on the 6th and 7th November, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee are not

prepared to give the permission asked for, but they have no objection to banners being stretched across the footpaths on this occasion.

9—Repairs at Fire Engine Station—The following Tenders were opened, viz.,

W. J. Morgan, Regent House £26 0 0

James Wall, St. Luke's Place £30 0 0

And It was Resolved That the Tender of Mr. W. J. Morgan be accepted.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of October, 1889—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms Bull; Councillors Connor, Hands, and Skillicorne (Alderman Simms Bull in the Chair)—

10—Market Place—Sydney—A Letter from Mr. H. Sydney, in reply to the resolution of this Committee passed at their meeting on the 26th ult., offering £2 per week rental, being 10/- a week more than he paid in any other place, was read. And It was Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the tenancy to be determinable at any time on a week's notice.

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11-Weighing Machine--A Letter from Mr. Sollers, the Caretaker of the Corporation Weighing Machine, stating that the pit of the hole required cleaning out, and that the machine itself required testing, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Highway Inspector be instructed to have the pit cleaned out, and that the Inspector of Weights and Measures be requested to test the machine.

12-Inspector's Room Clock—A Letter from Mr. Howlett, stating that this clock was worn out and past repair, was read. And It was Resolved, That another be purchased from him at 21/-

13—Petroleum License—The following Applications for renewals of Licenses, were read, via.: Albert Lusty, 19 Hamilton Place, ; John Baughan, 9 Bath Road, 40 gals.; Fredk. Beddard, Hermitage House, Bath Road, 80 gals. The Surveyor having reported that the buildings in each case were satisfactory, It was Resolved That the Licenses be renewed.

W. SIMMS-BULL, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of October, 1889—Present Alderman Simms-Bull ; Councillors Ferguson, and Lawrence, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Manager's Report—The Manager's Monthly Report on the working or the Bath, &c., was read and approved.

2-Closing of Swimming Bath—It was Resolved, That the Bath be closed after tomorrow for the Season, and that notice be given to that effect.

3—Bath Caretaker--Hart—The Caretaker having applied for a holiday, It was Resolved, That he be allowed two weeks leave, to be taken after the 4th prox.

4—Account —The following Accounts were examined and allowed

S. Shenton, Posting Bills ..	£0 8 6
Battledown Brick Co., Bricks ..	£0 15 0
J. Williams & Co., Coal ..	£11 7 5
T. Voile & Co., Coal ..	£3 7 7
Diamond Sanitary Laundry Co., Washing Towels ..	£3 17 6

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of October, 1889—Present :—
Councillors Haddon, Heath, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—A Report from the Superintendent, calling attention to the bad state of the roads in the Cemetery, and requesting to have some new grave planks, those in use being completely worn out, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out forthwith ; and that he do procure a sufficient number of new grave planks.

2-Designs--The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Lucy J. Bulman and Wm. Elvis ; Flat Stone to Isaac Wilkins ; Tombs to Patrick P. L. Stafford and Francis Day.

3-Accounts The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages ..	£3 12 0
Knight & Co., Register of Graves ..	£2 1 6
Waterlow Brothers & Layton, Stamping Burial Grants ..	£2 15 0
J. Williams & Co., Coal ..	£4 16 0
T. W. Harvey, Shears ..	£0 5 6
W. A. Baker, Repairs to Chapel Roof, Gates, &c. ..	£13 15 2
J. Tallboy, Bell Rope ..	£0 9 0

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 16th day of October, 1889—Present
Aldermen Griffith, Ramsay, and Welch ; Councillors Haddon, King, Neale, Parsonage (Alderman cam, Welch in the chair)—

1—Lighting—Gas Account—The account of Messrs. Marshall & Co., for gas fittings, referred back to the Committee for further consideration, was further considered, with a Report thereon from the Librarian. Councillor King and Mr. Knight, the architect, attended this meeting of the Committee The piping was found to be in accordance with the specification, and in other respects the explanations given were considered to be satisfactory, and the account was passed.

2--Heating Account—This account was also further considered and the explanations given by Mr. Knight were deemed satisfactory and the account was passed.

3-Care Taker—An application from Mr. Addis, the care-taker, for an increase of his salary was considered, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned.

4—Reading Room—Ventilation of—It was Resolved, That the top lights of the windows at each end of this room be made to open.

GEO. A. W. WELCH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 19th day of October, 1889—Present : Aldermen Ramsay and Welch ; Councillors Neale and Parsonage ; Messrs C. Wilson and E. Wethered (Alderman Capt. Welch in the chair)—

5—Librarian—Mr. Jones informed the Committee that he was an applicant for the vacant post of Chief Librarian at the Camberwell Libraries, at a Salary of £200 per annum, and he desired a testimonial from the Committee in support of his candidature. And It was Resolved, That a testimonial be given him.

GEO. A. W. WELCH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of October, 1889—Present : Aldermen Ramsay and Welch Councillors Haddon, Neale, and Woodard; Messrs. C. Wilson, E. T. Wilson, and E. Wethered (Alderman Capt. Welch in the chair)—

6—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended the acceptance of the following Newspapers :—"Farm and Home" presented by W. Brown, Canada " Financial Times" presented by Mr. A. J. Marks " The Tablet " presented by the publishers

And the refusal of the following Light, " "Medium and Daybreak," "Christian Life," "The Two Worlds," and the " New Church Magazine."

The Sub-Committee also refused to add the " Irish Times " to the papers taken, as proposed by Mr. O'Reardon, as the present condition of the Finances will not allow of it. They also reported that the Librarian had, with their approval, made an exchange of three disused Fire Guards, for an Umbrella Stand for the Lending Library, and that they had authorised him to dispose of several odd volumes and Magazines, &c., which had accumulated in the Library, and to purchase the " Life of Benvenuto

Cellini " by Symonds, for 8s. And It was Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Sub Committee be approved.

7—Librarian's Report--The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the receipt during the month of the following gifts to the Library

Major-Gen. Babbage .. 74 Vols. and several pamphlets
Mrs. K. Backhouse .. Brighton 2 Vols.
Mr. A. Niblett .. 16 Vols.
Mrs. C. Pooley . . 1 Vol.
Rev. J. Emeriss, Upton-St.-Leonards .. 38 Vols.
Mr. J. T. Presley .. 3 Vols.
Mr. C. F. Robertson .. 1 Vol.
The Principal of the University College of Wales .. 1 Vol.

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Annual Reports from the Libraries at Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Handsworth, Bradford, and Tynemouth.

8—Annual Conference of Librarians—The Librarians Report on the principal twitters of interest in connection with the above meeting which he had, by the authority of the Committee, attended at London on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of October inst., was read.

9 —Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and approved :—

W. Jones, Assistants' Wages ..	£8 0 6
Ditto, Petty Cash ..	£5 0 0
Ditto, Expenses of attending Conference of Librarians in London ..	£3 15 0
W. Addis, 1 Month's Salary ..	£3 6 8
R. E. & C. Marshall, Gas Globes and Fixing ..	£3 16 0
Ditto, Repairs to Heating Apparatus ..	£0 11 6
Ditto, Sundry Fittings ..	£4 2 10
Ditto, Gas Fittings, &c. ..	£84 2 1
Ditto, Balance of Account for Heating Apparatus..	£107 10 6
A. C. & S. Billings, o/a Contract ..	£400 0 0
A. Whitcomb, Repairing and Varnishing Picture ..	£3 14 0
The Shannon File Co., Letter Files ..	£ 0 17 0
W. T. Cossens, Books, Newspapers and Periodicals ..	£5 7 6
"Cheltenham Chronicle," advertising Caretaker Wanted ..	£0 12 0

GEO. A. W. WELCH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of October, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Norman, Parsonage, Pippett, Skillicorne, and Waghorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)-

1—Improvement Bill—Pittville Estate—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Vouchers for the amount of Mr. Chesshyre's costs, and read a correspondence he had had with him on the subject. And It was Resolved, That the amount agreed on, viz., £88, be paid to Mr. Chesshyre, less the amount of £3 10/- due from him to the Corporation for special works in Clarence Square. A Letter from Messrs. Engall, Sanders & Co., asking the Corporation to make an offer for the piece of land adjoining the Pittville Estate, which they had offered to sell to the Corporation, was read, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

2 —Cambray Improvement—The Memorial from J. Wilson, Esq., M.D., and others, and Letters from Mr. W. J. Geeves in favour of, and from Lieut.-Col. Rogers against this improvement, were read and further considered. And It was Resolved, That Miss Beale be asked to receive a deputation from this Committee on the subject, consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman of the Committee, and the Surveyor.

3 —Land in Promenade at the Imperial Rooms —The Committee proceeded to view this land.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of October, 1889—Present : Aldermen Griffith and Simms Bull ; Councillors Haddon, Norman, Parsonage, and Waghorne (Councillor Norman in the chair)—

1—Provisional Order—Letters from Messrs. Laing, Wharton and Down, and The Anglo-American Brush Co., acknowledging receipt of the Town Clerk's letter of date the 23rd Oct., were read. Also a Letter from The Electric Construction and Maintenance Co., making proposals for their proceeding with their Application for a Provisional Order on terms therein expressed. And It was Resolved That they be informed that the Corporation intended to oppose the grant of Provisional Orders to any person or company, and to proceed with their own application.

Letters from J. Blades-Gooding, Esq., Chairman of the Maxim Weston Company, asking to be allowed to Tender for the execution of works and lighting by electricity in the Borough; and from the Manchester Edison-Swan Co., asking to be allowed to submit a scheme for the lighting of the borough by electricity, were read. And the further consideration thereof adjourned until the Committee were in a position to consider them.

The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft of the Notice to be published of Application for the Provisional Order, and the same was approved : and the Surveyor was directed to prepare a plan shewing the areas to be lighted, and a list of the private streets which it would be necessary to pass through or under or over.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 31st day of October, 1889—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Parsonage and Simms Bull ; Councillors Darby and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair).

1—Street Improvement Loans—The Town Clerk reported that he had received offers for a portion of these Loans in response to the advertisement at 3¼ per cent. and for other part at 3½ per cent. And It was Resolved, That £400 be borrowed from Miss Luce at 3¼ per cent. and £600 from the Corporation of Walsall at 3½ per cent. each payable on 6 month's notice by either party after one year, to replace portion of the Loans repaid to Mr. Healy Thompson, and that the remainder of the Loans be borrowed at 3½ per cent. if the money could not be obtained at 3¼ per cent., and that the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Debentures for the same.

2—Public Library Account—The sum of £400 having to be paid to this Capital Account out of the Loan for the Bedford Buildings Improvement, It was Resolved, That this sum be paid to Messrs. Billings on account of the amount due to them.

3-Colonnade Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had fixed the 9th Nov. for holding the enquiry into the matter of this Loan, and that he had written to say that it would be impossible to have it on that day, being the day of the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

4 -Collection of Urban Rates—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., was read, shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £1,234 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £11,817 0s. 2½ d. On the Branch Sewers Rate, No. 1, £625, leaving outstanding £50 13s. 1d. On the Branch Sewers Rate No. 2, £15, leaving outstanding £2 3s. 6¾ d.

5 -Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read, shewing receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £999 4s. 2d., leaving outstanding £6148 18s. 0d. In Tewkesbury £132 0s. 7d. leaving outstanding £300 9s. 0d.

6-ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz.:—

RECEIPTS.—	Borough Fund ...	£1 0 0
	Library (Revenue) ..	£9 12 7
	Public Baths (Revenue) ..	£7 4 6
	Recreation Grounds (Capital)	£2 12 6
	Urban Authority (Revenue)	£2077 18 7
	Burial Board (Revenue)	£97 7 6
	Street Improvements	£7 5 6
	Water (Revenue) ..	£1136 8 4
	Ditto (Capital) ..	£3000 0 0

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ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ..	£1262 1 7
Public Library (Revenue) ..	£39 3 0
" (Capital)	£591 12 7
Public Baths (Revenue)	£27 12 9
Agg Gardner Recreation Ground (Capital)	£22 2 6
Urban Authority (Revenue)	£2271 1 6
Burial Board (Revenue) ..	£27 14 2
Refuse Destructor (Capital)	£57 6 8
Branch Sewers ..	£37 15 8
Street Improvements	£4 0 0
Water (Revenue)	£2251 1 7
Ditto (Capital) ..	£648 15 4

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Balance in hand last month ..	£81 19 3
Received during the month..	<u>£6339 9 6</u>
	£6421 8 9
Paid during the month	<u>£9132 15 7</u>
Overdrawn	£2711 6 10

J. T. DARBY,
Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, CHELTENHAM, 13th November, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, at the Municipal Offices, on MONDAY, the 18th day of November instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes :

To Elect an Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Captain G. A. W. Welch.

To approve or otherwise of the Proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 18th day of November, 1889.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1889—Present : Alderman Simms-Bull ; Councillors Drew, Norman, King, Pippett, and Waghorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)—

Councillor Waghorne was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

1—Pittville Estate—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft Contract for the purchase of this estate, and the same was considered, settled, and approved.

2--Cambray Improvement—A Letter from Miss Beale in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk asking her to receive a deputation from the Committee on this subject, positively declining to give any assent to the improvement, and therefore was unwilling to give the deputation the trouble of waiting on her, was read.

3— Mineral Waters—A letter from the Mayor to the Chairman of the Committee on the subject of the recent communication from Dr. Robson Roose to J. T. Agg-Gardner, Esq., relating to the resuscitation of the use of the Cheltenham Mineral Waters, and making suggestions thereon, was read and considered, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

The Mayor also suggested the purchase and distribution of copies of the recently published Guide-Book entitled "Cheltenham Illustrated." And It was Resolved, That the sum of £10 be expended in the purchase and distribution of copies of the book in question.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, CHELTENHAM, 13th November, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, at the Municipal Offices, on MONDAY, the 18th day of November instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes :

To Elect an Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Captain G. A. W. Welch.

To approve or otherwise of the Proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, Nov. 27th, 1889.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 2nd day of December next, at a Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting, and of the Special Meeting held on the 18th November.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To make alterations in, and fill up vacancies on Committees, in consequence of the resignation of Alderman Welch, and election of Councillor Haddon as Alderman.
4. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. THE WATER COMMITTEE. THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. Councillor Lenthall to move—" That the Directors of the Cheltenham Gas Company be requested to meet a Deputation of the Cheltenham Town Council with a view to the better lighting by the Gas Company of the main thoroughfares of the Borough of Cheltenham."

6. Councillor Lenthall to move—" That the Town Clerk be directed to prepare a list shewing the attendances of Members of the Town Council at all Meetings of the Council and its Committees, whether Special or ordinary, and showing also the highest possible number of attendances in each instance."

7. Councillor Hands to move—" That the Town Clerk be requested to write to all firms, persons, or companies who have supplied materials such as taps, pipes, fittings, and other appliances, &c., for the Water and other Departments of the Corporation during the past three years, and to request them to state what bonuses, con-cessions or commissions (if any) they have paid to Corporation officials or servants, and to whom such were paid."

8. Councillor Hands to move for a statement of the expenditure of the £12,400 voted at a Meeting of the Council, held in April last, for Street and Highway purposes ; and for the production of all accounts and vouchers relating thereto.

9. Councillor Moles to move—" That the Reading Room of the Public Library be kept open till 10 p.m. daily." o. Councillor Norman to move—" That the General Purposes Committee be directed to have prepared a schedule of all Plans and Sections referring to the several Departments, to report to the extent to which they require alteration and amendment, and to furnish an approximate estimate of the cost of carrying out such alteration and amendment as may be needed."

11. Notices of Motion.

12. To read the following letters, memorials, &c., and pass resolutions thereon if need be : Rev. Dr. Flecker re Crossing at junction of Lansdown and Shelborne Roads. Miss Rhoads re Trees opposite 4, Crescent Terrace. Col. Cadell re Lighting of Christ Church Road. H. A. Badham re River Chelt at Boddington.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of December, 1889.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of November, 1889—Present Aldermen Haddon, Parsonage, and Simms Bull ; Councillors Darby, Heath, King, and Pippett (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—Alderman Simms Bull was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Examiner was read. Average illuminating power 15.71 candles ; Sulphur 1448 grains per 100 Cubic feet.

2 —Gas Inspector's Report—The monthly report of the Gas Inspector was read. Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp 4.209.

3—Lamp Book—The Lamp Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined, and it was found that during the month there were 18 lamps extinguished, and 138 burning dimly. And It was Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the unsatisfactory state of the illuminating power during the month, and also to the number of lamps returned as being out, and burning dimly.

4 —Special Works in Alexandra Street—Special Works in front of 2 and 3, Oriel Villas—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 25th inst. of the Works required to be done to the above Streets, were read and approved. And It was Resolved that the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

5 --Special Works in Pittville Circus Road—The Surveyor reported that the Special Works ordered in the above road had been completed in accordance with his Specification, at a cost to the Corporation of £15 5s. 3d. (the remainder of the works having been done by the abutting owner), which sum was now due from the owner of No. 1, Fern Bank. And It was Resolved That notice of the apportionment be given to the said owner, and demand made for repayment of the amount named.

6--Special Works in Portland Street --The Parsonage—The Surveyor reported the result of his inspection of these premises, as directed at the last meeting. And It was Resolved, That, inasmuch as a portion of the premises are used in connection with religious purposes, one-half only of the amount in question (£8 7s. 11d.) be charged.

7—Refuse Destructor—It was Resolved, That a Special Meeting be called for Friday next to go into this matter.

8 —Telephone Poles on Gloucester Road—A letter from the Western Counties Telephone Company, forwarding a memorial signed by residents in the St. Mark's district, praying the Corporation to rescind their Notice to the Company, and allow these poles to remain, as the taking down of the poles would necessitate the closing of the Public Call Room which the Company have established near the Midland Station ; also a memorial from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths and others, and a letter from Mr. R. H. Butler urging the Corporation to compel the Company to either adopt another route or place the wires under-ground, were read. And It was Resolved, That no further steps be taken in the matter.

9 --Flooding of Tresco, Hewlett Road —A letter from Mr. W. H. Parker to the Mayor stating that he had several times written to the Town Council drawing their attention to the flooding of this road, caused by the defective state of the drains, but that these applications received no consideration, was read, and also the Mayor's reply thereto. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Parker be informed that

the surface water through Valla Drosa[?] and Miss Briggs' property have recently been cleared out, and some obstructions removed, and the Committee consider that this, with what has been done on Harp Hill, will probably prevent the flooding complained of in future.

10—Road in front of York Terrace ---A letter Item Miss Hennell, of No. 11, York Terrace, calling attention to the risk of accident to vehicles that have occasion to drive into York Terrace owing to the dip at each entrance from the road being so great, was read. And It was Resolved, That an iron pipe be placed along the entrances, and the roadway made up accordingly.

11—Alleged Dangerous Property in Upper Bath Street—A letter from Mr. George Davis, of Anaen House, Upper Bath Street, calling attention to the two cottages adjoining his property, and stating that the nuisance and danger he alluded to in his former letter (August 13th) had not been removed, although Mr. Burrows, the owner, had been served by the Surveyor with a notice to put them in proper repair, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Davis be informed that the matter appears now to be in course of being attended to.

12--Cheltenham Roads--A further letter from Mr. George Henderson upon the subject of the repair of the Cheltenham roads was read.

13—Western Road—A letter from Mr. H. A. Dutton asking the Committee to have Name Plates put up at each end of this road, was read. And It was Resolved, That Name plates be accordingly put up.

14—Sandfield Road--A letter from Mr. Henry Butt, one of the owners of the land abutting on this road, acknowledging receipt of the demand of the Corporation for £34 in respect of the repairs recently executed in this road, and stating that as he is satisfied that the bill sent in to him is more than he is entitled to pay, he would be pleased to have an interview with the Committee on the spot, when he would be able to prove matters connected with the question, of which he had no doubt the Council and the Surveyor are entirely unaware. And It was Resolved, That the Committee will meet Mr. Butt as suggested.

15—Lighting of Road from Pittville Circus goad to Oak Bank —A memorial from Mr. A. B. Wall and others complaining of there being no Gas Lamps in this road, and that the road is consequently unsafe for passengers after dark, was read. And It was Resolved, That one Lamp be erected at the N.W. angle of the road in question.

16—Roads in Hewlett Place, Sydney Street, &c.—A memorial from George King and others calling attention to the state of the roads in Hewlett Place. Sydney Street, and the alley leading out of Sydney Street was read. And It was Resolved, That the attention of the Highway Inspector be called to this matter.

17—Belmont Road —A memorial from Miss Alice Baker and others as to the disgraceful and dangerous condition of this road and footpaths, and asking the Corporation to give the owner notice to have the same repaired, was read. And It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification for the repair thereof.

18-- Sign Boards—The Street Inspector (Mr. Young) reported that the sign board at Mr. J. J. Smith's shop, No. 13, Montpellier Street, and the automatic box at Mr. Darter's premises, 2 and 3, Northwick

Terrace, had been removed in accordance with the Committee's resolution of last month. A letter from Mr. Smith requesting permission to erect a smaller sign in place of that removed was read. And It was Resolved, That the sign in question be not allowed. The Street Inspector also reported that a sign had been put up by Mr. T. Marchant, at No. 5, Tivoli Place. And It was Re-solved, That he be given notice to remove same.

19 --Highway Inspector's Monthly Report—The Highway Inspector reported that the following work had been done in his department during the past month, viz. :—Broken Stone : —Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Sandfield Road. Patching—Suffolk Square, College Road, Promenade, High Street, New Street, Tivoli Circus, Swindon Road ; Main Roads, Gloucester Road, Repaired with Tortworth Stone—Swindon Road, Stanhope Street, Old Bath Road (patching), Thirlestaine Road, back Lansdown Terrace. Patching--Arle Road, Old Gloucester Road, Hester's Way Road. Curbing, Crossing and Flagging: -Queen Street, Bath Road, Pittville Circus, Promenade Place, Henrietta Street, High Street, Duke Street, Crescent Place, Hewlett Street, Whitehart Street. Crossings Relaid-2 Suffolk Square, 3 Tivoli, 1 Pittville Circus, Promenade. Tariffing : Rookery Lane, Henrietta Street, St. Margaret's Terrace, Trafalgar Street, Montpellier Parade, Northfield Terrace, Albion Street, Union Street (Bath Road). Footpaths :—Asphalte—Old Church Road. Chippings—Naunton Lane (750 yards long) finished, Hatherley Road (from Inn towards Tank) proceeding. Ashes Collected: 1,248 loads. Trees : 11 new Trees planted in Tewkesbury Road, 1 in St. George's Road in place of old one removed.

20—Ferrumite Pavement—The Highway Inspector reported that Messrs. Hall and Co., of Wolverhampton, being anxious to give their improved Ferrumite Flags a trial in Cheltenham, would supply free to square yards of flags, and 10 or 12 yards of curbing if the Corporation will pay carriage and have them laid. And It was Resolved, That Messrs. Hall and Co's. offer be accepted with thanks.

21-- Maintenance of Corporation Railway Trucks—The Highway Inspector submitted Tenders, as below, for the repair of the Corporation Trucks :

Midland Railway and Carriage Co...	70/- each
Thomas Hunter, Rugby	84/- each
Gloucester Wagon Co.	80/- each
Clemens, Abell and Co.	80/- each

And It was Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration, and to enable the Highway Inspector to make further enquiries.

22-- Old Sweeping Machines, &c.—The Highway Inspector submitted offers for the above from Messrs. W. Glover and Sons of £30, in consideration of the Corporation giving them an order for six patent covered vans ; and from Messrs. Abell and Co. of £25 on the Corporation taking new goods from them to the value of £60. And It was Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to dispose of them by auction or otherwise as they may think best.

23—Montpellier Walk—A memorial from Mr. W. G. Siddall and other owners of property at the south end of Montpellier Walk re-requesting to be allowed to lay down Granolithic Paving instead of ordinary Stone Paving was read. And It was Resolved, That they be allowed to do so.

24—Lighting near All Saints' Villas—An application having been made by Col. Harvest, of Tara Lodge, for an additional Lamp in this road, It was Resolved, That the Committee do not consider another lamp to be necessary.

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25—Main Roads—A letter from Mr. Phillips, the County Surveyor, stating that the Highway Committee of the County Council had agreed to allow the sum of £750 in respect of the repair of the Cheltenham Main Roads during the year ending the 25th March, 1890, was read. And It was Resolved, That the arrangement be approved, and the necessary agreement executed.

26—Bedford Buildings Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that the owner of No. 1, Bedford Buildings had stopped the works there because the terms of the arrangement with him had not been embodied in a formal agreement, and, further, that the said owner required compensation in respect of the doing away with the vaults at present existing under the land intended to be thrown into the carriage way ; The Town Clerk also stated that he had prepared a formal agreement and forwarded same to Mr. James Villar, who acts as agent for the owner, for execution. It was Resolved, That the sum of £5 be allowed as compensation in respect of the matter above mentioned.

27—Ambrose Street Improvement—A letter from Mr. Arthur Mulcock offering, £100 for the property, No. 55, Ambrose Street, occupied by Mr. Thomas Price, was read. And It was Resolved, That the offer be declined.

28—Colonnade Improvement—It was Resolved, That the surplus property of the Corporation in the Colonnade be offered for sale in three lots by tender. It was also Resolved, That Messrs. Billings be allowed the use of the land at the N.E. corner of Manchester Street for the purposes of this improvement, on their undertaking to give same up at fourteen days notice.

29—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, both of which was approved, viz.:—

Mrs. Oman, for additions to No. 4, Lypiatt Terrace.

Mr. Charles Winstone, for two shops in Mountpleasant.

W. SIMMS-BULL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 29th day of November, 1889—Present Aldermen Griffith, Haddon, Parsonage, and Simms Bull ; Councillors Darby, King, and Pippett (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair) —

30—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the Plans for this Destructor and the Specifications and Estimate of Messrs. Manlove, Alliott, Fryer & Co., for the erection of an 8 cell Destructor and 6 cell Destructor respectively. And It was Resolved, That subject to detailed specifications and working drawings being prepared to the satisfaction of the Surveyor, and to a satisfactory estimate being submitted for the execution and of the foundations and

necessary excavations therefor by the Contractors, the estimate for an 8 cell Destructor at £4,390 be accepted, and a contract entered into accordingly.

W. SIMMS-BULL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 1889 (Present: Aldermen Griffith and Parsonage ; Councillors Darby, Hands, King, Neale, Norman, and Parsonage, (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1 —Chairman—Alderman Griffith was appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Marine Stores—Blake—An application from Mr. Henry T. Blake, of 34, Swindon Street, transferee of the business of Marine Store Dealer, now carried on at No. 275, High Street, on behalf of his daughter, E. Blake, for permission to carry on the said business on premises in White Hart Street instead of at No. 275, High Street, was read and considered. And It was Resolved, That consent be given on condition that the business at No. 275, High Street be discontinued, and not hereafter carried on there.

3-Houses without a Proper Supply of Water—It appearing from a report of the Surveyor, dated the 26th instant, that the houses mentioned in the report are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be furnished thereto at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. It was Resolved, That notices be given under Sec. 92 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the houses in question requiring them to obtain a supply and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

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The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the owners of the houses Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive Marle Hill Parade, Nos. 1, 2, and Apple Tree Cottages, Rutland Street, and Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive Russell Place, had not complied with the notices served them. And It was Resolved, That the supply be laid on to the houses in question, and that in default of payment of expenses of so doing the same be recovered in a summary manner.

4—Pantile Row--The Medical Officer of Health reported that up to yesterday nothing had been done to this property. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written on this subject to Mr. Coren, the solicitor to the owners, and the Inspector of Nuisances reported that the works had been commenced that morning.

5—Urinals—Water Supply—The Surveyor laid before the Committee accounts for the supply of water to the Public Urinals, and the same was referred to the Water Committee for consideration.

6—Urinal at St. George's Square—The Surveyor reported that he was preparing, and would bring up at the next meeting of the Committee, proposals and plans for dealing with this urinal.

7- Post Mortem Chamber—A. letter from the Local Government Board of date the 12th instant, consenting, under Sec. 125 of the Improvement Act, to the application, for the purposes of a Post mortem Chamber, of the unapplied balance of loan of £500 sanctioned for the erection of a Mortuary, and returning the plan, with some suggestions as to the drainage, was read. The Surveyor reported that there was no objection to the adoption of the suggestions, and he was directed to bring up a specification and plan for approval at the next meeting of this Committee.

8—Abattoir —The Surveyor laid before the Committee estimates for the erection of an Abattoir containing respectively 6 slaughter houses and 4 slaughter houses. And It was Resolved, That it is desirable to erect an Abattoir containing 6 slaughter houses on the site marked out in the Market Place, and that the Surveyor bring up specifications and plans for the same at the next meeting of this Committee. It was also Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to the appropriation by the Corporation of the site in question for the erection of an Abattoir, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to make application to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the necessary loan.

The Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to remove 6 trees on the river's bank, and he was directed to obtain offers for the same, and accept the highest.

9—Delancey Hospital—A letter from the Medical Officer of Health suggesting the desirability of placing the Municipal Office, telephonic communication with this Hospital was read. And It was Resolved, That, these offices being now in communication with the system. it be suggested to the Delancey Hospital Trustees that they should also place the hospital on the system.

10—Flooding of the Promenade—The Town Clerk was directed to write to Mr. Bailey Denton suggesting an early interview the Committee if he thinks it desirable.

11—Drinking Fountain at the Corner of Whitehart Street—It was Resolved, That the Surveyor do have this fountain put in order, at a proper cover made for the cistern, and that the Water Committee be requested to lay on a supply of water thereto.

12 - Heyden Knoll—Purnell—A letter from the Rev. R. H. Purnell requesting permission to hold religious services, as his father did in Mr. Toogood's time, in the large room of the house, on Heyden Knoll until the house be let, or until he can get a suitable building put up, was read. And It was Resolved, That permission be given until withdrawn, Mr. Purnell holding himself responsible for any damage that may be done to the property.

13—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz.

Corporation Water Department—Water for cattle troughs, and for urinal in Tangent Alley ..	££7 07 6
Boddington Poor Rate (on Sewage Farms)	£19 18 5
Staverton Poor Rate	£12 7 10
Elmstone Hardwicke Poor Rate ditto	£8 7 2
Shannon File Company—Files for papers ..	£0 15 6
C. Bubb and others—Tithe in respect of Barn Farm	£1 4 1
B. Bubb's executors "	£11 12 5

General Hospital—Treatment of typhoid fever cases	£2 8 0
Delancey Hospital—Treatment of May Maslin	£4 4 0
H. Bennett—Returns of Births and Deaths	£1 13 9
Sanitas Company, Limited—Sanitas disinfectants	£5 3 2

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 1889—Present :
The Mayor ; Alder-men Parsonage and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Heath, King, Pippett, and Price (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Chairman—The Mayor was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2-Manager's Report—The usual monthly report of the Manager on the state of the works and other matters was read, the following being a precis thereof:

That the yield of the springs at Hewletts was 112 gallons per minute, the average for the last 4 years being 244 gallons per minute. That the water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 22,094,112 gallons, and that at Dowdeswell 70,528,964 gallons, giving a total storage of 92,622,076 gallons.

That the revision of the distribution mains was being proceeded with.

That the Manager had had an interview with Capt. Tickell, and pointed out to him a probable method by which the water of the Corporation could be supplied to South Park, Hatherley.

That the cost value to the Corporation of the Pilley Extension works was £185 10s. 9d., with a further probable cost of £5, and that his previous estimate was £186.

That he had had the Corporation water laid on to all the houses named in the list as required by the Corporation with one exception, and for which fresh notice will be given.

That the Boiler Insurance Company report that no defects were observable in the Corporation boilers at Tewkesbury. That the new works at The Mythe, Tewkesbury., had satisfactorily been completed, with some trifling exceptions, and that the services of the Clerk of the Works terminated on the 23rd ultimo.

3 - Pilley—Water Supply at—A Letter from the Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, requesting to know what was the actual cost of the extension of the seater mains into this district, and asking whether it is a fact or not that the pipes used were the same as those which the Board of Guardians objected to some time ago, was read. And It was Resolved, That Mr. Mallory be informed that the

actual cost of the extension in question was £185 10s. 9d., and that there will be a further possible Outlay of £5 for a tank at the head of the main, and that the pipes laid are not the same as those which the Board of Guardians objected to and that the Corporation re responsible for and are quite prepared at any time to make good any defects in the pipes should there be any.

4--Babbage—A Letter from Gen. Babbage on the subject of the charges for the Water Supply to his house (Mayfield) was read, and referred to the Manager to report thereon.

5—Sandford—Riste—A letter from Mr. Riste, asking for a remission of a portion of the rent of the land at Sandford rented by him was read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend any part of the rent to be remitted.

6-Dowdeswell, land at— A letter from Col. Holmes, offering £70 an acre for the land of the Corporation on the south side of the London Road at Dowdeswell, was read. And It was Resolved, That the offer cannot be accepted.

7-Tewkesbury Works —The Engineer reported that these works were now completed. And It was Resolved, That they be opened by the Mayor during the ensuing month, and that the Corporation of Tewkesbury be invited to attend the opening.

8--Grove—A letter from Mr. Brown, Mr. Groves' solicitor, on the subject of the overflow from the waste pipe at the works on the Mythe Hill. was read, and referred to the Manager to confer with Mr. Grove and his solicitor thereon.

9—Appeals—Various appeals were considered and the rates settled and adjusted. Applications and Agreements for the supply of water tar the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of November, 1889—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith, and ; Councillors Connor, Drew, Hands, Heath and Woodward (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1 —Chairman—Councillor Heath was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2-Fire Brigade—A report from the Superintendent reporting that the Brigade had been called out to a fire in Gloucester Docks on the Clio steam-ship ; but, in consequence of the Telephone and Telegraph Offices not being open, the Brigade did not arrive until the fire had been got under.— Expenses £5 2s. 6d., account of which had been sent to Mr. Taylor, agent of the

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Bristol Steam Navigation Company. That the Telephone had been fixed in the bedroom of the Station; that the Resident Fireman would want a light in his bedroom all night ; and that two keys for the Water Pillars were required. A list of streets and places in the Borough in which there were no Fire Hydrants was appended. And It was Resolved, That the gas be laid on to the bedroom from the Corporation meter, and that two keys be procured. And It was further Resolved, That with respect to Hydrants the Superintendent do ascertain and report to what places mentioned in his report the Water Mains are not extended, and that the attention of the Water Committee be called to the necessity of the extension of the Mains in the localities mentioned.

3—Hackney Carriages—Cooke and Paul's Applications—The Committee reconsidered these applications. And It was Resolved, That the Committee see no reason for coming to any other decision than the one come to at their last Meeting.

4—Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act—A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, enclosing form of returns of Swine Fever in the case of the premises in Marsh Lane, in the occupation of Messrs. Cox and Fryer, was read. And It was Resolved, That the premises in question be declared free from Swine Fever, and returned accordingly.

5—Advertising Trucks—Applications from Mr. W. J. Mulcock and Mr. Shakespeare Shenton to be allowed to use advertising trucks. were read. And It was Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend permission to be given.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of November, 1889—Present The Mayor; Alderman Simms-Bull ; Councillors King and Norman, (Councillor King in the chair)—

1--Chairman—It was Resolved That Councillor King be Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2-Swimming Bath —It was Resolved That the services of the Caretaker of the Bath be placed at the disposal of the Medical Officer of Health during the winter season, as last year, if he requires his services,

3 Account —An account from Mr. Alfred Matthews for rent of No 19, Courtenay Street during the building of the Recreation Ground Lodge, £12 10s., was examined and allowed.

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of November, 1889—Present :—
Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Heath, King, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)
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1—Chairman—Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2--Designs-The following Designs were examined and approved, viz. : Tombs to Caroline S. Newman, Alexander Grant, and Harriet McLandsborough. Headstones to C. D. Donald, Ann Wickett, Arthur Edward Baker Jones, and William Dyson.

3 —White—A letter from Messrs. John Lance and Co., requesting to be relieved from payment of the Non-Parishioner's Fee in the case of the burial of Mr. White, the husband of the daughter of Mr. Jas. Alder, of Maisonette, was read, And It was Resolved, That only the fee payable in the case of parishioners be charged.

4—Lodge—The Surveyor was instructed to enlarge the filter at the Top of the Cemetery, which filters the water supplied to the Lodge.

5—Accounts —The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz. :—

W. Gregory, for labourer's wages ..	£4 10 0
Geo. Woodward, repairing truck ..	£0 9 6
Henry Cotton, repairing iron rake ..	£0 0 10
Prestbury Poor Rate on Cemetery ..	£7 12 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of November, 1889—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith, Haddon, and Ramsay ; Councillors Kite, Parsonage, Woodward, and Neale ; Messrs. Charles Wilson, E. Withered, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Ramsay in the chair)—

1—Chairman— Alderman Ramsay was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2 — Librarian's Report--The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the receipt during the month of the following gifts to the Library

Mr. W. R. Skinner, London . 1 vol.

Mr. G. H. Bayley.. 2 vols., 5 pamphlets

Mrs. M. Lance, Leckhampton . 3 vols.

Miss S. A. Hanson .. 6 vols.

Hon. Mrs. Vansittart .. 3 vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Kidderminster, Newcastle-on Tyne, Boulton, Cardiff, Watford, South Shields, Derby, Leamington, Kensington and Swansea.

The Chairman also reported that the apprenticeship of C. T. Bastin expired on the 11th instant. And It was Resolved, That he be continued as an assistant at his present wages, 15/- a week, until the end of the year, and that a boy be engaged from that time at 6/- a week.

3—School of Art Notice Board—A letter from Dr. Wilson stating that Mr. Knight would make a suggestion on this subject to the Committee was read.

4—Reading Room—Time of Closing—It was Resolved, That the Reading Room be kept open from the 2nd December next to the 31st March next inclusive until 9.30 p.m., and that the Caretaker be paid an additional salary of 3/- per week during that time.

5—Annual Report—The draft of the Annual Report of the Committee was laid before the Committee, and was read, settled, and approved. And It was Resolved, That 500 copies thereof be printed.

It was resolved to recommend the Council to appoint on the Committee, as one of the members thereof outside the Council, Capt. G. A. W. Welch, R.N.

6— Sub-Committee —It was Resolved, that the Sub-Committee of this Committee do consist of the Chairman, Councillor Neale, and Capt. Welch (if, and when, appointed a member of the full Committee.)

7 —Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz.:--

Librarian, for assistants wages, 5 weeks, to 4th January	£13 7 6
Kelly and Co., Directory of Gloucestershire ..	£0 17 6
W. T. Cossens ..	£4 8 8

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of November, 1889—Present Aldermen Simms-Bull and Haddon ; Councillors King, Norman, and Parsonage, (Councillor Norman in the chair)—

1—Provisional Order—The Surveyor laid before the Committee the plans to be deposited with the Board of Trade and Clerk of the Peace on or before the 30th inst., shewing the streets in which mains are to be laid down within two years of the date of the Order ; the Boundaries within which consumers may demand supply on the terms to be prescribed in the Order ; and the extreme limits of the area of supply within which the Corporation can extend their mains. The said boundaries were considered and settled. And It was Resolved, That the boundaries as now settled be the boundaries to be marked on the Plan.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of November, 1889—Present Aldermen Parsonage and Simms-Bull ; Councillors Darby and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair).

Councillor Darby was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

1—Water--£77,000 Loan—It was Resolved, That £1,000 be borrowed from Miss Ellen Haywood at 3 ½ per cent. repayable on six months notice by either party after one year, to replace the Loan repaid to the late Mr. Job Parker, and that the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Debenture for the same.

2-Water Sinking Fund—It was Resolved, That of the amount standing to the credit of the Water Sinking Fund, £300 be invested to make up the £1,500 Loan for purchase of land for the Destructor.

3—Perforation of Postage Stamps - It was Resolved, That a perforating stamp for perforating six stamps at a time be ordered from Messrs. Waterlow Bros. and Layton at the price of £3 13s. 6d.

4—Water Annuity—Clibborn, deceased—A letter from Mr. Petgrave, of Bath, the solicitor to the executor of the late Louisa Clibborn, who held jointly with the Rev. R. W. Hauteville a Corporation Water Annuity of £39 5s. 0d., asking whether the Council will assent to the same being divided in equal moieties between the two daughters of the late Mrs. Clibborn, was read. And It was Resolved, That the existing certificate be cancelled, and two new certificates issued as desired, the parties paying the necessary expenses.

5 —Street Improvements (£2,100) Loan—It was Resolved. That the date of the Loan of £2,100 sanctioned by the Local Government Board on the 9th September, be the 9th of November instant.

6—Collection of Urban Rates—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th inst., was read, shewing that the amount collected to this date on the Borough (General District) Rate was £3785, 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £9266, 0s. 2½ d. On the Branch Sewers Rate, No. 1, £625. leaving outstanding £50 13s. 1d. On the Branch Sewers Rate No. 2, £15, leaving outstanding £2 3s. 6¼ d.

7—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read, sheaving receipts in Cheltenham to this date of £2711 8s 5d., leaving outstanding £4516 18s. 3d. In Tewkesbury £290 4s. 11d. leaving outstanding £142 4s. 8d.

8 -ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts during the past month, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz.

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund	£1691 16 0
Library (Revenue) .	£8 5 1
Public Baths (Revenue) ..	£0 5 11
Urban Authority (Revenue)	£2851 16 8
Burial Board (Revenue)	£41 16 6
Street Improvements	£2100 0 0
Water (Revenue) .	£1923 8 9
Ditto (Capital) .	£66 19 9

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID —

Borough Fund .. .	£125 11 7
Public Library (Revenue) ..	£22 0 4
Public Baths (Revenue) ..	£5 0 0
Urban Authority (Revenue)	£1776 3 4
Branch Sewers .	£405 6 1
Street Improvements	£585 3 2
Water (Revenue)	£420 18 3
Ditto (Capital) ..	£56 9 0

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Overdrawn last month	£2711 6 10
Paid during the month	<u>£7193 8 8</u>
	£9904 15 6
Received during the month..	<u>£8684 8 8</u>
NOW Overdrawn	£1220 6 10

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.