

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, December 28th, 1892.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the 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 January next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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 communication and take measures thereon. Business adjourned from the last Monthly Meeting of the Council.
3. To approve or otherwise the proceedings of THE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE (dated 14th, 25th, and 28th November last and Special Report).

Adjourned Minute No. 5 of FINANCE COMMITTEE of 1st December 1892, and Mr. Lawrence's motion, as follows

" That so much of the resolution of the Council passed on the 3rd day of March 1884, and the 3rd day of January 1887, and the resolution of the Finance Committee passed on the 14th day of December 1886, relative to the Salary of the Borough Accountant, as may be inconsistent with the resolution of the Finance Committee of date the 1st December 1892, be rescinded."

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE (dated 8th and 30th November last).

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE (dated 24th November last).

Councillor Lawrence to move: —That it is desirable that the Fine imposed on Members of the Council, on their resignation, be reduced.

4. To approve or otherwise the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

5. Notices of Motion.

6. To read the following letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be.

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 Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd of January, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of December, 1892—Present : The Mayor: Aldermen Haddon and Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, King and Parsonage, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1— Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 16 04 candles. Purity, 9.08 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read :

Average hourly consumption of Gas per lamp during the month, 4.222 cubic feet

3- Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, during the month 26 (4 metered). Burning dimly. 200 (25 metered).

4—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the following persons had put up the projections mentioned below in contravention of the Bye Laws, viz. :—) Mr. J. S. Clare, (trading as Williams) a moveable Lamp put up in front of No. 113 ½ High Street. Mr. G. Stibbs, a small Sign suspended from Hairdresser's Pole at 3, North Street. Resolved, That Mr. Clare be informed that he has committed a breach of the Bye Laws in putting up the Lamp without having obtained the consent of the Council, but that it be allowed to remain up on condition that he removes it if at any time the Corporation think fit to so require ; and that Mr. Stibbs be required to remove the Hairdresser's Notice Board put up by him.

5—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month :

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Suffolk Road, 2,575 square yards; Bath Road, 2,375 square yards ; High Street, 595 square yards.

Patching—St George's Road, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Crescent, Six Chimneys Lane, Montpellier Street, Millbrook Street, Winchcomb Street, Trafalgar Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Swindon Road, 1,525 square yards,

Patching—Malvern Road, Glenfall Street, Naunton Lane, Fairview Street, Hewlett Road, Spa Buildings, Pittville Estate, Tewkesbury Road, Hatherley Road, College Road, All Saints Road, Imperial Square, Road near Arle Court. Footpaths: Tariff North Place, St. George's Place, Rodney Road, All Saints Road, Swindon Road, Tewkesbury Road.

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—Mount Pleasant, St. Margaret's Road, Fairview Road, Montpellier Street, Gloucester Road, Queen's Road, Promenade, Bath Road, Sandford Street, Townsend Street, Pittville Circus, Swindon Road, Francis Street, Painswick Lane, Commercial Street, Glenfall Street, Fairview Street, North Street, Bayshill Road.

Trees planted: 4 in Lansdown Road, 8 in Gloucester Road.

Trees pruned—King's Road, Oriel Road, Christ Church Road. New Gullies—To replace defective ones. 2 in Montpellier Grove (private), and 1 in Mount Pleasant. Private Improvements—Montpellier Grove and Paragon Terrace, (proceeding).

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 451; Cart Loads 490; consumed at the Destructor 634 tons 5 cwt.

The water course in the Old Bath Road from Pilley to Sandford Road has been cleared out, and the sides repaired and strengthened.

6-Alstone Lane, Cloddimore Road. and Thirlestaine Road.—The Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in above streets had been completed at a cost of £286 12s. 5d. £104 8s. 1d., and £552 16s. 11d. respectively, which sums he had apportioned amongst the various abutting owners in manner set forth in the apportionments. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and notice thereof be given to the owners, and demand made for repayment of the sums respectively due from them.

7—Site of Old Tramway. Closter Road —The Town Clerk stated that he had (as directed by the Town Improvement Committee) written to Mr. T. P. W. Butt enquiring upon what terms he would grant the Corporation a lease of the above, and that Mr. Lutener has since called on him on the subject. A Letter from Mr. Lutener was now read, stating that Mr. Butt would be prepared to lease the ground to the Corporation for a term of seven years, subject to the same terms and conditions as at present, subject to the payment of an annual rental of £1. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for a Report from the Borough Surveyor as to what works are proposed to be done on the ground and the cost thereof.

8-Street Sweeping on Sunday Mornings—Letters from Mr. Alfred Graveson, respectfully inviting the attention of the Corporation to the practice of employing men to sweep the streets of the town on Sunday mornings between the hours of six and nine, thereby precluding the men from attending early Sunday morning schools and practically discouraging subsequent attendance at Divine Service, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Graveson be informed the course suggested by him of having the work done after ten o'clock on Saturday evenings has been tried and has been found impracticable and productive of great inconvenience to the public, and further, that the men so employed volunteer their services in consideration of the extra pay in connection with it

9 -Road from Essex Place to Cambray Chapel and other Property—A Letter from E. L. Baylis, Esq., with reference to the Notice it served upon him to repair this road, which abuts on the North side of his premises, and submitting that no part of the expense ought to fall upon him, but that it should be borne by those requiring the repairs, and for whose benefit the works would be executed, was read. A reply of the Town Clerk to this Letter was read and approved.

10—No 313, High Street—A Letter from Mr. W. Tapp, enquiring the price of the above premises, which he understood were for sale, was read. Resolved. That Mr. Tapp be informed the Corporation propose to retain the property until it is seen if the widening of the High Street at that point can be carried on to the West end of the Red Lion.

11— Lighting of High Street—A Letter from Mr. Selim Smith, reminding the Committee that some time ago a Memorial, signed by nearly the whole of the owners and occupiers of property from the Belle Vue to the Royal Hotel, was sent in to the Council requesting the provision of Lamps similar to

those recently placed in the other parts of the High Street, and that nothing has been done in the matter, and asking that it might now be given attention, was read.

A Letter was also read from Messrs. Dicks & Son, making application for an extension as far as St. George's Street, of the New Lamps now replacing the old ones as far as Henrietta Street. Resolved, That the writers be referred, in both the foregoing cases, to the reply given to the promoters of the Memorial referred to by Mr. Smith, on the 29th September, 1891.

12-Lighting of Road to Brookbank—A Letter from the Rev. Wm. Nevins, asking for a Lamp at the end of this road, was read. Resolved, That the position of the existing Lamps be readjusted.

13— Bubb's Cottages, York Street—Resolved, That an additional Lamp be placed in York Street, and that one of the existing Lamps be moved, as indicated by the Committee at their inspection.

14—Grosvenor Place South—A Letter from Mrs. D. R. McGachen, complaining of the state of this road and pavement, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification of the works required to be done by the Owners

15— New Street Improvement—London and North-Western Railway Company —The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft of the Contract for sale to the Railway Company of the land at the corner of New Street and Ambrose Street. Resolved, That the same be approved as settled by the Town Clerk.

16 - New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted a notice and plan received by him from Mr. R. W. Boulton for Stables, Stores, &c., in Wellington Passage, and the same was approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of December, 1892—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Darby, Feeney, hands, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Delancey Hospital Trust Letters from Dr. E. T. Wilson, Hon Sec. of this Trust, in reply to the Resolutions of this Committee, of the 2nd inst., stating that he was instructed to say that they were as anxious as the Council to bring present disputes to an amicable settlement, and were of opinion that that might be more readily done by such a Conference as that invited by the Resolution enclosed than by any formal reply to the Resolutions of the Council. The Resolution in question being as follows:

" The Trustees being of opinion that considerable misapprehension exists on the part of the Corporation as to the " position which, under their Trust, they feel compelled to take up, and also feeling that it is possible similar " misapprehension may exist upon their side, invite the Corporation to appoint a Committee to consist of three of their Members to meet a similar Committee of three

appointed by the Trustees, to confer, without prejudice, " upon the whole subject, and to see if a basis for a reasonable compromise of the matter cannot be found."

Dr. Wilson also stated that with respect to the cost of treatment of patients, he was instructed to inform this Committee that as a temporary arrangement patients would be received from the 1st of January next at an inclusive charge of 3s 6d per diem to include extra nursing and medical attendance.

Resolved, That the proposals conveyed by Dr. Wilson's letter be agreed to, and that the Committee to meet the Committee of the Delancey Trustees consist of Alderman Wethered and Councillor Norman, with the Town Clerk.

2—Elementary Schools, Closing of —The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a letter he had that morning received from the Local Government Board, enclosing copy of a letter the Board had addressed to the Medical Officer of Health, and a Memorandum of the Medical Department of the Board on the circumstances under which the closing of public elementary schools or the exclusion therefrom of particular children may be required in order to prevent the spread of disease. The letter of the Board to the Medical Officer of Health drew his attention to the Memorandum and pointed out that any order for the closing of a school under Article 88 of the Education Code should emanate not from the Medical Officer of Health but from the Sanitary Authority, to whom the Medical Officer should report his advice. The Memorandum pointed out the cases in which it would be desirable to close the schools, and those in which the less severe measure of excluding particular children should be adopted, and suggested that as regards the latter the Medical Officer of Health might be properly entrusted with some general duty of actin' for the Authority. The Memorandum also recommended that the attention of School Attendance Officers and Schoolmasters be drawn to the desirability of communicating to the Medical Officer of Health cases of absence from supposed infectious disease, or of scholars apparently shelving symptoms of a febrile nature when an epidemic threatens or is present.

Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised in his discretion to act for the Committee and the Council in the matter of excluding particular children from schools in all cases in which he shall think such a measure necessary or desirable.

Resolved further, That an extract of that part of the Memorandum to which it is suggested the attention of School Attendance

Officers and Schoolmasters should be drawn be printed and distributed amongst the Teachers of the Public Elementary Schools.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had advised the Managers of the following Infant Schools and Departments to close their schools on account of measles, viz., The Parish Church Schools, Trinity, British, Highbury, and St. Peters and that the closing of All Saints Schools and the Ragged School be continued. Resolved, That the action of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and the schools be closed accordingly.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of December, 1892—Present; The Mayor; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Hands, Norman, Parsonage and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)—

3—Dairies and Cowsheds Orders—Applications from John Moulder, of 2, Clare Cottages, Bath Road, and W. A. Cummings, of 7, Malvern Street, to be registered as Purveyors of Milk, and the Reports of the Medical Officer of Health thereon were read and considered. Resolved, That Mr. Moulder be registered subject to the Corporation water being laid on to the premises. That Mr. Cummings be not registered.

4---Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had occurred during the past month 19 new cases of scarlet fever and 1 of enteric fever, and that the No. of cases now in the Delancey Hospital was 30.

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5-1 and 2, Ormond Villas—The Medical Officer of Health reported that after an inspection of these premises he recommended that the workroom be ventilated by two ventilators in an outside wall, and that the number of workwomen employed at any time do not exceed 12, that the pan w.c. be replaced with a wash-out pedestal closet provided with flushing apparatus and the soil pipe and closet be ventilated. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act to execute the foregoing works, and to the Occupier in respect of the number of women to be employed.

6 -Providence Square, Nos. 1 to 13—The Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Survey-or reported that these houses were without a proper water supply, and also recommended that the owners be required to supply flushing apparatus to Nos. 7 to 13 inclusive, to which no flushing apparatus has been affixed, and that the drainage, which is said to go into a cess pit be traced to the sewer or wherever it discharges. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given under Secs. 62 and 70 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to obtain a proper water supply and to execute the other works as recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

7-Barnard's Row, 1 to 11—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the owner of this property be required to abolish the open channel in the yard and drain into a covered drain, to repair and cleanse six water closets, to repair leaky roofs, eaves, gutters, and downspouts, and also to put the wash houses into proper repair. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act to the owner or owners requiring them to execute the foregoing works.

8-W C's. without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of premises having w.c's. without flushing boxes. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them to have their w.c's. provided with efficient flushing boxes.

9—Impure Wells—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses, the water in the wells whereof is unfit for domestic consumption. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec, 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the wells to be closed.

10--Drain at 20, Sherborne Place—The drain of this house having been found, on examination, to be in bad condition and to re-quire alteration and amendment. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act to do the necessary works within 7 days.

11- Burning of Ballast, Christ Church Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received complaints from Mr. Campbell, of St. Keverne, Christ Church Road, as to a nuisance arising from the burning of ballast in that road. Resolved That Mr. Campbell be informed that this does not appear to be a matter in which the Corporation can take proceedings.

12 --Water in Hewletts Reservoirs—The Medical Officer of Health presented a Report with respect to this water. Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Water Committee.

13—Slaughter house Byelaws--A Memorial from Mr. C. S. Holliday and others relative to the proposed new Slaughter house Byelaws was read. Resolved, That the further consideration of the Memorial be adjourned until the Draft of the Bye-laws is returned from the Local Government Board.

14—Delancey Hospital Trust—The Town Clerk reported that in pursuance of the Resolution of this Committee, passed at its last meeting, Alderman Wethered, Councillor Norman and himself had met Dr. Wilson, Major-General Thompson and Mr. Gurney in conference on the 19th inst., and after a statement from Mr. Gurney and Dr. Wilson of their view of the position of the Trustees and discussion, it was suggested on the part of the Committee :

(a) That the Corporation should leave themselves in the hands of the Charity Commissioners to decide between the Corporation and the Trustees, and frame a scheme for the future administration of the Trust; or

(b) That a joint Committee be constituted under Sec. 23 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, such Committee to consist, one half of members nominated by the Trustees, and one half by the Council, the latter to include the Mayor and the Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the time being, the Chairman of such Committee to be chosen from amongst the members nominated by the Trustees.

The Corporation to bind itself to a permanent annual payment of a sum per annum to be agreed on, and all cases sent in by the Medical Officer of Health to be treated in the Hospital at a rate not exceeding a sum per diem to be agreed on with a maximum payment.

On the part of the Trustees the above proposals were objected to, and it was proposed that a certain number of members of the Council, nominated by the Council, should be elected Trustees of the Hospital under the provisions of the Deed of Endowment and be placed on the Committee of Management of the Hospital, such nominated Trustees giving to the Council, if so required, an undertaking that on ceasing to be Members of the Council they will resign their Trusteeship, and that so often as vacancies so created happen the Trustees will appoint other nominated Members of the Council Trustees to fill such vacancies.

That such Committee shall consist of 7 Members, 3 of them to be Trustees nominated by the Council. That the Medical Officer of Health be at liberty to attend the meetings of the Committee. No annual or other payment was stipulated for.

The foregoing Report was discussed and the further consideration thereof adjourned to a meeting of this Committee to be held on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 12 at noon to consider the terms of a Resolution to be drawn by the Town Clerk expressing the views of the Committee.

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Accounts --The following Accounts were examined and allowed

N. Smith & Co., Disinfectants	£0 9 8
J. Tinkler, Water Bottle Baskets	£0 11 0
J. H. Long, One Month's Salary	£8 6 8
E. Jones, 4 Weeks' Wages	£5 0 0
Delancey Hospital, Extra Nursing	£6 0 0
C. Malvern & Sons, on account of Abattoir	£100 0 0
G. Loveday, on account of New Disinfecting Chamber	£80 0 0
Gas Company, Gas at Abattoir	£0 17 11
" Post Mortem Room	£0 0 6
" Church Lane Urinal	£0 4 3
W. M. Gammond, Sickness Returns	£2 10 0
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£4 0 0
Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£153 2 6
Medical Practitioners, Notifying Cases	£10 17 6
" Sanitary Record " Subscription for 1893	£0 10 0
Medical Officer, Cab Hire	£1 0 0

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1892—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Hands, Norman, Parsonage and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)—

16—Delancey Hospital Trust—This question was further considered, and the following Resolution agreed to: Resolved, That this Committee much prefers either of the arrangements proposed on its part as being simpler, and less likely to lead to differences and complications hereafter, but, failing this, then the proposals submitted on the part of the Trustees be adopted, subject to the following modifications and conditions:

1. That the Committee shall consist of 8 Members, 4 to be Members nominated by the Trustees and 4 to be the Trustees nominated by the Council. The Chairman to be chosen from amongst the former, if so desired, with a casting vote in the case of equality of votes.
2. That the whole control and management of the Hospital, including the making of rules, be vested in such Committee but the Trustees shall nevertheless retain full control over the real estate and invested capital of the Trust.

3. In the event of the above terms being agreed to by the Trustees, the Members to be nominated by the Council shall be selected from amongst the Members of the Public Health Committee and shall include the Medical Officer of Health for the time being.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 1892—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Norman, Skillicorne, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair.

17- Mineral Waters—The following Members of the Cheltenham Medical Spa Committee attended this meeting of the Committee —Drs. E. T. Wilson, Gooding, Inglis, Ferguson, and Ward-Humphreys, Hon. Sec. The question of the analyses of the waters, the provision of Baths and a Spa was considered and discussed, and the further consideration of the subject was adjourned.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1892—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

2 Promenade Improvement—Powell--The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Statement of Plaintiff's Claim and reported that the papers were before Counsel to draw Statement of Defence –

3-Promenade Long Garden—Wednesday, the 1st of February next, at 3 p.m., was fixed for the day and hour for the further meeting of the Owners and Occupiers interested, and the Town Clerk was directed to give the necessary Notices thereof.

4- Show Card of the Town —A specimen of a proposed Card of Photos and short description of the Town, submitted by Mr. John Singleton, of Regent Street, with estimate for same, was examined and considered, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

5 Land at Pittville and Marlehill—The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the purchases from Mr. Noble and Mr. Winterbotham, and that the Contracts for execution of the Works had been executed by the Contractors, Mr. Baker and Mr. Strachan.

A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, stating that Mr. Holliday's claim for compensation for giving up possession of the land rented by him from Mr. Winterbotham, was 43. Resolved, That the same be paid.

6— Noble—Mr. G. J. Villar's Account for his commission on this purchase, which it had been agreed should be paid by the Corporation, at the rate of 2 ½ per cent.. was examined and considered.

Resolved, That Mr. Villar be paid a commission of 2 ½ per cent. on the first £1000 of the purchase money, (£1854 7s. 6d.) and £1 per cent. on the remainder.

7-Montpellier Gardens -The Town Clerk was preparing the Conveyance, &c., of this property, and suggested that the Copyhold part should be purchased [crossed out] names of the existing tenants, and laid before the Committee draft of a letter to the Steward of the Manor on the subject of such Enfranchisement Resolved, That this course and the letter be approved

8—Pittville, Skating at—Letters from several Subscribers objecting to pay for the right of skating in addition to their subscriptions were read and considered Resolved, That the admission to the gardens for the purpose of skating be 6d. for each non-subscriber, and 3d. for each subscriber, and that notice of this charge be put up as prescribed by the Byelaws.

9- Borough Boundaries—A Letter from the Local Government Board, dated the 13th inst., transmitting Prints of the Draft of the Amended Provisional Order, was read. The Letter suggested whether Subdivision 2 of Art XV. might not now be omitted ; and requested that one print of the Draft may be returned within a month, with any remarks the Council may desire to make thereon, and that the Map might be at the same time sent to the Board, which Map should, however, be open to the inspection of the several Local Authorities till the expiration of the period above referred to Resolved, That the Local Government Board be informed that the reasons for which Subdivision 2 of Article XV. was inserted still obtain as the Estimates and Rate will be made in March next for the year ending in March, 1894.

10-Great Western Railway Train Service—The Mayor reported that on the 21st instant a Deputation from the Committee appointed on this subject, consisting of himself, Alderman Wethered, Dr. E. T. Wilson, Councillors Lawrence and Norman, and the Town Clerk, waited on the Directors of the Great Western Railway ; that the Deputation was most courteously received and attentively listened to. The Chairman, Lord Emlyn, thanked the Deputation for the clearness and moderation with which it had placed its views before the Directors, and promised that the suggestions made should receive careful attention, and that if the Directors could see their way, with due regard for the interests of their shareholders, to meet the views of the Deputation, they would do so.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of December, 1892—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Goodwin, and Hands (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1— Borough Surveyor's Report—The usual monthly report of the Surveyor, as follows, was read :—

On the 26th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 179 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 268 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 24,536,360 gallons.

On the 26th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 26 feet 9 inches and the contents 73,825,159 gallons, which gives a total storage of 98,361,519 gallons.

The Burial Board Committee having applied for a supply of water to the Cemetery Lodge, it will be necessary to extend the main along the Cemetery Road for this purpose. Resolved, That the Water Main be extended along the Cemetery Road to the Cemetery Gates.

2— Mythe Bridge Land —A Letter from Mr. Gardom, Deputy Clerk of the County Council, acknowledging receipt of the Town Clerk's letter of the 8th inst., and stating that he could not go beyond his Letter of the 22nd ult., and contending that the County Council proposed the ownership in fee to the foot of the slopes, was read.

3-Appeals —The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

4-Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 24th day of December, 1892—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts; Councillors King and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-Fire Brigade—Hose—The Superintendent laid before the Committee specimens of canvas hose at 2s 6d a yard. Resolved, That 150 yards thereof be procured, the cost including necessary couplings, &c., being £22 7s

2-Hackney Carriage Licenses—A Letter from Messrs. Harrison, Bayley and Adams, stating that they had sold the business lately belonging to Mrs. M. A. Brownett, of Photo Cottage, Hewlett Road, to Mr. Chas. Webb, of No. 4, St. Alban's Terrace, Hewlett Road, who had taken the premises and intended carrying on the business there, and enclosing the two Hackney Carriage Licenses held by Mrs. Brownett, which they hoped the Council would see their way to transfer to Mr. Webb, and a Letter from Mr. Webb asking the Council to grant him the Licenses in question, were read. Resolved, That the Licenses be cancelled and new Licenses granted in the name of Mr Chas. Webb. Applications were received from Richd. Staite for an additional License for a Landau, and from Fredk Jones for the transfer to him of Wm. Phelps' License. Resolved, That the applications be refused.

3-Drivers' Licenses—Applications were received from, and Licenses to drive Hackney Carriages granted, to James Chas. Hearn, of 5, Sandford Street, Chas. Webb, of Hewlett Dairy, and Charles Arter, of 12, Lansdown Crescent.

4-Telephone Connections—The Borough Surveyor asked for Telephone connections with the Central Depot and the Destructor. Resolved, That arrangements be made with the Telephone Company for connecting those places with the Exchange at the rental of £8 each for a term of 7 years certain.

N. B. THOYTS, Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of December, 1892—Present :
Councillors Feeney, Goodwin, and Moles (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1--Chairman-----In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Feeney was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2 —Naunton Park Pleasure Ground—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plan of a proposed rectification of the boundary line between this land and the adjoining land belonging to Mr Jordan, involving an exchange of small equal quantities of land. Resolved, That the same be approved.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of December, 1892—Present
Aldermen Haddon and Rogers Councillors Feeney, Moles, Steel and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1— Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved Headstones to Samuel Harris, Anne Fanny Eliza Baker Penoyre. Tombs to Martha Giles, Mary Dennis and Elizabeth Green.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£11 14 0
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Poor Rate on Cemetery Land	£4 10 3
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EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th day of December, 1892—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Drew, Feeney, Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the Chair)—

1-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst. on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £5413 ; leaving outstanding £7448 14s. 1 ½ d.

2 --Water Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst on the collection of this Rate was read. Receipts, £4347 1s. 11d., leaving outstanding £3989 2s. 8d

3—Sewage Farm Loan, £6666—A Letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., offering this money, on behalf of Mr. Wm. Jordan's Trustees, at the rate of £3 6s. 8d. per cent. per annum, for the term of ten years, the Mortgagee's Solicitor's costs for negotiating the Loan, and for investigating the title in

accordance with the scale of the Solicitor's Remuneration Act (which amounts to £95), and the Stamps on Deed, to be paid by the Corporation, and that the money would be ready on the 16th Feb. next, was read. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

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4 - Marlehill Road—Morgan—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. J. Morgan, of Regent House, who owed £22 16s. 8d. for Private Improvement Works in Marle Hill Road had paid £2 16s. 8d. down and proposed to pay the remainder at the rate of 30s. per month, with interest. Resolved, That Mr. Morgan be informed he must agree to pay 50s. on the first of each month, with interest at 5 per cent. and on his undertaking to do this the summons against him will be withdrawn.

5 — ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid. The General Statement is as follows :

Amount in hand last month	£4360 5 11
Received during the Month	<u>£4421 3 2</u>
	£8781 9 1
Paid during the Month	<u>£6574 3 8</u>
In hand	£2207 5 5
General Account	£1739 8 7
Sinking and Loans Funds.	<u>£467 16 10</u>
	£2207 5 5

EDWIN LAWRENCE.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1892—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Ramsay ; Councillors Drew, Neale, Feeney, Parsonage and Skillicorne ; Baron de Ferrieres, Mr. Thos. Pippett (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 :—

B. H. Soulsby, British Museum	13 Vols.
Trustees of British Museum	4 Vols.
Rev. C. Voysey	6 Vols.
G. Winstone	1 Vol
J. C Carr	1 Vol.
Mrs. Healey Thompson	1 Vol.

Annual Reports from Libraries at Norwich, Swansea, Belfast and Whitehaven

2-Accounts-The following accounts were examined and allowed:—

Kelley & Co., Books	£1 5 0
Gas Company, Coke	£3 12 0
Gas at Library	£14 6 6
Norman & Sawyer, Binding, Lettering, &c.	£9 10 8
Reeves & Turner, Books	£2 4 6
G. F. Poole, Printing Annual Report	£2 15 0
W. Jones, Wages Account	£11 5 0
J. J. Banks, Books	£23 5 6
" Magazines	£3 10 7
" Newspapers and Periodicals	£12 0 0
Accounts under 10s each	£0 7 4

ALEX. E. RAMSAY.

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 30th day of December, 1892 –Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Hands, Moles and Steel (Councillor Hands in the chair) –

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined.

2— Attendance Officers' Reports—The usual Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered.

3- absentee Returns—A correspondence which had passed between the School Attendance Officer (Mr. Wigley) and Mr. Powell, the Head-Master of St. Mark's Boys' School relative to the filling-up and sending in of Absentee Returns, was laid before the Committee, and the Committee instructed the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Powell thereon, and, failing the receipt of a satisfactory reply and apology, to place the letters before the School Managers and the Education Department.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, February 1st, 1893.

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 Monday, the 6th day of February instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Notices of Motion.
5. To read the following letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be.

Edwin Clements, Esq. re Railway Rates. Ley Wood and Rickerby re Accident to Dr. Sampson.

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 February, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1893—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Parsonage and Steel, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report - The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 16.28 candles. Purity, 9.05 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of Gas per lamp during the month, 3.892 cubic feet.

3- Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 1590 (124 metered). Burning dimly. 452 (26 metered).

4—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Messrs. Stead & Simpson had removed the advertising panes from their lamps at No. 123, High Street, and did not now keep such lamps regularly lighted until to o'clock p.m. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Messrs. Stead & Simpson, calling their attention to the fact that these lamps have been put up without permission, and requesting from them an explanation.

The Inspector reported that the signboard of Mr. G. Stibbs, at 3, North Street, which the Committee disapproved, had been set back to the proper line. He also reported that the following persons had put up the projections mentioned below in contravention of the Bye Laws, viz. :—

Mr. O. Harding, an enamelled sign on east side of shop window at No 3, Suffolk Road.

Mr. G. Turner, a Hairdresser's sign pole on the North and a small enamelled sign on the South side of his shop window at 1, Northwick Place. A Letter was read from Mr. Turner, stating that his shop is set back about 3 feet from the line of the public footpath and the projections are only over his own private frontage. Resolved, That Mr. Harding be informed he must set back his sign against the face of the building.

An application from Mr. T. W. Norris for leave to put up a projecting sign board at the Devonshire Dairy, Suffolk Parade, was read and refused.

5—Poultry, &c., Show—The Town Clerk reported that he had, on the morning of the recent Poultry and Pigeon Show at the Corn Exchange, received an application from the Secretary for leave to put up an advertising banner across the street—such banner having, in fact, been already fixed ; and he suggested the desirability of passing some rule to meet urgent cases of the kind. Resolved, That the Mayor be empowered to give permission in his discretion for the temporary hanging out of banners, &c., on occasions when there has not been sufficient time to make application to the Council.

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6—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month :

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Bath Road (proceeding). Patching—Gloucester Road, Cemetery Road, High Street, Great Western Road, Winchcomb Street, Millbrook Street, Queen's Road, Bayshill Road.

Patching, Wickwar Stone—Arle Road, Hatherley Road, Grovefield, Pittville Estate Road.

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—St. Paul's Road (new crossing), Marsh Lane (ditto), Bayshill Road, Burton Street, Brunswick Street, Regent Street, Portland Street. Footpaths (gravel)—Lansdown Road, Bayshill Road.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 543; Cart Loads 756 ; consumed at the Destructor 677 tons 7 cwt.

The snow which fell on the 7th instant and the following days, increased the cost of labour for that week by about 30%

7—Rotten Row on the Gloucester Road—A Report from the Surveyor upon the subject of improving this Ride, as directed by the Committee, was now read. Resolved, That having regard to the cost of the necessary works, estimated at £300, and to the facts and considerations stated in the Surveyor's Report, the Committee do not think it is desirable to incur any expenditure.

8—Grosvenor Place South—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 30th 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 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—Proposed New Approach to G.W.R. Station —The Town Clerk reported that he had, as directed by the Council, written the Great Western Railway Company upon this subject and had forwarded a copy of the memorial sent in by Mr. La Terriere and others He laid before the Committee his letter to the Company, and the same was approved.

10—Private Improvement Works in Thirlestaine Road--Letters from G. Nevile Wyatt, Esq. and T. Fitzroy Fenwick, Esq., relative to the sums charged in respect of the Private Improvement Works, recently executed in the shove road together with replies thereto by the Town Clerk, were read, and the latter approved.

11—Old Bath Road —A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating—in reply to the Resolution of this Committee of the 28th November, 1892—that the Highway Committee of the County Council, had resolved “that at present no contribution be made and the cost of such proposed improvement.”

Resolved, That the Town Clerk do reply, referring to the practice adopted by the County of Somerset allowing per cent of the cost of reasonable improvements, requesting the application to be reconsidered, and stating that unless some contribution is made by the County Council the improvement cannot be proceeded with.

12- Allowances for Main Roads—A letter from J. Stubbs, Esq, Clerk to the Local Board of Health, of St. George, stating that owing to the joint action of the Local Authorities of the County of Somerset, the Council of that County had arranged to pay (1) the whole cost of the maintenance of Main Roads ; (2) 50 per cent of the cost of reasonable improvements ; (3) for slopping, cleansing and watering ; (4) 5 per cent on Establishment charges ; and enquiring whether this Committee would be willing to appoint representatives to attend a meeting at Bristol or Gloucester to consider the advisability of joint action with a view to similar terms being made in the County of Gloucester, was read. Resolved, That Mr Stubbs be informed that the Council will ask Cheltenham Representatives on the County Council to support the general principle of the movement.

13— Crossings at Entrance to Workhouse --A letter from the Clerk to the Guardians, stating that the above Crossings are very inconvenient constructed and unsuited for the traffic to the Workhouse ; that the gradients are much too steep and complaints are made as to the upsetting of loads on entering the Workhouse, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do meet and confer with the House Committee of the Guardians, relative to these crossings, at their next meeting.

14—State of Road opposite Workhouse—A letter from the Clerk to the Guardians relative to the dirty condition of the road, opposite the entrance to the Workhouse, and stating the Guardians would be glad if the Town Council would kindly give the matter their attention, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do lay down an experimental wood crossing from Granville Street to the Workhouse.

15—Letter-Box in St. George's Place —An application from Powell Chandler, Esq., Postmaster, for leave to fix a Pillar Letter Box in St. George's Place, in place of the inconspicuous wall letter box, was read. Resolved, That the required permission be given.

16—Lamp in Road to Brookbank—A Letter from Mrs Henegan, of Bibury, stating that she had heard it was intended to remove the lamp from the side of her house further down the road, and desiring to bring to the notice of the Council that two lamps are badly needed to light this Lane, was read. A Letter from the Town Clerk, advising Mrs. Henegan to wait and see the result of the alteration of the position of the lamps, when she would doubtless find the arrangement satisfactory, was read and approved.

17—Collection of Ashes—Delmar—A Letter from Col. Martin to the Mayor, complaining of alleged neglect on the part of the Highway Department in clearing away the ashbin refuse from Delmar, was read. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

18—Clare Street—A Memorial from Wm. Heath, Esq., and other owners of property in Clare Street, requesting the Corporation to do the works ordered in this street in such a manner as that the street may be declared a public highway, was read, and also a Letter from Mr. Geo. Roberts, one of the owners, asking the Committee to consider the case of three owners who

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had already laid down paving flags opposite their houses, and suggesting that the remainder might be flagged instead of paved with blue bricks, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up an amended specification of repairs to be done, with a view to the road being declared a Public Highway.

19— Swindon Place --South end Letter from Councillor Williams, calling attention to the bad lighting of the South end of Swindon Road, was read. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the locality at night.

20—College Lawn Road—A Letter from Gen. Williams, drawing attention to the fact that the proprietor of College Lawn Road does not appear to have been served with the specification and notice for the repair of this road, in accordance with the resolution of the Council passed on the 26th Sept. last, and stating that the disgraceful condition of the road calls for early action, was read, and the Surveyor was directed to bring up a specification for repair of this road by the abutting owners.

21—Chelt Bridge near Central Depot -The Surveyor submitted a plan for widening this Bridge at an estimated cost of £15 0s. 0d. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the work carried out.

22—Land in New Street---L. & N.W. Railway Company—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft conveyance to the L. & N.W. Railway Company and the same was considered and approved, and the Common Seal ordered to be affixed thereto.

23—Wooden Buildings The Surveyor reported that Wooden Buildings had been put up by Mr. Jno. Jones, in Sun Street, and by Mr. Packer, Haulier, in High Street. Resolved, That both parties be given notice to remove the buildings in question.

24—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. Charles Winstone, a cottage in Glenfall Street
Opera House Company, new bar and beer cellar
Mr. B. Singleton, alterations to No. 1, Bath Road
Mrs. Stephens, additions to Hope Villa, Gloucester Road
Mr. W. Cleevely, nine houses on west side of Great Western Road
Mr. J. D. Taylor, villa on Hewlett Road

The Surveyor also submitted notices and plans from the following persons which were not approved, viz. Mr. H. A. Dutton, alterations to Nos. 1 and 2, St. James Place, Ambrose Street Miss Phipps, cottage in Francis Place, Naunton Crescent.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th day of January, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Hands, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Battledown Cottages—The Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan relating to the drainage of this property, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned.

2—Dairies and Cowsheds Order —An application from Wm. James, of 7, Springfield Road, Rosehill Street, Charlton Kings, to be registered a Purveyor of Milk at No. 70, Fairview Street, and the Medical Officer of Health thereon, were read. Resolved That he be not registered. The Draft Regulations under this Order were further considered with draft replies of the Town Clerk to the observations of the Local Government Board on several of the clauses, and the same was approved and directed to be sent to the Local Government Board and the Board of Agriculture.

3— Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the 23rd ult. there had been 4 new cases of scarlet fever and 1 of diptheria, and there were 21 cases in the Delancey Hospital.

4 --Manure Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported 5 cases in which the notices to construct these had not been complied with, and 17 cases in which receptacles are required. Resolved, That the Town Clerk take the necessary proceedings in each case to compel observance of the Byelaws.

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5--- Flushing Boxes to Water Closets —The Medical Officer of Health reported that in the following cases where notices had been given to close wells, flushing boxes and proper water supply thereto were required, viz., Nos. 116 to 120 inclusive and No. 124, Tewkesbury Road and Newbury Cottages. Resolved, That Notices be given in these cases to the owner to provide hushing boxes and to the occupiers to keep a proper supply of water thereto.

The Medical Officer of Health reported the following cases in which notices given by the Inspector of Nuisances had not been complied with, viz., Thos. Green, Hand's Court, Exmouth Street, and R. Bubb, Home Villa, Grosvenor Place, Repairs to Water Closets. Mrs. Gould, 1, Hand's Court, Overcrowding. Mr. White, 3 houses in Sherborne Street Gardens, roofs, eaves, gutters and drains in such a state as to be a nuisance injurious to health. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance in each case, the Town Clerk take the necessary proceedings applicable thereto.

6—Royal Standard Inn --A Letter from Mr. A. Neame, dated the 19th December last, stating that he had sent a sample of the water to be analysed, was read, and the Medical Officer of Health having reported the water in the well to be so polluted as to be injurious to health, the Town Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Neame that the well must be closed, and that a flushing apparatus with a proper supply of water must be laid on to the water closet.

7--Disinfecter —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Disinfecting Chamber is now in full working order and use, and that copies of the Regulations for its use had been sent to the Medical Officers of Health of the Charlton Kings and Leckhampton Districts, and to the Medical Officers of Health of the Rural Sanitary Authority.

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

Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£132 16 6
Dr. Cocks Johnstone, attending Patients in Temporary Building	£6 6 0
" " 3 Patients at their own homes	£1 11 6

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of January, 1893—Present ; The Mayor; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Hands, Norman, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

9— Dairies and Cowsheds Order—An application from Thos. W. Norris to be registered as a purveyor of milk at No. 12, Suffolk Parade, was read, together with the report of the Medical Officer of Health thereon. Resolved, That Mr. Norris be registered.

10-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been 12 cases of scarlet fever notified since the last meeting of the Committee and 1 case of diphtheria, and that there were at present 14 cases of scarlet fever in the Delancey Hospital

11----Wells requiring to be Closed, and Water Closets without Flushing Boxes—The Medical Officer of Health represented that the water in the wells of Nos. 113, 114, and 115, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 17, Malvern Street, No. 37, Tivoli Street, Tivoli Inn, No. 8, Sherborne Place, and the houses in Angel Court, Sherborne Street, belonging to Mr. G. Davis, used, or likely to be used, by man for drinking or domestic purposes, is so polluted as to be injurious to health ; and that the water closets at the said houses required to be provided with flushing boxes, &c. Resolved, That the Town Clerk take the necessary steps under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to have the said

wells closed, and that the owners of the said houses be required to provide efficient flushing apparatus and the occupiers to keep a good supply of water thereto ; That the owner of the houses in Angel Court be required to trap the drain there, the trap being broken ; and that the occupier of the Tivoli Inn be required to keep the urinal there clean.

12—(Notices not complied with—The Inspector of Nuisances laid before the Committee a list of cases in which the notices given by the Town Clerk had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk take the necessary steps to enforce compliance with the notices.

13— House at back of 23, All Saints Road--Owner Miss Yiend—The Medical Officer of Health reported the existence of a nuisance at this dwelling house arising from its being in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That notice be given and proceedings taken under Sec. 60 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to abate the nuisance.

14—Cholera Nurses—A Letter from the Lord Mayor of London to the Mayor on the subject of the enrolment of Nurses for nursing in cases of cholera, was read. Resolved, That the Medical Officer be requested to communicate with the several Nursing Associations in the town on the subject.

15—Delancey Hospital Trust—A Letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson, Hon. Sec. of the Delancey Trustees, enclosing copy of a Resolution of the Trustees, passed at their meeting held on the 8th instant, as follows, was read and considered. The Trustees cannot accept the first and second modifications proposed by the Town Council, and they regret to find that they embody the principle which the Trustees have already stated they consider it their duty to decline to adopt, namely, the vesting of the management of the Hospital in a Committee independent of the general body of Trustees. The Trustees are, however, prepared to adopt the proposals made on their behalf by their Representatives, and to allow the Corporation to nominate three out of the seven Trustees constituting the Committee of Management, it being of course understood that such three shall include or be in substitution for the present members of the Corporation who are members of the Committee of Management.

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In adopting these proposals the Trustees feel that they are making a very important concession in order to meet the views of the Corporation, and they trust that the Corporation will in like manner treat the matter in a spirit of compromise. At the same time they are satisfied that the proposals provide a working solution of the present difficulty, and that a trial of them is only needed to demonstrate this to the Corporation. While the general body of Trustees possess a theoretical right to overrule the Committee of Management it is believed that it has in the past never been exercised, and the Corporation may be assured that no undue interference in any question of detail is either contemplated or desired by them.

With regard to the third modification, the Trustees cannot accept the principle of appointing the Medical Officer of Health as a Trustee. He is not a member of the Corporation but one of its Officers, and while the Trustees would be glad that he should, as the Medical Adviser of the Corporation, attend the meetings of the Committee of Management where his opinion will carry the weight due to his position, they think it inadvisable that he should be a member of the Committee. In other

towns—notably in Birmingham—the Medical Officer of Health has no part in the management of the Hospital for Infectious diseases.

The Trustees, therefore, refer their proposals again to the consideration of the Corporation, and trust they will accept them, in which case they can assure the Corporation of their desire to work in harmony with them in the interest of all classes of the community interested in the Hospital.

Resolved, That this Committee regrets that for the sake of what it cannot but regard as a mere sentiment, the Trustees still decline to use the facilities given by Section 23 of the Improvement Act of 1889 for the formation of a Joint Committee of Management, and prefer the clumsy and unsatisfactory method of their counter proposition ; but in the hope that the matter may now be finally settled, and throwing upon the Trustees the responsibility of making the proposed arrangement "a working solution of the present difficulty," this Committee accedes to the following requirements of the Trustees, viz.,

(1) That the representatives of the Town Council shall be co-optated as Trustees. (a) That the Trustees shall have a right of control, to be reasonably exercised, over the action of the Management Committee.

The Committee also abandons its condition that the Medical Officer of Health shall be one of the representatives to be nominated by the Town Council, though it still considers the condition to have been a wise one.

The Committee, however, requires, if No. 2 is still insisted upon by the Trustees, that the Town Council shall have an equal representation on the Committee of Management, the Chairman to be chosen if so required by the Trustees, from among their number, without a casting vote, but any question upon which there may be an equality of votes, being referred, if necessary, to the general body of Trustees, for decision.

It suggests that the Management Committee should consist of eight members, in which event the Public Health Committee will undertake to nominate the Mayor and Sir Alexander Ramsay as two of its representatives, on the understanding that when they or either of them shall cease to be members of the Town Council it shall have the right to nominate a member or members of the Public Health Committee as their successors.

Under the existing circumstances of the Public Health, and in view of the dangers of the approaching season, and seeing the grave responsibility which rests upon Sanitary Authorities, this Committee must respectfully ask the Trustees to consider this communication as being a final one, embodying the utmost that can be conceded by the Committee and to reply to it accordingly.

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

Mallory & Sons, Fenders, &c.	£0 19 0
A. Hill, Sulphur Candles, &c.	£7 4 0
J. H. Bennett, Death Returns	£1 19 8
Knight & Co., Two copies " Stratton's Public Health "	£0 13 0
J. H. Long, 1 month's salary	£8 6 8
E. Jones, 5 weeks' wages	£6 5 0

Dr. Garrett, Cab Hire	£1 0 6
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£2 0 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ironmongery, &c.	£8 7 4
J. Tinkler, Brooms	£0 18 0
R. Strang, Corrugated Iron Sheets	£8 6 1
Gibbs & Canning, Pipes	£16 18 4
Smith Bros., Pipes, &c.	£41 10 11
Poor Rate on Heyden Farm	£7 10 0
General District Rate on Ambulance Driver's Cottage	£0 10 6
Manlove, Alliot & Co., balance o/a of Destructor	£14 0 0
Water Rate for Lower High Street Drinking Fountain.	£1 11 6
“ Cattle Market	£2 12 6
M. Williams, balance o/a of New Sewer	£4 17 9
Dix & Co., Glass, &c	£2 19 8
J. Fisher, Ironmongery	£0 12 6
Gas Company, Coke	£0 15 11
T. W. Harvey, Pipes and Ironmongery	£30 1 8
W. Mills, Trap and Van	£50 0 0
Accounts under 10s each	£2 6 0

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair.

1--- Borough Boundaries—A Letter from Mr. Clutterbuck, Clerk to the Charlton Kings Local Board, of date the 29th ult., requesting to be informed whether the Council were prepared to enter into a precisely similar agreement with his Board as that entered into last year (1) That the Council should pay such portion of the Board's share of the opposition to the Order (not exceeding £250) as the rateable value of the property in the area to be added to the Borough bears to the total rateable value of the Parish. (2) That the debt of the Board, except that portion thereof incurred for the new yard and weighbridge, office, &c., and the recent Loan under the Allotments Act, shall be divided between the Borough and the remainder of the Parish of Charlton Kings, in the same proportion. (3) That the annual payment for the use of the Cheltenham Sewers and outfall shall be dealt with in like manner, was read, with the Town Clerk's reply thereto that the arrangements entered into by the Corporation with the Charlton Kings Local Board, on the previous occasion, will stand good for the present one. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved and acted upon.

2—Leckhampton—A Letter from Mr. Mallory, Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, of date the 29th ult., enclosing copy of the Memorandum of Terms laid before the meeting of this Committee, held on the 16th of March last, and asking if the Corporation are prepared to adhere to the terms an

arranged at such meeting, and would now assist his Board in applying to the Local Government Board to grant direct representation ; also stating that it was now found that the estimate of the balance of the Board's cost of £110 was too low, and that it would probably amount to £140 or £150 and it was presumed that the Corporation would agree to pay the increased balance, was read, together with a letter from the Town Clerk in reply thereto to the same effect as the letter to Mr. Clutterbuck. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their resolution passed last year, and do not see that there is any reason to modify it.

3—Promenade—Powell—A member of the Committee having stated that he had reason to believe that Mr. Powell was prepared to assent to the plans of the Corporation, with a slight modification, if they were prepared to pay something towards his costs. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do communicate on the subject with Mr. Powell's solicitors.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 21st day of January, 1893—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Thoys and Wethered ; Councillors Norman, Heath, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

4—Promenade Improvement—Powell—The Town Clerk reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Ley Wood, and had since received a letter from his firm stating the terms on which their client was prepared to settle the action as follows :

1. Defendants to pay £50 towards Plaintiff's costs.
2. Defendants to round off the corners of the proposed erection nearest Plaintiff's premises, as roughly sketched by the Borough Surveyor—the Plans to be approved by the Plaintiff's Solicitors.
3. The Balustrade not to exceed 3 feet from the ground level.
4. The highest part behind the proposed figures not to exceed five feet high, and not to exceed thirteen feet six inches wide, as originally proposed.
5. The figures to be brought forward three feet, and so to be constructed as to have an ornamental back view from Plaintiff's premises.
6. The road in front of Plaintiff's premises to be opened out into St. George's Road, and the incline to terminate at the existing level opposite the centre of the step in front of his main entrance.
7. Due provision for the well lighting of this road.
8. No hoarding during progress of works.

Resolved, That, assuming all other points are settled and agreed upon, Term No. 1 be agreed to.

No. 2. Agreed to as per plan now submitted.

No. 3. Agreed to subject to the 3 feet being measured from the present ground level.

No. 4. This to be according to Plan now submitted.

No. 5. The figures could be brought forward 3 feet, but there is really no necessity for it as the back of the figures will be fully finished, but they cannot be remodelled or redesigned.

No. 6. Agreed to.

No. 7. Due provision will be made.

No. 8. There will be no hoarding at the back for a longer period than 14 days, the upper part of what hoarding is necessary can be of barbed wire.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of February, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and 1Vethered ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

5—Promenade Improvement—The Committee met at 2.30 p.m. to consider and arrange the course of proceeding at the meeting of Owners and Occupiers of the houses in the Promenade to which the long garden is appurtenant, to be held at 3 p.m. to-day, and adjourned to 4 p.m.

At the resumed sitting of the Committee the Chairman reported that at the above-mentioned meeting, at which the Mayor presided, ten Owners and Occupiers were present, and that the following Resolution had been passed by a majority of more than two-thirds of those present " That this meeting consents to an agreement with the Council of the Borough of Cheltenham for vesting the entire control and management of the open space or Long Garden in front of the houses numbered 14 to 34 inclusive in the Promenade, in the Corporation, on the terms and conditions following (1) That the Corporation shall, by order of the Council, in pursuance of the power vested in them for that purpose by the said Improvement Act of 1889, prohibit the admission of the public to the said open space, except in the space on the said Plan coloured Brown on which it is intended to erect a band-stand (subject to the conditions after-mentioned) such order not to be deemed to prevent the occupiers of the said houses exercising such rights of entry and using the said open space as they have heretofore actually enjoyed, consistent with such control, care and management ; and for the purposes of such entry two gates shall be provided in the railings on the house side, and a key shall be provided for each house. (2) There shall be no entries to the space round the band stand from the side next the houses, and the space shall be closed at all times when the band is not playing. (3) The band shall not play more than 150 times in any one year, and shall not play in the stand in case of the serious temporary illness of an inmate of any of the houses, if requested not to do so. (4) No building, except as aforesaid, shall be erected on the said open space."

6—Powell—A Letter from Plaintiff's Solicitors assenting to the terms of compromise proposed by the Committee and as now settled by the Town Clerk, except as to the time of payment of the £50 Resolved, That this point be left to the Town Clerk to settle.

Resolved, That the Resolution of this Committee, of date the 22nd of May, 0890, for an application to the Local Government Board for sanction to a Loan of £3,000 for the purposes of the Improvement, and that of the Long Garden, be now referred to the Finance Committee to take the necessary steps for obtaining such sanction.

7—Mineral Waters —The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had personally superintended the collection of samples of water from three wells, which had been forwarded to Prof. Thorpe for analysis, and that he was making preliminary analyses of the Pittville waters for the same purpose. That he had paid visits to Buxton, Bath, Harrogate, Woodhall Spa, Droitwich, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, and Matlock, but before writing Report he wished to know if the Committee desired him to visit and report on any of the Foreign Spas.

8—Noble —Marle Hill—Mr. John G. Villar attended this meeting and explained his reasons for considering that was entitled to his full commission of 2 ½ per cent. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter their previous decision.

9—Borough Boundaries—A Letter from the Local Government Board in reply to the Town Clerk's Letter on the subject of the application of the Leckhampton Local Board for sanction to a Loan of £3,000 for the purpose of Footpath Repairs, transmitting copy of the application and Specification and Estimate, for the observations of the Council thereon, was read, together with draft of a reply thereto. Resolved, That the proposed reply be approved and forwarded to the Local Government Board.

10—Montpellier Gardens- A reply from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons to the Letter of the Town Clerk directed to be sent to the Steward of the Manor, at the meeting of the Committee of the 13th ult., was read, together with draft of a reply thereto, which was approved and directed to be sent.

The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an estimate of the amount required for the purchase money of and expenses connected with the purchase of these Gardens, amounting to £7,650. Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to take the necessary steps for obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Board to a Loan for the above sum.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of January, 1893—Present Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Hands and King (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

11—Borough Surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Surveyor, as follows, was read:— On the 30th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 281 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 343 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 26,712,734 gallons.

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On the 30th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet, and the contents 84,588,116 gallons, which gives a total storage of 111,300,850 gallons.

The weather during the past month has been of the most trying character for the water works, the frost penetrating the ground to a considerably greater depth than usual; with the result that a large number of consumers have been without their customary supplies. To tide over the difficulty men have been sent round with standpipes to supply water from hydrants, and also with water carts, and since the thaw a large number of people have had their supply pipes lowered. In a few instances the mains have been found to be too shallow, and have therefore been frozen. Most of these have been altered and placed deeper in the ground, and others are being proceeded with.

2--Water Supply to Tewkesbury—The notice from the Corporation of Tewkesbury, under Sec. 85 of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act 1878, requiring to be supplied in bulk with water for Domestic and other uses within their Borough, read at the last meeting of the Council, and referred to the Committee, was considered and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

3—Barrett's Mill—The Surveyor reported that the greater part of these buildings, having been pulled down, the Fire Insurance might be reduced to £300. Resolved, That the Policy be altered accordingly.

4---Leckhampton Fire Hydrants—A letter from Mr. Mallory, clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, as to the application of his Board for two Fire Hydrants in the Moorend Road, and applying for the removal of two Water Pillars and the substitution therefor of two Fire Hydrants, and stating that it was the intention of his Board to provide their Surveyor with a standpipe for the purpose of filling their water van, and would be glad to know if such arrangement would make any difference in the present price charged for the maintenance of the Hydrants, and if so, what. Resolved, That Mr. Mallory be informed that his Board have no right to use the Fire Hydrants for the purpose of filling their water vans without the permission of the Council, but that the Council will not object to their being so used on payment of an additional sum of 2s making 4s for each hydrant The Committee cannot recommend the existing pillars to be removed.

5—Assembly Rooms—Water Supply to—A Letter from Mr. E. Lawrence, Secretary of the Assembly Rooms Company, complaining of failure of the water supply at the Assembly Rooms on the morning of the 19th inst., was read. The Surveyor reported that one of the mains in the High Street had burst that morning, and that as a matter of fact the supply had only been cut off for about 10 or 15 minutes. Resolved, That the Committee regret the occurrence complained of, and which appears to have been caused by the exceptionally severe weather, and not by any fault or neglect of the Corporation officials.

6—Land at Pilford—Mr. Jordan having given up possession of the piece of land at Pilford, containing about half an-acre, in a field late the property of the late Mr. Jordan, and now belonging to Mr. Dale. Resolved, That the land be offered to Mr. Dale at the rent of £1 per annum.

7—Appeals —The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

8—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 5th day of January, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Lawrence, Norman and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Foot and Mouth Disease—A print of the " Prohibition of Movement from London " Order of 1893, made by the Board of Agriculture, prohibiting the removal of cattle, sheep, goats, or swine out of the district comprising the County of London and the City of London together with a telegram from the Board of Agriculture announcing an outbreak in North London, and expressing an earnest hope that this Local Authority will take all necessary precautions against the outbreak or spread of the disease in their District, were read.

A Letter was also read from the Deputy Clerk of the County Council, adverting to a telegram received by his Council from the Board of Agriculture upon the subject and stating that his Executive Committee had authorised the Chairman (Sir John Dorington), in the outbreak spreading to any of the neighbouring counties to issue, an Order prohibiting the movement of cattle into this county, and they hoped Cheltenham would authorise some representative to execute similar powers with regard to the Cheltenham District. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Mayor, or either of them, be deputed to attend any meeting of the County Executive Committee that may be held, with full power to act for this Committee, and that a similar Order be made on behalf of this Authority to any that may be issued by the County.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Lawrence, Norman and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

2— Cabmen's Shelters—A Memorial from Hackney Carriage Drivers, praying the Council to replace the Imperial Square shelter in its former position, urging, as a reason, that Drivers are unable to leave their horses at such a great distance, and stating also that the shelter does not now pay its way as it did in the old position, was read and considered. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider that any sufficient reason for the removal of the shelter to its former position has been given.

A Letter from Capt. St Clair Ford, stating that the Belle Vue Cabmen's Shelter would be in position on Tuesday next, and it was hoped to have it ready for use towards the end of the week ; also that a friend offered to put up a similar shelter, if allowed to do so, at Montpellier, and he (Capt. St. Clair Ford) thought it might with advantage be placed just opposite the Rotunda, where the cabs now stand, was read. Resolved, That the fixing of a site for this shelter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the locality.

3—Hackney Carriages—Phelps—A Letter from J. P. Phelps, applying for the transfer to him of his father's License, No. 20, he having purchased the horse, carriage, &c., was read. He submitted the

receipt for the purchase-money paid by him and also the License given up by his father. Resolved, That the existing License be cancelled and a new License be granted to the applicant up to the Annual Licensing Meeting in June next.

4—Drivers' Licenses—Applications were received from and Licenses to act as Hackney Carriage Drivers granted to David Powell, 20, Queen's Retreat, Wm. Park, Edmonstone Cottage, Frank Gregory, 27, Henrietta Street, Arthur Lapworth, 7, St. James's Place, and Albert Harding, 3 Olio Cottages.

5—Petroleum Licenses—Applications were received for renewal of the following Petroleum Licenses :—

H. G. Norton, 456, High Street	50 gallons
Fredk. Beddard, Hermitage House	"
Maurice Bellamy, 255, High Street	"
Albert Lusty, 7, 8 and 9, Larput Place	"
Edwin Beckingsale. 149, High Street	"
Peter Awford, 5, High Street	"

Resolved, That all the foregoing licenses be granted, except that of Mr. Awford, which is adjourned to enable Mr. Awford to make the alterations in his store-house, recommended by the Borough Surveyor.

6—Fines for Non-Acceptance and Resignation of Office—The resolution of the Council " that the fine imposed on Members of the Council for non-acceptance of office and on resignation be reduced," and referring it to this Committee for consideration and report, was considered. Resolved, That the Committee recommend a Bye-law to be made fixing the fines as under : in the case of an Alderman or a Councillor, The fines on non-acceptance of office by a Mayor and an Auditor remaining as provided by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

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

W. H. Astman, Engrossing Resolutions of Condolence	£1 10 0
J. Sollors, Allotment Rent Commission	£2 15 1
H. Harris, Re-covering Table, &c.	£2 2 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ironmongery	£6 13 6
"Contract Journal," advertising re Works at Marle Hill	£1 2 0
W. Ralph, Cleaning, &c., Town Clock	£5 0 0
Shaw & Sons, Drawing Paper	£3 3 9
J. Morris & Sons, Hose and Couplings	£22 7 0
Accounts under 10s each	£2 2 ½

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of January, 1893—Present Councillors King, Norman and Woodard (Councillor King in the chair)—

1---Naunton Park Pleasure Ground —Jordan—The Town Clerk reported that he had taken the necessary steps to carry out the exchange sanctioned by this Committee at its last meeting, and laid before the Committee the Engrossments of the Deed of Exchange and counterpart as settled therein. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the Corporation Seal be by him affixed thereto.

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2- Proposed Road through the Pleasure Ground-A Letter from Mr. Jas. Townsend, of Suffolk Cottage, suggesting the formation of a road through this Ground to Charlton Park, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the suggestion to be entertained.

3-Accounts -The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

W. Heath & Sons, Trees	£5 5 0
Bubb & Co., Fee re Exchange of Land at Naunton	£3 3 0
Gibbs & Canning, Pipes	£7 10 0
G.W.R. Co., Rent of Land at Alstone	£0 10 0
G. Hickman, Timber	£2 3 9
H. D. Brown, Repairs to Lodge	£3 10 0
J. Tinkler, Broom	£0 3 6

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of January, 1893—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Rogers ; Councillors Moles, Parsonage, Steel and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent called attention to the state of the roads in the Cemetery, and asked that the Surveyor might be directed to inspect them and report. He also brought to the notice of the Committee the question of removing the memorial stones from unpurchased graves which are now being reopened for fresh interments, and desired to be informed what was to be done with such stones after removal. Mr. Gregory further reported that there were, at his office, some hundreds of designs that had been sent in by the different Sculptors since the opening of the Cemetery, and he requested permission to destroy them. Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to examine and report what is necessary to be done to the roads, and the probable cost thereof. That the headstones removed be refixed in a line against Mr. Pratley's land. That all designs that are more than twelve months old be destroyed.

2 - Cook, William —A Letter from Mr. Wm. Cook, of no. 1, Albion Street, relative to the fees charged him for the interments of his three children during the month of December last, and asking the

Committee to consider his application for a remission of a portion of the fees, it appearing that he had paid for the opening of two graves on the occasion of the last two interments, whereas in fact there was only one opening of the grave, both interments being on the same day, was read. Resolved, That one fee, amounting to 12s 6d be remitted.

3—Drawings, Designs, &c., Rule 29—Resolved, That the following notice be printed and distributed to the Sculptors, Monumental Masons, Undertakers, &c.: Borough of Cheltenham—Cheltenham Cemetery— To Sculptors, Monumental Masons, and others.—The Burial Board call attention to Rule 29 of their " Rules and Regulations," dated May, 1892, as follows : " Drawings of all Tombs, Curbing, Railings, Monuments, Tablets, and Grave-stones, and copies of the proposed inscriptions, must be drawn in ink on Cartridge Drawing, or Tracing Linen, and must be delivered in duplicate to the Superintendent, for the approval of the Board, and be approved by the Board before they can be fixed or erected on any part of " the Cemetery, and one copy of every such drawing and inscription will be filed at the office of the Board," and give Notice that all such Drawings and copies of proposed Inscriptions, in order that they may be considered at the next ensuing meeting of the Board, must be deposited with the Superintendent not later than the third Wednesday in each month. All Designs, &c., which are not deposited as required, or which do not strictly comply with Rule 29, will cause a delay of a month in the approval or rejection of the Design as the case may be.—E. T. BRYDGES, Clerk and Registrar to the Burial Board.—Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, February, 1893.

4-- Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved Headstones to Mary Ann Bignall and Matilda Knight.

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

W- Balcombe, Bucket, &c. Co	£[0] 4 6
J. M. Smith, Writing Notice Boards	£5 14 0
J. M. Smith, Re-papering Rooms at Cemetery Lodge	£2 9 7
A. C. & S. Billings, Notice Boards	£0 18 0
J. Roche, Repairing Pumps, &c.	£1 18 1
W. Gregory, Gravediggers' and Labourers' Wages	£17 0 6

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of February, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Thoyts ; Councillors Drew, Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the Chair)—

1---Promenade Improvement—The Resolutions of the Town Improvement Committee of date the 22 May, 1891, and the 1st inst., with reference to the borrowing of the amount necessary to execute the works of improvement opposite the Imperial Rooms and the Long Garden in the Promenade,

were considered. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a Loan for the above mentioned purposes of a sum not exceeding £3,000.

2-Montpellier Gardens—The Resolution of the Town Improvement Committee, of date the 1st inst., with reference to the borrowing of the amount necessary to defray the purchase money of, and expenses connected with, the purchase of these Gardens, was considered. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a Loan for the above mentioned purposes of a sum not exceeding £7,650.

3—Thirlestaine Road—Handcock—A Letter from the Rev. R. G. Handcock, asking to be allowed to pay the amount of Private Improvement Expenses, apportioned on Eslington House £33 11s. 10d., by instalments, was read. Resolved, That time be given to Mr. Handcock to pay the amount by three instalments, one to be paid within a month, the second three months later, and the third six months, with interest at £5 per cent. per annum on the two last instalments

4—Marle Hill Road—Pates —A Letter from Mr. W. T. Pates, asking to be allowed time to pay the sum of £5 15s 8d., Private Improvement Expenses apportioned on his house, Mariville, was read. Resolved, That he be allowed to pay the same by two instalments at three and six months respectively, with interest at £5 per cent. per annum.

5—Parliamentary Registration--The Town Clerk laid before the meeting an account of his expenses of carrying into effect the pro-vision of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1892-3, amounting to £95 19s. 11 ½ d. Resolved. That the said amount be certified to be due to him, and be apportioned between the parishes of Cheltenham, Leckhampton, and Charlton Kings, in the proportions of £73 15s. 9d. to Cheltenham; £9 8s. to Leckhampton, and £12 16s. 2 ½ d. to Charlton Kings.

6—General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd inst on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £10,091 ; leaving outstanding £2770 14s. 1 ½ d.

7--Water Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd inst. on the collection of this Rate was read. Receipts, £6681 1s. 1d., leaving outstanding £1982 10s. 11d.

8- ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the

Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid. The General Statement is as follows :

Amount in hand last month	£2207 5 5
Received during the Month	<u>£10579 14 9</u>
	£12787 0 2
Paid during the Month	<u>£6302 13 0</u>
In hand	£6484 7 2
General Account	£4473 2 11
Sinking and Loans Funds	<u>£2011 4 3</u>
	£6484 7 2

EDWIN LAWRENCE. Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of February, 1893—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Feeney, Neale, and Parsonage (Alderman Wethered in the Chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman of this meeting.

2 —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 :—

J. Darter	1 Vol.
Publishers of "Farm, Field, and Fireside"	1 Vol.
The Orphan's Press	1 Vol.
Trustees of British Museum	4 Vols. 4 Pamphlets
J. W. Pink	2 Vols.
The Baron de Ferrieres	6 Vols. 3 Pamphlets
London University	1 Vol.
Publishers of London Business Directory	1 Vol.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at West Bromwich, Salford, West Ham, and Preston.

3—Appointment of Junior Assistant—One of the Junior Assistants, C. O. Balcomb, having left, and the Sub-Committee having recommended the appointment of John M. Wyllie, son of Mr. J. H. Wyllie, of 9, Grosvenor Street, in his place. Resolved, That he be appointed accordingly.

4—Senior Assistant—Clarke—The Chief Assistant, S. J. Clarke, having an opportunity of bettering himself, but having expressed his willingness to stay on here if his salary is raised from 20s to 23s per week. Resolved, That his salary be raised 3s per week.

5—New Books and Worn Out Books—The Sub-Committee recommended the expenditure of £10 in the purchase of new books, and submitted a list of 30 worn out books which they recommended should be sold as waste paper. Resolved, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

6—Accounts.—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Jones, Wages Account	£9 0 0
C. Chivers, Books	£4 6 9
W. Jones, petty cash	£5 0 0
A. H. Nott, Coal	£1 17 0
Gas Co., Coke	£7 9 5
Accounts under 10s each	£0 9 8

EDWARD WITHERED, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, March 1st, 1893.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the 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 6th day of March instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE, and make Byelaw re Fine on non-acceptance of office. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Notices of Motion.

5. To read the following letter, and pass Resolution thereon, if need be. The Town Clerk of Carlisle re Railway Rates.

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 Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th of March, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of February, 1893—Present ; Aldermen Haddon and Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Parsonage and Steel (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1 —Main Roads—Resolved, That application be made to the County Council for a payment on account of the Maintenance of Roads, &c., during the current year.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1893—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Thoyts ; Councillors King, Lawrence, Parsonage and Steel, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

2— Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 15.79 candles. Purity, 7.77 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

3- Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of Gas per lamp during the month, 4.245 cubic feet.

4 — Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 12 (2 metered). Burning dimly. 41 (2 metered).

5—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Mr. O. Harding had, in accordance with the order of the Committee, removed the sign from his premises at 3, Suffolk Road.

6—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month :

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Roads Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Bath Road (finished) 8,400 yards, Gloucester Road 2,135 yards, All Saints Road (proceeding), St. Margaret's Road 290 yards, St. Paul's Road 570 yards.

Patching—Lansdown Crescent, Dunalley Parade, Clarence Parade, College Road, Promenade, Old Bath Road, Winchcomb Street, Clarence Road, Gloucester Place, Queen's Parade, High Street, Albert Place, Colonnade, Montpellier (wide opening) Bayshill Road, Portland Street, St. Luke's Road, Rodney Road, Christ ;Church Road, Clarence Street, North Place, back of Royal Well Place, Arle Road, Cleeve Road, St. George's Road, St. George's Place.

Roads Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Grovefield Road 1,412 sup. yards, Princes Road 350 yards.

Patching—Townsend Street, Albert Street (St. Peter's), Christ Church Road, Lypiatt Street, Tivoli Street, Hatherley Street, Imperial Square.

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—Marsh Lane, Swindon Road, Montpellier Villas, Granville Street, Montpellier Street, Promenade, Royal Crescent, Clarence Square, Regent Street, Gas Lane, Crescent Place, Montpellier (wide opening), Queen Street, St. James's Square, High Street, Lansdown Parade, Cleeve Road, Montpellier Terrace, King Street, St. Paul's Street South, All Saints Road, Mountpleasant, Bath Road, Russell Street, Clarence Parade.

Footpaths (Tariff)—Millbrook Street, Tangent Alley, Tewkesbury Road, St. Margaret's Road, Swindon Road.

Footpaths (gravel)—Rodney Road, 290 yards.

New Gullies to replace defective ones—1 in Queen's Road, and 2 in Swindon Road.

Trees Pruned in Gloucester Road, Bayshill Road, St. George's Road, Christ Church Road.

Private Improvements—Paragon Terrace (finished), Montpellier Grove, Tewkesbury Road path, Christ Church Road path, and Great Western Road path are being proceeded with.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 454 ; Cart Loads 538 ; consumed at the Destructor 656 tons 8 cwt. 2 qrs.

The side of the waterway in the Old Bath Road has been piled for a distance of 191 yards, with stakes, &c., and with stone wailing for a distance of 56 yards.

The tenders for horse provender expire on the 25th March.

7-Grosvenor Place South—College Lawn Road —A specification from the Surveyor, of date the 27th day of February inst., of the Works required to be done to College Lawn Road, and an amended specification relative to Grosvenor Place South, were read and approved. And it was resolved that the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and notices be given under sections 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and 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

8—Clare Street—An amended specification from the Surveyor, of date the 27th day of February, inst., of the Works 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 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.

9—Lighting of Swindon Place—This matter was again adjourned for the Committee to view the place at night.

10—Well Place Road—A letter from Henry Chapman, Esq., stating that he has Cully paid all that was required of him respecting the improvements made in this road, and requesting the Corporation to take over the road and assume the entire control and management thereof, was read, and the Town Clerk having reported that the whole of the cost of the repairs has now been repaid with the exception of a small amount in the case of one of the owners who has been allowed time to pay by instalments. Resolved, That the Road be declared to be a Public Highway, and the necessary notices be published accordingly.

11—Whaddon Lane —A letter from W. F. Hicks-Beach, Esq., complaining of the bad state of this road, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification of the works necessary to be done to the road.

A letter was read from Mr. A. B. Wall relative to the deposit of rubbish in the road, and the same was handed to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

12 —Accident to Dr. Sampson—Letters from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby calling attention to an accident which had befallen their client, Dr. Sampson, of Painswick, whilst driving along Montpellier Grove where some street repairs were being done, and claiming compensation, were read. Resolved, That Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby be informed that the road in question is a private road and that the Committee must refer them to the persons by whom the work was done.

13—North Place—The Surveyor was directed to prepare a Specification for the repair of the footpath on the West side of North Street from Clarence Square to St. Margaret's Road, the material to be concrete, with an iron curbing.

14—Road near Bayshill Inn—A Memorial from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall and others, calling attention to the bad state of the road between the Parish Church Room and the Bayshill Inn, especially that part running parallel with the Chelt, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification of the works necessary to be done by the abutting or other owners.

15—Public Lighting— A Letter from Mr. A. E. Pearson, of Aireworth, Painswick Road, complaining of the inefficiency of the al yet public lighting, and particularly in the neighbourhood of Casino Place, Andover Road, where he has observed, of late, the lamps burning dimly, was read. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Gas Company.

16—Post Office Lane—A Letter from Mr. Joseph James, asking the Surveyor to inspect the condition of the corner of his house and shop, and see what can be done to remedy the evil that is caused by the carriage traffic passing down the Lane, was read. Resolved, That Mr. James be informed the pavement will be rounded off and a corner stone fixed there.

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17—Crossings in High Street—A Memorial from Messrs. N. Smith & Co. and others, asking for a suitable crossing to be laid across the High Street near to Pittville Street, was read. Resolved, That the Committee recommend that an experimental crossing of tar macadam be laid down between Pittville Street and Winchcomb Street.

18—Crossings in All Saints Road -A Letter from Col. Thoys, asking the Committee to consider the propriety of putting down a couple of crossings in this road for the accommodation of the numerous congregation attending All Saints Church, was read. Resolved, That a crossing in continuation of the footpath on the East side of the road at the junction therewith of the side road by the Vicarage be put down and another from the West side to the East side, near the Abbots.

19—Obstruction in the Footway opposite Marlborough House—A Letter from Mr. W. W. Whittard, complaining of a scraper which projects over the pavement opposite Marlboro House, Montpellier, and which had caused him an accident, was read. Resolved, That notice be given to the Owner to remove the scraper.

20-Street and Building Byelaws—A Letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Board had had under consideration the new Draft of these Byelaws, but as they find that many of the clauses are still open to the same objections as the previously submitted to them, they are unable to approve the Draft, and suggesting whether a Conference on the subject between Officers of the Board and representatives of the Town Council would not be desirable, and if the suggestion met

with the approval of the Council, the Board would be glad to be informed when it would be convenient for two or three members, with the Town Clerk, the Medical Officer, and the Surveyor to attend at the office of the Board, was read. Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Parsonage, and the Town Clerk, the Borough Surveyor, and the Medical Officer of Health be appointed to confer with the Board on the subject.

21-Private Improvement Works—Paragon Terrace—The Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in Paragon Terrace had been completed at a cost of £34 7s. 3d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the various abutting owners in manner set forth in his report, and that in making the apportionment he had had regard to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by the several premises amongst which the expenses are apportioned. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and notice thereof given to the Owners, and demand made for repayment of the sums respectively due from them.

22--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. W. T. Pates, two houses in Marle Hill Road.

Mr. H. E. Millard, additions to No. 6, Otago Terrace

Mr. Doxsey, additions to Carriage Show Rooms, St. George's Place.

Mr. M. H. Adcock, two villas in Sandfield Road.

Mr. T. T. Matthews and M^l. W. Deacon, alterations to Nos. 28, 29, and 30, King street.

Miss Phipps, cottage in Francis Place, Naunton Crescent.

Mr. H. A. Dutton, alterations to Nos. 1 and 2, St. James' Place, Ambrose Street.

The two latter approved, subject to the drain under the house being laid in concrete to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

Mr. John Early, shed at the rear of No. 7, Grosvenor Place. Approved, subject to the boundary and partition walls being built of incombustible material

The Surveyor also submitted a notice and plan from Mr. Harry Packer for a shed in yard at the rear of No. 23, Tewkesbury Road, which was not approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 15th day of February, 1893—Present : Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Feeney, Hands, Norman, and Parsonage (Alderman Wethered in the Chair)—

1---Chairman --In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-- Dairies and Cowsheds Order—An application from Wm. Jones to be Registered as a Purveyor of Milk, at No. 70, Fairview Street, was read, together with the Report of the Medical Officer of Health thereon. Resolved, that he be Registered.

3—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been 9 cases of scarlet fever and 1 of diphtheria notified since the last meeting of the Committee.

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4-Seizure of a Diseased Pig—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 7th inst., he had ordered the destruction of the carcase of a pig, which he had found to be affected by tuberculosis, on premises belonging to Mr. Chas. Locke, Delhi Cottage, and that the same had been cremated at the Destructor.

5-Patients at the Delancey Hospital—Councillor Lawrence and Dr. Cocks Johnston attended this meeting of the Council, and the subject of the statement made by the former at the last meeting of the Council with reference to the improper admission of patients to the Delancey Hospital was inquired into, and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned to the meeting the Committee to be held on the 24th inst.

6-Houses without a proper Water Supply—It appearing on the Report of the Surveyor that the houses, Nos. 96 & 97, Tewkesbury Road, are without any supply of water, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner requiring him to obtain such supply, and that in default thereof the water be laid on and the expense recovered in manner provided by the Act.

7- Water Closet without Flushing Apparatus - The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 4, Belle Vue Place, has a Water Closet inside the house without a water supply and flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act to provide a proper water supply and efficient flushing apparatus.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of February, 1893—Present: Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Hands, Feeney, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

8—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

9—Patients at the Delancey hospital—This subject was further considered and the Committee agreed to report thereon that they have come to the conclusion that Councillor Lawrence was misled by the report of a statement said to have been made by a subordinate official of the Hospital, and for which the Medical Officer of the Hospital states, and the Committee believe, there was no sufficient foundation.

10- Delancey Hospital Trust—A Letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson of date 23rd inst., enclosing copy of the following resolutions passed by the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital, was read The Trustees are glad to find that the Town Council accept the following points on which they felt it their duty to insist, viz. :

1. That the nominees of the Town Council shall be co-opted Trustees.
2. That the Trustees shall exercise a reasonable control over the action of the Managing Committee. They, however, see objections to limiting the powers of the Chairman of the Managing Committee in the manner proposed, and would prefer leaving it with the Committee to select its own, Chairman, in which case the Trustees would in order to meet the point taken by the Public Health Committee, make a regulation giving power to any two members of the Committee to refer any matter to the whole body of Trustees for decision.

The Trustees must adhere to their proposal that the Town Council shall nominate 3 members only of the 7 constituting the Committee of Management, it being understood that on the retirement from the Trust of any one or more of the nominees of the Town Council, that body shall have power to nominate a member of the Town Council as his successor.

They are, however, prepared to withdraw their requirement that such three shall include or be in substitution for the members of the Corporation who are at present members of the Committee of Management, and to allow the nomination of two members of the Corporation besides Capt. J. C. Griffiths to serve on the Committee of Management as Trustees of the Hospital. Resolved, that the proposals of the Trustees be agreed to, subject to the following modifications.

1. The power of reference to the general body of Trustees to be exercised by three members of the Committee instead of two.
2. The three Trustees, including the present Mayor, to be nominated by the Council, to be members of the Public Health Committee, and so long, and so long only as they are members of that Committee.

11-Slaughter House Byelaws—The Town Clerk laid before the meeting the Draft of these Byelaws returned by the Local Government Board, arranged by the Board into two series, viz., Byelaws relating to the Registered and Licensed Slaughter Houses ; Byelaws relating to the Public Slaughter Houses. A deputation from the Butchers of the town who had memorialised the Local Government Board on the subject, consisting of Mr. C. S. Holliday, Mr. H. Waghorne, Mr. W. C. Davis, and F. Edwards, waited on the Committee and suggested alterations in some of the Byelaws. These were considered and given effect to the satisfaction of the deputation, and the Town Clerk was directed to return the Drafts, as now settled by the Committee, to the Local Government Board, stating the reasons why the Committee could not adopt such of the suggestions and alterations of the Board as they had not adopted and made.

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12 --Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Applications from John Haines, 1, Marlborough Place, and Edwin Stanley, 2, Brunswick Buildings, to be registered as Purveyors of Milk, and the Reports of the Medical

Officer of Health thereon, were read. Resolved, That the application of John Haines be not granted, but that Edwin Stanley be registered.

13-- Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been 2 cases of scarlet fever notified since the last meeting.

14— Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee, Draft of his Annual Report for the past year. Resolved, That it be read and considered at a special meeting of the Committee to be called for Tuesday next.

15— Small Pox—The Medical Officer of Health reported that having received information from the Medical Officer of Health of Bristol, that a Tramp who had traversed this part of the country, had developed small pox upon his arrival at Bristol Workhouse, and information having also been obtained from other sources of the occurrence of small pox in towns not very remote from Cheltenham, a letter had been written by him to the Medical Officer of the Workhouse, asking him to be on the qui vivo for small pox at that Institution, and letters of admonition had also been sent to the keepers of all the common Lodging Houses in the town.

16-Wells to be Closed--The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of wells, the water in which he had analysed and found to be impure. Resolved, That the list be adjourned for consideration at the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

17—Sewer in Arle Road—An application from Mr. M. H. Adcock to have the sewer in this road extended for a distance of 70 yards to serve four houses belonging to him—two of which are already erected, and the plans for the other two of which are now before the Corporation for approval, was read The Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of the extension at 420 Resolved, That the sewer be extended as required.

18—Sherborne Terrace —The Surveyor reported that an extension of the sewer at the back of the houses in Sherborne Terrace is required, and that the cost of such extension would be about £20. Resolved, That the extension be made.

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

J. H. Long, one month's Salary.	£8 6 8
E. Jones, 4 weeks' Wages	£5 0 0
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance ..	£2 5 0
General Hospital, Treatment of Typhoid Fever Patient	£6 14 0
Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients ..	£170 5 6
" Extra Nursing ..	£3 0 0
Dr. Garrett, Cab Hire..	£1 3 6

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of February, 1893—Present : Alderman Wethered Councillors Darby, Hands, Parsonage, Norman, and Williams (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

17—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman of this Meeting.

18—Hatherley Tarik—The Rev Dr. Flecker, Principal of the Dean Close School, attended, attended this meeting of the Committee and stated it was considered that the position of the tank is detrimental to the public health in that neighbourhood, and asked if it could be removed. The Borough Surveyor and the Medical Officer of Health were requested to report to the Committee on the subject.

19—Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee his Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1892, and the same having been read, Resolved, That 200 copies of the Report be printed.

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1893 —Present: Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, and Skillicorne (Alderman Wethered in the chair)

1-Great Western Railway Train Service—A Letter from Mr. Lambert, Secretary to the Great Western Railway, of date the 15th ult., was read, stating that it was found that if two additional trains were run over the Banbury and Cheltenham line in order to form connections at Chipping Norton Junction with the trains due to reach London at 12.15 p.m. and 8.40 p.m., and those which leave London at 9.50 a.m. and 4.45 p.m., as suggested by the Deputation, the running of 97 miles per day, or 30,361 miles per annum, would be involved and entail on the Company an expense of nearly £4,000 a year, and from their experience of the Cheltenham traffic either for London or Oxford, they would not be justified in incurring this cost. With regard to the suggestion that fast trains should take the place of existing trains on the Cheltenham and Banbury line the number of stopping trains now run are sufficiently few for the district and could not be reduced without giving rise to general dissatisfaction. The connections maintained by the existing service would be severed and such a disturbance of the service between Chipping Norton Junction and Banbury, and so to the North, would be involved as could only be justified by a strong case being made out for the alteration of the service between Cheltenham and Chipping Norton Junction. Having regard to falling receipts and diminished dividends the Directors have come to the conclusion that at the present time, at any rate, they would not be justified in incurring the cost involved in running additional trains, but have directed the officers to keep the subject before them when revising the train service, so that if any improvement can be carried out at a reasonable cost it may receive attention. Resolved, That having regard to the extremely unsatisfactory nature of the reply to the representations made by the

deputation which waited on the Directors, the Town Clerk be instructed to report to the Committee on the subject of an appeal to the Railway and Canal Commissioners, and if he thinks it necessary to take the opinion of Council thereon.

2 Montpellier Gardens—A Letter from the Stewards of the Manor in reply to the Letter of the Town Clerk, directed to be sent at the last meeting of the Committee, on the subject of the enfranchisement of the copyhold portions of the property, stating that they were desired by the Lord of the Manor to reciprocate the wish of the Council to carry out the enfranchisement of the property as a matter of friendly negotiation and was pre-eminently desirous of dealing with the Council to meet as far as he can in justice to himself the views of a public body who are striving to promote the welfare of the town at the least possible expense to the ratepayers, and in that view they would advise Mr. Agg-Gardner to accept the cost of the deed to be in addition, was read. Resolved, That the offer conveyed by the Steward's letter be accepted and that Mr. Agg-Gardner be thanked for meeting the Council in so friendly and generous a spirit.

3—Borough Boundaries—A Letter from Mr. Mallory, Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, forwarding copy of a Resolution passed at the last meeting of his Board, asking if the Council would pay the estimated Balance of the taxed costs amounting to between £140 and £150, and when and also what steps the Council propose taking towards helping the added area of Leckhampton to obtain separate representation, was read. Resolved, That the Council are prepared to pay the balance of the Leckhampton Board's taxed costs as estimated on the adjustment of the accounts between the Council and the Board after the Order is confirmed, and in reply to the latter part of the Board's Resolution the Committee can only refer it to the previous Resolutions of the Council on the subject.

4—Pittville Gardens—A Letter from Mr. W. B. Kendall, complaining of the enforcement of the Bye-Law in the case of his children, prohibiting the admission into the gardens of young children under the age of 12 unless they are in charge of or accompanied by an adult, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to Mr. Kendall. informing him that the Bye-, Law was framed in the interests of Parents for the protection of their children, and will be reasonably administered.

5—Parish Churchyard--Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to contribute the sum of £5 towards the cost (about £70) of the improvement in the Parish Churchyard.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of February, 1893—Present: Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Hands and King (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1— Borough Surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read:

On the 27th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 544 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 390 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton seas 31,901,073 gallons.

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On the 27th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet, and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, which gives a total storage of 131,924,774 gallons.

An application has been received for a supply of water at Lyefield West, Charlton Kings, which will involve an extension of about 30 yards ; the revenue will be amply sufficient to meet the outlay.

The pipes for the Cemetery Road extension have been received and a large portion laid ; the remainder is being proceeded with as the weather permits. The extension at Hatherley is finished, and I am arranging to write to all the occupiers along the line of the main"

The Surveyor laid before the Committee copy of a correspondence he had had with Mr. J. Burkill, relative to damage done to the walls of some of the rooms at his house, No. 3, Royal Parade, and to the furniture therein by the bursting of the water pipe from which it was alleged the Corporation employees had neglected to stop the water supply from the main in pursuance to a request from Mr. Burkill, to do so. The correspondence was considered by the Committee, and it was Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Burkill on the subject.

2—Col. Calcott— A Letter from Col. Berkeley Calcott, of Caynham, Lansdown Road, asking the Corporation to lower his service pipe so as to avoid risk of the supply being cut off by the frost, as has recently been the case for a period of three weeks, the pipe having been twice put in at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the Waterworks Engineer, was read. Resolved, That Col. Calcott be informed the exceptional severity of the weather caused not only his pipe to be frozen but hundreds of others, that the cause suggested by Col. Calcott, i.e., that the surface of the road has been lowered by the continual scraping of the scavengers, is impossible ; the matter will, however, be attended to before next winter.

3—Gibbons —A Letter from Messrs. Whitcombe, Gardom & Haines stating that they had been again directed by Mr. J. S. Gibbons to call attention to the fact that the gauge and other works which were under covenant by the Corporation to be constructed have not yet been begun, and that Mr. Gibbons had decided that it was absolutely necessary for the protection of his estate that the covenant be immediately carried into effect, and they would be obliged if, with that view, the Corporation would furnish them (on Mr. Gibbons' behalf) with definite plans and drawings of the proposed works, was read. The Surveyor was instructed to confer with Mr. G. B. Witts upon the subject.

4-Appeals —The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

5—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1893—Present : Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Norman, Parsonage and Waghorne (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1 - Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the month, viz., on the 6th inst., at No. 1, Promenade Terrace, in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Tate, damage done to the extent of about £15, the building and contents insured in the County and Phoenix Companies, who had paid the expenses of the Brigade amounting to £3 0s. 6d.

2-Hackney Carriage Drivers—Applications were received from and licenses to act as Drivers of Hackney Carriages granted to the following : Edwin Wiggall, Imperial Mews, Thomas Attwood, 20, St. James's street ; Edward Hampton, 24, Sandford Street ; Henry Workman, Jun., Imperial Mews; Oliver Long, 2, Hewlett Place. An application was also made by Arthur Paul, of 9, Portland Terrace, but the Committee, after seeing the applicant, considered him to be too young at present to act as a driver.

2- -Cabmen's Shelters—A Letter from Mrs. Bannerman, asking the Committee to grant sites for two shelters, one near the Pittville Gates, the other in Clarence Street, was read. Resolved, That Mrs. Bannerman be informed that the Committee regret they cannot give a site in Clarence Street as there is not sufficient room there for a shelter, and with respect to a site near Pittville Gates the Committee will view the position suggested.

4—Shelter at Montpellier— The question of the position of this shelter was further considered. Resolved, That unless a general objection thereto is made by the occupiers of the houses in Montpellier Walk, the Shelter be placed at the Upper or South end of the Stand there.

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5— Shelter in Imperial Square —A Letter from the Rev. Geo. Despard, stating that at the Annual Meeting of the Cabmen of Cheltenham, it was unanimously agreed that the present position of the above Shelter renders it practically useless to the men, and they had requested him as Chairman of the meeting to convey to the Corporation a petition for its removal, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Despard be referred to the previous Resolution of the Committee on the subject.

6—Town Clock—A Report from Mr. W. Ralph, the Gas Inspector, calling attention to the defective apparatus and appliances in the Clock for lighting the same, and suggesting certain alterations thereto was read and referred to the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

7—Folly Lane —Baylis—A Letter from E. L. Baylis, Esq., requesting, on behalf of Mr. Leighton, a cheque for £6 0s. 5d., as the contribution of the Corporation towards the repair of this road for the year ending 1st July, 1892, in respect of the Allotment Ground, was read and considered. Resolved, That the matter stand over for a Report from the Borough Surveyor as to the repair of this road and the liability of the several parties in connection therewith.

8—Fine on Non-acceptance and Resignation of Office by Aldermen and Councillors— The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft of proposed Bye-Law as follows : " Every qualified person elected to the Corporate offices of Alderman or Councillor who (unless exempt by virtue of Sec. 34 of the

Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or otherwise by law shall not accept the office by making and subscribing the Declaration required by the said Act within five days after notice of his election, shall be liable to pay the Council a fine of Ten Pounds."

Resolved, That the foregoing Bye-Law be made at the meeting of the Council on the 6th prox.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of February, 1893—Present :
Councillors Drew, King, Moles, and Norman (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Hot Water Baths at Alstone—The question of providing Hot Water Baths in connection with the Alstone Swimming Bath and the plan for the fitting up of three such Baths as submitted by the Borough Surveyor some months ago, was further considered. The Surveyor's estimate of the cost of the work is £35 to £40, and he considers that the Baths can be maintained without loss to the Ratepayers if a charge of 3d. or 4d. to each person for the use of them is made. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to adopt the Surveyor's plan and to have the work carried out at a cost not exceeding £40.

2 --Naunton Recreation Ground—The Surveyor reported that the levelling of this ground was practically finished, that the fencing was also completed on the side of Mr. Jordan's land, and that arrangements had been made for a setting back of the fence belonging to Mr. Cornelius Smith, and a corresponding accommodation made to Mr. Smith in respect of the land of the Corporation on the opposite side—an arrangement necessitated by the width and position of the boundary ditch on one side, and that the whole of the fencing would be completed in the course of a month.

3-Barrett's Mill—The Surveyor reported that Mr. Coombe, who had occupied this property by the month, was anxious to give up possession on the 1st April. Resolved, That the notice be accepted.

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of February, 1893—Present :
Aldermen Haddon, Rogers ; Councillors Moles, Steel, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the Chair)—

1—Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved, viz.:—Tombs to Matilda Knight, Donald Constable Travers Mackenzie, and Henry Rogers Wilson ; Headstones to Elizabeth Irvine, Mary Pace Poytress, Anne Seddon, Fanny Portlock,

2-Arrangement with Canon Bell—The Superintendent laid before the Committee a statement showing the result of the twelve months' working of the arrangement under the agreement with the Rector, and the same was considered satisfactory.

3—Cemetery Roads—In accordance with instructions given at the last meeting, the Surveyor reported that he had examined the roads in the Cemetery and found that it would cost £25 to put them in proper repair, and maintain them during the present year. Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised to repair the roads in question at a cost not exceeding £25.

4—Rule as to sending in Designs, &c.—The Town Clerk reported that he had had the notice ordered by the Committee at last meeting printed on suitable cards, and that they were being sent out to the several Masons, Sculptors, and others concerned.

5--Additional Ground for Interments—The Superintendent having called attention to the need for more land for ordinary graves, the Committee decided to inspect the Cemetery on an early date after the next Council meeting, to see what arrangements can be made.

6—James Moss's Application—A letter from Mr. James Moss, of 47, Russell Street, stating that he had paid two sets of Fees in respect of the burial of his two children on the 23rd December last, and asking the Committee to remit half the amount in consideration of there having been only one interment, was read. Resolved, That under the circumstances one set of fees, viz., 12s. 6d. be remitted.

7—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages.. .. £10 17s. 0d.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of March, 1893—Present: Alderman Thoyts ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the Chair)—

1-the Montpellier Gardens be borrowed from the Corporation of Swansea at 3 ¼ per cent., and that 2,000 of the sum standing to the credit of the General Sinking and Loans Fund of this Council be lent to the Swansea Corporation, and at the same rate of Interest.

2-£10,000 Street Improvement Loan—Resolved, That notice be given to the holders of £9,500 Mortgages (part issue of the above loan) of the intention of the Corporation to pay off the several sums due to each, on the expiration of six months from the date of the notice, unless they are prepared accept Interest at 3 ¼ per cent. in lieu of what is now paid.

3-- General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd inst on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £11,652 ; leaving outstanding £1209 14s. 1 ½ d.

4 --Water Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd inst on the collection of this Rate was read. Receipts, £7887 9s 11d., leaving outstanding £789 17s. 7d.

5—ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid.

Amount in hand last month	£6484 7 2
Received during the Month	<u>£11374 1 4</u>
	£17858 8 6
Paid during the Month	<u>£4973 00 4</u>
In hand	£12884 18 2
General Account	£10821 2 11
Sinking and Loans Funds.	<u>£2063 15 3</u>
	£12884 18 2

EDWIN LAWRENCE.

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1893—Present: Aldermen Haddon, Rogers, Ramsay and Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Parsonage and Skillicorne (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 presented to the Library during the past month :—

R. Simmonds	3 Vols.
J. C. Browne	1 Vol.
Sir W. W. Hunter	1 Vol.
Registrar of Durham University	1 Vol.
Mrs. R. M. Crawshay	1 Pamphlet
C. H. Waterhouse ..	3 Vols.
Rev. S. Baker-Penoyre	5 Vols.
The Baron de Ferrieres	2 Vols.
F. Vacher .	1 Vol.
Sir O. T. Burne	1 Vol.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Aberdeen, Burslem, Clerkenwell, and St. Martins-in-the-Fields.

2—The Rev. E. Turland's Offer—A Letter from the Rev. E. Turland offering for the acceptance of the Corporation an unclassified collection of bones, some 50 or 60 items in all, was read, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

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

Income Tax, re-Public Library ..	£5 0 0
W. Jones, Wages Account .. .	£10 8 0
Archaeological Society, Books ..	£0 10 6

A. C. S. Billings, repairs in Library Building and School of Science £31 0 8

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of February, 1893 —Present Aldermen Ramsay and Rogers ; Councillors Hands, Heath, Moles, Steel and Parsonage (Councillor Hands in the chair) —

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses be issued against the parents, of the following children :— Fred Timbrell, 7, St. Paul's Street South Laura Gibbons, 3, Victoria Street Charles Spencer, Reform Place Samuel Gould, Evelyn Cottages Henry Birchley, Britannia Square

2-Attendance Officers' Reports—The usual Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered.

3—Absentee Returns—Powell—The Resolution passed by the Committee at the last meeting, relative to the correspondence between Mr. Wigley and Mr. Powell, the Head Master of St. Mark's Schools, as to the sending in of Absentee Returns having been returned to Mr. Powell, and an apology demanded from him. Letters were now read from Mr. Powell expressing regret for the statements made by him and withdrawing all charges against the Committee or their officers.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

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Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, March 16th, 1893.

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 Tuesday, the 21st day of March instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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 TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.
3. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 21st of March, 1893.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1893—Present : Aldermen Thoys and Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, and Norman.

1---Montpellier, Marle Hill, & Pittville—The Committee made an inspection of the Montpellier Gardens and the Marle Hill and Pittville Estates, and gave directions to the Surveyor in reference to matters requiring attention.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1893 Present Aldermen Thoys and Wethered ; Councillors Lawrence, Skillicorne, and Norman (Alderman Col Thoys in the chair)—

2 - Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Col. Thoys was appointed Chairman of this meeting.

3— Montpellier Gardens--Resolved, That the Gardens be opened under the Corporation Administration to Subscribers and the Public on Monday, the 27th instant, on the following terms for the ensuing year

Annual Subscription for all Members of the Family and Household in a house £1 1 0

“ “ for Individuals £0 10 6

Special arrangements to be made for Schools and large establishments.

Single daily admission, each individual £0 0 3

Tennis Courts from £3 3s to £5 5s per annum ; ditto with Net 2s per hour.

Archery Ground to be let to the Archery Club, as heretofore, for £11 10s for the season, on same conditions as on previous occasions.

Combined Admission to the Pittville and Montpellier Gardens—

Members of Family and Household in a House £1 5 0

Individuals £0 15 0

The Montpellier Gardens to be opened on Sundays to *Subscribers only*

4—Pittville Estate— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £10 in erecting an additional plant house near those already erected.

Three applications for the use of the Pump Room and Upper Garden, having been made, two being from residents on the Pittville Estate entitled to admission, and one from a non-resident. Resolved, That the charge in the two former cases be £5 5s and in the latter £7 7s ; and that the Pump Room and Pump Room Gardens be closed to the public on the 6th, 8th and 18th prox.

Town Band—Resolved, That permission be given to the Town Band to give two concerts of sacred music on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

6—Chicago Exhibition— Resolved, That the Surveyor be empowered to get a frame made for the exhibition of the Cheltenham Photographs at this Exhibitions at a cost not exceeding £10 10s.

N. B. THOYTS, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, March 29th, 1893.

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 Tuesday, the 4th day of April next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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 at the Special Meeting held on the 21st instant.

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

3. To approve or otherwise the proceedings of

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

4. Notices of Motion.

5. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be:

Henry Lambert, Esq., (G.W.R.) re suggested shorter means of access to the G.W. Railway Station. Mr. R. W. Jackson re Gas Rail at 9, Winchcomb Street. F. La Terriere, Esq., and others re Private Improvement Works, at lower Alstone. B. L. Astley, Esq., and others re Footpaths in Christ Church Road. Mr. C. F. Pugh re Prosecution of " Meat Kings ". Eastmans Limited and 175 others re their right to expose goods for sale in front of their shops.

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 Tuesday, the 4th of April, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of March, 1893—Present ; Aldermen Haddon and Col. Thoyts; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Parsonage and Steel (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report — The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 16.09 candles. Purity, 8.98 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of Gas per lamp during the month, 4.292 cubic feet

3-Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 14 (2 metered). Burning dimly. 50 (6 metered).

4—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways —The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month :

Roads Coated with Clee Hill Stone—All Saints Road (finished) 4,200 square yards, Promenade 1,666 yards, Cemetery Road 1947 yards, Queen's Road 1,433 yards, Queen's Circus 1,050 yards, Hewlett Street 595 yards, Clarence Street 405 square yards, St. James's Square 155 yards, Sherborne Street 666 yards, Victoria Street (Fairview) 90 yards—Total 12,307 yards.

Patching—St. George's Road, Millbrook Street, Great Western Road, Badgworth Road, Trafalgar Street, Arle Road, Vernon Place, St. Stephen's Road, Prestbury Road, Oriel Road, Swindon Road, St. George's Place, High Street, Montpellier Street, Royal Well Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Imperial Square, South side (proceeding).

Patching—Charlton Lane, St. James's Street, Badgworth Road, Roman Road, Back of Montpellier Terrace.

Curbing, Crossings and Paving have been repaired in St. Paul's Street, Crescent Place, Regent Street, Oriel Road, Vernon Place, King's Road, Trafalgar Street, Montpellier Terrace, Clarence Parade, Imperial Square (East side) in hand, Priory Street, Bath Road, Bath Street, Royal Well Place, Sherborne Street and Cleveland Street.

In Evesham Road 324 square yards of silver grey paving have been relaid, and 99 square yards of granite paving has been laid to replace broken and defective flags Naunton Lane has been widened for a length of 146 yards, so that it now has a mean width of 35 feet.

The new wood crossing ordered last month has been laid down opposite the entrance to the Workhouse.

In works of Private Improvement, Montpellier Grove is finished, Chapel Place, Tewkesbury Road, and Christ Church Road pavements are being proceeded with.

Some of the trees in Lansdown Road, Tewkesbury Road, and Christ Church Road, have been pruned.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 452 ; Cart Loads 600 ; consumed at the Destructor 581 tons 5 cwt.

The Surveyor reported that he had also arranged for a further widening of Naunton [Lane]? from adjoining the property of Mrs. Ward for a length of about 78 yards, the Corporation to set back the fence from the road. Resolved, That the matter be left in the Surveyor's hands to carry out.

5—North Place Footpath—A specification from the Surveyor, of date the 27th day of March inst., of the Works required to be done to the above Street, was 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 street, 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.

6---Road near Bayshill Inn---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 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.

7—Lighting of Swindon Place—This matter was again adjourned.

8—Lane at Back of Wellington Square—A Letter from R. J. Winterbotham, Esq., of Glenmore Lodge, requesting that in order to get rid of the unpleasant nickname of the above Lane, the name " Wellesley Lane," should be put up. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

9--Venice— Mr. Shenton—A Letter from Mr. E. B. Shenton asking permission to erect over the footpath in the Promenade, at the entrance to the Winter Gardens, an arch of gas piping with globes on the top, on the occasion of "Venice in Cheltenham," was read. Resolved, That the required permission be granted for a period not exceeding two months, the arch to be fixed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

10—Pillar letter Box--Christ Church Road—An application from the Postmaster of Cheltenham, for leave to fix a Pillar Letter Box in Christ Church Road, about midway down the Road, on the West side, was read. Resolved, That permission be granted.

11—Road by Parish Church Schools—A Letter from the Rev. Canon Bell, calling attention to the private lane between the Great Western Station and New Street, and stating that in wet weather the children suffer very much from wet feet, owing to the state of the footpath, to say nothing of the roadway, was read, together with a letter from the Engineer of the Great Western Railway. which accompanied the Canon's letter, stating that the road in question is a private road belonging to the Great Western Railway. Resolved, That the Surveyor be requested to report to the Committee upon the subject.

12 —Road in Priory Place—A Memorial from the Rev. Dr Cook, of Priory Lawn, and others, calling attention to the above road which is a private one, and requesting that it may, as soon as possible, be made fit for use, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification for the necessary repairs, to be done by the abutting owners.

13— Thirlestaine Road—A Letter from T. F. Fenwick, Esq., relative to the charges made for the Private Improvement Works executed in the above road, was read, and referred to the Borough Surveyor to deal with.

14—Road at Back of Lypiatt Terrace—A Letter from C. W. Aylmer, Esq., calling attention to the state of the above road, which is in a very bad state, was read ; and it appearing that the sewer under this road is in a very bad condition, and requires reconstruction in part. Resolved, That the question of the repair of the road be adjourned until the sewer has been reconstructed.

15—Malvern Road— Resolved that the Surveyor do bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to the footpath, from the Glo'ster road to Malvern Villa on the south side of the road, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to lay down a crossing from Malvern Villa to Christ Church, when the above mentioned works are executed.

16—New Street Improvements—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase by the London and North Western Railway Company of the property in New Street in their occupation, and the land at the Junction of New Street and Ambrose Street had been completed

17- 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 :—Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church, proposed Infants' School and Parish Room in Jersey Street. Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church, alterations to the Chancel of Trinity Church. Mr. J. H. Fluck, Cottage in Naunton Crescent. Mr. C. T. Clark, Cottage in Naunton Crescent. Mr. R. R. Skemp, additions to Workshop in Gratton Terrace. Mr. Harry Packer, Shed in Yard at 23, Tewkesbury Road. The latter approved subject to the building being made of incombustible material.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 15th day of March, 1893- Present Alderman Wethered; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (Alderman Wethered in the chair)-

1-Chairman -- In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman, at this Meeting.

2-Delancey Hospital-A Letter from Dr. Wilson referring to the Resolution hereon passed at the last Meeting of the Council, arid stating that he had been instructed by the Trustees to say that they were willing to accept the modifications proposed by the Town Council, was read. Resolved, That the

Town Clerk be directed to confer with Mr. Gurney and prepare a Draft Agreement embodying the arrangements come to by the respective resolutions of the Council and the Trustees.

3 -Wyman's Brook-Prestbury Sewage -A Letter from Mr. Ticehurst the Clerk to the Rural. Sanitary Authority (in reply to one from the Town Clerk) stating that the Rural Sanitary Authority had adopted a scheme for sewerage of the whole of the village of Prestbury, and had applied to the Local Government Board for leave to borrow the necessary funds for carrying out the operations ; that the Local Government Board would send down an Inspector to hold an inquiry previously to sanctioning the proposed Loan, and that the Authority were only waiting for this sanction to proceed with the matter, was read. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Town Clerk, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to appear at the Enquiry, on the part of the Council, and that Mr. Ticehurst be requested to furnish this Committee with a copy of the Plan, or Plans sent to the Local Government Board.

4-Dairies and Cowsheds Order-An application from Elizabeth Ann Sale to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk, at No. 177, High Street, was read, together with the Report of the Medical Officer of Health thereon. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

5-Zymotic Disease -The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting, 12 cases of scarlet fever, 2 of diphtheria, and 1 of enteric fever.

6 -Water Closet without Flushing Apparatus --The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 9, Park View, Tivoli, had a Water Closet inside the house without a proper Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to provide a proper water supply and efficient flushing apparatus.

7-North Ward Hall - The Medical Officer of Health reported the necessity for providing Urinal accommodation in the yard adjoining the above Hall for the use of people attending the Hall, the absence of such accommodation being the cause of a nuisance injurious to public health. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner to abate the nuisance by providing a proper Urinal.

8- Roebuck Cottages-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Pans of the Water Closets at this property are in bad condition, and that there is no flushing apparatus provided, Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to do what is necessary.

9-Manure Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported 4 cases in which the Notices from his department to construct these receptacles had not been complied with, and two cases in which Notice given by the Town Clerk had been neglected. Resolved, That the usual notice be given by the Town Clerk in respect of the first named cases, and that in the two latter cases the Town Clerk be instructed to sue for the penalties.

10-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee a list of cases, 20 in number, in which the Notices given by the Town Clerk had not been complied with, 7 of them being in respect of Impure Wells, and the remainder in respect of general nuisances Resolved, That the lists be referred to the Town Clerk to take the necessary proceedings in each case.

EDWARD WETHERED, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of March, 1893-Present Alderman Wethered; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Hands, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (Alderman Wethered in the chair)-

11 - Dairies and Cowsheds Order-An application from Robt. Wonson, to be Registered as a Purveyor of Milk, at the Paragon Dairy, Bath Road, was read, together with the report of the Medical Officer of Health thereon. Resolved, That the applicant be registered

12-Zymotic Diseases-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been 4 cases of scarlet fever and a of Diptheria reported since the last Meeting, and that there were now in the Hospital, 8 cases.

13-Overcrowding-Barnard's Row & Little's Court-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses in Barnard's Row occupied by Frederick Alder, and in Little's Court occupied by Elizabeth Leach, are so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That proceedings be taken under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act to ensure an abatement of the nuisance.

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14- Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 88, Albion Street, 6, St. Luke's Terrace, and 8 and 9, Normal Terrace, have Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notice be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, to provide an efficient Flushing Apparatus and proper Water Supply thereto.

15-Drains at 6, St. Luke's Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the drains and water closet on these premises are a nuisance and injurious to health, and requested that Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act should be put in force. Resolved, That the Surveyor be empowered to enter and examine and act in the matter as provided by the said Section.

16—Drains at 18, All Saint's Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that the drains and water closets on these premises are a nuisance or injurious to health, and applied that action should be taken under Sec 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved, That the Surveyor be empowered to enter and examine, and act as provided by the Section in question.

17 —Houses without a Proper Water Supply—It appearing on the report of the Surveyor, that the houses at Nos. 24, King Street, and 2, Normal Terrace are without any Water supply, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation Mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notices be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to obtain such supply, and that in default thereof the water be laid on and the expenses recovered in manner provided by the Act.

18-- Hatherley Tank —The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report hereon, and the consideration of the same was adjourned till the Committee also have before them the report of the Borough Surveyor upon the same subject

19— Wells to be Closed—The List of Wells the water whereof is impure, reported by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Monthly Meeting, was considered. Resolved, That the necessary notices for an order to close the Wells under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given in all the cases, and in the event of such notices not being complied with, the Town Clerk do take the necessary subsequent proceedings in respect of such two of the cases as he and the Medical Officer of Health may select

20- Delancey Hospital Trust—Resolved, That Alderman Wethered and Councillor Norman in addition to the Chairman of this Committee, be the Nominees of the Council on the Trust.

21- Abattoir—The Surveyor reported that the following were the Nos. of Cattle, &c., slaughtered in the Abattoir up to and including the 16th inst :-163 Head of Cattle ; 559 Sheep ; 322 Pigs. The fees for slaughtering the above amounted to £20 19s. 1d., including 1s. lairage fee.

22-Medical Officer of Health—Residence of —The Medical Officer of Health requested permission to reside on the confines of his District as it will be constituted under the order for extension of the Borough Boundaries, that is to say, at a house called Glenrise, in the Parish of Charlton Kings. Resolved, That such permission be accorded.

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

Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients ..	£41 13 0
General Hospital, Treatment of Typhoid Fever Patients ..	£2 14 0
E. Jones, 5 weeks' Wages ..	£5 0 0
J. H. Long, one Month's Salary ..	£8 6 8
Medical Practitioners, Notification Fees ..	£6 5 0
One Medical Directory.. ..	£0 14 0
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance ..	£1 10 0
Gas Company—Gas at Post-Mortem Room	£0 0 6
“ Gas at Public Urinal.	£0 5 11
“ Gas at Abattoir	£1 8 1

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 29th day of March, 1893—Present: Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Heath, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Gardens—The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the purchase of this property.

2-Borough Boundaries —A Letter from Mr Mallory, the Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, stating that he had been directed to ask the Town Clerk to join him in sending a letter to Sir John

Dorrington with a view to inducing the Local Government Board to insert a clause in the Provisional Order Bill giving the added area of Leckhampton separate representation by the formation of a New Ward as suggested by the Improvement Committee of the Council and his Board last year, was read ; together with a reply from the Town Clerk, stating that Mr. Mallory's letter would be brought before the Town Improvement Committee at their usual monthly meeting, and that in the meantime Mr. Mallory must be satisfied with the Resolution of the Council which had been sent to him on the 7th inst. in reply to a similar application on the part of his Board, but he had no reason to suppose the Council would depart from the attitude on the subject which they had consistently preserved from the first. The Town Clerk also pointed out that Mr. Mallory was in error in stating that the Improvement Committee had suggested separate representation, they having only suggested certain alterations in the Wards in the event of the Local Government Board thinking it right to give separate representation. Resolved, That the Letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

3—Promenade Improvement - Nos 1 to 13a included—A Letter from Messrs. Walter Wilkins & Son stating that they should be happy to renew their proposal of 2nd December, 1891, and saw no reason why the Corporation should not proceed with the work at once, which would probably have some effect in bringing the owners to a speedy decision, was read. Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to ask the Owners and Occupiers to meet this Committee to discuss the matter, with the view to ascertain if there is any reasonable probability of the improvement being carried out.

4----Fountain—Resolved, That subject to some necessary modifications consequent on the arrangement with Mr. Powell, this be proceeded with

5— Montpellier—Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to open the Gardens after 2 p.m. on Sundays free to the general public, subject to such regulations as the Committee may from time to time think it desirable to make. And that notice be given by the Chairman or mover of these minutes at the next Council Meeting of the necessary resolution for altering the resolution passed on the above subject at the Special Council Meeting held on the 21st inst.

6—Lamps for Decorations—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase £15 worth of Vauxhall Lamps for use in the Pittville and Montpellier Gardens on public occasions.

7 —Fireworks at Montpellier A Letter from Mr. E. B. Shenton, enquiring the lowest terms for use of the Montpellier Gardens for two Firework Displays during the Cricket Week, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Shenton be informed the Committee have decided not to let the Gardens for such a purpose.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of March, 1893—Present : Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered Councillors Darby, Hands King and Waghorne (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1-Borough Surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read On the 27th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 336 Gallons

per minute ; the average for the last four years being 267 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 24,988,093 gallons.

On the 27th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet 11 inches, and the contents 95,371,522 gallons, which gives a total storage of 119,959,615 gallons.

The Report of the Boiler Insurance Co. relative to one of the Boilers at Tewkesbury requiring some repairs has been received, the required repairs have been done, I tested the boiler to 100 lbs. pressure on Saturday last, and on the same day it was tested by the Inspector of the Insurance Company.

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The Company have also requested that the Boiler at Sandford be raised for a thorough inspection, as there are indications of defects along the line of the seating, which cannot be properly examined when the Boiler is in contact with the brickwork, and it is probable that some extensive repairs will be required.

The following letter has been received from Mr. Parslow, and as it refers to a somewhat unusual circumstance, I shall be glad to receive your instructions for dealing with it.

" Victoria Street, Cheltenham, 16/3/[18]93.

Dear Sir,—Having called at Municipal Offices to-day for stop-cock hover box for 28, All Saints' Road, waiting from the 28th February till to-day, the stock of boxes having been used up at Office, my customer complained about the long delay. Having paid for 3 boxes during the late Manager's time, which I can prove, and having used same on Corporation work, I think I am right in applying for 3 more in place, and so save delay in future.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

To Mr. Hall, Borough Surveyor. (Signed) JOHN PARSLow."

Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to repay Mr. Parslow for the 3 boxes mentioned in his letter on his producing the receipt for the price of them, and on being satisfied that the boxes in question have been used for Corporation work.

2—Mr. Burkill's Complaint —The Town Clerk read a copy of the letter which by direction of the Committee at their last meeting he had written to Mr. Burkill, the amount of compensation therein offered being £10

A further letter from Mr. Burkill. declining to accept the amount offered, and stating in detail the goods, &c., injured, and that the Corporation could have all they can replace with new ones, and must pay for the injury to those that cannot be replaced, on the estimate of competent assessors, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Burkill be informed the Committee still considers he has no legal claim on the Corporation, but under all the circumstances recommend that Mr. Burkill be offered the sum of £20 in discharge of his claim on the Corporation, and that should this offer, which is made without prejudice, be declined, Mr. Burkill must adopt what course he may think best to enforce his claim.

3—Supply of Water to Tewkesbury—The question of supplying water in bulk to the Borough of Tewkesbury was again considered, and the Town Clerk was directed to enquire of Mr. Badham, what

quantity of water will be required by his Corporation, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to report to the Committee upon the subject.

4—Royal Engineers Volunteers —A Letter from Lieut.-Col Rogers stating that it is intended to hold their Annual Camp this year at Tewkesbury, as usual, and asking the Corporation to assist them by providing the Camp with water, from 22nd June to 1st July, was read. Resolved, That the request be complied with.

5-Appeals —The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

6—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1893—Present Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the month.

2.--Temporary Changes of Hackney Carriages —Several applications for leave to change Hackney Carriages during the repair of their Licensed Carriages, were read, and the required permission granted in each case.

3—W. P. Jones' Application—An application from W. P. Jones for permission to permanently substitute a Phaeton for his present licensed carriage, a Landau, was read. Resolved, That the change be not allowed.

4— Chas. Arundel's Application—A letter from Mr. Chas. Arundel, Junr., stating that he had arranged to take to the business of the Leckhampton Inn, and requesting the Committee to grant him a transfer of the two licenses now attached to the premises, and which Mr. Smith, the present owner, had agreed to hand over, was read. Resolved, That on the existing licenses being sent in to be cancelled, new licenses will be issued until the next Annual Licensing Day.

5-- Driver's License—An application was received front, and a License to drive a Hackney Carriage granted to John Hill, of 206, High Street.

6—Proposed Cabmen's Shelter at Montpellier—A Memorial from Mr. A. E. Hoare and others, strongly objecting to this shelter being placed at Montpellier Walk, and adding that they would consider it a nuisance and quite unnecessary was read. Resolved, that in the face of the opposition to the placing of the Shelter in the position indicated, the Committee regret they are unable to accept the offer of a Shelter for that locality.

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

British Window Cleaning Company, Office Windows	£3 0 0
R. W. Young, Commission on Market Tolls	£0 17 2
Gas Company, Gas at Municipal Offices.	£6 6 8

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of March, 1893—Present :
Councillors King, Feeney, Norman, and Woodard (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—Resolved, That this Bath be opened on Easter Monday.

2- -Hot Water Baths at Alstone—This matter having been referred back to the Committee for further consideration, the Committee on reconsideration have come to the conclusion that the question of the provision of Hot Water Baths should be adjourned until it can be dealt with in a more comprehensive and complete manner.

3— Kyrie Society—A Letter from Lieut.-Col. Browne, the Hon. Treasurer of the Kyrie Society, calling attention to the efforts made by the Society during the past two summers to open to the public, and maintain as a garden, a portion of the Old Cemetery ; the Society having had the ground levelled and laid out with an effective border of shrubs, and provided suitable seats, and a caretaker constantly on the spot when the ground was open, that the number of visitors has been considerable, but that the means at the disposal of the Society are small, and it is with the hope that the Corporation will be able to afford them some assistance in the continuance of the work that this appeal is now made, was read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

4—Hour of Meeting of the Committee—Resolved, That in future the hour of Meeting of this Committee be at 3 p.m.

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 10th day of March, 1893—Present: Alderman Haddon and Rogers ; Councillors Feeney, King, Moles. Parsonage, and Steel (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1— Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee inspected the Cemetery with a view to the provision of more land for ordinary grave spaces, and they came to the conclusion that there are at present a proportionately greater number of vault spaces than are likely to be required. They therefore Resolved—

That there shall be reserved in the Inner Eastern Road, vault spaces 3 in depth along the whole length of the road, the remainder that are now set apart for vault spaces being used as ordinary graves. That along the Outer Circular Road on the Eastern side of the Cemetery the number of vault spaces be reduced to two in depth, leaving the remainder of the ground for use as ordinary graves.

That a similar re-arrangement of the vault spaces be made in the Outer Circular Road on the West side of the ground, and the Inner Western Road, and also along the South and East Outer Road.

That the Town Clerk do give notice to Mr. Pratley that the Burial Board will require possession at the expiration of six months from service of the notice, of that portion of the land rented by him which lies to the East of the Chapels, about 1a, 3r, 17p, as marked out on the ground by the Borough Surveyor.

That the Surveyor do prepare and submit an estimate for carrying the Corporation water up to the Chapels to supply the Water Closets, and also for repairing the bridge crossing the Wyman's Brook and the fences near the bridge.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1893—Present Aldermen Haddon, Rogers ; Councillors Feeney, Moles, Parsonage, Steel, and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the Chair)—

2- Mr. Denis Driscoll's Complaint—A complaint from Mr. Denis Driscoll, of 6, Nailsworth Terrace, that the grave in which his mother was interred in December, 1890, had been filled up with the bodies of strangers, and that as one of the immediate consequences, his family had been unable to use that grave for the burial in February last, of the remains of their sister, a fact that was very painful to the feelings of the family, who had relied upon their right to the use of the grave for the usual term of 14 years, was read. The Committee being satisfied that by some means a mistake had been committed in respect of this grave, apparently through the fact of the Interment Notice and Burial having come from Nazareth House, decided to set apart another grave space for the sole use of the Driscoll family, as near the present one as possible (i.e. No. 7136 Sec. D.)

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3— Headstones over Unpurchased Graves—The desirability of making a Rule prohibiting the erection of Memorials over spaces which have not been purchased, was discussed, and adjourned for further consideration.

4—Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved, viz, :—Headstones to Alice Wensley, Edward Green, Sampson Evans, Sarah Ann Jones, Marie von Borries, Henry James Craddock, Charles W. Walker, Emily Loader, Anne Pyke Blaxland ; Kerbing to Angela Winifred Smith ; Tomb to Clement J. Hawkins.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages .. £9 5 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE. Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 30th day of March, 1893—Present :
Alderman Col. Thoyts Councillors Darby, Feeney, Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in
the Chair)—

1-Street Improvement £9,500 Loan —A Letter from Mr. E. S. Wood, of Winchcomb, consenting to
continue his Loan of £3,000 at 3 ¼ per cent., was read

2-Budget Meeting—Resolved, That the Annual Budget Meeting of this Committee be held on the
10th April, at 3.15 p.m.

3-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst. on the
collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £11,914 15s. 1d. ; leaving uncollected £974 0s.
1d.

4-Water Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst on the collection of this
Rate was read. Receipts, £8299 8s. 7d., leaving outstanding £407 17s. 2d

5 - Thirlestaine Road —Handcock—A Letter from the Rev. R. G. Handcock, asking the Committee to
re-consider the decision inti-mated to him in the Town Clerk's Letter of 8th Feb., to the effect that he
should pay the amount of £33 11s. 10d. by instalments commencing on 8th March, to be completed
by 8th December, and consent to receive the first during the first week in June, the second in the
first week of October, and the third in the first week of the February following, was read. Resolved,
That these dates be agreed to.

6-Alstone Lane—Higgs—Application having been made by Mr. Geo. Higgs for leave to repay the sum
of £2 11s. 3d. due from him for Private Improvements Works in Alstone Lane, as follows:—11s. 3d.
down, and 10s. per month afterwards. Resolved, That repayments be allowed on those terms.

7 — ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for
the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid.

Amount in hand last month	£12884 18 2
Received during the Month	£ <u>1905 16 10</u>
	£14790 15 0
Paid during the Month	£ <u>2925 1 9</u>
In hand	£11865 13 3
General Account	£9801 18 0
Sinking and Loans Funds.	£ <u>2063 55 3</u>
	£11865 13 3

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1893—Present : Aldermen Wethered ; Councillors Feeney, Neale, Parsonage, Skillicorne, and The Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Wethered in the Chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman of this Meeting.

2- Librarian's 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 :—

E. H. Lovewell,	1 Vol.
Charles Wilson ..	1 Vol.
Registrar of University College of Wales	1 Vol
H. Finch ..	1 Vol.
Colonel Thoyts	13 Vols.

Annual Reports of from the Libraries at Birmingham, Coventry, Liverpool.

3-Chief Assistant Librarian—A Letter from Mr. S. J. Clarke resigning his position as Chief Assistant Librarian, he having been appointed to an assistantship at the Chelsea Public Library, was read. Resolved, That the Librarian be instructed to advertise for an Assistant at 6s a week, and to engage Claude O. Balcomb, son of Mr. Balcomb of Prestbury, as an apprentice for 4 years, at a commencing salary of 5s a week, increasing 1s a week in each year.

Resolved, That the Assistants be given to understand that they must give a month's notice when they intend to resign their positions.

Resolved, That a Testimonial be given to Clarke, to be drawn up and signed by the Chairman.

4---The Rev. E. Turland's Offer. — Mr. Turland's letter was further considered, and it was Resolved, That Alderman Wethered be requested to see the collection in question, and report to the Committee thereon.

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

J. J. Banks, Newspapers	£11 16 4
Magazines	£3 5 9
Books....	£3 19 3
Gas Company, Coke ..	£6 0 0
Norman and Sawyer, Binding, &c..	£15 0 10
W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£8 10 0
Gas Company, Gas at Library	£18 0 7
Accounts under 10s each ..	£0 8 4

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1893—Present: Aldermen Ramsey, Rogers Thoyts, and Wethered : Councillors Drew, Feeney, Norman, and Parsonage (Councillor Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-Science and Technical School—A Letter from the Deputy Clerk of the County Council, Mr. Gardom, stating that the County Council had decided to allow the unexpended balance of the £400 granted on the 18th June, 1892, to be handed over by the Town Council to the Committee of the Cheltenham Science and Technical School, to be applied in aid of that Committees' General Expenditure, was read. Resolved, That the balance in question amounting to £250 (£150 having been already paid and applied for Capital purposes) be now paid to the Committee of the Science and Technical School.

2—Grammar School—A Letter from Mr. J. B. Winterbotham, Hon. Secretary of the Pates's Grammar School, asking for a grant for the purposes of Technical Education, and stating the reasons why such a grant should be made, was read. Resolved, That application be made to the County Council for a grant of £1000 for the ensuing year, to be appropriated and applied as follows :—

To The School of Science	£400 0 0
To The School of Art ..	£250 0 0
To The School of Cookery	£150 0 0
To The Grammar School ..	£100 0 0
To The Public Library for Technical Books & Publications	£100 0 0

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3--Charlton Kings—The application for a Grant in aid of the Art Teaching at the Working Men's Institute in this parish was further considered, and the Town Clerk was directed to write for further information on the subject.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1893 —Present : Alderman Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillors Hands, Parsonage, Moles, and Steel (Councillor Hands in the chair).—

1--Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses be issued against the parents, of the following children :— William Hunt, Ewlyn Cottages. Elizabeth Hunt, Ewlyn Cottages. Frederick Hawling, Reform Place. Percy Surman, 44, Union Street. George Onione, 1, Providence Square. George Morris, 24, York Street. Kate Welsh, 1, Gas Lane. Charles Harman, 3, Gas Lane. Alfred Hailing, 12, Gas Lane. William Herbert, 4, Russel Place.

2-East Ward—Mr. Hume-Spry having resigned his membership of the East Ward Committee, and the Local Committee having recommended the appointment of Mr. Councillor Feeney. Resolved, That Mr. Councillor Feeney be appointed a Member of that Committee provided he is willing to serve.

3—Attendance Officers' Reports—The usual Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, April 12th, 1893.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special 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 17th day of April instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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 approve or otherwise the proceedings of THE FINANCE COMMITTEE—and settle estimates for Borough and General District Rates.

2. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTE of the Proceedings of the Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 17th of April, 1893.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1893—Present : Alderman Col. Thoyts Councillors Darby, Drew, Heath, Feeney, Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the Chair)—

1- Estimates for Rates—The Estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were gone through and settled, and it was Resolved, That the deputy Mayor be requested to convene a Special Meeting of the Council for Monday next, the 17th inst., to consider same.

EDWIN LAWRENCE.

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, April 20th, 1893.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special 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 25th day of April instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. Make Order for Borough Rate.
2. Make General District Rate of 2s 5d in the £
3. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, April 26th, 1893.

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 1st day of May next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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 two Special Meetings held on the 17th and 25th instants, and confirm Resolution passed at the latter relating to the duties of the Mayor at the Election for the South Ward.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve or otherwise the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Chairman of the Town Improvement Committee to move :—That so much of the Resolution of the Town Improvement Committee relative to the Montpellier Gardens, passed on the 16th March last, as is inconsistent with the Resolution on the same subject passed by the Town Improvement Committee on the 29th of March last, and confirmed by the Council on the 4th of April last, be rescinded.

5. Notices of Motion.

6. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be : Local Government Board re Prestbury Sewage. Mr. W. Witchell re Nuisance at Hope Villa.

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 Monday, the 1st of May, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of April, 1893—Present : Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Haddon ; Councillors Steel, Darby, Lawrence, King, and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 15.94 candles. Purity, 9.35 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month, 4.248

3—Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 8 ordinary, 3 metered. Burning dim, 525 ordinary, 25 metered.

4—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways--The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month

Repaired with Cite Hill Stone—Hale's Road, 1,080 superficial yards.

Patching—High Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Imperial Square, South Side, 448 superficial yards (finished),

Curbing, Crossings and Flagging—St. George's Terrace, Cleveland Street, St. James' Square, Lansdown Terrace, St. George's Road, High Street, Bath Road, Roman Road (proceeding), Imperial Square, East Side (proceeding).

Street Improvements—Naunton Lane.

Private Improvements—Chapel Walk (proceeding), Christ Church Road Path, Tewkesbury Road Path.
Tar Footpaths —Waterloo Street, 133 superficial yards ; Gloucester Road by Market (proceeding).

Gullies to replace defective ones—St. George's Road and Suffolk Square.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 412 ; Cart Loads 574 ; consumed at the Destructor 463 tons, 16 cwt.

5--Lane at Back of Wellington Square --Resolved, That Mr. R. J. Winterbotham's request be complied with, but that the name of the lane be " Wellesley Road."

6—Ladies' Kona Mission Association—A letter from Miss Anna Pidcock, asking permission to erect a flag across the High Street to advertise Annual Sale, was read. Resolved, That permission be given, the flag to be hung to the satisfaction of the Street Inspector.

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7-Street Projections-A Memorial from several butchers and other tradesmen in the town complaining of the action of the Corporation in depriving them of their (alleged) old accustomed right of usage of the fronts of their respective premises, to a reasonable limit for the better exposition of their trade goods was read. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that there is no intention to interfere with the rights of any tradesmen, but the Council are bound also to consider the rights of the foot passengers and the public generally, and they will endeavour to give such instructions to their officials as will prevent hardship in any case.

A Letter from M. C. Pugh, of No. 341, High Street, Butcher (trading as the Meat Kings) complaining of the action of the Corporation in his case, was read. Resolved, That as it appeared Mr. Pugh had been warned and cautioned no less than 10 times sine, October last, he has no sufficient ground of complaint.

8 - Christ Church Road Footpath--A Memorial from B. L. Astley, Esq., and other occupiers of property in this Road, on the subject of the paving on the West side of this road and the crossings was read. Resolved, That the paving on the West side of the road he now completed by the abutting owners, and that a tar crossing from the East to the West side of the road opposite. Well Place be laid clown.

9 -Public Seats -- A complaint from the Rev. E. Gibson of the want of Public Seats, and that the Resolution of this Committee of the 27th June has not yet been carried out, was read, and the Surveyor having reported that the seats will shortly be ready. Resolved, That one be placed in Parabola Road and two in St. George's Road and the remainder in other places as will be fixed by the Committee.

10--Proposed Approach to the G.W.R. Station —A letter from H. Lambert, Esq. stating that he had submitted to the Directors of the G.W.R. the Town Clerk's letter and Memorial enclosed therewith in which he expressed the regret of the Board that it is not possible to meet the wishes of the Memorialists as it is intended to construct sidings on the site of the proposed path, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do prepare another plan for an entrance near the existing Goods Shed and that the same be submitted to the Company.

11 —Alstone Footpaths --A letter from Mr. H. Butt enclosing a further memorial from F. La Terriere, Esq. and other owners, as to the charges recently made upon them for the repairs of certain

footpaths in the village, was read. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Council are unable to admit that the reasons stated in the Memorial are sufficient to justify any allowance being made especially having regard to the fact that the work has been done in the most economical way possible.

12-Footpath near 1 College Lawn— A letter from C. M. Rodger, Esq. complaining of the way the footpath and carriage crossing at the East side of 1 College Lawn has been constructed and made, was read and referred to the Surveyor to deal with.

13-Naunton Park—A letter from M. L. Evans, Esq., stating he was prevented from cleaning out and repairing the ditch which forms the boundary along the Old Bath Road by a public seat which has been placed in the middle of the ditch, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Evans be informed that the seat will be removed while the ditch is being cleaned out.

14---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, subject as hereafter mentioned.

R. H. Lane, Woodland House, Fairview, Workshops and Show Rooms.

S. Hill, Former Stable to 1, Lansdown Place, altered, and a Cottage built.

Walter Buckle, Shed two stories high, in yard off Bath Road.

G. F. Bick, New Bath Room over existing water closets and passages at 14, Cambray.

The Committee Training College, Cheltenham, New Laboratory on N.W. side of Grounds.

George Roberts, Two Cottages in Naunton Crescent.

Original Brewery Co., Stock Room and alterations to Cottage, Fleece Hotel Yard.

C. Dawes, Additions to Hazeldeane, Gloucester Road.

W. Hopkins, Cottage in Naunton Crescent.

The Plans of Mr. Buckle were approved on the distinct condition that the sheds must be removed when any building in front is intended to be erected; and the plans submitted by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Roberts were approved, subject to the drains under the houses being laid in concrete to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

Plans of proposed Shops and Dwelling Houses in Pittville Street and Albion Street, sent in by Mr. H. W. Holliday were disapproved.

Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised and instructed to stop the erection of any building, the plan for which has not been submitted and approved.

15---New Streets--A Plan sent in by Mr. C. Winstone for New Streets on his land near All Saints' Church was not approved.

N. B. . THOYTS,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 12th day of April, 1893—Present Alderman Wethered; Councillors Feeney, Hands, and Norman (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Prestbury Sewage —The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with Mr. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Rural Sanitary Authority, on the subject of the furnishing to this Committee of a copy of the Plan sent by that Authority to the Local Government Board, and also a letter that he had written to the Local Government Board on the same subject, and the same was approved.

3— Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been 23 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Small Pox notified since the last Meeting of this Committee, and that there were now in the Delancey Hospital, 11 cases sent in by the Corporation.

4— Barn Farm—Resolved, That the Grass on this Farm be let by Auction by Mr. J. G. Villar, as heretofore.

5—Houses without a Proper Water Supply—It appearing on the report of the Surveyor, that the houses Nos. 10 and 10 ½, Mountpleasant and Kingscote Cottage, Hatherley are without any Water Supply, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation mains, at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to obtain such supply and that in default thereof, the water be laid on and the expenses recovered in manner provided by the Act.

6 —W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Houses with w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notice be given to the respective owners of the houses in question under section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to provide an efficient flushing apparatus and proper water supply thereto.

7 - Drain in Oxford Passage —On the report of the Medical Officer of Health, It was Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to examine and report on the house and other drainage in this locality, and that the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called to the lighting of this Passage.

8 - Use of Disinfectant by General Hospital —Resolved, That the disinfection of garments for the General Hospital be done free of charge.

9-Nos 1 to 13 Providence Square—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the notice given by the Town Clerk to provide flushing apparatus at these premises had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance with the notice.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of April, 1893 —Present Alderman Wethered Councillors Feeney. Hands, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (Alderman Wethered in the Chair)—

10—Chairman --In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

11—Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been 13 cases of Scarlet Fever notified since the last Meeting of the Committee.

12 — Disinfection--At Working Boys' Home. The Secretary of this Institution applied to have their mattresses disinfected. Resolved, That the same be disinfected at the disinfector free of charge.

13-Pollution of Wyman's Brook—The Surveyor was directed to remove overflow pipe from cesspit, at Cemetery Lodge, and put up a pump. Notice was directed to be sent to the tenants of Glen Cottages, Folly Lane, to provide against the discharge of slops into brook.

14—Water Closet without Flushing Apparatus —The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 310, High Street, has a Water Closet inside the house without a water supply and flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner, under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to provide efficient flushing apparatus, and a proper water supply thereto.

15— Delancey Hospital Trust—The Chairman reported that he, Councillor Norman and the Mayor, had been summoned to and had attended a meeting of the Trustees, and had been furnished with copies of a reply to the Reports of the Town Clerk and Medical Officer of Health, which had been sent by the Delancey Trustees to the Charity Commissioners, and the Town Clerk and Medical Officer of Health submitted their notes and observations on such reply. Councillor Norman reported that a Sub-Committee of five Members, on which he and Alderman Wethered were nominated, had been appointed to get information from their own Officer and the Medical Officer of Health of Cheltenham, as to the requirements necessary for the extension of the Hospital, and also as to the Financial Arrangements, so that some proposal might be put before the Corporation.

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Resolved, That the Town Clerk do apply to Dr. Wilson for copies of the Trustees' reply, and that the Town Clerk and Medical Officer of Health's notes and observations be printed, for the information of the Committee, and that the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

16 -Cholera—A letter was read from Mr. Clutterbuck, Clerk to the Charlton King's Local Board, enquiring if in the event of an outbreak of Cholera occurring in that neighbourhood, the Council would be willing to join with the Local Board in erecting a Temporary Hospital, for the reception and treatment of persons, suffering from that disease, Resolved, That Mr. Clutterbuck be informed that in case of emergency the Town Council are prepared to act with the Charlton King's Local Board and to confer with their Chairman and Medical Officer of Health on the subject.

17--Sewer in Arle Road —The Surveyor produced a plan of proposed extension of the Sewer. Resolved, That the Committee visit the spot and the sewage farms, at an early date.

18 -Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed .—

Medical Officer, Cab Hire	£2 4 8
Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£86 9 0
E. Jones, 4 Weeks' Wages	£5 0 0
J. H. Long, i Month's Salary	£8 6 8
A. Hill, Sulphur Candles	£2 0 0
E. Weaver, Lime	£1 10 0
J. Willis, Sanitas Fluid	£4 0 0
Gas Company, Coke for Abattoir	£0 13 2
Gibbs and Canning, Pipes	£6 5 0
Water Department, Flushing Sewers	£10 6 0
" " Water at Public Urinals	£4 2 0
" " Maintenance of Drinking Troughs	£1 0 0
Vicar of Elmstone, Tithe	£2 15 8
Elmstone Hardwicke Tithe Rent Charge	£11 2 10
H. Maule, Harness for Ambulance	£9 10 0
G. Turk, Brushes, &c.	£0 11 6
Bourne Bros., Urinal Basin, &c.	£0 14 6
Voile & Co., Slack	£0 15 0
R. E. and C. Marshall, Endless Chains, &c.	£38 15 7
J. H. Bennett, Health Returns	£1 16 4
J. Tinkler, Brushes	£1 4 0
W. J. Newth, Oilcloths	£1 5 0
W. James, Repairing Pumps	£2 10 0
Pearce and Sons, Timber	£1 10 10
T. W. Harvey, Ironmongery	£3 8 0
Bence and Son, Glazed Bricks	£1 2 6
Dix & Co., Closet Pan, &c.	£2 16 6
Accounts under 10s each	£2 3 4

Resolved that application be made to Mr. Dicks for repayment of Delancey Hospital Fees for his daughter.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday the 20th day of April, 1893-Present : Alderman Wethered : Councillors Waghorne, Lawrence, Drew, Heath, Skillicorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)-

1-Promenade Improvement Thy Chairman of the Town Improvement Committee and also the Town Clerk, reported to the meeting the result of an interview they had had with Sir Hugh Owen, Secretary of the Local Government Board, on the 14th instant. Resolved, That an amended estimate

he prepared by the Borough Surveyor and sent to the Local Government Board, as required by that Board.

2 -Montpellier Gardens- The Clerk read a correspondence he had had with Mr. Bendall, the tenant of the Tower House, and with Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, the Solicitors of Mrs. Gilmore, Mr. Bendall's Landlady, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned until after the Town Clerk had inspected the conveyance, &c. to their client.

3-Pittville Gardens –A letter from Col. Ashburner asking permission to use these Gardens on the 27th, 28th and 29th June, for a Carnival in aid of the Funds for the Home for Sick Children and the Home for Working Boys. Resolved that the application be granted and that the charge be £10 10s. a day for the first two days and the third day free on condition that Subscribers be admitted free on that day and all damage to the Gardens made good.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1893 Present Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Waghorne, Lawrence, Norman, Heath, and Skillicorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)--

4 -Town Committee -Read a letter from the Sec. of the Town Committee, on behalf of the Committee, calling attention to the state of repair of some parts of the pavement in the Promenade, and to a rumour that the Salvation Army were in treaty for the purchase of Imperial Rooms. The Committee also stated what they had done with the view of bringing to the notice of visitors to the Bath and West of England Show at Gloucester the attractions of Cheltenham, and made some suggestions thereon. Resolved, That the Town Committee be informed that the Surveyor has already had the state of repair of the pavement in the Promenade under consideration and purposes giving his attention to it shortly. That with respect to the Exhibition at Gloucester, the Committee think that the steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Town Committee are most judicious, and the Committee would suggest that the Town Committee might also take measures to have notice of the times of arrival and departure of the trains from and to Cheltenham put up in the Show Yard. That with respect to the Imperial Rooms, the Committee be informed that the Corporation have no powers to acquire the property in question.

5-Ancient Order of Foresters.-Mr. Pratley and Mr. Joel Thomas attended the Committee and asked that the delegates attending the High Court Meeting of Foresters at Bristol, in the first week of August, may be admitted to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens free on production of their delegates' tickets in the event of their visiting Cheltenham. Resolved, That the request of Messrs. Pratley and Thomas be complied with.

6-- Medical Spa Committee--A Letter from Mr. Ward Humphreys, Hon. Sec. of this Committee, stating that his Committee had unanimously passed a Resolution expressing their pleasure at hearing that Reports are about to be presented to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health and Borough Surveyor, on the subject of the Spa and a hope that they will be allowed an opportunity of expressing their friendly criticism upon them before they are finally accepted, and of conferring with this Committee on the reports before they are submitted to the Council. Resolved, That the Medical

Spa Committee be informed that this Committee will have much pleasure in affording the Medical Spa Committee an opportunity of perusing the Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Borough Surveyor, and of conferring with this Committee.

7-Montpellier Gardens -The Borough Surveyor brought before the Committee a specimen length of Iron Railing he proposed to enclose the Gardens with. Resolved, That the same be approved subject to the spikes at the bottom being made about three inches longer so as to prevent the entry of dogs, and that tenders for the execution and fixing thereof be invited.

8--Fireworks on Whit Monday-The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Payne was desirous of making an arrangement with the Corporation for a display of Fireworks and other attractions in the Gardens on Whit Monday. Resolved, That the Committee he empowered to make the necessary terms and arrangements with Mr. Payne.

9--Pittville Gardens - -An application from the Town Band to be permitted to give Sacred Concerts in these gardens on the next and succeeding Sundays up to and including Whit Sunday was read. Resolved, That permission be granted.

10-Band Sub-Committee-it was Resolved, That the Band Sub-Committee, consisting of Councillors Heath, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne, be re-appointed for this year.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1893—Present : Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, King, and Waghorne (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1-Borough Surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read:

On the 24th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 211 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 192 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 17,911,579 gallons.

On the 24th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet 5 inches, and the contents 95,035,864 gallons, which gives a total storage of 112,947,413 gallons. During the year ending March 25th, 1893, the mains have been extended for a length of 3,803 yards ; 943 yards of mains have been laid at a lower level as a protection against frost, and 912 yards of disused mains have been removed. The under-taking continues to show steady growth, the number of houses connected having increased from 6561 in March, 1892, to 6859 at the same date this year, and the number of premises supplied by meter has increased from 51 to 69.

The state at certain times of the water in the Reservoirs at Hewletts was discussed and considered, and instructions were given to the Surveyor to take certain measures which the Committee believe will have a beneficial effect, on the conditions of the water which have been complained of.

2-Tewkesbury Water Supply--The application of the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury for a price to be named for the supply of water in bulk under Section 85 of the Corporation Water Act, 1878, was further considered. Resolved, That the price be one shilling per 1000 gallons for any quantity of water up to 50,000,000 gallons, the Corporation not to be bound by this offer in the event of its non-acceptance and the matter going to arbitration. The Borough Surveyor was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for affording a supply in bulk to the Tewkesbury Urban Authority on the expiration of their notice. The Town Clerk was authorised to engage the services of Mr. McLandsborough, the late Engineer and Manager of the Works, in the event of the question going to arbitration, and also in the meantime on such terms as to retainer and service as he shall think proper.

3—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

4—Supply of Water —Applications and agreements for the supply of Water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of April, 1893—Present : Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, Norman, King, Lawrence, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-No. 1, Stratton Villas, St. Paul's-- Price—The Town Clerk read a letter he had received From Mr. F. J. Price, owner of No. 1, Stratton Villas, St. Paul's, alleging damage to the railings in front of this house, owing to the Corporation having fixed a fire plug plate there, and also a letter he had written in reply ; and the latter was approved.

2--Hackney Carriages —Annual Inspection and Licensing--Resolved, That the Annual Inspection be held on Friday, 2nd June, at 9.30 a.m., and that the Deputy Mayor be requested to convene a meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, 7th June, at 10 a.m., for the purpose of granting the annual licenses.

3-Licenses—Applications were received from Richard Staite for a license for a landau, and from Charles Cook for a full pony carriage license. Resolved, that the applications be not granted.

4-Temporary Changes of Hackney Carriages—Several applications for leave to change hackney carriages during the repair of licensed carriages were read, and the required permission granted in each case.

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5 - A. Spreadbury's Application-An application from Mr. A. Spreadbury of Bath Villa Mews for leave to change his licensed landau to a pony carriage, was read. Resolved, That the application be granted, the license for the landau to be given up to be cancelled, and a fresh one for a pony carriage issued.

6 - Drivers' Licenses-Applications were received from and Licenses to drive Hackney Carriages granted to John Jones of Clarence Mews, North Place, William Newcombe of 5, Rose and Crown Passage, and William Malsom of 5, Gordon Terrace.

7-Cabmen's Shelter at Montpellier-A letter from Capt. St. Clair St. Clair Ford, stating that the cabmen's Shelter to be placed at Montpellier was ready for fixing and suggesting a site for the same, was read. Resolved, That the shelter be placed, as suggested in the letter, in the centre of the road, between the Rotunda and the Montpellier Gardens at the North end of the stand.

8---Cabmen's Shelters-A memorial from Mrs. Pocock, of Pittville Mansion, and others, stating that they had heard that the Town Council had been asked to sanction the erection of a Cabmen's Shelter near the Pittville Gates and strongly protesting against such an arrangement, was read. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that there is no intention at present of placing a Shelter at Pittville, no offer of one having been made.

9 -Unemployed-A circular from the Local Government Board, enquiring if any works had been undertaken by this Authority in connexion with distress from want of employment, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do reply that this Authority has not found that there has been any want of employment for labour in this District.

10 -National Workmen's Exhibition-A letter from the Lord Mayor of London on this subject, was read. Accounts -The following accounts were examined and allowed: -

F. J. Wright, Ironmongery	£0 12 4
Water Department, Maintenance of Hydrants	£12 10 0
Highways Department, Paint, &c.	£0 13 0
Drake, Driver and Leaver, Tracing Linen	£1 8 0
C. England, Repairing Glass Roof	£0 12 0
D. W. Channon, Writing on Office Doors	£0 10 0
Nicholas & Co., Paint, &c.	£1 7 10
Smith Bros., Timber	£2 14 8
Accounts under 10s each.	£0 5 9

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 1893-Present : Councillors King, Feeny, Norman, Moles, and Woodard (Councillor King in the chair)-

1 -Alstone Swimming Baths-The Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. Number of Bathers up to the 25th instant, 1,045. Total receipts, £50 9s. 4d. Resolved, That the Committee be authorised to make arrangements under Sec. 187 of the Improvement Act for an exhibition of Swimming and other Aquatic Feats on two days, and that the Chairman be requested to make the necessary enquiries and negotiations in relation thereto.

2-Old Cemetery -Kyrie Society, Col. Brown--The letter from Col. Brown read at the last meeting of the Committee was further considered. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to make the Society a grant of £10, on condition that the gates on the High Street side of the Cemetery be opened during the hours the ground is open to the public.

3-Accounts-The following accounts were examined and allowed :-

Bence and Son, Pipes £0 13 1
Accounts under 10s each

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on the 20th day of April, 1893—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers ; Councillors Parsonage, Williams, Moles and Feeney, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report- The Superintendent presented a report, calling attention to the gates at the lodge entrance, requiring painting and also gate at the entrance of Cemetery which will not shut properly. Resolved, that the Borough Surveyor do what is necessary to be done to the gates

2-- Water Supply-The Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of laying on water to the Lodge and Chapels, putting two stand pipes, flushing box over closet and tap at £40. Resolved, That the works estimated for be carried out and that the Borough Surveyor be empowered to lay on the water to the lodge, without delay.

3-Mr. Dennis Driscoll's Complaint-A letter from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby hereon, was read and the further consideration thereof adjourned to the next meeting.

4----Bedding Out Plants Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to expend the sum of £4, for bedding out plants.

5 —Designs—Thy following designs were examined and approved -Tomb to John Robert Taylor ; Headstones to Robert Taylor, George William Cotterell, Bessie Stringfellow, Charlotte Noe", William Gordon, James Horspool, Margaret Buckle, Elizabeth Fussell, Susan Elizabeth Mitchell.

6—AOMintit --The following accounts were examined and allowed:—

W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages £5 12 0

Gravediggers' Wages £8 2 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th day of April, 1893—Present : Councillors Darby, Drew, Feeney, Heath, Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1-Montpellier Gardens Loan—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft of the Debenture to be given to the Swansea Corporation for the amount of £6,650, about to be lent by that Corporation to this Corporation. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the engrossment thereof.

2 - Sinking Fund.—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft of the Debenture to be given by the Swansea Corporation to this Corporation for the sum of £2,000, part of the Sinking Fund to be lent to the Swansea Corporation, and the same was approved.

3-Town Clerk's Assistant—Jenkins—An application was read from the junior assistant in the Town Clerk's office, asking for an increase in his salary (at present 10s per week). Resolved, That it be increased to 12s per week.

4-ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the

Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid. The General Statement is as follows :—

Amount in hand last month	£11865 13 3
Received during the Month	<u>£2379 1 1</u>
	£14244 14 4
Paid during the Month	<u>£17070 15 10</u>
Balance to Debit	£ 2926 1 6
Being to Debit of Current Account	£5187 7 4
Credit of Interest Account	<u>£ 197 10 7</u>
	£4989 16 9
Sinking and Loans Funds.	<u>£2063 15 3</u>
	£2926 1 6

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1893—Present: Aldermen Sir A. Ramsay and Wethered ; Councillors Feeney, Neale, Skillicorne, Capt. Welch (Alderman Sir A. Ramsay in the Chair)—

1—Librarian's Report —The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. The following presentations to the Library have been made during this month :—

Mr. G. B. Williams..	2 Vols.
Mr. J. H. Quinn ..	1 Vol.
Trustees of the British Museum ..	1 vol
Mr. J. Sawyer ..	1 Pamphlet.
Dr. Garrett ..	2 “

2-Annual Reports from the Libraries of Blackburn, Clapham, Croydon, and Great Yarmouth. Roe. Tolland's Offer--Alderman Wethered reported that he had examined this collection. Resolved, That Mr. Turland be thanked for his offer, but the Committee are unable to recommend the acceptance of it, there being no place in which to keep it.

3-Sub Committees' Report—The Sub-Committee recommended: That a new uniform for the Caretaker be ordered. That an offer from Miss Abrahall to present the " Irish Times " be accepted. That the list of worn out books submitted by the librarian be sold and the books be replaced at a cost of about £11. That Henry Beadnell be appointed to the post of Junior Assistant. Resolved, That the Sub-Committees' recommendations be adopted.

4 --Chief Librarian—Resolved, That Mr. Jones's salary be increased to £200 a year as from the 25th March last.

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,
Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of April, 1893 —Present Alderman Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillors Hands, Moles, and Steel (Councillor Hands in the chair) —

1-Local Committees —The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That a summons be issued against the parents, of:—Edith Smith, Belmont Terrace. Also that distress warrants be applied for, in the cases of Joseph Hunt, Wm. Welsh, and Wm. Hawling.

2-East Ward —A letter was read from Councillor F. Feeney, consenting to serve on this local Committee.

3-Attendance Officers' Reports --The usual Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered.

WILLIAM HANDS,
Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, May 31st, 1893.

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 5th day of June next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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. Fill up vacancies in Committees caused by the disqualification of Councillor Goodwin.
4. To approve or otherwise the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
5. Councillor Norman to move—That where the convenience of the public is held to require that Special Works shall be carried out, under the compulsory powers of Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, along the frontages of properties abutting on highways, and especially where such frontages are those of land used for garden or ornamental purposes, it is desirable and just that a proportionate abatement of the cost to the owners should be made that works so carried out under Section 44, should be proceeded with upon the responsibility of the Town Council, systematically from the centre of the town towards the suburbs, and not left, as at present, to the initiative of private individuals and that this resolution be an instruction to the Street and Highway Committee with reference to pending and further matters under the Section above named.
6. Notices of Motion.
7. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be : F. Wilks—
Application for use of Montpellier Gardens on occasion of Royal Marriage.

Ley Wood and Rickerby re Powell, Promenade Improvement.

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 5th of June, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1893—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Col. Thoys ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, King, Steel, and Darby, (Alderman Col, Thoys in the chair)—

1— Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 15.93 candles. Purity, 8.80 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month, 4.303 cubic feet.

3—Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 9 ordinary (3 metered). Burning dimly, 382 (31 metered). Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the large number of Lamps reported as burning dimly, and that an explanation be requested.

4 — Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month, viz :

Patching (Clee Hill Stone)—Winchcomb Street, Queen's Parade, Roman Road.

Patching (Wickwar Stone)—Six Chimney's Lane.

Private Improvements—Chapel Walk, and the Road at the side of " Gwernant," Pittville. Apportionments of the cost of which are presented herewith.

Curbing, Crossing, and Flagging—Bath Road, Spa Buildings, Tewkesbury Road, Queen's Circus, Brunswick Street, Courtenay Street, Promenade, High Street, Colonnade, Queen's Road, Sandford Road.

The footpath on the east side of Imperial Square has been relaid.

The footpath on the north side of St. George's Road is being relaid.

The channelling in Roman Road has been relaid.

Tariff Footpaths Repaired—Bath Road and Swindon Road.

Asphalte Footpaths—Gloucester Road 406 yds. (finished), Tewkesbury Road (proceeding).

Asphalte Channelling—Lansdown Road (proceeding). A new pipe drain for surface water is being put down in Hatherley Road to replace defective land tiles.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 548 ; Cart Loads 694 ; consumed at the Destructor 673 tons, 17 cwt. 1 qr.

The Sewer at the back of Lypiatt Terrace has been relaid with stone-ware pipes in place of the defective brick sewer.

5 -Private Improvement Works in Road by " Gwernant," Chapel Walk, and Queen's Road—The Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in the above localities had been completed at the cost respectively of £54 .4s. 0d., £73 18s. 1d., and £93 11s. 5d., which sums he had apportioned amongst the various abutting owners in manner set forth in his report, and that in making the apportionment in respect of the road by " Gwernant," he had had regard to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by the premises comprised in the apportionment from such works. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that with respect to the apportionment of the expenses of the works to the road by " Gwernant " that the premises comprised in the apportionments, which do not front, adjoin, or abut on the road, but will be benefitted by the works, the sums or proportions to be charged against such premises shall be the sums fixed in the apportionment, and that notice be given to the owners and demand made for repayment of the sums respectively due from them.

6- Seat near " Glyngarth "—A letter from Miss Sanderson, of " Glyngarth," complaining of the nuisance and annoyance caused to her and her pupils by reason of the seat near their playground being the resort of children, who stand on it and call out to the pupils, making low and vulgar noises most objectionable to hear, and protesting strongly against the continuance of the seat in its present position, was read. Resolved, That the seat be removed a few yards to the west on the other side of the road.

7- Lighting of Naunton Park Road—A memorial from Mr. J. B. Buckwell and others calling attention to the lighting of this road, and asking the Committee to give the matter their kind consideration at their earliest convenience, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Buckwell be referred to the previous resolution of this Committee, on the 27th October, 1891, and that as the road is not yet put into a proper state of repair the request cannot be complied with.

8-Old Bath Road—A letter from G. W. Sadler, Esq., adverting to the previous correspondence hereon, and stating that he was now directed by Lady Walsingham's Trustees to enquire whether it is the wish or intention of the Council to accept the offer, as, if not, the Trustees will have to proceed to develop the land in another way which will prevent this desirable public improvement ever being carried out at so reasonable a cost, if at all, and that he would be pleased to introduce a responsible contractor who would undertake the whole of the necessary works for less than half the amount (£1,500) which the Corporation estimated it would cost, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Sadler be informed that inasmuch as the County Council have declined to contribute anything towards the improvement the Corporation could only contribute towards it, which they would be prepared to do, if, as stated by Mr. Sadler a contractor is prepared to execute the specified works for the sum named by him.

9- Cloddimore Road—A letter from Mr. C. Daft, of Holly Villas, stating that the road known by the above name not having been properly named, several of the abutting owners wished him to write the Town Council with a view to its being properly named, and suggesting that it should in future be called " Granley Road," was read. Resolved, That the road be named as requested, and that name plates be put up at either end thereof.

10—Sherborne Terrace—Hiam—The Surveyor reported that he had been in communication with Mr. Hiam upon the above subject, INV and he produced a plan sheaving Mr. Hiam's requirements.

Resolved, That Mr. Hiam be informed the Committee are prepared to carry out the terms contained in their previous resolutions, from which they see no reason to depart.

11—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted notices and plans from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved

H. Hodgkins, Two Houses near Christ Church Road.

J. D. Bendall, Cottage in Naunton Crescent.

C. O. Scholey, Additions to Rowanfield House.

Mrs. Gretton, House in Ward's Road, Up Hatherley.

The Surveyor also submitted notice and plan received by him from Mr. H. W. Holliday for alterations to Shops and Houses in Pittville Street, which were approved subject to Mr. Holliday giving an undertaking that the adjoining premises, coloured black on the plan, and marked " Masonic Arms " and " F. Cotton," shall not be at any time raised above their present height.

[At this stage of the proceedings the Chairman, being interested in the following matter, vacated the Chair and left the Committee Mr. Steel being appointed Chairman in his stead.]

12- New Sanitary Laundry—A memorial from owners and occupiers of property in the Hatherley Road and neighbourhood, protesting against the proposed erection of a Laundry in that district and praying the Corporation to withhold their approval of the plans of such proposed Laundry, was read. A letter on the same subject was also read from the Secretary pro tem of the Laundry Company. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that the memorial contains no allegations on which the Council can legally object to approve of the Plans. The Plans were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS, Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 1893—Present : Alderman Wethered; Councillors Hands, Darby, Norman, parsonage, and Feeney (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Delancey Hospital —The question of the amount, annual and otherwise, to be paid to the Delancey Trustees, was considered and discussed.

3-Charlton Kings —The Borough Surveyor reported that sewage matter from houses and premises on Battledown was flowing into and polluting the water course flowing on the South Side of the Harp Hill, on the boundary between the Borough and Charlton Kings. Resolved, That the attention of the Charlton Kings Local Board be called thereto, and that they be requested to take steps to abate the nuisance in question.

EDWARD WETHERED, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of May, 1893—Present : Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Hands, Feeney. Parsonage, Norman, and Darby (Alderman Wethered in the Chair)—

4—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

5—Slaughter House Bye-Laws—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft of these Bye-Laws, containing the alterations and amendments made therein by the Local Government Board, and the same were gone through and considered. Resolved, That the Bye-Laws, as now settled, be made at the next Meeting of the Council.

6—Dairies and Cowsheds Order —An application from E. J. Cheshire to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk, at No. 241, High Street, was read, together with the Report of the Medical Officer of Health thereon. Resolved, that the applicant be registered.

7—Zymotic Diseases—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been 21 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria, reported since the last meeting.

8—Delancey Trust—The Town Clerk and Medical Officer of Health presented their notes and observations on the reply of the Delancey Trustees to the Reports of the Town Clerk and Medical Officer of Health made in October last, and the same were approved by the Committee and directed to be forwarded to the Charity Commissioners,

9—Newcombe's Case--The Medical Officer of Health brought to the notice of the Committee the fact that the children of a man named Newcombe, residing in Charlton Kings, but employed in a Dairy in Cheltenham, had been sent in to the Delancey Hospital as suffering from Scarlet Fever, and stated that Dr. Todd, the Medical Officer of Health for Charlton Kings, had drawn his attention to the possibility of the man himself having had a slight attack ; the result of their consultation being that they had prevented the man going back to his work in the Dairy until he might be free of any possible infection, and they mutually agreed to recommend their respective Sanitary Authorities to compensate the man to the extent of 7s 6d a week each for three weeks, or until he may return to his work with safety. Resolved, That the action of the Medical Officer of Health be approved.

10-- Highbury Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in consequence of a case of Scarlet Fever in the family of the Head Master of the above schools he had ordered them (excepting the Infants' Department) to be closed for six days to allow of thorough disinfection being accomplished. Resolved, That the action of the Medical Officer be approved.

11—W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Houses, the w.c's whereof have no flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notice be given to the owners under section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to provide efficient flushing apparatus, and a proper water supply thereto, and that if such notices are not complied with proceedings be taken to enforce them. Also that in the case of Nos. 1 to 6, Vauxhall Place, belonging to Mr. Jno. Bough, proceedings be taken against the owner forthwith.

12-Drainage at 14 and 16, Victoria Street—Complaints having been frequently made as to the bad condition of the Drains at the above houses, the Medical Officer of Health had made written

application as provided by section 41 of the Public Health Act, and the Surveyor had been empowered to act under the section, and he now reported that the examination was in progress and some of the necessary works carried out.

13 --Drainage at 27, Windsor Street—The Medical Officer of Health made written application under section 41 of the Public Health Act stating that the Drains at this house are a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That an authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them, and act as provided by the said section.

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14-Smoke Testing Machine—The Medical Officer of Health stated that builders and others are in the habit of borrowing this machine, which will presently become worn out, and he enquired whether or not any charge should be made for the use of it. Resolved, That a charge of 2s be made for the machine when it is lent out.

15—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices issued by the Towns Clerk, which had not been complied with, the time in each case having expired. Resolved, That the necessary proceedings be taken in each case to enforce compliance with the notices.

16—No. 57, Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Order made by the Magistrates for closing this house had not yet been complied with, and that Mrs. Jenkinson is still living there. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do apply to the Court with reference thereto.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of May, 1893—Present Alderman Wethered Councillors Feeney, Hands, Norman, and Parsonage, (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

17—Zymotic Diseases—The Medical Officer of Health stated that there had been reported since the last Meeting 16 cases of Scarlet Fever.

The Medical Officer of Health stated that the Medical Officer of the Delancey Hospital had reported the Hospital full on several occasions recently, and as vacancies have occurred through the discharge of old patients they have been pretty constantly filled by new cases. The number of cases, however, in hospital for which the Sanitary Authority of Cheltenham is responsible, at the present time is not so great as was the case a few months ago, cases from Leckhampton and Charlton Kings having helped in a considerable degree to fill up the Hospital.

18—Seizure of Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that twelve boxes of Mackerel containing so cwt. of fish consigned to Mr. Marment, were seized at the Great Western Railway Station on the 8th inst., and destroyed on a Magistrates Order, as being unfit for the food of man, and that Mr. Marment reported the condition of the fish himself and had not rendered liable by exposing it for sale.

19—Drainage at 140, Tewkesbury Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 45 of the Public Health Act 1875, stating that the Drains at this house are a

nuisance, and injurious to health. Resolved, That an authority be given to the Borough Surveyor to open the ground and examine them, and act as provided by the said section.

20-Houses without a Proper Water Supply—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, that the houses Nos. 7 York Street and Nos. 1 to 5 York Cottages, York Street are without a proper supply, of Water and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation mains, at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners, requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such acts as may be necessary for that purpose.

21 -W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses the w.c's whereof have no flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notice be given to the owners under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, to provide efficient flushing apparatus and a proper supply of water thereto, and that if such notices are not complied with proceedings be taken to enforce them.

22—Delancey Trust —A letter from Dr. Wilson stating that the Trustees are prepared to receive cases of Small Pox or Scarlatina sent in by order of the Medical Officer of Health for Cheltenham, so far as accommodation still allow, on a payment by the Town Council of 2s per diem for each case, the maximum payment to be five guineas, and a further payment towards the maintenance of the Hospital of £200 per annum. This arrangement to apply to all cases admitted after March 25th, 1893 and to remain in force for two years was read. Resolved, That the terms offered be accepted, but the Committee consider that the maximum payment should be limited to £4 4s., according to the principle laid down by the Trustees in their rules. The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft of an agreement for carrying out the above resolution, subject to the limitation of the maximum payment. Resolved, That the same be approved and forwarded to Dr. Wilson for the approval of the Trustees.

23 —Harp Hill, Water Course on—A letter from Mr. Clutterbuck, the clerk to the Charlton Kings Local Board, stating that this Committee's Resolution of date the 10th inst., with reference to the pollution of the above stream, had been laid before his Board and by them referred to the Health and General Purposes Committee for consideration and attention, was read.

24---Cheltenham Sanitary Laundry —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the Plans for the new Sanitary Laundry, proposed to be erected on the Hatherley Road, sheaving the proposals of the Company in regard to the Drainage of their premises from which it appeared that an extension of the main sewer of the Corporation would be required from the Hatherley Tank for a distance of 350 yards at an estimated cost of £150. Resolved, That the Company be informed the Corporation are prepared to construct the necessary extension of their Sewer on the Company undertaking to contribute £100 towards the cost thereof.

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25— Cholera— Mr. Vassar Smith, Chairman of the Charlton Kings Local Board, Dr. Todd, the Medical Officer of Health of the Board's District, and Mr. Clutterbuck their Clerk, attended this Meeting to discuss the question of joint action on the part of the Corporation and the Local Board in the event of an outbreak of Cholera in either of the said Districts. Resolved, That it is desirable to take joint

action with Charlton Kings in the event of an outbreak of Cholera in either District, the expenses of such action to be borne by the said Districts, in proportion to their respective rateable values, and that all matters of detail be left to the Medical Officers of Health and Surveyors of the said Districts to settle.

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

E. Jones, 5 Weeks' Wages	£6 5 0
J. H. Long, 1 Month's Salary	£8 6 8
Dr. Garrett, Sundries	£0 2 7
" Cab Hire	£1 7 10
Roberts and Co., Disinfectants	£0 12 0
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance (two months)	£8 0 0
H. A. Purnell, Sanitas Oil, &c.	£3 2 9

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday the 30th day of May, 1893—Present : Aldermen Thoys and Wethered: Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, and Skillicorne (Councillor Norman in the chair)—

1-Pittville Gardens, Damage to Shrubs at—P.C. Lord reported that two persons had on Sunday last been found damaging shrubs in the Gardens. The offenders attended before the Committee and apologised for their acts. Resolved, That the apologies be accepted in these cases, but that any future offenders be prosecuted.

2- Carnival Fete—Letters from Col. Ashburner, of date the 4th and 30th insts. on this subject and forwarding an advance copy of Cheltenham in 1893, the preface to the Book of the Carnival, 500 copies of which he intended to circulate in Great Britain, hoping that his proposed action would meet with the approval of the Council, and that the Borough Surveyor would give him assistance in making the Fete worthy of the town, were read. Col. Ashburner also thanked the Council for allowing the mattresses from the Working Boys' Home to be disinfected free of charge. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to render such assistance as he thinks he can properly do. Application for the use of the gardens on Wednesday, 31st May inst., by the Masonic Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucester. shire having been made, Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be granted on the usual terms.

3—Montpellier Gardens —A Letter from the Secretary to the Montpellier Gardens Co., requesting that the question of the purchase of the plant and fixtures be settled, was read, and the Surveyor was directed to report on the subject. Resolved, That no child under the age of 12 years be allowed to enter or be in the gardens unless accompanied by his or her parent or some person of sufficient age to exercise control over and take charge of such child.

4—Promenade Improvement—A Letter from the Local Government Board stating that they could not dispense with a Local Enquiry in the case of this Loan, but that arrangements would be made for holding the same at as early a date as possible, was read.

5—Mineral Waters—A Letter from Mr. W. Barron, stating that there was a considerable demand for and consumption of mineral waters at the baths in in the Bath Road chiefly on Sunday mornings, and asking to be supplied with water until the Corporation have provided extended facilities for use of the waters, was read. Resolved, That a temporary supply be furnished on the Company paying one-half the receipts.

The Deputy Mayor having stated that he was going to London he was, on his own suggestion, requested to take the opportunity of seeing Prof. Thorpe on the subject of his analyses.

6—Railway Communication with London—Letters from the Town Clerk to the Board of Trade and to the Railway and Canal Commissioners on the subject were read.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of May, 1893—Present : Aldermen Wethered and Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, Hands, and King (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Borough Surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read :—

On the 29th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 122 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 126 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 18,174,407 gallons.

On the 29th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 28 feet 4 inches, and the contents 79,908,030 gallons, which gives a total storage of 98,082,437 gallons.

The Boiler at the Sandford Mead Pumping Station, which had been removed at the request of the Boiler Insurance and Steam Power Company, sheaved serious defects, caused in part by the very damp position in which it was fixed. The repairs necessary will cost £60 and it is very necessary that the work should be put in hand forthwith, as until this is done, water cannot be pumped for street watering and the supply must be obtained from Dowdeswell. After repairing I propose to refix the Boiler adjoining the wall of the Engine House as it will there suffer less from damp and probably last much longer.

In accordance with your instructions of the 24th inst., I visited the works of the Chelsea Water Company at Surbiton, where I was shewn over by Mr. Hack the Engineer in Chief. The process of filtration is of the usual kind, with one exception, that the thickness of sand is greater than is common elsewhere and much more than in the filters at Dowdeswell. After removal from the filters

the sand is washed by a jet of filtered water, under a pressure of about 80 lbs per square inch, and this operation continued until the water flows away fairly clear, and the sand when washed dries rapidly and exhibits practically no cohesion. If sand in this state is mixed with water it does not discolour it, whereas, when the sand that has been passed through the Washing Machine at Dowdeswell is mixed with clean water it renders it extremely muddy and even when passed a second time through the machines the sand will render the water turbid. So far as I can see (and Mr. Hack's experience is the same) great care and attention to the purity of the sand is the only essential, and with the existing appliances at Dowdeswell this cannot be obtained. I propose to experiment with the machines by altering them so as to allow a much larger quantity of water to pass through in proportion to the sand, but I cannot hold out any hope of their being then really satisfactory. Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised to deal with the Boiler at Sandford and with the Filtering Process at Dowdeswell as recommended and suggested in his report.

2—Fishing at Dowdeswell—Resolved, That instructions be given to the superintendent of the Lodge and Reservoir at Dowdeswell, to prohibit unauthorised persons fishing in the Reservoir and any person persists in doing so after due warning to report his name to this Committee and prevent his admission to the works in future.

3—Tewkesbury Works—Letters from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury of dates the 11th and 13th insts., on the subject of the price of the water to be supplied in bulk and asking if instead of supplying the water in bulk the Corporation would sell the existing works to Tewkesbury reserving the right of this Corporation to take from the Severn, the quantity of water they are entitled to less the quantity the Tewkesbury Corporation have a right to be supplied with, were read, with the Town Clerk's replies thereto. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk on this point be approved, and that the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury be informed that his proposition cannot be entertained, but that as to price of the water it is for the Corporation of Tewkesbury to make an offer if they consider the price asked by the Corporation more than it ought to be.

4— Leckhampton Fire Hydrants—A letter from Mallory, Esq., applying on behalf of the Leckhampton Local Board for an extension of the Corporation Water Mains round the Moorend Road, in order that the two Hydrants required might be fixed at the 9 points desired, and adding that his Board thought that if the Mains were so extended it would probably be an inducement to some of the residents in the Moorend Road, to take the Corporation Water, was read. The Surveyor having reported that the return for the extension of the Mains as suggested by Mr. Mallory would not pay the requisite percentage on the outlay. Resolved, That the application cannot at present be complied with.

5— Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

6--Supply of Water—Applications for the supply of Water for the past month were examined and the agreements made and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1893—Present : Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Norman, Parsonage, Lawrence, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade, Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to two fires during the months of April and May, viz. :

On Sunday, the 30th April, at the outbuildings used by Messrs. B. W. Pearce and Sons as a store room ; the damage amounted to £20; the expenses of the Brigade in attending amounted to £3, which had been paid by the Equitable Fire Office.

On the 10th inst, at the residence of Mr. J. F. Shirer, Pittville Lawn. Damage, £20. The Brigade expenses amounting to £1 15s. had been sent in to the " County" and " Queen " Fire Offices.

2-Hackney Carriages—Letters from W. P. Lewis, Wm. Brown, and W. T. Tapp, that they were now become ratepayers, were read.

3-Drivers' Licenses—An application from Geo. Cleveland for a Driver's License was refused.

4-Cab Shelter at Montpellier—A letter from Mr. E. Parker, Secretary of the Montpellier Rotunda Company, objecting on behalf of the Company to the Cab Shelter recently placed in the open space in the centre of the road opposite the Montpellier Rotunda, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the removal of the shelter.

5—Marriage of the Duke of York and Princess Victoria of Teck--Resolved, That this Committee be empowered to make such arrangements as may be deemed fitting on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York with Princess Victoria of Teck.

6—Town Clerk's Leave of Absence—A letter from the Town Clerk, requesting permission to take a month's holiday for the benefit of his health, was read. Resolved, That such leave be granted.

7—Men's Outing—Resolved, That this Committee be empowered to make arrangements for the men's outing on the 17th June. Resolved, That if the foregoing resolution is approved, Alderman Thoyts, Councillors Lawrence, Norman and Waghorne be appointed a sub-committee to make the necessary arrangements.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of May, 1893—Present Councillors King, Moles, Drew, Norman, and Woodard (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Alstone Swimming Baths—The usual Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. Total Number of Bathers during the present season, 5072, Total receipts, £42 16s. 9d.

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter from Lieut.-Colonel Rogers, requesting permission for his Corps to use this Recreation Ground on Wednesday Evenings from 7.30, up to 21st June next, for drill purposes, was read. Resolved, That permission be accordingly given.

3—Old Cemetery—A letter from Lieut.-Colonel Browne, on behalf of the Kyrie Society, thanking the Council for the grant which they had made, and accepting the terms and conditions on which the grant was made, which they hoped shortly, to carry out, was read.

CHARLES W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of May, 1893—Present: Alderman Colonel Rogers ; Councillors Feeney, Williams, Moles, Steel, and Parsonage, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported :—That the Inspector of Burial Grounds, Mr. H. W. Hoffman, visited the Cemetery on the 17th instant. That the Deputy Mayor had asked him to call attention to the want of books containing the Burial Service. That since the last Meeting the Corporation Water had been laid on at the Cemetery' Lodge, and That two scythes are required and two pairs of garden shears. Resolved, That two dozen books of the Burial Service be purchased and one book for the Reading Desk, also that the scythes and garden shears as above mentioned be purchased. The Borough Surveyor reported that the water was in progress of being laid on to the w.c.'s at the Chapel.

2— Mr. Dennis Driscoll's Complaint—Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby's letter, hereon read at the last meeting, was further considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do inform Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby that they are in error in supposing that the ground offered to Mr. Driscoll is a pauper grave, and that for the disinterment and removal of any body from one grave to another an order from the Secretary of State for the Home Department would be necessary.

3—Mr. Oakden's Application—An application from Mr. Jno. Oakden, who lives at Battledown Lodge, on the Charlton Kings side of the Hale's Road, for a reduction of the fees charged him, from non-parishioners to parishioners' fees, in respect of the oil- burial of his daughter, was read. Resolved, That the fees be charged in this case as for a parishioner.

4—Maynard, Crave No. 2358, Section 0 Resolved, that this grave be not re-opened or used except for the Burial of a member of the same family.

5—Water Supply at Prior's Lodge—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Skillicorne to determine the arrangement made with him by this Committee on 26th February, 1889, respecting the water supply at Prior's Lodge.

6-Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Mary Ann Underwood, Emily Kate Johns, Francis Sarah Ireland, Thomas Evans, Lessen Alison, and Emily Gordon Box ; Tombs to Andrey Harcourt Griffiths and Henry Mills Cannon.

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

Edward Woolley, 5 gross of figures £1 15 0

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages £16 15 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 1893—Present: Aldermen Rogers, Thoyts, and Wethered ; Councillors Feeny and Norman (Alderman Thoyts in the chair)—

1-Charlton Kings - Two Members of the Committee having visited the Charlton Kings Art Class, held in the Working Men's Institute, reported favourably thereon, Resolved, That the applicants be informed that a grant will be made, but the amount thereof most depend on the amount received this year by the Corporation from the County Council.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st day of Yana, 1893—Present : Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)-

1-Montpellier Estate Loan—Resolved, That the date of the Loan of £7,650 be the 20th of May, 1893.

2--Loan to the Corporation of Swansea of £2,000—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the mortgage by the Swansea Urban Sanitary Authority for this Loan.

3-Cloddimore Road—Sanderson—It was Resolved, That in consideration of Mr. Edwd. Sanderson having, when this road was widened, given up land for the purpose of such widening—when it was arranged that he should be relieved of any expense in connection with the repair of the road, no demand be made upon him in respect of the recently executed private Improvement Works in the said road.

4- Alstone Lane — Higgs—An application from Mr. Emmanuel Higgs to be allowed to repay at the rate of 4s per month the sum of £2 6s. 9d. due from hint for private Improvement Works in the above lane, was considered. Resolved, That he be allowed to repay at the rate mentioned with five per cent. interest.

5--- Water Loan, £90,000—Resolved, That notice be given to the holders of the outstanding Debentures of this year for £900 and £1,600 the term of which expires on the 30th Oct. next, that the amount in question will be repaid on that date unless the holders thereof are prepared to accept interest at 3 ¼ per cent.

6—Paragon Terrace—Collett—A Letter from E. S. Collett, asking to be allowed to repay the amount due in respect of Private Improvement Works in the above road by instalments, with interest at 5 per cent., was read. Resolved, That the request be granted.

7--General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected: £1,497, leaving outstanding £12,291 2s. 2½ d.

8--Water sate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts : £1,769 16s. 11d., leaving outstanding £6,493 4s.

ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid.

The General Statement is as follows :—

Amount overdrawn last month	£2926 1 6
Paid during the Month	<u>£3255 2 9</u>
	£6181 4 3
Received during the Month	<u>£10812 1 2</u>
	£4630 16 11
Sinking and Loans Fund—	
Invested with Corporation of Swansea	<u>£2000 0 0</u>
In hand	£2630 16 11
Being to Credit of Current and Interest A/c	£2567 1 8
Sinking and Loans Funds	<u>£63 15 3</u>
	£2630 16 11

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of May, 1893—Present Alderman Sir A. Ramsay ; Capt. Welch Mr. Thomas Pippett (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 resented to the Library during the past month:—

Anonymous	12 vols.
“	1 vol.
Mr. E. Foster	1 vols
Trustees of British Museum	6 vols.
Mr. W. G. J. Eyre	1 vol.

Secretary of State for India 1 vol

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Tynemouth, Dundee, Hereford, Southport, Blackpool, Glasgow, Bootle, Rochdale, Stafford, Westminster, Buxton, and Stratford-on-Avon.

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2--Sub Committees' Report—The Sub-Committee recommended as follows:

That Tenders be invited for the supply of new Books, Periodicals and Newspapers for the year commencing July 1st.

That a Newspaper Rack similar to the one shewn on the plan submitted be obtained,

That the sum of £30 be expended on the purchase of new Books, and replacing worn out volumes,

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted,

3.-- Purchase of Library Site from Mrs. Wilkes and others—The Town Clerk stated that in the Conveyance of the above Land to the Corporation there was a covenant on the part of the vendors to hand over to the Corporation two Deeds forming part of the Title to the said premises, when certain Policies of Insurance thereby assigned fell in or were surrendered. That the said Deeds had now been handed over to him, but the Gresham Life Assurance Society, through Mr. J. P. Wilkes, Solicitor of Gloucester, required an acknowledgement on the part of the Corporation of the right of the Society to production of the said Deeds and an undertaking for the safe custody thereof, which he, pending the instructions of the Committee, had declined to give. Resolved, That Mr. Wilkes be informed the Committee do not consider the Insurance Society have any right to such an undertaking and must decline to give it, but there would never be any objection to or practical difficulty as to the production of the deeds in question so long as the Deeds remain in the hands of the Corporation.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account	£8 5 0
J. Webb, Books	£1 13 6
Mackie and Co., Binding	£1 5 0
C. Lowe, Books	£1 19 3
J. W. Pink, Books	£1 9 6
W. Norton	£2 0 1
Accounts under 10s each	£0 15 6

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of May, 1893 —Present : Aldermen Rogers and Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillors Hands, Moles, Parsonage and Steel (Councillor Hands in the chair)-

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That Summonses be issued against the parents of the following children : Rose Gould, Ewlyn Cottages Susan Hunt, Ewlyn Cottages Ernest Skinner, York Street Grantley Surman, Grove Street Fred Tovey, 41, Queen street

2--Attendance Officers' Reports—The usual Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, June 28th, 1893.

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 July next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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 the Special Meeting held on the 7th instant.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve or otherwise the proceedings of

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

5. Notices of Motion.

6. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be: F. Wright re Herefordshire Agricultural Show, 1894. Daniel Mallory re Borough Extension. T. G. Poulston Application for leave to put up a Barber's pole.

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 of July, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of June, 1893—Present : Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Steel (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2- Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read: Average Illuminating Power, 16.78 candles. Purity, 7.64 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

3---Gas Inspector's Monthly Report —The Gas Inspector's Monthly Report was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month, 4.225 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 6 (2 metered). Burning dimly, 39 (5 metered).

5—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Mr. F. Rowland had put up a Hairdresser's Pole at 92, Albion Street, in contravention of the bye-laws. A letter from Mr. Roseland applying for leave to keep same up, was read. Resolved, That the pole be allowed to remain. A letter from Mr. F. Crowther requesting to be allowed to place a Hairdresser's Pole at No. 21, Townsend Place, was read. Resolved, That permission be given if the pole is fixed over the shop not to project more than 2 feet at the top of the pole.

6—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways --The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month, viz :

Wellington Street repaired with Clee Hill Stone, 1583 superficial yards.

Patching—Bath Road, High Street, Lansdown Place, Lansdown Road, sides (proceeding).

Curbing, Crossing, and Flagging—Winchcombe Street, Roman Road, Montpellier Avenue, St. Luke's Road, Pittville Circus, Union Street (Fairview), Russell Street, Berkeley Place, St. George's Road (paving and concrete proceeding).

Gullies re-constructed—One in Lansdown Road, one in Old Bath Road, one in Queen's Road, one in Gas Lane, one in Courtenay Street.

Trees pruned in the following streets—Priory Street, Cemetery Road, Pittville Circus, Prestbury Road, Monson Avenue, Cleeve Road, Lansdown Road, Gloucester Road, St. George's Road, Tivoli Road, Dagmar Road, Ambrose Street, Tewkesbury Road.

Asphalte Channelling—In Lansdown Road (proceeding).

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 420 ; Cart Loads 517 ; consumed at the Destructor 536 tons, 6 cwt 3 qrs.

7—Lighting of Old Bath Road—A letter from Mr. R. Dennis the owner of " Laracor," a new house opposite the East Gloucestershire Resolved, That a lamp be fixed at the junction of the Old Bath Road with Naunton Park Road, at the South Emit Corner. Cricket Ground, stating he would be obliged by the Committee improving the lighting in the above road, was read.

8—Glenfall Street—A letter from Mr. James Marment, calling attention to the disgraceful state of Glenfall Street, more especially at the back of 6, Glenfall Terrace, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Marment be asked if any of the other owners concur in his request that the Corporation shall act in the matter.

9—Naming of Francis Street—Letters from Mrs. Cull upon the subject of name plates for this street were read, and adjourned for further consideration.

10—Seats on Gloucester Road—A letter from Mr. R. H. Butler, calling attention to the need of seats near the Bus terminus at Lansdown and at other places on the Gloucester Road, was read. Resolved, That three seats be placed on this road at sites to be fixed by the Committee.

11—Clare Street—A letter from Mr. Edwin Coome, an owner of property in the neighbourhood of Clare Street, asking the Committee to re-consider the specification for the repair of Clare Street by including therein the necessary repairs to the lanes and other approaches thereto, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification for the repair of the back streets referred to,

12—Bennington Street—The subject of declaring this road to be a public highway was considered, and the further consideration thereof adjourned ; the Town Clerk in the meantime to take the necessary preliminary steps.

13—Harvey Bros.' Application—An application from Messrs. Harvey Bros. for leave to insert iron cups for window blind supports in the pavement in front of premises in Manchester Street, was read. Resolved, That Messrs Harvey be informed such poles and cups as they contemplate are not permitted, but that proper shop blinds with raising brackets of the proper heights will be allowed.

14— 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 :

Miss Bayliss, additions to 6, St. James' Parade.

Mr. H. A. Dutton, additions to Maryville, St. George's Road.

Miss Hamilton, Coach House, Stables, and Cottage at back of Park Place.

Mrs. Baker, New Lavatories at 29, Park Place.

Charles Winstone, New Villa in Christ Church Road.

The latter approved except so much thereof as relates to the Well, Well House, and access thereto, which has been objected to by the Town Improvement Committee.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 1893—Present Alderman Wethered; Councillors Feeney, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman of this Meeting.

2—Mr. W. Edwards' Application—A letter from Mr. R. E. Steel on behalf of Mr. W. Edwards who had been fined by the Magistrate, £5 and costs for non-compliance with an order of this Committee in reference to provision of Flushing Apparatus for w.c's on property belonging to him, asking the Committee to remit some portion of the penalty, on the ground that his client is only a working man, and that he had immediately proceeded to do the work which he understood is now practically completed, and expressing his client's sincere regret for the defiant manner in which he had acted before the Justices was read. The Inspector having reported that the work was not yet done, the further consideration of the application was adjourned.

3—Zymotic Diseases—The Medical Officer of Health stated that there had been reported since the last meeting of the Committee 46 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

4—Method of Removing Cases to Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health reported the necessity of a nurse — accompanying the Ambulance, and recommended that such provision be made in the agreement with the Delancey Trustees: Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Dr. Wilson accordingly.

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5 —Alleged Nuisance from Sewage on Land at Uckington—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Medical Officer for the Rural Sanitary Authority had forwarded him a complaint from a resident at Uckington, complaining of a nuisance from Sewage applied to a field behind the Vicarage at Uckington in the occupation of J. S. Gibbons, Esq., and that the footpath across the field was flooded by Sewage. Resolved, That Mr. Gibbons be given notice that unless the nuisance complained of is abated, the Corporation must discontinue to supply him with liquid sewage.

6— Overcrowding at Tinderbox Row—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at a house belonging to Mr. Geo. Herbert in the above Row, there are a man and wife and seven children while there are only two small sleeping rooms, giving an average air space of 194 cubic feet per adult head, which is not sufficient. Resolved, That notice be given under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act to remedy the nuisance.

7—Water Supply at Destructor—The Medical Officer of Health having asked that a supply of water for drinking purposes might be put on at the Destructor, for the use of the men employed there, Resolved, That the Town supply be laid on.

8—W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Houses, having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notices be given to the owners under section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to provide the necessary apparatus, and a supply of water thereto, except in the case of 1 to 6, Vauxhall Place, belonging to Mr. John Bough, against whom proceedings are to be taken.

9.—Wells requiring to be Closed—The Medical Officer of Health having represented that the waters in the wells, a list of which he submitted, and which is likely to be used for drinking or domestic

purposes, is so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That the necessary proceedings be taken under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, for closing the wells.

10—Drains requiring to be Opened for Examination --The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act 1875, stating that the Drains at the following houses are a nuisance and injurious to health, Resolved, That an authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them, and act as provided by the said section:-

26, Winchcomb Street
1 to 4, Baker Street
5 to 7 Industrial Cottages

11—Sewer in Arle Road—The Surveyor having reported that he estimated the cost of the requisite extension of this Sewer at £120, Resolved, That if the owners of the Houses will contribute one third of the cost of the extension of the Sewer the Sewer be extended.

12-Sewage, &c. of New Houses—The question of the construction of Sewers in new houses, the connection with Main Sewers and construction of private house drainage generally, was discussed, and the Town Clerk was requested to report to the Committee on the subject.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of June, 1893—Present Alderman Wetherell; Councillors Darby, Hands, Feeney, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (Alderman Wethered in the Chair)—

13—Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

14—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health stated that there had been reported since the last meeting 19 cases of Scarlet Fever and one of Diphtheria.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that Dr. Ferguson desired to know whether the Committee would object to an empty house being taken in Cheltenham for the reception of Boys from the College Block who are in a convalescent and desquamating condition. He, the Medical Officer of Health, advised that no objection be made to such a course, provided the house proposed be not in an unobjectionable position. Resolved, That the proposal be approved subject to the site being approved by the Medical Officer of Health.

15—House without Water Supply—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, that the house No. 27 Rutland Street is without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation Mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That notice be given under sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners, requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such acts as may be necessary for that purpose.

16-W.C. without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the house known as " Queensland " on the Gloucester Road was without a water supply and proper flushing apparatus to the W.C. Resolved, That notice be given A\r to the owner under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to provide efficient flushing apparatus and a proper supply of water thereto, and that if such notice is not complied with proceedings be taken to enforce it.

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17—Attendant or Clerk for Health Department—A letter from Mrs. Bennett, of Cheltondale, asking if it is not possible and advisable to have someone always in the Health Office who could receive orders, as she had called on two occasions and had a good deal of trouble in finding anyone to whom she could report a fresh case of Scarlatina, was read. The Medical Officer of Health stated it was very desirable there should be someone with whom messages might be left for his department during the absence of the Inspectors, whose work obliged them to be often away from the office. Resolved, That the question. of the desirability of having a Porter or Commissionaire for the offices generally be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

18—Arle Road Sewer—A letter from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland, and Co., on behalf of Mr. Adcock, stating that their client would undertake to pay on completion of the requisite extension of the above sewer one third part of the cost thereof, provided such one third does not exceed £5, and that the work is begun, proceeded with, and completed without delay, was read. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the work be commenced immediately.

19—Delancey Trust—A letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson, stating that the actual terms of the Draft Agreement not having been before the Trustees at their previous meeting, a special meeting had been held on the 22nd inst. to consider the alterations proposed by their Solicitors, and it was Resolved, That the alterations in Paragraph 1, and the exclusion of Clause 2 (which gives the Medical Officer of Health right of access to that Hospital) recommended by the Solicitors be confirmed ; also that he was desired in conveying this resolution to the Town Clerk to intimate that although the Trustees could not accept the new principles involved in Clause 2, which might lead to a divided responsibility, they desired that the free access to the Hospital, which the Medical Officer of Health has enjoyed by arrangement with the Medical Officer of the Hospital, should be continued as heretofore, was read. The Draft showing the above alterations was also received from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney. Resolved, That the Committee see no objection to the red ink alteration in Clause 1, but they consider Clause 2 should be re-instated with the last two lines eliminated, which would seem to have been the part more particularly objected to, and that the Medical Officer of Health should be at liberty to attend the Meetings of the Trustees.

20-Cholera - A letter from Mr. Clutterbuck stating that the Charlton Kings Local Board had passed a resolution in terms similar to the resolution passed by the Public Health Committee on the 26th ultimo was read.

21-Accounts-The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

Medical Practitioners, Notification Fees	£18 10 0
Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£36 8 0
E. Jones, 4 Weeks' Wages	£5 0 0

Poor Rate on Sewage Farm	£0 16 5
Ambulance Driver's Cottage	£0 9 8
C. J. Willis, " Sanitas " Fluid	£4 0 0
General District Rate on Ambulance Driver's Cottage	£0 11 4 ½
Calvert and Co., Disinfectants	£3 16 0
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£4 5 0
J. H. Long, 1 Month's Salary	£8 6 8
E. Newcombe, Compensation for Loss of Work	£1 2 6
Dr. Garrett, Cab Hire	£2 12 6

E. WETHERED,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 14th day of June, 1893—Present Alderman Wethered Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1 --Montpellier Gardens—A Letter from Col. Croker King to the Deputy Mayor, asking for the use of these Gardens for the performance of Pastoral Plays by Mr. Ben Greet on the 17th and 18th July, for the benefit of the General Hospital, was read. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be granted for that purpose on condition that the Subscribers of the Gardens have free admission to the performances.

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2 —Midland Railway Guide—A Letter from Mr. F. Brine, on behalf of Messrs. Cassell & Co., Limited, requesting to know if the Corporation would advertise Cheltenham in the Official Guide of the Midland Railway, about to be published by them, the Book being similar in character to that of the Great Western Railway, in which the Corporation had advertised, and stating that the fees for the retention of a single page would be 15 guineas, which would cover insertion in all editions issued during the course of three years, was read. Resolved, That an advertisement of one page be inserted, upon the above terms, the matter to be similar to that inserted in the Great Western Guide, but subject to revision of the proof by this Committee.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1893—Present Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Lawrence and Norman (Alderman Wethered in the Chair)—

3 -Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—The Deputy Mayor, as Chairman of the Committee having charge of the arrangements for the celebration of the Royal Wedding, applied on behalf of that Committee for the free use of the above Gardens on the Wedding Day for the entertainment of the children during the afternoon, and for Promenade Concerts during the evening. Resolved, That the

Committee be allowed to have the use of the Gardens on their undertaking to make good any damage that may be done to them ; also the Recreation Ground, if required.

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of June, 1892—Present: Councillors Lawrence, Norman, Heath and Drew (Councillor Drew in the chair)—

4—Great Western Railway Train Service—A Letter from the Board of Trade, of date the 21st inst., in reply to the Town Clerk's letter, stating that the Board had given the most careful consideration to the representations of the Town Council, and that the Board were in communication with the Company on the subject of the improved service of express trains. and that a further communication would be addressed to the Town Clerk when the Company's reply is received, was read. The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a case he had submitted to Counsel, and from which it appeared that Counsel advised that the Corporation had a good case for making complaint to the Railway and Canal Commissioners, and that such complaint is likely to be entertained with success assuming that the facts stated in the Town Clerk's letter to the Board of Trade can be proved. Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to take such steps in the matter as they may in their discretion think advisable.

5 - Mineral Water Well at Christ Church—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan of Construction of Well Chamber and access thereto, proposed by Mr. C. Winstone, the owner of the land, round his well. Resolved, That the Plan be not approved.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

BAND SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on the 22nd day of June, 1893—Present Councillors Lawrence, Heath, and Norman, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)-

6—Corporation Band —The Borough Accountant having applied to know if the Band were to be paid for Wednesday morning last the date from which, under the agreement, they were to play, although their performance had not commenced till the evening of that day. Resolved, That under the circumstance, and as it appeared the band were ready to commence if so required, they be paid the full amount. Also, that they be paid for their performance on Sunday afternoon, but that no further Sunday concerts be given, except on dates fixed by the Committee.

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7—The Royal Wedding Celebration Committee applied to this Committee for information as to where the Corporation Band would be stationed on the occasion of the Royal Wedding, and also enquired whether the Band would on that day be directed to play in the afternoon instead of the morning, which they understood was provided for in the agreement with Mr. Hatton. Resolved, That if the Royal Wedding Committee can make satisfactory arrangements with the Band, this Committee

will on the day in question transfer the Band to the Royal Wedding Committee and instruct them to play under that Committee's direction.

EDWIN LAWRENCE.

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 28th day of June, 1893 - Present : Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne, Waghorne, and Heath (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

8—Royal Wedding—Resolved, That the Public be admitted to the Pittville Gardens on the afternoon of the 6th proximo free.

9—Mineral Water Spa—The Borough Surveyor and the Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee their Report on this subject, with the Plans prepared by the Surveyor. Resolved, That the Report and such of the plans as the Surveyor may consider necessary for explaining or elucidating the same be printed and proofs be sent to the Members of the Committee, and the further consideration thereof be adjourned.

10—Montpellier Gardens—Bye-Laws—The Draft of these Bye-Laws was considered by the Committee. Resolved, That as now altered and settled the Draft be submitted to the Local Government Board for approval.

11 -- Mr. Ben Greet's Plays—A letter from Colonel Croker King asking, on behalf of Mr. Ben Greet, if the permission granted by the Committee for Pastoral Plays in the above Gardens on the 17th and 18th July, might be transferred to the 14th and 15th of that month, those dates being more convenient to Mr. Greet. Resolved, That permission be granted for the 14th and 15th July.

12—Pittville Gardens—A Letter from Mrs. Daubeney, calling attention to the fact that boys are in the habit of stoning the ducklings and other fowls and birds at Pittville, and suggesting that a small reward be offered to anyone bringing such boys to the notice of the Authorities, and so preventing the practice, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to take the necessary steps to remedy the matter complained of.

13—Visit of Worcester Porcelain Works Employees—The Town Clerk reported that the Managing Director of the Worcester Porcelain Works had applied to know upon what terms their Employees, numbering between 700 and 1000, might be admitted to these Gardens on Saturday next, and also whether a Band and Dancing would be permitted, and that after consultation with the Borough Surveyor, he had replied that the charge would be 1d. per head, and that a Band and Dancing would not be objected to. Resolved, That this arrangement be approved.

14—Mineral Water Well at Christ Church—Mr. Winstone submitted an amended Plan for construction of, and access to, the Well House. Resolved, That the Plan be approved, the works to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, but the Committee cannot recommend payment of any part of the expense.

15 —Borough Extension—Letters from Mr. Mallory requesting a cheque for £133 10s. the balance of the Taxed Costs incurred by the Leckhampton Local Board, in the opposition to the Order the formal sanction of the Local Government Board having been obtained to the costs, and enclosing for the Committee's perusal, Taxing Master's Certificate and Order of the Local Government Board, were read. The Town Clerk reported that the confirming Act had not yet received the Royal assent, but that his agents expected it would receive it in the course of a day or two. Resolved, That Mr. Mallory be referred to resolution of this Committee of date the 1st March last, wherein the Committee agreed to pay these costs "on the adjustment of the accounts between the Council and the Board, after the Order is confirmed."

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of June, 1893—Present: Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, and King (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Borough Surveyor's Report--The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read :—

On the 26th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 103 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 106 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 13,581,391 gallons.

On the 26th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 25 feet 6 inches, and the contents 66,028,280 gallons, which gives a total storage of 79,609,671 gallons. Application has been made for an extension of water main in Copt Elm Road, a distance of about 150 yards. The return will be sufficient to cover the outlay. Resolved, That the main be extended along the Copt Elm Road.

2- Harris—Resolved, That on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, the salary of Mr. F. H. Harris be increased from £80, his present salary, to £100 per annum, as from the 24th inst.

3 - Gloucester Water Supply—The Committee report that by arrangement made by the Deputy Mayor and Alderman Thoyts, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Gloucester, and Councillor Seekings, with the City Surveyor and the Town Clerk have had a Conference with your Committee on the 7th inst., and a price and terms were submitted to them which your Committee would have recommended the Town Council to accept, but as the Town Clerk has since received a Letter from the Town Clerk of Gloucester, stating that after fully considering the matter his Committee, having regard to the large cost of laying down mains between Tewkesbury and Gloucester, felt that the Cheltenham scheme is not practicable as a means of temporary supply, and his Committee were not at present in a position to consider the Cheltenham scheme in connection with a permanent supply, the Committee think it unnecessary and inexpedient to enter into details of the terms submitted.

4—Land at Pilford—A Letter from Mr. Dale, acceding to the terms of the Committee for the letting of this land, was read.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

6—Supply of Water—Applications for the supply of Water for the past month were examined and the agreements made and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 6th day of June, 1893—Present Aldermen Wethered and Col. Thoys ; Councillors Darby, Lawrence, Norman and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Thoys in the chair)—

1-Montpellier Gardens—A Letter from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, requesting the Council to let them these Gardens for the purpose of holding an Athletic Meeting on the day of the marriage of the Duke of York and Princess May, was read ; but a desire having been expressed, by the General Committee for celebrating the marriage, that the Public Gardens should be reserved for use on the day of the wedding, Resolved, That the Committee feel they cannot let the Gardens for the purposes of an Athletic Meeting on that day.

N. B. THOYS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 8th day of June, 1893—Present Alderman Col. Thoys ; Councillors Lawrence, and Norman (Alderman Col. Thoys in the chair)—

2-- Hackney Carriage Licenses—The matters in connection with certain of the Licenses referred by the Council to this Committee for consideration, were considered and the parties interviewed with the following results :—Thos. Williams—Licenses adjourned till next month but Mr. Williams allowed to use the Carriages in the meantime.

Geo. Stokes—A question of transfer of License to another and better carriage, which the Committee agreed to.

William Cooke (Wheelchairman)—Cooke censured and License granted.

J. F. Paul—Adjourned till next meeting with leave to use the carriages pending decision. In the meantime Messrs. Taylor and Huband to see to the Horses and report if they are fit for Hackney Carriage work.

Chas. Wells—Reprimanded and License granted.

Henry Workman—Satisfactorily explained his absence on Licensing day, and the Committee granted his Licenses.

Harry Warner—License adjourned till next month, with no interim leave.

A number of the Drivers who had failed to attend the Licensing Meeting were seen by the Committee and in each case the Committee considered their explanations satisfactory and granted their Licenses.

The remainder of the Licenses the Committee ordered to be held over for the present.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th day of June, 1893—Present Alderman Wethered Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)-

3—Carnival Fete at Pittville—A letter from Col. Ashburner, stating that he had been requested to ask the permission of the Town Council for decorations being put up in the Town during the three days of the Carnival in aid of the Homes for Sick Children and Working Boys' on the 27th, 28th, and 29th of this month, this permission to include decorations to some of the Street Lamps, was read.

Resolved, That permission be given so far as the Corporation is concerned, subject to the decorations, &c., being put up to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of June, 1893—Present: Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Norman, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

4—Royal Marriage—The Borough Surveyor placed before the Committee designs for illuminating the Municipal Offices and the Public Library on the 6th proximo. The design for the illumination at the Offices, at a cost of £15, was approved, and the design for illuminating the Library, as modified, restricted to the Centre Pavilion, was also approved at a cost to be left to the Surveyor to settle, the existing fittings belonging to the Corporation being utilised as far as practicable.

5—Flag—A Design for a Flag incorporating the Borough Arms, and costing £5 10s was approved.

6—Address—A form of address, submitted by the Town Clerk, was approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday the 26th, day of June, 1893—Present ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, and Norman (Councillor Norman in the chair)—

7—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the month and to one alarm of fire, viz . on the 14th inst. to an alarm of fire at 223, High

Street, the Brigade stopped on its way and ought not to have been called out, the expenses amounted to £2 117s. 6d., bill of which was now presented for payment.

On the 23rd inst. at No. 17, Lansdown Place Stables, amount of expenses not stated, but account sent in to Insurance Coy.

8—Hackney Carriages—An application from C. W. Martin of the Midland Temperance Hotel for a Hackney Carriage License, was refused.

Warner—A letter from Mr. H. Warner of the Norwood Arms, applying for his License and apologising for not having taken it up at the Annual Licensing Meeting, was read and the license ordered to be handed to him.

G. F. Paul—The matter of Paul's Licenses was again considered together with Messrs. Taylor and Huband's report of an examination made by them of the horses. Resolved, That Mr. Paul be allowed one month within which to replace the horses he is now using, and that if that be done to the satisfaction of the Committee the licenses will then be granted.

Williams—This matter was further considered and it was Resolved, That pending further consideration the Licenses not to be issued.

9—Wheel Chairs—A Wheel Chair License was granted to James Alder of 13, St. Paul's Street.

10—Drivers' Licenses—Letters from Henry Gardner, Alfred Watts, and the Plough Drivers, asking the Committee to grant them their Licenses which they omitted to take up on the Annual Licensing Day, and offering apologies and explanations, together with a letter from Col. Agg on behalf of the Plough Drivers, was read. Resolved, That the Licenses be now granted

Applications were received from and Licenses to Drive granted to, E. Gobey, James Matthews and Harry Pearce.

11—Surveyor's Assistants—The Surveyor reported that Mr. Stringfellow had left, having obtained the Surveyorship of the East Stonehouse Local Board, and that he had appointed Mr. Dunscombe in his place, but did not purpose to fill up the vacancy in his staff so caused.

12 --Allotments for St. Mark's District—A memorial from Rowland Curtis and others, requesting the Council to provide Allotments for St. Mark's and Alstone District, was read, and adjourned for further consideration.

13—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed .—

Telephone Company, One Year's Rental	£9 0 0
Window Cleaning Company, Cleaning Office Windows	£3 0 0
J. Leighton, Folly Lane Repairs	£6 0 5
Fire Brigade, Attending Fire at 223, High Street	£2 11 6
W. A. Baker, Fire Brigade Salaries for half-year	£37 10 0
" Disbursements	£4 14 6
H. Cooper, Firewood	£2 0 0
Poor Rates on various buildings	£3 3 19

R. W. Young, Commission on Market Tolls	£1 11 3
General District Rate on Allotments	£1 19 8

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of June, 1893—Present : Councillors Feeney, Moles, King, and Norman (Councillor King in the chair)—

1-- Alstone Swimming Baths—The usual Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. Total Number of Bathers during the present season, 8932, Total receipts, £77 2s. 3 ½ d.

2-Taunton Park —Resolved, That the Recreation Ground be opened to the Public on the 6th Proximo, and that the Mayor be requested to open it at an hour to be fixed later on.

3-Old Cemetery—A letter from Lieut.-Col. Brown, stating that the ground was opened to the public on the afternoon of the 26th of May and has since been opened daily each afternoon till dusk, the Society providing competent caretaker, and the condition required by the Council regarding the High Street Gate has been complied with, was read. Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to pass an order for payment of the amount promised viz. £10,

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

Boiler Insurance Coy, Baths Boiler	£2 7 6
Poor Rate on Naunton Recreation Ground	£1 2 9
" Alstone Baths	£3 5 2
" Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground	£1 14 6
E. Terrett, Suit of Clothes for Recreation Ground Caretaker	£7 6 6
Interest and Repayment on Loan	£135 5 4

CHARLES W. KING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of June, 1893—Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Feeney, Moles, Steel, Parsonage, and Williams. (Councillor Williams in the chair)—

1—Superintendents Report—The Superintendent asked for instructions as to how the interments from Nazareth House should be treated. He also suggested that drinking cups should be provided at the hydrants, stating that he had frequently seen persons attempting to drink from the tap.

Resolved, That on payment of the fees payable on the interment of a person not being a pauper, Rule 17 be adhered to.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to procure 3 cups and chains for use at the hydrants.

2 — Driscoll —A Letter from Messrs, Ley Wood and Rickerby, stating that Mr. Driscoll had leased for 14 years the grave space in which his mother was buried, and contending that the Corporation should exhume the body of the person buried in his mother's grave, and exhume and re-inter in his mother's grave his sister's body; but that their client would rest content if the body was removed from his mother's grave, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby be informed that Mr. Driscoll had not leased the grave space in which his mother was buried, as he had not purchased the exclusive right of burial therein ; That the Committee adhere to their Resolution of 23rd March last, but that the Board will give effect to any Order of the Secretary of State in the matter that their client may obtain.

3—Wilcox—A Letter from Mr. Jas. Wilcox, asking for a remission of 16s fees in the case of a burial of an adult and an infant of the same family in one grave. Resolved, That under the circumstances stated the sum of 12s 6d be remitted.

4—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :-- Headstones to Michael J. Sullivan, Adolphus Lyons, Thos. Mogridge, Stephen Lodwick, and Eliza Burford.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages £12 8 0

J. Fisher, Scythes and Shears £0 16 9

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th day of June, 1893—Present : Councillors Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

7—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected : £4,812 9s. 1d., leaving outstanding £8,975 13s. 1½ d.

8 —Water Rate--The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts; £3,675 8s. 8d., leaving outstanding £4,787 12s. 3d.

4-ACCOUNTS —The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid. The General Statement is as follows :—

Amount in hand last month	£2,630 16 11
Received during the month	<u>£6,909 15 6</u>
	£9,540 .12 5
Paid during the Month	<u>£2,373 0 7</u>
In hand	£7,167 11 10
Being to Credit of Current and Interest A/c	£7,103 16 7
Sinking and Loans Funds	<u>£ 63 15 3</u>
	£7167 11 10

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of June, 1893—Present: Aldermen Wethered, Captain Welch, R.N., and Mr. Thomas Pippett (Alderman Wethered 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 presented to the Library during the past month :—

Rev. H. Varley	1 Pamphlet
Sir John Dorington (per Rev. Canon Hutchinson)	1 Volume
London Secretary of the Chicago Exhibition	1 Volume
Trustees of the Delancey Hospital	1 Volume
Annual Reports from the Libraries at :—Leicester, Battersea, Smethwick, Chelsea, Brentford, Chester, Barrow-in-Furness, Glasgow, Aston, Norwich, Richmond, Ealing, Wednesbury, Streatham, and Handsworth.	

2-Tenders—Tenders for Miscellaneous Literature, Magazines, and Periodicals were received from Messrs. Banks, Westley, and Cossens. The Tenders all being at the same rate, Westley's tender was accepted, he not having had the supply before.

3 --Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

J. Simmons, Cleaning and Regulating Clock	£0 4 0
Mudie's Library, Books	£3 3 6
Gas Company, Gas at Library	£6 13 10
Mackie & Co., Binding	£1 13 4
T. Miles & Co., Books	£1 0 1
J. Day & Son, Books	£2 6 5
C. Chivers, Binding	£2 4 11
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding and Stationery	£37 19 8
W. Jones, Wages Account	£9 15 0
J. J. Banks, Books	£7 16 7
" Newspapers and Periodicals	£11 18 9
" Magazines	£3 6 7
Poor Rate on Library	£8 2 11

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of June, 1893 —Present :
Councillors Hands, Moles, and Steel (Councillor Hands in the chair).—

1— Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That Summonses be issued against the parents of Florence Gardner of Evelyn Terrace, Elizabeth and William Hunt of Evelyn Cottages, and Alice Scrivens of 43, Sun Street, that Distress Warrants be applied for in the cases of James Hunt and Grantley Surman. And that application be made to the justices to send Thos. Jeffs of Henrietta Street to an Industrial School

2- - South and Middle Wards Local Committee—Resolved, That Mr. Henry Brill of Painswick Mews be appointed a member of this Committee.

3— Attendance Officers' Reports -The usual Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 30th day of June, 1893,—Present Councillors
Hands, Moles, Steel and Parsonage, (Councillor Hands in the chair)-

4—Absentee Returns—The Resolution of the Committee of 21st January, 1892, not having been found, in practice, to work satisfactorily, Resolved, That the same be rescinded, and the Resolution of this Committee of 23rd Dec., 1891, be re-affirmed, and the Resolutions in force at that time be reverted to except that the Returns be required to be sent in weekly instead of fortnightly.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, August 2nd, 1893.

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 8th day of August Instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.---Professor Ayrton's and Mr. Hall's Reports and Report of the Committee of 25th November last. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

5. Councillor Norman to move :—That the plans of Stables, Lavatories, and other Buildings especially affecting the Health Department be laid before the Health Committee for any observations thereon, before being submitted to the Street and Highway Committee for recommendation or otherwise to the Town Council.

6. Councillor Drew to move :—That the Resolutions of the Council confirming minutes of the 1st March, and 3rd July, 1893, of the Town Improvement Committee, referring to the payment of the Leckhampton Costs be rescinded, and that the same be paid without further delay.

7. Notices of Motion.

8. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be : General Sir Dighton Probyn re Royal Wedding. W. S. Clutterbuck re Borough Extension. Captain St Clair-Ford re Naunton Recreation Ground Retail Newsagents Union re Delivery of Newspapers.

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 8th of August, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of July, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors King, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Steel (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 15.55 candles. Purity, 8.49 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Gas Inspector's Monthly Report was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month, 4.325 cubic feet.

3—Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 6 (1 metered). Burning dimly, 14 (2 metered).

4-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Mr. E. A. Laurence, had put up a projecting sign at No. 3, Spa Place, in contravention of the bye-laws, and a letter was read from Mr. Laurence asking the Committee to allow same to remain up. Resolved, That as similar projections have been disallowed, the Committee cannot recommend that the desired permission be given.

A letter from Mr. T. G. Poulston requesting leave to place a sign over his shop window at 69, St. George's Place, in place of an existing one, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Poulston be requested to inform the Committee of the size and description of the proposed sign.

5—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month, viz :

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Tewkesbury Road from the Borough boundary to Malvern Street, 4,350 sup. yards, Lansdown Road, 5,556 sup. yards, Westal Green, 2,250 sup. yards, St. George's Road (proceeding).

Patching—Arle Road, Hatherley Road, Hewlett Street, St. James's Square, Hesters Way, Sandfield Road, Millbrook Street, High Street, Park Place, North Street, Painswick Lawn, Mountpleasant, Suffolk Road, Great Norwood Street, and Lansdown Place.

Patching with Wickwar Stone—Old Bath Road, Andover Retreat, Hatherley Road, Western Road, Sun Street,

Kerbing, Crossing and Flagging—Albion Street, Henrietta Street, St. Luke's Road, Dunalley Parade, Western Road, Montpellier Terrace (back), High Street, Lansdown Parade, Naunton Lane.

The footpath on the North side of St. George's Road has been relaid ; 1,080 super yards with the old flags, and 400 super yards with granite and cement concrete to replace defective flags, Sixteen carriage way entrances have been relaid.

The tar channelling in Lansdown Road, (1,533 super yards) is finished.

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Private Improvement Works — Clare Street (proceeding). Ashes Collected—Van Loads 523 ; Cart Loads 555 ; consumed at the Destructor 651 tons. 16 cwt 1 qr.

6—Central Depot—Horses at—Resolved, That the Committee would on Saturday, the 26th August, at 2.30 p.m., to inspect the horses at the Central Depot.

7--Francis Street—Resolved, That name plates for this street be ordered and fixed at both ends thereof.

8—Repair of Clare Street—Letters from the Rev, Geo. Despard, T. E. Williams, Esq., and Mr. Edwin Coome, submitting that the works specified as required to be done by the owners in this street are unnecessary and quite out of place considering the character and small rateable value of the premises abutting on the road and the cottages to which alone it leads is not a thoroughfare, were

read. Resolved, That having regard to the fact that the owners requested the Corporation to put this street into such a state of repair as that it could be taken t) as a highway, thus relieving them from liability to future If1 repairs, that although the street is not a thoroughfare, the Corporation have agreed to do so, and the specification has been passed accordingly and the Committee cannot see their way to alter it if the street is to be declared a highway.

9—Clare Street Mission Hall—A letter was read from the Rev. Geo. Despard and T. E. Williams, Esq., the Trustees of the above Hall, giving notice that the said Hall is a structure not designed to withstand such vibration as might be expected from the Steam Roller, or any vehicle exceeding 3 tons in weight, and that they will hold the Corporation responsible should any damage occur. Resolved, That if it be the fact that the building cannot stand the vibration of a roller or vehicle exceeding 3 tons in weight, it cannot be safe for the use of Meetings of any considerable number of human beings and it will be the duty of the Surveyor to examine and report on it with a view to its condemnation.

10--Chapel Walk—A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons on behalf of Mr. G. F. Newall, the owner of No. 1 Royal Well Terrace, asking the Corporation to withdraw their claim of £22 2s. 4d. from Mr. Newall, on the ground that the road has been 3 used as a public thoroughfare for over a quarter of a century, during which time it has never been repaired at Mr. Newall's expense, and that the Corporation had moreover exercised such acts of ownership over the road, e.g. the establishment of a cab stand there, as would probably render it inequitable on their part to now disclaim all liability for its repair, and stating that they understood the road was considerably damaged by the Corporation when constructing a sewer through there some few years ago, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons be informed that, in effect, the owners are not charged the whole cost of repairing the road ; the total cost of the repairs being £73 18s. 1d., of which the Corporation bear £33 5s. 8d that the damage to the road was done by the Ladies' College and not by the Corporation and that when the amounts as apportioned are paid the road will be declared a Highway and the owners relieved from further expenses in relation thereto.

11—Trees near Bayshill Lodge—Letters from Messrs. Thomas Bros., the occupiers, and from John Lea, Esq., the owner of Bayshill Lodge, stating that these premises are very much hidden and screened by two trees growing in the sidewalk immediately opposite the house, they therefore asked the Committee to favourably entertain their application that the two trees in question might be removed, were .read. Resolved, That one tree be removed provided the owner assents to the removal. also of the stone posts nose erected on the pavement.

12- Road by " Gwernant "—A letter from T. A. Hope, Esq. stating that he does not consider the apportionment of £9 9s. 0d. against him in respect of Private Improvement Works in the above road consistent, having regard to the way in which the road is and may be used by the individual owners, that he thought the amount ought to be equally divided, and that however well the road has been repaired the outlay of £54 14s. 10d. is a very heavy one, was read. Resolved, That the Committee consider that the basis on which the apportionment has been made as regards the houses in Pittville Circus Road is the fairest and most equitable to all the owners and are not prepared to make any alteration in it.

13—Oxford Passage -Resolved, That the open drain in this passage be converted into a covered surface drain with the necessary gullies.

14—Gloucester Roads— Seats in—Resolved, That three seats be fixed in this road, two near the Omnibus Terminus and a third near Malvern View Villas.

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

Mr. G. F. Poole for alterations and additions to No. 15, Bennington Street.

Mr. H. H. Martyn for Workshop at rear of "Sunningend."

The London & North Western Railway Company for Parcels Office and Dwelling House at corner of Ambrose Street and New Street.

Mrs. H. B. Webster for a House in Vittoria Walk.

The College Boarding House Company for additions to Cheltondale.

Mr. J. H. Jenkins for a Laundry at back of Farleigh Cottage, Naunton Crescent.

The last named approved subject to the drainage being executed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 12th day of July, 1893—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Hands, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health stated that there hail been reported since the last Meeting, 33 cases of scarlet fever, 1 of enteric fever, and 1 of diphtheria.

2-Hatherley Sewage Tank--The Medical Officer of Health reported that Dr. Fletcher had made a further complaint of the smell from this Tank and he, Dr. Garrett, recommended that if it be impracticable to remove the tank, deodorizers be tried at the time of emptying the tank in hot weather with a view of preventing any offensive odour. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health be adopted.

3—Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health stated that the Matron of the Hospital had complained of the want of Gas Lights in the Temporary Ward, also of the want of a water supply and a Lavatory, and of a window in the W.C. of the Ward. Resolved, That the Committee consider these are matters which should be provided and attended to by the Trustees.

4— Burning of Ballast in the Town by Builders—The Medical Officer of Health reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. Edward Carter, of Christ Church Road, complaining of a nuisance arising from ballast burning in the neighbourhood of his house, and stated that similar complaints had from time to time been received, and he desired to know if the Council possessed any powers for preventing the nuisance, which, when committed within the town is highly objectionable. Resolved, [the Committee fear that they have no power to prevent what they consider a serious nuisance in the

Town and that] Mr. Carter be informed that this is a matter for proceedings by the individual having cause of complaint.

5-Mr. Taylor's Skin Yard—The Medical Officer of Health reported that during the hot weather many complaints of smells from this Yard had been received by him, and the yard had been visited by himself and the Inspector of Nuisances. In his opinion it was impossible for this trade to be carried on without some offensive odour. Mr. Taylor had offered to do anything the Medical Officer of Health could suggest, and he had advised him to use disinfectants more freely, but if he could be prevailed on to remove his business from its present central position to the outskirts of the town it would be of great benefit to the inhabitants of this thickly inhabited neighbourhood. Resolved, That the complainants be informed the Corporation have no power to prevent the carrying on of this trade, but that Mr. Taylor has been requested to use the best known means of minimising the nuisance caused by his business.

6—Cholera—The Medical Officer of Health stated that he, the Medical Officer of Health for Charlton Kings, and the Surveyors of the two Districts had visited various localities for the purpose of selecting a suitable site for a Cholera Hospital in case of need, and letters had been written to several proprietors of land that appeared suitable for the purpose, asking if they would be willing to enter into an agreement whereby the land might become available in case of need for the purpose named, but that so far none but negative answers had been received. Mr. Edwards' Case—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the flushing apparatus in respect of which Mr. Edwards had been fined were now completed, and that the other work required according to the specification of the Borough Surveyor had only been partly done.

8-Betteridge— House at Hester's Way—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a house at Hester's Way belonging to Mr. Joseph Betteridge, and in the occupation of Mr. John Rennie, has a ditch full of sewage on one side within a very few yards, and very near the well, and a disused tank containing 2 feet of sewage on the other side, that a case of scarlet fever had recently been removed from the house, and in his opinion it is unfit for the residence of a family so long as sewage comes into such close contact with it. Resolved, That the necessary notice and proceedings be given and taken to abate the nuisance under section 91 of the Public Health Act.

9—No. 1 Eaton Place—The Medical Officer of Health certified this house in the occupation of Frederick Grace, to be in a filthy and unwholesome condition and recommended that notice to cleanse same be given to the owner and occupier under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act. Resolved, That notices be served accordingly and proceedings for the penalty be taken in case of default.

10-2, Windsor Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains at the above house are a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That an authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them and act as provided by the said section.

11—Pig keeping at 41, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Pigs are kept by Jas. Biddle at the above place in contravention of the Bye-laws, there being 3 pigs within 40 feet of the dwelling. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take proceedings for penalties in this case.

12-1 to 6, Albion Square—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises are in an insanitary condition, that new pans are required for the w.c.'s, and flushing apparatus and water supply to same, and that both closets and wash houses require to be ventilated. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act in relation to the w.c.'s, and under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, in respect of the flushing apparatus, water supply, and ventilation.

13-Slaughtering Pigs on Unlicensed Premises—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Jno. Smith, of Moor's Farm, is in the habit of killing pigs on his premises to supply shopkeepers in the town. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write Mr. Smith informing him that unless the practice is discontinued proceedings will be taken against him.

14 —Manure Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of persons who had neglected to construct proper Manure Receptacles in accordance with the Bye-Laws. Resolved, That proceedings be taken in respect of each case.

15—Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee a list of Notices served by the Town Clerk which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to enforce compliance with these notices.

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16—Re Appointment of Inspector of Nuisances —The twelve months for which Mr. Lewis was appointed expiring at the end of the present month. Resolved, That Mr. Lewis be re-appointed and that notice thereof be given to the Local Government Board with a request that they will confirm the same.

17—Holiday of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he intended shortly to take a holiday for 3 or 4 weeks, and that Dr. Todd the Medical Officer of Health of Charlton Kings had kindly consented to give such superintendence as might be necessary during his absence. Resolved, That the Committee assent to this arrangement.

18—Hayden Knoll Farm—Mr. Cooke, the tenant of this farm, having expressed a desire to terminate his tenancy and transfer his lease to Mr. R. T. Smith, of Benhall Farm, who had agreed to take to it on the same conditions, Resolved, That it be left in the hands of the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor to make the necessary enquiries in the matter and to accept the proposed arrangement if they think it is satisfactory.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of July, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Norman, Parsonage, Hands, Feeney, and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)—

19—Zymotic Disease—The Inspector of Nuisances reported (in the absence of the Medical Officer of Health) that there had been notified since the last meeting 29 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 cases of Enteric Fever.

20-Slaughtering on Unlicensed Premises—The Inspector reported that Mr. Chas. Gibbons had used the premises No. 2, St. Mark's le ail. Emporium for slaughtering purposes, they being neither licensed nor registered. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against Mr. Gibbons for penalties.

21- Licensed Butchers and the Abattoir—Complaints having been made that the formerly licensed slaughter houses are still in use as such notwithstanding their licenses were only renewed till the opening of the Abattoir which has now been some time in use. Resolved, That notice be given to the various parties that their licenses have expired, and that if they continue to slaughter on unlicensed premises they will be liable to be prosecuted.

22— Albion Chambers, Clarence Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises, which are let out as suites of offices are in a filthy and dilapidated condition, and that there are two closets with flushing apparatus, but no water. Resolved, That notice be given to the occupier to lay on water forthwith, and that in default proceedings be taken against him for penalties.

23-W.C.'S without Flushing Apparatus—The Inspector of Nuisances presented a list of houses having inside w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notices be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the owners to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for penalties.

24—Cholera—A letter from Mr. Mark Williams offering to place at the disposal of the Committee for use, in the event of an outbreak of Cholera, a piece of land belonging to him at Hester's Way, and leaving the terms as to payment, &c. to be named by the Committee, was read. The Medical Officer of Health pro tem (Dr. Todd), stated that he, with Dr. Garrett and the Surveyors of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings, had inspected the above mentioned land and they considered it a very suitable site for the erection of a temporary Cholera Hospital. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned till next month in order that it may be ascertained if the Rural Sanitary Authority will join with this Committee and the Charlton Local Board, in the arrangements proposed to be made with regard to the treatment of possible Cholera patients.

25—Hayden Knoll—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the new lease of this farm to Mr. R. T. Smith, for 14 years, determinable by either party at the end of 7 years, and the same was approved.

26—Rivers Pollution Bill—The Town Clerk called attention to the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention (No. 2) Bill which is being promoted by the County Councils Association and which would deprive this Borough and other Boroughs similarly situated of the protection they at present enjoy under the existing Acts if they use the best known available and practicable means of rendering their sewage innocuous. He reported that the Council of the Municipal Corporations Associations had passed a Resolution to oppose the bill, and be laid before the Committee Draft of the petition to Parliament against the bill, similar to that which is being sent up by the Borough of Leicester, adapted to the circumstances of this Borough. Resolved, That the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the petition and be forwarded to the Member for the Borough with a request that he will present it.

27—Delancey Hospital Trust —A Letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson enclosing copy of the following resolution, was read :—

" That Clause 2 be accepted if amended so as to read as follows :

The Medical Officer of Health of the Borough shall at all reasonable hours have access to all parts of the said Hospital in which persons suffering from Infectious disease sent into the Hospital by his direction are being treated " Provided always that as it is the intention of the parties that under this agreement the undivided responsibility for " and the control of the working of the Hospital shall, as at present, rest upon and be vested in the said Trustees (through their officials) such right of access shall not be deemed to confer any right of interference with the management of the Hospital or with the examination and treatment of patients.

" The Medical Officer of Health shall also be at liberty to attend the Meetings of the Committee of Management and the " ordinary Monthly Meetings of the Trustees, but without power of voting at such meetings."

A Letter was also received from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney forwarding the Draft Agreement amended in accordance with the foregoing. Resolved, That the Clause as it now stands be approved.

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28-Accounts-The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

J. G. Villar, Commission, &c. on Annual Letting of Sewage Farm	£18 6 2
G. Roberts, Repairing Manhole Fittings	£7 3 8
G. Skey & Co., Pipes	£5 11 10
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ironmongery	£2 3 9
A. H. Nott, Slack for Abattoir	£0 14 6
Nicholas and Co., Glass and Brushes	£1 3 6
Gibbs, and Canning, Pipes	£14 9 5
S. B. Dix & Co., Paint, &c.	£0 14 0
Pearce and Sons, Timber	£4 7 11
J. Tinkler, Brooms	£0 10 6
Gas Co., Coke for Abattoir	£1 5 10
E. Jones, 5 Weeks' Wages	£6 5 0
J. H. Long, 1 Month's Salary	£8 6 8
R. E. & C. Marshall, Syringe, &c.	£0 10 3
W. H. Hill, Chemicals	£8 2 1
J. H. Bennett, Return of Deaths	£1 12 0
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£5 0 0
Accounts under 10s each	£2 0 11

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of July, 1893—Present; Alderman Wethered Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Heath, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)-

1— Promenade Improvements—The Town Clerk reported that by direction of the Chairman he had in pursuance of the resolution of this Committee of date the 29th March last addressed a circular letter to the owners and occupiers of the houses No. 1 to 13, inclusive, in the Promenade, requesting their attendance at a Meeting of this Committee to be held in the Council Chamber on this day with a view to ascertain if it is possible to complete the Promenade Improvements by the removal of the railings of the gardens and fore courts of the above houses and the throwing of the spaces so enclosed. or the greater part thereof, into the Promenade The Committee then adjourned to the Council Chamber where they were met by the following gentlemen :—

Mr. F. Slatter for the owner of No. 2, Promenade.

Messrs. Young and Gilling (Mr. R. C. Monk) for the owners of Nos. 3 and 13, Promenade.

Mr. G. H. Bayley for Harrison, Bayley, and Adams, the occupiers of No. 4, Promenade.

Mr. J. McCarthy and Mr. Joseph James, as occupiers of No. 5, Promenade.

Mr. E. W. Wilkins for Messrs. Walter Wilkins and Son, owners and occupiers of No. 6, Promenade.

Mr. J. P. Lambert for the Treasury (Post Office).

Mr. W. H. Horsley as owner and occupier of No. 8, Promenade, and as owner of No. 9. Promenade.

Mr. Henry Wilkins for the owner of No. 10, Promenade.

Mr. J. W. Burgess for the owner of No. 11, Promenade.

Mr. Henry Prothero as occupier of No. 13, Promenade.

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Wethered, presided.

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The Borough Surveyor laid before the Meeting a plan of the proposed Improvements, and this subject having been fully discussed, it was proposed by Mr. Horsley and seconded by Mr. Bayley, that the undermentioned agree to the principle of giving up the forecourts in front of their houses in the Promenade subject to the details of the plan being hereafter approved by them.

Signed by W. H. HORSLEY. J. P. HOLBOROW (per F. SLATTER). GEO. HENRY BAYLEY. ED. W. WILKINS. JOSEPH JAMES. J. P. LAMBERT. HENRY ALLEN PROTHERO.

The following Memorandum was handed in by Mr. Lambert :—

The Secretary of the Post Office would recommend the Postmaster-General to give up the forecourt in front of the Post Office for the Improvement of the Promenade, and all that is asked in return is that the Corporation will undertake to afford reasonable facilities for Telegraph extensions with reservation of all the Postmaster-General's statutory rights under the Telegraph Acts.

The further consideration of this matter was adjourned for the Surveyor to bring up an amended plan.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of July, 1893—Present; The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Norman, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

2—Mineral Waters—The Committee met to consult with Professor Thorpe upon the subject of the Analyses of the Mineral Waters, that gentleman being in Cheltenham for the purposes of enquiry in connection with the various wells, &c.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, 1893—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman and Skillicorne (Alderman Thoyts in the chair)—

3—Great Western Train Service—A Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Trade, of date the 28th July, enclosing copy of a Letter the Board had received from the Great Western Co. in reply to a communication from the Board on this subject, and the Letter in question, were read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply to the Letter of the Great Western Railway Co. as soon as possible.

4—Town Committee—A Letter from the Secretary of the Town Committee asking for a cheque towards the expenses of the Office of Reference, issuing Programmes, &c., which the Committee hoped would be for a similar amount to that granted by the Corporation last year, viz., £40, was read. Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to furnish this Committee with an account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Town Committee during the past year.

5—Borough Boundaries, Extension of—Letters from Mr. Mallory, applying for payment of the balance of the taxed costs of the Opposition to this Order and forwarding Schedules of the Mortgage Debts of the Leckhampton Local Board due on the 9th Nov. next, and of the property and effects of the Board, but stating that with regard to the current debts and liabilities of his Board he could not furnish any particulars until nearer the 9th Nov. next, and Letters from the Town Clerk in reply were read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot ask the Town Council to pay the account until the adjustment of accounts between the Local Board and the Town Council, as provided for in their Resolution of date March 1st last ; but are prepared to admit the claim as a proper one to be debited against the Corporation on such adjustment.

6—Montpellier Gardens—Major Nunn—Several Letters from Major Nunn, complaining of the inconvenience caused to himself and his family, while using the Tennis Court rented by him, in consequence of some of the boys who frequent the gardens being permitted to play cricket in close proximity to his court and sometimes crossing the court during a game, were read. Resolved, That Major Nunn be informed that every precaution shall be taken to prevent annoyance to or interference with parties playing Lawn Tennis.

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7—Archery—Mrs. Carnegie—A Letter from Mrs. Carnegie on the subject of the charge of 2s 6d for the use of the room at the Lodge, was read, and referred to the Surveyor to see Mrs. Carnegie thereon.

8—Exclusion of Cycles from Montpellier Gardens—The Surveyor was directed to put up a notice prohibiting the admission of Bicycles or Tricycles into the Gardens.

9—Cricket Week—A Letter from Messrs. Pain suggesting some display of Fireworks during the Cricket Week, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make arrangements with Messrs. Pain for two displays of Fireworks in the gardens during the Cricket Week.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Wethered and Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, Hands, and King (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Borough Surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read:—

On the 31st instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 89 Gallons per minute; the average for the last four years being 94 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,713,809 gallons.

On the 31st instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 21 feet 8 inches, and the contents 49,121,436 gallons.

The Meters for measuring the town supply of Tewkesbury have now been fixed.

2—G.W.R. and the Chelt—The Borough Surveyor reported that an excavation was being made by G.W.R. on their line adjoining to the Chelt for the purpose of fixing an underground tank for the reception of water for use in their locomotives and that the effect of such abstraction of water would be very prejudicial to the rights and property of the Corporation, especially in a dry season. Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to the Secretary of the Company to ascertain the object and purposes of the excavation and if it be as reported by the Surveyor to object strongly to it.

3—Tewkesbury Water Supply—A correspondence which has passed between the Town Clerks of Tewkesbury and Cheltenham upon the subject of the supply of water to Tewkesbury in bulk, was read. Resolved, That the Committee having named a price, it is for the Corporation of Tewkesbury, if they are not satisfied with it, to make an offer, which if reasonable will be considered.

4—Messrs. Thomas Bros. Application—A letter from Thomas Brothers, stating that they intend opening Bayshill Lodge as a Chemist's shop, and as they will probably desire to lay on an additional tap or two they would be glad to be allowed to draw their supply of water by meter in a similar manner to that prevailing at their establishment in Bath Road, was read. Resolved, That they be supplied in the same manner as at present.

5—Mr. Ursell's Application—A letter from Mr. F. A. Ursell asking the Committee, to reconsider the charge of 5s per annum extra, put upon him in consequence of his having used hose to wash down his shop window, was read. The matter was adjourned for further consideration.

6—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

7—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of Water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 81st day of July, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors King, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Norman (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor King was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to an alarm 01 fire on the 18th inst., at George's Ltd., but had been stopped on their way to answer the call, and ought not to have been sent for. He presented the bill of expenses amounting to £2 6s. 6d, for payment by the Corporation, and the same was allowed.

3--Hackney Carriages—Spreadbury—Leave was granted to Mr. Arthur Spreadbury to use a pony carriage in the place of his two landaus, Nos. 6 and 6a, for a period of six weeks, while the latter are under repair.

G. F. Paul—A letter was read from Mr. G. F. Paul stating that he had been to Mr. Duncan and also to Mr. Wyndham Dryer, both of whom had said there was no cause for complaint as his horses are in good condition and fit for work, and therefore he trusted the Committee would give the matter their careful consideration. Resolved, That Mr. Taylor be asked to examine the horses, and if he is satisfied that they are fit for work the licenses be issued.

Williams—A letter from Mr. Thomas Williams, making a further appeal to the Committee in respect of his licenses was read and considered. Resolved, that the licenses be now issued and that Mr. Williams be informed he is probably aware of the reasons for suspension of his licenses and is warned that if there is any cause of complaint against him or his drivers in the future his licenses will not be again renewed.

4—Drivers' Licenses—An application A Hackney Carriage Drivers' License was granted to A. G. Gough.

5—Cabmen's Shelter at Montpellier—A memorial from Dr. Gregory and others objecting to the Shelter placed in front of the Rotunda, was read and considered. Resolved, That when the

memorialists are prepared to recommend a more suitable position, the Committee will be prepared to consider the question of its removal.

6—Allotments for Alstone and St. Mark's—This memorial was again considered. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the newspapers, inviting offers of land on lease for the purpose of allotments—about ten acres.

7—Herefordshire Agricultural Society's Show—A letter from Mr. F. Wright, suggesting that the above Society should be invited to hold its next Annual Show at Cheltenham in 1894, was read. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared at present to entertain the suggestion.

8—Mr. Stringfellow's Application—A letter from Mr. Wm. Stringfellow A.M.I.C.E. late Assistant Borough Surveyor of Cheltenham, asking for a testimonial from the Corporation, was read. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to give Mr. Stringfellow a suitable testimonial.

9—Proposed Appointment of a Commissionaire—The Public Health Committee having called attention to the need of a Hall Porter or Commissionaire for these offices and having referred the matter to this Committee for consideration. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared at present to recommend the employment of one.

10—Fire Plugs for Old Bath Road—A letter from R. Dennis, Esq., of Laracor, Old Bath Road, asking for a Fire Plug to be placed opposite his house, the nearest one at present being at St. Ronans, was read. Resolved, That a Hydrant be fixed at the junction of the Naunton Park Road with the Old Bath Road.

C. W. KING, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor; Councillors King, Feeny, Moles, and Norman (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—The Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. No. of Bathers to 29th July, 13,739 Bathing Fees received, £119 14s. 8d.

2—Naunton Park—Captain St. Clair Ford having applied for some assistance on the part of the Corporation towards the execution of the Drinking Fountain, Resolved, That the foundations be put in by the Council.

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

E. Bourne, W.C's. for Baths	£5 16 6
J. Garnick, Bathing Drawers	£3 17 [0]
A. H. Nott, Slack Coal for Baths	£3 10 0
Voile and Co., Slack Coal for Baths	£8 05 0
J. Tinkler, Brushes	£0 14 3
B. W. Pearce, Sawing Timber	£0 13 4
St. George's Steam Laundry, Washing Towels	£9 13 7
Accounts under 10s each	£1 5 10½

CHARLES W. KING, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th day of July, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Rogers, Councillors Moles, Parsonage, Steel (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1— Plan of Cemetery-The Superintendent called attention to the necessity for having a new plan of the Established Church portion of the Cemetery, the present plan having been in use since the opening of the Cemetery, and being therefore very much dilapidated. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to prepare a new plan.

2 —Designs----Tho following designs were examined and approved :—

Headstone to Mary Ann Bloodworth; Kerbing to Zina Mary King.

3-Driscoll-A letter from Mess.. Ley Wood and Rickerby acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by the Committee at their last meeting and stating reasons why under all the circumstances of the case the Board should obtain the necessary order of the Secretary of State for the removal of the remains of the person buried in Mr. Driscoll's grave to another grave. Resolved, That the Secretary of State be applied to for an order to enable the Board to comply with the request in the letter of Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby of the 16th June last.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers Wages	£ ____
W. Hopwood and Son, Bedding Plants	£4 0 0
B. W. Pearce, and Sons, Sawing Fence	£1 10 7
Bence and Son, Pipes	£6 0 2
Waterworks Department, Water Fittings	£3 4 0
Rowe Brothers & Co.	£20 8 4
Accounts under 10s each	£0 12 2

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a 411ecture of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Norman, Parsonage, and Feeney (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1 —Technical Education Grant —The Town Clerk reported that the County Council had allotted the sum of £850 to the Corporation for the purposes of Technical Education, and that the Borough Treasurer had received an order for the amount. Resolved, That the amount be divided as follows:

To the School of Science	£360
To the School of Art	£200
To the Public Library	£100
To the School of Cookery	£100

To the Grammar School £60
To the Charlton Kings School of Art £30

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of January, [? July] 1893—Present ; The Mayor; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Norman, Wethered, and Lawrence (Councillor Norman in the chair)—

1 —Electric Lighting—The amendment to the proceedings of this Committee and resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council were considered, Resolved, That the further professional opinion directed by the Council to be taken be that of Mr. Preece, President Elect of the Association of Electrical Engineers, if he will consent to give it, and that the Chairman and the Town Clerk be requested to communicate with Mr. Preece on the subject.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 29th day of July, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered : Councillors Lawrence, Norman, and Woodward (The Mayor in the chair)-

2--Electric Lighting—In pursuance of arrangements made by the Chairman and the Town Clerk with Mr. Preece, that gentleman visited this Town and after inspection of the locality and the proposed and suggested sites attended this meeting of the Committee. The other Members of the Council having been also invited to attend, the following were present viz. Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Drew, Hands, Heath, Moles, Neale, Ward-Humphreys, and Steel.

The Mayor at the request of the Chairman took the Chair during the proceedings, of which the following is a short hand report.

Conference with Mr. Preece.

In introducing Mr. Preece, The MAYOR explained the circumstances under which the interview was arranged for. He said—If you remember, the Electric Lighting Committee brought up a report upon the introduction of the Electric Light into the town, and Mr. Hall was asked to make his report upon the subject. He prepared a very elaborate report, and it was agreed that that report should be forwarded to a gentleman of high standing in the electrical profession. Accordingly, it was submitted to the opinion of Professor Ayrton, F.R.S., who came down and submitted to us a very valuable report indeed. His report was put before the Council, and the Council would have agreed to the principles in the report, but certain difficulties occurred to several members of the Council, and they have felt that it was a matter of so much importance that lest we should make any mistake in principle, or lest we should have been too sanguine in matters connected with the finance of the

scheme, it would be safer and better if we could obtain another opinion of an equally high authority with Professor Ayrton. While having full confidence in the scheme, and in Professor Ayrton, the Committee fully acquiesced in the suggestion. Accordingly, the Town Clerk and the Committee put themselves in communication with Mr. Preece, whose position as head of the Electrical Department of Her Majesty's Post Office, gave him authority and indeed who is considered on all hands to be one of the highest authorities in England and in the world. He has, of course, given great attention to the subject of electrical science, not only in his own Department, but generally, and he has had great experience in connection with electric lighting in municipalities throughout the country. Mr. Preece is President of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, a position held by Professor Ayrton last year, and any opinion which he will give will be an opinion beyond controversy altogether, and should bring conviction to any gentleman who felt we were not quite safe in our own former opinion ; and if his opinion agrees with that of Mr. Hall and Professor Ayrton, then it will be additional confirmation of the wisdom of the Committee in bringing forward this scheme and suggesting it to the ratepayers. We are extremely indebted to Mr. Preece for coming down, just upon the eve of his departure for America, where he is to act as one of the jurors at the World's Fair, and we are under an obligation to him indeed that he has gone so carefully into this subject and that he has consented to come and give us in this way the advantage of his opinion and advice. We know that there are many calls upon his time, and we are sincerely indebted to him for coming down and giving us the benefit of his experience. Mr. Preece, I beg to welcome you here very heartily, and to assure you that we shall look forward with great interest to the remarks you are about to make upon the subject of electric lighting

MR. PREECE—You make me blush, Mr. Mayor, for all the kind things you say of me, but I may say that I have come down to Cheltenham with a great deal of pleasure, because I have always taken a deep interest in the progress of electric lighting. I have come down here, not as a consulting engineer, I am forbidden by my position at the Post Office to take outside work, although I have been very much engaged in it I have had to do with the introduction of the light in many places, indeed at nearly every important installation that has been carried out. I have been consulted by Manchester, Nottingham, Leeds, Bristol, I can't tell you how many places—nearly every place where the electric light has been introduced. I mention this because I want you to see that I am not prejudiced in any shape or form as to the system that is to be adopted here or anywhere else. I look upon the question of the introduction of the electric light purely from the engineering point of view, and am only interested in finding that system which will give the best results at the cheapest prime cost and at the cheapest working expenditure afterwards. In Manchester and in Nottingham they have adopted the low pressure system ; in Bristol they have adopted the high pressure system ; in Dewsbury they

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adopted the low pressure system. I am now sending out to Gibraltar and Malta the requisites for the high pressure system, and I have vent out to the Cape of Good Hope and Singapore the requisites for the low pressure system. I have got two large central stations in London, in connection with the Post Office, each of 10,000 lamps. They are both on the low pressure system. So I have had just as much experience of the high pressure system as the low pressure system, and I have recommended the low pressure system where it is best from the engineering point of view, and I have recommended the high pressure system where that is best from the engineering point of view.

I have read with a great deal of care the reports of Mr. Hall and Professor Ayrton. I have been over the ground, I have examined the place, and I have got all the information I could within the time at my disposal. I find your compulsory area extends over a considerable distance ; I find that your anticipated clients are scattered about very much ; and I have the strongest belief that the only satisfactory system which you could introduce here and with which you could give proper financial results is the high pressure system. The low pressure system would mean that you would require a central station in the central part of the town, and that you would have to expend a large sum of money in your mains. The high pressure system means that you could place your station anywhere and that you would not have to spend so much money in mains. And here you have special reasons, which I will give you by and by, why the Destructor Station is eminently and admirably adapted for a central electric light station, and where you could work it with economy on the high pressure system, and where you certainly, because you have the Destructor always at work, have an element of considerable economy in the working expenses. I have no doubt whatever as to the system to be introduced here. It must be the high pressure system. But leaving for a moment the question of system and how it is to be carried out, I should like to explain to you the views that have thrust themselves upon me since I have come here, as to the success or non-success of electric lighting in your Borough. The thing that has carried conviction to my mind, and made a deep impressions upon it is the magnificent structures, offices, and buildings which the Gas Company have got in this place. It shows at any rate that one industry started here has fattened, has been a great success, and has made such large profits that as the Directors cannot distribute them as dividends, they have had to use them in the construction of these buildings. It is one of those things which impresses one with the fact that the supply of gas light is very successful financially here. Now the success of a gas industry is an indication of the success of electric lighting. There is no doubt as to the relative merits of the two lights. If you could supply anybody with the electric light at the same price he had to pay for gas, it is certain that people would take the electric light in preference to gas, not only because it has a brilliancy all its own, but because it is so health giving and does not do the mischief to goods and decorations which gas sometimes does. So I say that by simply looking at the success of the gas industry here, you have an almost certain criterion of the success of your electric lighting industry.

But when you come to the town itself, and go through the streets, and see the hotels, shops, Assembly Rooms, Theatre, Montpellier Gardens, why, long before you decide upon a certain scheme, long before your works are ready, and long before you turn on the current, you will have such a demand for the light that the amount of supply you now contemplate will not be sufficient.

I am sure that you will have a return that will pay you very well and I have no doubt as to the success of the light here. I have no doubt that the prospect of business here is very encouraging. But the fear of most ordinary beings in connection with Town Councils is that they may have, at any rate for the first year or two, to incur a loss and fall back upon the rates to meet some deficiency. There is not a single instance on record where the electric light has been introduced where there has been any necessity to make a call upon the rates. In every single case where electric lighting has been introduced, the working expenses have been met, even in the first year.

MR. STEEL—Is that correct in regard to Ipswich ?

MR. PREECE—The electric light has not been carried out by the Corporation at Ipswich, I am confining my remarks to installations carried out by Corporations. There have been a great many

companies who have carried out experimental installations which have been failures cheap and nasty kind of things ; but where a Corporation has deliberately gone to work out a well-designed installation, or any installation, it has always proved a success, and I have not yet succeeded in finding one single failure.

ALD. WETHERED—That does not include cases where the Corporation has taken over the works from a Company, but where the Corporation has started the industry ?

MR. PREECE—Yes, where they have started the industry. I mention this in particular, because the argument has been used " We shall have a tremendous loss the first year." Even your engineer Mr. Hall, expects a loss on the first year—I don't. I think you will succeed in covering your working expenses. I won't go so far as to say that in the first year you will make sufficient to pay interest on redemption fund ; I will only say this, that you will cover your working expenses. You won't incur a loss which will compel you to come upon the rates, and in the second year there is not the slightest question you will clear sufficient to pay interest and to provide a sinking fund as well. So I don't see any reason why anybody should anticipate a loss when you start in a business which will meet your working expenses at the very first start of it.

MR., NORMAN—On reference, I find that Ipswich is not supplied with the electric light by Corporation or Company under statutory powers ?

MR. PREECE—I thought not.

MR. STEEL—It was in existence three years

MR. PREECE—I think it was an experiment. I don't remember Ipswich. I am not sure if it is not Colchester you are thinking of. Colchester is close by, and at Colchester there was a private company which started and made a sad mess of the business. At any rate, I am sure there is nothing at Ipswich now, and what there was the Corporation never started.

Now, the next point I want to urge is as to the relative cost of gas and electricity. Mr. Hall mentions electricity at 5d. per unit as equivalent to gas at 3s. 4d. per thousand feet. I don't agree with that. I think he is on the wrong side. I have taken the mean consumption of all the electric lamps in England for twelve mouths. They number altogether nearly

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900,000 lamps, so that when you take the mean of 900,000 lamps you are not far from the truth. And the mean consumption of those 900,000 lamps for the year 1892, was 18 units per annum. Eighteen units per annum at 6d. per unit means nine shillings, and therefore the mean cost per electric lamp, that is, a 35 watt lamp, of ten candle power, is nine shillings per annum. I have also taken out the gas returns of Gas Companies and Corporations for 1890. I could not get any later returns of gas.

MR. WOODARD —That is street lamps ?

MR. PREECE—No, the whole industry. It amounts to many millions of lamps, and it came out that the average consumption of gas per 5 cubic feet burner was 3,000 cubic feet per annum per as burner. Well, the mean price of gas throughout the whole country is three shillings per thousand feet, so

that it comes out in this way : The mean consumption of gas being 3,000 cubic feet per burner at three shillings per thousand, it brings the cost of a ten candle power lamp, whether burnt by electricity or by gas, at exactly the same amount per annum, namely, nine shillings. So that I say that gas at three shillings a thousand is equivalent to electricity at 6d. a unit. Therefore if you introduce your electricity at 6d. per unit you are introducing a light which is equivalent to gas at three shillings a thousand feet. That is an argument based upon the behaviour of an enormous number of lamps—900,000 electric lamps and some millions of gas lights. And it is a very broad way of looking at the matter, I rather dwell upon this because it is a favourite thing to say that the electric light costs twice as much as gas. I don't know what your standard of gas is here,

MR. BRYDGES—Fifteen candles, tested at the works.

MR. PREECE—Take it at fifteen. I am a gas shareholder as well as an electrical engineer, and if I were a gas engineer I should say this:—Here you have gas giving you 15 candle power, so that 5 cubic feet would give a light which is equivalent to 15 candles, while your electric light is only 10 candles, therefore my gas is 50 per cent. better than your electric light. But that 15 candle power is only obtained with great difficulty in the laboratory, with a specially designed sort of burner, great care to check the gas, great care that the pressure is exact, and the chemist or other person who makes the gas has to exercise the greatest care to get the full effect out of the five feet. In practice, if you take an ordinary burner, you will find that instead of it taking five cubic feet to give us your standard of fifteen candles, five cubic feet gives only ten candles. There are all kinds of disturbing elements to be reckoned with. Many years ago, when our Post Office went in specially for electric lighting, I thought it was essential to get the opinion of the highest authorities, and we secured the services of Mr. Vernon Harcourt, Fellow of the Royal Society, who is one of the Gas Referees of the Board of Trade. Mr. Harcourt came to the office and took many of our burners ; he measured them *in situ* and made tests in his laboratory, and he gave a certificate stating that they did not give ten candle power to the five cubic feet. Another great authority investigated the same thing for the Manchester people, Dr. John Hopkinson. He made out that the amount of light given by a five cubic feet burner was, in practice, less than ten candle power. I have also made a series of exhaustive tests, and I can never get ten candle power. So I say unhesitatingly, that an ordinary electric lamp burning 35 watts—that is a certain definite amount of electricity which is easily measured—gives the same light as an ordinary five cubic feet gas burner, so that the comparison, in making the 35 watt lamp and the five cubic feet gas burner each costing nine shillings per annum, is a very fair and accurate comparison to make. But I rather went off the rails. I want to show that the gas engineer in making believe that the electric light is twice as dear as gas, shows the gas which he burns with a gas burner in a condition that it does not come up to the standard of light required by the Act. And then again, they also take into consideration this, that the two lamps are burning exactly the same time. Well, they are not. Most of you have your houses lighted with gas, and I have no doubt your experience is the same as mine. The servant goes round and lights up the whole of the rooms, and unless you exercise a strict supervision they are never turned down until put out. You don't think of turning down the light in the drawing room when you go in to dinner, consequently it burns to waste. With your electric lamp however, the case is different. You have your switch at the door, and you instinctively get in the habit of turning it off, and instead of burning 600 hours, a year, as the average gas light burns in London, in private houses, and premises of a similar character the electric light average is only 480 hours. So that you get 50 per cent. difference in the quality of the light and nearly 25 per cent. gain in the number of hours it is burning, and it is these two together which makes the difference. An

electrical engineer could prove to you exactly how much you consumed. It really means this, that you must take the whole question in a very broad view. Don't take the figures as being my figures, take the figures of my friends the gas engineers and the gas journals. However, I think you will find my statements are justified. Another point is that the cost of the production of electricity and the working expenses, is not a speculation—it is not even an estimate and a calculation, it is an absolute fact within the reach of every one of us ; and those who have had experience, as I have, will tell you to the smallest fraction of a farthing how much electricity costs to manufacture. At the Post Office where we have 10,000 lamps, the cost of the production of electricity including the maintenance of the lamps, is 2.45d per unit. The cost generally in places where the light has been introduced comes out at about 4d per unit. That is because so much is necessarily expended on mains. In carrying it over the area of a town like this, you have the mains to lay, and a certain amount of energy is lost in the mains, so that if you take it at 4d., which is very fair average for the whole of the country, I think you are perfectly safe ; and therefore you have got to your advantage if you charge 6d. to your clients. It costs you 4d., and you have 2d. profit, and therefore it comes to this, that the amount of your profit will simply depend upon the number of clients or customers you get. Mr. Hall shows you the cost of working and how many customers you think you may have, and after that it goes to profit. There is one point I should like to urge in connection with this, and that is that the larger the your supply, the great number of your customers, should the cheaper per unit is the cost of production: and the longer you keep on the supply the cheaper: it is proportionately cheaper to run it four hours a day than two hours a day If you can get clients to take the energy for motor purposes during the day you also reduce the cost of electric lighting, and, as I pointed out once, if it were possible to have the supply of electricity during the whole 24 hours—that is, supposing you have any industry that would take it the whole 24 hours—you could produce your electricity at the same price as would be at 2d. per thousand feet. Of course, people cannot conceive as at 2d. per thousand, but electricity at one third of a penny per unit is the same as gas at 2d. per thousand. There is an industry where the copper used for electric purposes is almost entirely obtained and where the electricity is produced at a cost of

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one third of a penny per unit. This has not convinced many of my gas friends, but it is a simple fact that the larger the production and the longer the supply is kept on, the cheaper the cost ; so that if you succeed in getting a large clientele and if you have long use for the light, your cost would come to less than 4d. per unit and you be in a position to reduce the charge per unit to perhaps even less than 5d. The lowest charge at present made is 4 ½ d. There is one other point on which I do not quite agree with your Surveyor, I am a great advocate for public lighting, not on a large scale at first, but on a small scale, and lighting the most prominent spaces with the most brilliant and best arc lamps that are in the market. My reasons are., twofold. First, by lighting the public streets you give the whole of the ratepayers, high and low, of every class and kind, a kind of interest in the electric light. If you don't the poorer ratepayers will say " Why should we pay for the provision of this commodity without having the use of the light ? " while if you go in for the public lighting of the streets they will feel an interest in it. This has proved to be so, because in nearly every place where the light has been introduced it has created a great amount of interest among the poorer classes. My second reason is that it is an advertisement to the townspeople themselves of the fact that you have introduced the industry for their benefit, and it is an advertisement to the world at large that there is something worth coming to Cheltenham to see, and you certainly do increase the attractions

of your town by it. But a further argument to the poor man—it is rather a difficult one to support, but it is an opinion of my own—and that is, the day will come when the electric light will be the poor man's light, and you will be able to introduce it into his ill-ventilated and well filled rooms. You will be able to give the working classes a light cheaper than gas, that does not produce heat, does not vitiate the air, and which will enable them to do twice as much work. I have had my house lighted by electricity for nine years, and during that time I have done twice as much work, I feel twice as well, and I believe I have added to my years. We find at the Post Office that we get more work out of our men now that we have introduced the light, and that it pays for itself. At the Savings Bank where we have 1,500 employees, we have introduced the electric light, and the introduction of the electric light resulted in this, that the number of days absences through sickness was diminished two days per head per annum, and the consequence was that we got three thousand more days work out of our staff in a year than before ; and simply putting the cost at the lowest rate, the value of these three thousand days was £750 odd, and the total cost of the electric light was £680, so that we get our light for nothing.

THE MAYOR—Mr. Norman, as Chairman of the Electric Lighting Committee, do you wish to ask Mr. Preece any questions ?

MR. NORMAN—Yes, one or two. I think I gathered from your exhaustive and interesting speech, Mr. Preece, that except that you think Mr. Hall's estimate of the cost is high, you consider the estimates generally are reasonable ?

MR. PREECE—Yes.

MR. NORMAN—And I also gather that you consider the advantages to be gained by the Destructor site will more than compensate for the additional distance the mains will have to be laid as compared with the centre of the town ?

MR. PREECE—Certainly, and I wanted to point out this, that one cause of the cost of the production of electricity is due to the fact that during the whole of the night and during the whole of the early morning and part of the day time, you are compelled to keep your current on, and that means a considerable waste of coal and energy. With your Destructor there, already at work, you have sufficient heat generally there to produce 50 or 60 horse power, and that is more than you want from, say, after ten o'clock till four o'clock in the afternoon

That Destructor will be worth $\frac{1}{2}$ d. or $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per unit to you.

MR. NORMAN—You have said, Mr. Preece, that you consider, under the circumstances of Cheltenham, that the high pressure alternating current is the preferable system to adopt ?

MR. PREECE—I have no doubt about it.

MR. NORMAN—I should like to ask you whether you consider that the method of distribution, namely, that of delivering the high pressure current to a transforming station, and then serving the areas at low pressure, whether that is preferable to placing the transformers at the houses ?

MR. PREECE—Yes, to transform in the house would introduce an element of danger.

MR. NORMAN—Then you endorse entirely what Professor Ayrton recommends ?

MR. PREECE—Yes, it is the only possible and practical way of carrying out the alternating current system.

MR. NORMAN—I think I know your views upon this point : Your opinion is that lighting by electricity ought to be in the hands of the governing body of a town of a large population like this, and not in the hands of a private Company ?

MR. PREECE—Most distinctly. When it is in the hands of a private Company you have to deal with promotion money and directors fees ; you have to deal with dividends, and you have to deal with dividends of a much higher character than the interest you have to pay on money borrowed, you have people interested in the industry who might not be in the locality itself, whereas when a Corporation takes it into its own hands you borrow money at a very low rate of interest, there is no promotion money to be paid, no directors' fees to pay, you have all the organization in your own hands, you have your own officers all there, and you strike away at once. Another element, when in the hands of a Company, is the additional expense and this is a tax upon the ratepayer—this extra expense as between a Company and a Town Council, A Company must also establish a sinking fund out of its profits, so that financially, all round, there is not one word to be said in favour of a Company as against a Corporation. There was something to be said in their favour in the earlier days of electric lighting, or at any rate, there was something to be said against risking the ratepayers' money upon experiments ; now there are no experiments to pay for—it is a fixed industry, and if carried on properly is bound to pay.

MR. NORMAN—Then, there must be developments in the way of lamps and carbons, but do you think it possible that there such improvements in the principle of the machinery or is there any other factor that would make it desirable could be any to wait ?

MR. PREECE—There is practically little or no room for improvement. Machinery is manufactured with an efficiency of 94 per cent. If you get your plant it will give you an efficiency of 94 per cent., which means there is only 6 per cent. to work

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upon. The transforming parts have an efficiency of 88 per cent., so that there is no room for improvement there. The only place where improvement is coming is in the lamp, and there is little doubt that we shall have great improvement there. The patent for the incandescent lamp expires this year. We are now paying 3s 9d each for this lamp. I have already had offers of any number of lamps at 1s each. The people themselves who hold the monopoly will probable bring their price down to 1s and we shall get not only lamps whose price has been reduced from 3s 9d to 1s but we shall get lamps supplied to us which will be infinitely better than the present ones. The lamp which you get now consumes four or five watts per candle; we now have offers of lamps to be supplied from Switzerland at 1s each which will give just the same result while consuming only 2 ½ watts per candle each. Therefore lamps will at the end of the year be obtainable not only at a cost reduced from 3s 9d to 1s, but we shall also have lamps giving the same results with an expenditure of only two-thirds of the present power. So that there is room there for an immense economy.

MR. NORMAN—And that will still further increase the strength of the comparison you drew between the electric light and gas?

MR. PREECE—Distinctly. MR. NORMAN—And whatever system may be adopted now these cheaper and better lamps will be available for?

MR. PREECE—Yes, quite independent of the system used. THE MAYOR called on Alderman Wethered.

ALD. WETHERED—I think Mr. Norman has asked most of the questions which occurred to me. I must, however, express my personal thanks to Mr. Preece for the able and clear way in which he has put this matter before us. It will clear up some of our difficulties I am sure. I made a statement at the Town Council which some of the Council seemed to think was not correct, but which I believe is a matter of fact, viz., that the dynamos at present can be made to produce 94 per cent. of electric energy, and I notice that you have confirmed that statement. Further, is the dynamo likely to be superseded ?

MR. PREECE—The chance of the dynamo being superseded is out of the question. Where economy could come in is where you have water power running to waste.

ALD. WETHERED- -As regards the transformers, you endorse the system proposed ?

MR. PREECE—Yes.

ALD. WETHERED—I understand you to say that in no case where a Corporation has started the electric lighting has there been any loss incurred ? Bath has been quoted against us, and I think somewhat unfairly I believe the principle upon which customers were supplied at Bath was at so much per year, so that there was no inducement for them to economise. What we propose to do is to measure our electricity and pay for it by meter. Therefore under such a system as that, the Council would be paid for all that was consumed. I take it that the system followed at Bath had a great deal to do with the failure of the light there. Then at Oxford there is the low pressure system.

MR. PREECE—No, it is the high pressure system, but it is not the alternating current which they use. They have moving motors of a complicated and expensive character. I think you save yourselves a great deal of trouble by adopting the high pressure alternating current system.

ALD. WETHERED—And the reason you recommend that system is because of the scattered area of the town, over which I understand you went yesterday ?

MR. PREECE—It is a scattered area and an extensive area. It is simply a plain engineering question, and taking the engineering conditions into consideration, it is not a choice between high and low pressure it is a necessity, not a choice.

ALD. WETHERED—We rather pride ourselves in Cheltenham upon the rates being low, and we want to keep them low, but we don't want to sacrifice the town by a false economy. If I understand the views of the Corporation rightly, I think the main objection of the opponents of electric lighting arises from a fear that it will cause a rise in the rates. Therefore, in order to put that matter perfectly clear, I wish to ask you this Having seen Mr. Hall's calculation, you think it a reasonable calculation ?

MR. PREECE—I do.

ALD. WETHERED—And you think we may not make a loss even in the first year, and that we may make money in the second year ?

MR. PREECE—I don't think you will make a loss in the first year, but I am sure you will not in the second year, and I go further and say that in the third or fourth year you will reduce your rates or reduce the price charged to consumers. Of course, if you make a profit the first thing will be to reduce the price from 6d. to 5d. per unit.

ALD. WETHERED—Then you believe the electric light is the light of the future, and that it is bound to supersede gas in the near future, and therefore if we were to allow a Company to come in we should simply be letting a monopoly come in.

MR. PREECE - Distinctly.

ALD. WETHERED -And that by introducing it ourselves we shall be not only saving the rates but preventing the setting up of another monopoly in the town ?

MR. PREECE—Yes.

MR. LAWRENCE—The Oxford installation is said to be very successful with direct current, and I should like to ask if you had to choose yourself whether you would choose that as the cheapest and easiest way of supplying the light ?

MR. PREECE—It is very effective in Oxford. It is working very well there. It is an admirable system for some districts It may be that it is better than the alternating current for Oxford. But for Cheltenham and similar scattered districts the alternating current is much better.

MR. LAWRENCE—If we were going to tight adopt ? an area, say, starting from here and going only some 500 yards each way, the direct current would be the best system to adopt ?

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MR. PREECE—It would.

MR. LAWRENCE--But having a wide area, the system we propose is the better one without any question ?

MR. PREECE—Without any question.

MR. LAWRENCE—We propose to supply through a meter. Do the meters for registering electricity register as correctly as gas meters do ?

MR. PREECE—I am not quite prepared to answer that question. I am rather inclined to think that the electric meters, what-ever their errors, are in favour of the user, while the errors of the gas meters are in favour of the Company.

MR. NORMAN—I see that in paragraph 21 of your report to the Corporation of Tunbridge Wells, you say, " I do not know if ever your Corporation has had to consider the disposal of your town refuse, but if the formation of a destructor has to be investigated, I think it is as well to point out that the combination of a central station for electric lighting with a waste destructor would lead to a

considerable economy in the manufacture of electrical energy, and insure a considerable addition to the profits." That was in January last, so that the advantage of the use of a destructor in this connection was present to your mind before you had anything to do with Cheltenham ?

MR. PREECE—I have tried to induce two or three Corporations to introduce the light in reference to the Destructor, I think you have here an immense advantage in that you have got your Destructor. You have got your shaft, your ground, the amount of money you have to spend upon your buildings is very small indeed. Mr. Hall does not estimate it at more than £1,600. If you came into the town for a place, you would not build a place for £5,000 that would be fit for a central station, and then you would have to spend another £5,000 on mains, so that as against the high pressure system you would have to spend on the low pressure system £10,000 more.

MR. NORMAN—Mr. Ward-Humphreys has an advantage over the rest of us in having had some experience in electric lighting. I should like to know if he has any question to put to Mr. Preece.

MR. WARD-HUMPHREYS—I have nothing to say except to join in the expressions of thanks to Mr. Preece for his address I didn't hear the first part of it, but what I did hear was extremely interesting. I can most cordially agree with everything said by Mr. Preece.

MR. LAWRENCE—On the point Mr. Ward-Humphreys has suggested, I am going to make an appeal to Mr. Preece. I have had the advantage of being on this Committee for three or four years, and we have seen a great many of the leading electricians, but I have never heard anybody express himself so clearly on the subject and in terms so easily to be understood of the people, as you have ; and I wish that you could, sometime between now and Christmas, come and give us one day in one of the large rooms at the Assembly Rooms, which are already lighted by electricity, and explain to the ordinary public just a little bit of what you have told us. It would do an immense amount of good.

MR. PREECE—I could not promise to do that now, of course. I am going off to America next week, and I don't know when I shall get back, or whether I shall come back at all, but if you do carry out this scheme, before you turn the current on, I won't promise to come, but I will try to come. I think it would be a good thing to get someone to give a scientific lecture, and I would give a popular one. I shall pick up lots of information in America.

THE MAYOR—You know the town, and that it is divided into different residential districts, and you know the system of lighting proposed to be introduced. Do you think that Cheltenham is a suitable place for the introduction, the successful introduction, of the light, and do you think the measures we propose are wise and sound ?

MR. PREECE—I do, most emphatically I have never seen a town more suitable.

THE MAYOR—On behalf of the Electric Lighting Committee and on behalf of the Corporation, I beg to tender you our most sincere thanks. We are under a great obligation to you for coming here, and I hope the result of our installation, which will be to some extent due to you and to your advice, will be a great success, not only financially to the Corporation but also in the interests of science and for the general welfare of the community.

MR. PREECE—You have made me blush at the beginning of our interview and at the close. I shall take the greatest possible interest in your installation, and whenever I can come down I will.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts, Wethered ; Councillors Parsonage, 1Voodard, and Norman, (Councillor Norman in the chair)-

3—Electric Lighting--Mr. Preece having confirmed Professor Ayrton's and Mr. Hall's reports and having strongly recommended the alternate current system and the destructor site for the Station. Resolved, That the report of the Committee be again brought up for adoption at the Meeting of the Council on Tuesday next.

GEO. NORMAN,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 3rd day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Thoyts ; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Heath (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 3rd inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected : £10,936 9s. 1d., leaving outstanding £2,851 13s. 1 ½ d.

2-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts: £6,431 2s. 1d., leaving outstanding £6,335 10s. 9d.

4— ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid.

In hand on the 29th June	£7,167 11 10	
Received during the month	<u>£11,167 3 8</u>	
	£18,334 15 6	
Paid during the Month	<u>£5,739 14 7</u>	
In hand	£12,595 0 11	
Being to Credit of Current and Interest A/c		£12,326 16
Sinking and Loans Funds		<u>£ 268 3 3</u>
		£12,595 0 11

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, 1893--Present: Aldermen Wethered, Councillors Feeney, Neale, Parsonage, Captain Welch, and Mr. T. Pippett (Alderman Wethered 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 presented to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Mrs. Nicholson	32 Vols.
Mr. W. L. Newman	17 “
London Anti-Vivisection Society	1 Pamphlet
The Board of Trade	1 Vol.
Mr. J. P. Briscoe	1 Vol.
The Cobden Club	3 Pamphlets

Annual Reports from the Libraries at :— Hanley, Portsmouth, Holborn, Leek, Twickenham, Shoreditch, and St. Helens.

2— Sub-Committee's Report —The Committee reported that they had interviewed six applicants for the post of Junior Assistant and had selected E. G. Butler and W. J. Bleney to succeed H. Beadnell and W. E. Payne. Resolved, That the selection made by the Sub-Committee be approved.

3—School of Science—A letter from Major Abbott, the Hon. Sec. of the School of Science, stating that the School is much in need of a Locker of some description in which to store the large Winchester Quart Bottles of Acids, and asking if a space could be made under the staircase on the ground floor, and if the Corporation would do the needful, was read. Resolved, That Major Abbott be informed the Committee have no funds with which to do what he asks, but that permission will be given to the School of Science to put a receptacle in a position to be settled by the Sub-Committee.

A further letter was read from Major Abbott calling attention to the great inconvenience caused by the letters over the entrance doors of the " Public Library " " School of Art " and " School of Science " not being coloured so as to be easily legible from the Road, and stating that persons are constantly blundering into the School of Science thinking it is the Public Library. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee to examine and report thereon.

4— Theft of Magazines—The Librarian reported that the July number of the " The Century " had lately been stolen from the Reading Room in the Reference Department, and that several other Newspapers and Magazines had from time to time disappeared in the same way. Resolved, That a Notice be put up in the Library offering a reward of £5 for such information as will lead to a conviction of the guilty party or parties.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account	£7 3 0
C. Chivers, Books and Binding	£10 12 8
Mackie & Co., Binding	£2 10 2
Bryant & Co., Suit for Library Caretaker	£5 9 6
J. J. Banks, Books	1 4 5
J. W. Pink, Books	0 6 0

E. WETHERED, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th day of July, 1893 —Present : The Mayor. Alderman Rogers ; Councillors Hands, Moles, Heath, Steel and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair). —

1—Cheltenham Teachers' Association—A letter from Mr. John Davis, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association, of date the 13th inst., requesting the Council to receive a small deputation from the Teachers' Association on the subject of School Attendance and requesting that the interview should be had before the end of the next week, as most of the Schools then broke up, was read. Resolved, That while the Committee would have expected such a request, coming after the recent public attack upon it by members of the Association, to have been accompanied by some expression of regret for such attack, they will not allow the absence of it to affect anything that may possibly be of advantage to the cause of Elementary Education and will therefore be prepared to receive the Deputation at the close of the holidays, at a Meeting of the Committee of which due notice will be given.

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2—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That a summons be issued against the parent of Julia Lawrence for non-attendance.

3—South Ward Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Ward-Humphreys, Major Abbott, and Mr. Harold Carrington be appointed Members of this Local Committee provided they are willing to serve in that capacity.

4— Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read and considered. Mr. Wigley called attention to the fact that out of 33 absentees returned during the month under the head of " Assisting Parents most of the children are in the sixth or seventh standards and have claimed to be exempt, thereby causing great inconvenience and confusion and he asked the Committee to order a prosecution in one of these cases as a test whether the attendance of such children can be enforced. It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk be asked to consider this point and advise the Committee thereon also, if he thinks it necessary, to communicate with the Education Department on this subject.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, August 30th, 1893.

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 September next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Mayor to move :—That Mr. Seth Lewis be re-appointed as Inspector of Nuisances for such period as may be sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for their approval thereof.

5. Notices of Motion.

6. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be : W. C. Davis re Slaughter House at 244A, High Street. Captain Welch and others re Proposed Cholera Hospital.

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 4th of September, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, and Steel (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1— Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read: Average Illuminating Power, 15.85 candles. Purity, 8.23 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Gas Inspector's Monthly Report was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month, 4.260 cubic feet.

3— Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month (metered). Burning dimly,

4- Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Mr. E. A. Lawrence, had removed the signboard at No. 3, Montpellier Spa Place, and had now put up a circular advertising Lamp over the entrance doorway, part of which projected over the footway. A Letter from Mr. Lawrence requesting

to be allowed to retain the lamp, as now fixed, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Lawrence be reminded that permission for the lamp should have been asked for before it was put up ; but it will not be objected to on the usual terms on which advertising Lamps are permitted, viz., that of being kept lighted until 10 p.m.

Permission was granted to Mr. W. T. Cossens to re-erect at his premises in High Street, the signboard lately in use at No. 2, Clarence Street.

A Letter from Mr. T. G. Poulston forwarding a sketch of the new Sign proposed to be put up at his premises in St. George's Place, the size of which would be 22in. by 18in., was read. Resolved, That Mr. Poulston be informed his new sign will be permitted provided it does not exceed in size the present one, viz. : 20in, by 14.

5—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month, viz:

St. George's Road from the Railway Bridge to Overton Park Road, 3666 square yards, has been repaired with Clee Hill stone, and High Street, Malvern Road, Regent Street, and Arle Road have been patched.

High Street, near the Grammar School, 758 super yards, has been repaired with tarred Wickwar stone.

Repairs to kerbing, crossings, and pavings have been done in Naunton Lane, Lansdown Parade, Lansdown Crescent, and Lansdown Place, High Street, Douro Road, Portland Square, Tewkesbury Road, Russell Place and Lypiatt Terrace. The west side of Montpellier Villas is being relaid, and 4 square yards of concrete have been laid to replace defective flags.

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Further progress has been made with the asphalte paving in Tewkesbury Road and an asphalte crossing has been laid in High Street near the end of Regent Street.

Three Gullies have been reconstructed in Post Office Lane, King's Road, and Winchcomb Street.

A new surface water drain has been laid in Oxford Passage.

Three seats have been fixed on Gloucester Road.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 397 ; Cart Loads 413 ; consumed at the Destructor 603 tons. 6 cwt 3 qrs.

6—Horses—The Chairman reported that the Committee had inspected the Horses at the Central Depot on Saturday last, and recommended that 4 horses be replaced at the earliest opportunity, also that the Borough Surveyor's horse be blistered and given a rest, and arrangements be made for a substitute

7—Pavement near Montpellier Exchange—A Memorial from Mr. R. F. Beard and others calling attention to the disgraceful condition of the pavement at the side of Montpellier Exchange, and in front of Ormond Villas, and requesting that an Order might be made to have it put into proper condition, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Beard be informed the pavement being private, the

necessary repairs, which are certainly required, will have to be done by the abutting owners, or the Council will have the necessary works done at the cost of the owners, if they do not do it themselves.

8—New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him for New Buildings (such of them as involved questions of Drainage having been examined by the Public Health Committee) all of which were approved, viz. :

Mr. Chas. Hall for a House in Sun Street. Mr. Hayward for Additions to No. 36, Lansdown Crescent.

A Plan was also submitted from Miss Baylis for additions to 6, St James' Parade and the same was adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 16th day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Feeney and Norman (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease —The Inspector of Nuisances reported in the absence of the Medical Officer of Health) that there had been notified since the last Meeting, 17 cases of scarlet fever, and one case of enteric fever.

2-Houses with Defective Drains —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains at Anchor Brewery, 65, Winchcomb Street, 12, Warwick Place, 9, Montpellier Terrace, 13a Portland Street, and 5 to 6, Albion Square are a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That an authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them, and act as provided by the said section.

3 —Dangerous House—A Certificate of the Medical Officer of Health pro tem. as to the dangerous state of Rugby House, St. Mark's, was presented. Resolved, That the necessary proceedings be taken under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, with regard to this house.

4— Cleansing of Workshops— The Inspector of Nuisances, having certified in writing that the limewashing, cleansing, or purifying of Messrs. Dale, Forty and Co.'s Workshops in Regent Street, and Mr. Thomas Harper's Workshop at 5, Queen's Buildings, is necessary for the health of the persons employed therein. Resolved, That Notice be given to the occupiers of the respective premises, under Sec. 4 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1891, to limewash, cleanse, or purify the same.

5-16, Suffolk Square— The Inspector of Nuisances reported that this house is in an insanitary condition, that there are three old pan w.c's which are very foul, that the soil pipe runs down inside the house and is without ventilation, and that the house drain is not ventilated. Resolved, That notice be given under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act to the owner requiring him to do such works as are necessary.

6— W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Inspector of Nuisances presented a list of houses having inside w.c.'s without Flushing ship Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the owners to provide the necessary Flushing Apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a supply of water thereto.

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7—Drainage at New Club— A Letter from Capt. Fraser, the Hon. Secretary of the New Club, upon the subject of the flooding of the basement of the Club House by sewer waters reflux through the drains, from which the Club House suffered so much in 1889, reminding the Council that nothing effectual has been done to remedy the evil, and stating that the sewer liquid has occasionally shewn itself, and on the 3rd inst. flooded the basement area and left there a repulsive deposit, and respectfully asking the Council to favourably consider the representations of the Committee of the Club as contained in the Hon. Secretary's letter, and in the Memorial presented by the Club and other property owners in the year 1889, was read. Resolved, That Capt. Fraser be informed that the Committee have received and considered his communication, that it is adjourned for further consideration at the next meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime the Borough Surveyor has instructions to prepare a report upon the subject.

8—Delancey Hospital—Temporary Building—A Letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson, forwarding copy of the following resolution of the Trustees, was read

" The Medical Officer having reported on the extreme inconvenience and even risk of treating boys and girls of the lower " classes together in the Town Hut, the Secretary was requested to represent the matter to the Town Council, and ask if a " partition could not be put up so as to divide the hut into two parts, and also if gas could be substituted for the present " very inefficient lighting of the building by oil."

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have done whatever works may be necessary to comply with the request of the Trustees.

9— Nos. 27, 28, and 29, Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council he had procured an Order of the Justices for closing the well supplying water to the above houses, and that he had, in conjunction with the Borough Surveyor, made arrangements for the Tenants to be temporarily supplied with the Corporation water from one of the neighbouring houses. It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor that the houses above-mentioned are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation Mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner, requiring him to obtain such supply, and do all such acts as may be necessary for that purpose.

10—Pig Keeping at 41, Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk reported that as directed at the last meeting he had summoned Mr. James Biddle for keeping pigs too near to a dwelling house, and the defendant had been fined £1 and costs.

11 - Inspector's Holiday—The Chief Inspector of Nuisances applied for leave of absence for three weeks, and the same was granted subject to the approval of the Medical Officer of Health.

12 — Scarlet Fever—The occurrence of several cases of scarlatina in the homes of patients a few days after their return from the Delancey Hospital, having given rise to the inference that the Hospital might be the source of infection, either through the discharge of patients still infectious, or through some flaw in the disinfection of their clothing, and the matter having been mentioned at a recent meeting of the Trustees of the Hospital, Dr. Todd, as acting Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had, in conjunction with Dr. Cocks Johnston, enquired carefully into as many cases as could be traced, and he reported in detail in respect of each case, concluding by pointing out the importance of keeping a strict record of all cases of infection occurring in homes previously infected, and the interval at which they had taken place, together with every circumstance which might tend to throw any light upon the subject, and suggesting the desirability of providing a Convalescent Home in which patients might be received, previously to their return to their own homes, direct from the Hospital. Resolved, That Dr. Todd be requested to forward a copy of his report to the Medical Officer of the Delancey Hospital.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of August, 1893—Present :
Councillors Hands, Norman, Parsonage and Williams (Councillor Norman, in the chair)—

13—Chairman—In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Norman was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

14--Typhoid Fever—The Medical Officer of Health reported that an outbreak of Typhoid Fever had occurred in the town, and that there were at the present time six cases in Stanhope Street, two in Waterloo Street, one in Henrietta Street, and one in Regent Street, that the evidence went to show that the disease had broken out at the spot (with the exception of one case which had been imported) and the cause of the outbreak appeared to have been the use of polluted well water. He represented that the waters in the wells, a list of which he submitted, and which are used are likely to be used for drinking or domestic purposes, is so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That the necessary proceedings be taken under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875 for closing the wells.

15--Pig Keeping—The attention of the Medical Officer of Health was called to the many complaints arising from the nuisance caused by the keeping of pigs, and he was requested to have a sharp lookout kept upon all premises upon which swine are kept.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor ;
Councillors Darby, Hands, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

16—Dairies and Cowsheds Order—An application from Wm. Moulder to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk at No, 13, Townsend Place, was read, together with the Report of the Medical Officer of

Health thereon. Resolved, That the Applicant be registered when flushing apparatus has been affixed to the w.c., and the requirements of the Medical Officer as to drains and lime washing have been attended to.

17—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting one case of Scarlet Fever ; That since the meeting on the 16th an outbreak of Enteric Fever had occurred, most of the cases being in Stanhope Street and the immediate neighbourhood. Since the date mentioned 14 cases had been notified 7 of which were now under treatment in the General Hospital, the remaining 7 being treated at their own homes and which were for the most part mild or convalescent cases ; That steps had been taken to close the shallow wells by which most of the houses were supplied and the water of which is a very probable source of the disease ; That orders had been issued for the limewashing and cleansing of the houses which had been found to be dirty. Disinfectants had been supplied, with instructions for use, the house drains had been disinfected, and the bedding, &c., of those that had been removed to the Hospital.

He advised that the Sewers in the streets affected, and in the neighbourhood, be flushed several times a week with disinfecting water from a Corporation watering cart so long as enteric cases exist. The Medical Officer of Health added that this outbreak of Enteric Fever accentuates the necessity of closing the numerous shallow wells, and he advised that a comprehensive action be taken to close the many hundreds of wells that still exist. Resolved, That the sewers be flushed as recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

18—W.C.'s without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health presented a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notices be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the owners to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for penalties.

19--Houses without Water Supply—It appearing, on the report of the Borough Surveyor, that the houses Nos. 1 to 10, Higgs' Cottages are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation Mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners, requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such Acts as may be necessary for that purpose. .

20 — Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices served by the Town Clerk which had not been complied with, although the time in each case had expired. Resolved, That the necessary proceedings be taken to enforce compliance with the Notices.

21—Hastings' Slaughter House—A Letter from E. L. Baylis, Esq., on behalf of Mr. Hastings, begging the Council to continue to grant him a License for his Slaughter House as heretofore, and referring to the reasons given in a letter written by him in July, 1892, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Baylis be informed the application cannot be acceded to.

22-Flooding of Sewers and Chelt— As directed by the Committee at their Meeting held on the 16th inst., the Borough Surveyor presented a Report dealing with this question, but he stated that the time had been too limited to enable him to go into the details of the cost, and he was therefore

unprepared at this meeting to place before the Committee an estimate of the expense of his suggested works. Resolved, That the matter be further adjourned to enable the Surveyor to bring up an estimate of the cost of the works proposed by his Report.

23—Plans of House Drainage—The Plans of such New Buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for approval or otherwise at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee for any remarks that might be necessary with regard to the Drainage, &c., and the same were passed for presentation to the Street and Highway Committee.

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

Delancey Trustees, Treatment of Patients	£239 4 0
J. H. Long, One Month's Salary	£8 6 8
E. Jones, ditto	£5 0 0
Medical Officer's Cab Hire a/c	£2 7 6
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£3 15 0

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 30th day of August, 1893 Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col Thoyts ; Councillors Lawrence and Skillicorne, (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman the Mayor was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2--Borough Extension—The Resolution passed by the Committee last month, relating to the payment of the costs of the Leckhampton Board and referred back by the Council for re-consideration was again discussed, and a statement of the estimated financial position of the Board on the 9th of November next, received from Mr. Mallory, was laid before the Committee. Resolved, That the sums of £133 0s. 0d., the costs of the Leckhampton Local Board in this matter be paid.

A Letter from Mr. Clutterbuck stating that the Local Government Board had sanctioned the reasonable costs of the Charlton Kings Local Board, at the enquiry with reference to this matter, amounting to £280 4s. 0d., and requesting a cheque for the proportion thereof payable by the Corporation, was read Resolved, That the amount, viz., £60 6s. 3d. be paid.

3-Imperial Rooms—A Letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling stating that some of the leading townsmen had approached them with a view of forming a syndicate for the purpose of acquiring these premises and utilizing them as a Spa with Lounge and Reading Rooms, Concert Room, Cloak Rooms, &c., and judging from the willing and ready response made to their enquiries, they had good reason for believing that little difficulty would be experienced in obtaining the required sum for the purchase and renovation of the property ; before, however, deciding to purchase the property, they had been asked to ascertain, if, in the event of their doing so, the Corporation would be willing to lay

on, free of expense, the mineral waters, as otherwise they would not feel inclined to proceed, was read. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to recommend the Council to accede to the proposal.

4—Town Committee—The application of the Town Committee for a grant was again considered, and the Committee had before them the Balance Sheet of the Town Committee for the past year. Resolved, That a subscription of £10 be given.

5 —Marle Hill Contract—The Contractor, Mr. Baker, through the Borough Surveyor, made an application for an allowance to be made to him in respect of the unforeseen additional quantity of mud necessary to be removed from the bed of the lake. Resolved, That the Committee regret that having regard to the small difference between the amount of Mr. Baker's tender and the next highest, they are unable to recommend the payment of anything in addition to the contract price, but they are glad to express their satisfaction with the excellent way in which the contract has been executed.

6—Town Band—A Letter from the Town Band asking permission to give three Sacred Concerts, two in the Pittville Pump Room Gardens and the other at Montpellier Gardens, the Concerts to commence on the first Sunday after the permission is granted, was read. Resolved, That the Committee have no objection to the Band playing on the three Sundays as proposed, subject to such conditions and arrangements as shall be made by the Band Sub-Committee.

7—Promenade improvement—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee sanction of the Local Government Board to a loan of £2,740 for this Improvement, repayable in 20 years, accompanied by a letter from the Board stating that as the period for the repayment of the unexpended balances of the loan for Street Improvements is 50 years, and as any loan for the works proposed should be repayable within a period not exceeding 20 years, the Board are not prepared to sanction the alternative course of defraying the expenditure out of the unexpended balances in question, a letter from the Town Clerk in reply pointing out that the difficulty may be met by the Local Government Board requiring that such an addition to the Sinking Fund, already formed, should be made, as will discharge the loan within the period in which it is made repayable, but to which no reply has yet been received, was also read.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, Hands, Ward-Humphreys, and King (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Borough surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read

" On the 28th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 79 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 102 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,709,913 gallons.

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" On the 28th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 18 feet, and the contents 37,205,902 gallons. which gives a total storage of 48,915,815 gallons. " The extension of water main at New Barn Lane is not completed, as the price of Pipes is now so very high, owing to the coal strike."

2—Tewkesbury Water Supply—A Letter from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, of date the 21st instant, stating that the price offered by his Council was as reasonable as that asked, and stating that if this Corporation will name the lowest price which will be accepted, his Committee would consider the matter and give an answer at an early date, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot for a moment admit Mr. Badham's contention, but they will further consider the question of naming a minimum price, and if they can make any reduction of the price asked will do so, but on the distinct understanding that any price so named shall not be quoted against this Corporation in the event of its not being accepted.

3—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

4—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of Water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of August, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts; Councillors Darby, Lawrence, and Parsonage, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-Omnibuses—An application from the Cheltenham Omnibus Company, for a license for a Char-a-Banc, was read, The Chairman stated that he had granted the Company leave to use the vehicle, temporarily, pending the decision of the Committee upon the application. Resolved, That a license be granted, subject to the carriage being passed by Chairman.

An application from Chas. Cooke of Mountpleasant, for a license to ply for hire an Omnibus was read, and a license refused. [crossed out]

2 Drivers—An application was received from, and a license to act as a Hackney Carriage Driver, granted to, W. H. Watts of 3, Brookway Place, Charlton Kings.

3—C. F. Paul's horses—A letter from Mr. Paul, stating that he had purchased another horse in the place of the broken winded one that he thought would be suitable for the work; and that the black mare was very much improved, therefore he trusted his licenses would now be granted, was read.

A certificate was also read from Mr. F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Surgeon, that the black mare above mentioned is fit for gentle work, but must be carefully watched. Resolved, That the licenses be nose issued but that the Inspector be instructed to keep an eye upon the horses and report airy failings that may be apparent.

4—Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that no offer of Land to be let in the neighbourhood of St. Mark's, had been received in response to the advertisement. A Memorial—From Wm. Eggleton and others for reduction of rent on the existing allotments, was read, and the whole subject adjourned for further enquiries and consideration.

5—Weighing Machine Office--The Borough Surveyor reported that the Weighing Machine is in a bad state of repair, and he was instructed to bring up a report and estimate of cost of repairs necessary.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of August, 1893—Present The Mayor; Councillors King, Feeney, Woodard, and Ward Humphreys (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—The Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. Number of Bathers to this time, 18,277. Bathing Fees received, £162 4s. 1d.

2—Acquatic Entertainment—The Chairman reported that as authorised by the resolution of the Committee of date the 25th April last, he had made arrangements for an exhibition of swimming and other aquatic feats by Miss Beckwith and Party at the Baths on the 18th October, on the terms of the Council taking one third of the receipts. Resolved, That notice be given of the closing of the Bath on that day.

C. W. KING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of August, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Rogers ; Councillors Steel, Parsonage, and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1— Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that Mr. S. J. Smith had refused to pay the Rector's and Clerk's fees amounting to 26s in the case of a funeral which took place on the list inst., and at which a hearse had been used, Mr. Smith claiming a right to use a hearse, &c., while

only paying the fees as for a morning funeral. Resolved, That Notice be given to all the Undertakers as to the times for Free Funerals and as to the fees chargeable in the case of all other funerals.

2—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :-- Headstones to Eliza Hayling, Mary Ann Tyler, Fanny Anne Lyall, and Samuel Christopher Westfahl.

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

James New, Funeral Service Books for Chapels	£5 1 6
W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£16 17 6

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 31st day of August, 1893—Present Councillors Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Orders for Goods—Resolved, That orders for goods in the department of the Borough Surveyor, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Borough Accountant, be given by the respective heads of those departments, and by the Town Clerk as heretofore, for all goods required in his department, and other matters not coming under the aforesaid three departments.

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2-Rate Collection—Resolved, That as respects the 2nd Instalment of the present Rate, and future Rates, all receipts be numbered and given in consecutive order as paid, and that the Chairman give notice of alteration of the resolution of the Finance Committee, of date the 9th October, 1885, accordingly.

3—Borough Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £12,408 9s. 1d., leaving outstanding £1,379 13s. 1 ½ d.

4—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts : £7,564 5s- 7d., leaving outstanding £1,052 9s. 3d.

5— ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the

Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid. The General Statement is as follows :—

In hand on August 3rd	£12,595 0 11
Received during the month	£ <u>4,041 2 7</u>
	£16,636 3 6
Paid during the Month	<u>£6,127 13 8</u>
In hand	£10,508 9 10

Being to Credit of Current and Interest A/cs	£10,240 6 7
Sinking and Loans Funds	£ <u>268 3 3</u>
	£10,508 9 10

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of August, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillors Feeney, Skillicorne, Neale, and The Baron de Ferrieres (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 presented to the Library during the past month, viz :—

Cobden Club 3 pamphlets

Trustees of British Museum 6 vols

The Baron de Ferrieres 11 vols

Institute of Civil Engineers 1 vol

Annual Reports from the Libraries at St. Helens, Dewsbury, Lewisham, and Fulham.

2-Sub-Committee's Report —The Sub-Committee recommended :—That the sum of £25 be expended on New Books. That the Librarian be instructed to prepare Lists of Technical Books to the amount of £50, and that that sum be expended on such works. That all Borrowers Cards be renewed as from October 1st. That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, to be held at Aberdeen on the 5th, 6th and 7th, of September next, and that £5 be allowed towards his expenses. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3--Junior Assistant—The Sub-Committee reported that the Junior Assistant, J. M. Wyllie, had given notice to leave, that they had received four applications for the vacant post, and had interviewed three of the applicants. Resolved, That Reginald Haidon, be appointed.

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

W. Jones, Wages' Account	£7 16 0
C. Boyle, Cleaning Materials	£0 11 0
Gay and Birds, Technical Books	£0 12 5
J. Banting and Sons, Books	£5 5 11

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of August, 1893 —Present : The Mayor. Alderman Rogers ; Councillors Hands, Steel, Heath, and Parsonage (Councillor Hands in the chair)—

1—School Holidays—The School Attendance Officers reported That the holidays in nearly all the schools had come to an end, and that weekly returns had been sent in by the Teachers of those schools which had been opened a sufficient time to enable them to do so.

2- Attendance Officers' Report —The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 15 schools and that 252 cases had been visited and enquired into, but had not yet been reported on by the Local Committees.

3—Special Examination—The Town Clerk reported that 22 children had been presented for examination at the special examination for Labour and Proficiency Certificates, held by Her Majesty's Inspector on the 19th inst., 10 in the 3rd Standard, 1 in the 4th, and 11 in the 5th Standard, but that only 10 had passed: 6 in the 3rd, 1 in the 4th, and 3 in the 5th standard. A Letter from Mr. F. Sheppard, Head Teacher of Trinity Boys' School, reporting the employment of a boy named Charlotte, aged 13, he not having obtained a Proficiency Certificate of having passed the 4th Standard, was read. Resolved, That the name of this boy and three other children who have applied for Certificates be returned to Her Majesty's Inspector, and that he be requested to examine the children in question.

4—Deputation of Teachers —Resolved, That a meeting of the Committee be held on Monday next, the 28th inst., at 5 p.m., to receive a Deputation from the Cheltenham Teachers' Association on the subject of school attendance.

5—Local Committees—Letters from Councillor Ward-Humphreys and H. T. Carrington, Esq., expressing their willingness to act on the Local Committee for the South and Middle Wards, were read. Also a Letter from Major Abbott, regretting his inability to serve in consequence of other calls on his time in several public institutions. Resolved, That Mr. J. Darter, of Suffolk Road, be appointed a Member of the Local Committee for the South and Middle Wards, if he will consent to act.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of August, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers.; Councillors Hands, Parsonage, and Steel (Councillor Hands in the chair)-

6—Deputation of School Teachers—A Deputation from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Association of Elementary School Teachers, consisting of the following Teachers, attended this Meeting of the Council, viz :—Mr. J. P. Cook, St. Luke's Schools (President). Mr. F. F. Wheeler, Parish Church Schools. Mr. Frederick Sheppard, Trinity Schools. Mr. A. G. Wheeler, St. Peter's Schools; and Mr. John Davis, Christ Church Schools (Secretary).

The Deputation stated that their object in seeking this interview was that they might lay before the Committee their views as to the desirability of :—

- (1) Insisting upon the requirement of a Proficiency Certificate in every case of a child leaving school before the age of 14.
- (2) Raising the Standard for Total Exemption to the Sixth instead of the 5th, and abolishing Half-time Certificates altogether.
- (3) The use of Duplicate Registers, to pass between the Schools and the School Attendance Committee, instead of the Absentee Returns at present in use.
- (4) Strengthening the Local Committees and arranging that such Committees shall meet at an hour that will enable parents to attend when summoned and appear before a Committee.
- (5) The inspection of the so called " Dames " Schools by H. M. Inspector, whose attention should be drawn to the large number that exist in Cheltenham. All the foregoing points were very fully discussed with the Deputation, and the Committee adjourned the further consideration thereof to a subsequent meeting.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, September 27th, 1893.

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 October next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Councillor Lawrence to move :—" That the Resolution of the Finance Committee of date the 9th October, 1885, relating to the Receipts for the Rates, be altered to accord with that passed by the Committee on the 31st August 1893."

5. Notices of Motion.

6. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :

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 of October, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1893—Present : Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Steel (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read: Average Illuminating Power, 15.95 candles. Purity, 8.04 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Gas Inspector's Monthly Report was read Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month, 4.293 cubic feet.

3 — Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 9 (2 metered). Burning dimly, 16 (4 metered.)

4—Public Gas Lighting in Leckhampton and Charlton Kings—The Gas Inspector having reported that the contract of the Leckhampton Board with the Gas Company expires in November next, Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to open negotiations with the Company for the lighting of those parts of the parishes of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings which will be included within the Borough. Resolved further that the Gas Inspector report to this Committee the number, situation, and distances apart of the Lamps in the said parts, times and hours of lighting, &c.

5—Street Projections—A Letter from Mr. M. J. Souster, requesting permission to fix a gas lamp to the front of No. 30, Cambay to project about 9 inches over the pavement, was read. Resolved, That the consideration of the application be adjourned pending further information from Mr. Souster as to the exact position the lamp is intended to occupy. The Street Inspector was instructed to report to the Committee any cases in which the conditions upon which Trade Lamps have been permitted are not strictly adhered to.

6—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month, viz

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Clarence Street from Post Office Lane to Crescent Place, 336 sup. yds., Clarence Parade, 450 super yards, Crescent Terrace 252 super yards, High Street from Gas Works to Henrietta Street 6030 super yards, Sandford Road from College Lawn to College Road 1533 super yards Suffolk Parade from Montpellier Terrace to back of ditto 253 super yards, Montpellier

Avenue from Waite & Kite's to Cab Stand 321 super yds., Montpellier Terrace by Beechwood House, making a total of yards, equal to two acres.

Patching—St. George's Place, Sherborne Street, Park Street.

Tar Macadam—In front of the Library 608 super yards.

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Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—Montpellier Villas (finished), Lypiatt Terrace, Spa Buildings, St. George's Road, Queen's Parade, Malvern Place, Montpellier Street, Parabola Road, Rodney Road, Bayshill Road, Bath Road, Cleveland Street, Suffolk Place, High Street, Burton Street, Townsend Street, Lansdown Road.

Tariff Footpaths Repaired—Swindon Road, Whitehart Street, Market Street, Sandford Road, Bath Terrace, Great Norwood Street, Upper Bath Street.

The bridge over the Chelt near Marshall's works has been widened and the surface paved with granite concrete.

Gullies Repaired and Reconstructed—2 in York Street, 1 in Fairview Street, 1 in Selkirk Street, 1 in Sherborne Street, 1 in St. Margaret's Road, 1 in Glenfall Street, 1 in Jersey Street.

Sewering—Considerable progress has been made with the Hatherley Sewer, the part in tunnel and deep cutting will be finished this week.

Ashes Collection—Van Loads 396 ; Cart Loads 423 ; consumed at the Destructor 636 tons 6 cwt. 2 qrs.

7--Paving in County Court Street and Regent Street—A Letter from the Registrar of the County Court, stating that the great improvement effected by the recently laid material in County Court Road in deadening the noise caused by heavy traffic had been so marked that with some confidence he now appealed to the Council to complete the scheme, and by laying the upper part of Regent Street with the same material, render the surroundings of the Court as free of noise and disturbance as possible. Resolved, That Mr. Williams be informed the application will be borne in mind when future repairs are being executed in the street in question.

8—Chapel Walk—A Letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, on behalf of Mr. G. F. Newall, acknowledging receipt of this Committee's Resolution passed on the 31st July last, and observing that the sum of £33 5s. 8d. out of the total costs paid by the Corporation was not a contribution by the Corporation in relief of their client but the amounts which the Corporation paid in respect of the two places of worship, the Methodist and Unitarian Chapels, and further stating that they understood the laying of the Sewer referred to was carried out by the Corporation, and they questioned the equity of the Corporation in entering and damaging a road which they now contend is private property ; also adverting to the matter of the cab stand established in the street, the road having been always cleansed by the Corporation, and that they had been informed by one of the owners that at any rate parts of the footpaths had been repaired at the expense of the Corporation ; and concluding by suggesting that under the circumstances the Corporation should meet the Owners half way in the matter and accept one half of the claim, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Ticehurst

be informed that the pertinent statements upon which their application is founded are incorrect, and the Committee must adhere to their previous resolution.

9—Lighting of Naunton Park Terrace—A Letter from Mr. J. B. Buckwell, respectfully asking the further consideration by the Committee of the question of lighting the above road, was read. Resolved, That as soon as the road is properly formed and repaired, an additional lamp will be erected.

10—Footpath in St. George's Road opposite Maryville Cottages —A Letter from Mr. H. A. Dutton, offering the Corporation, for the purpose of widening the pathway and road opposite Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Maryville Cottages, a strip of land at the place named, was read. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned until the Committee have had an opportunity of viewing the locality.

11—New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings (such of them as involved questions of drainage having been examined by the Public Health Committee) all of which were approved, viz. :

Mrs. Potter, for additions to Royal Hotel.

Col. Willoughby, for additions to 21, Promenade.

Miss Bayliss, for Bay Window at 6, St. James' Parade.

The following Plan (which had not been placed before the Public Health Committee) was approved subject to the drainage arrangements being approved by the Public Health Committee at their next meeting : Mr. Chas. Hill, for Stables, &c., at back of Lansdown Crescent. A Plan was submitted from Mr. Skillicorne for cottages in Whaddon Lane, sheaving an intended new road of 40 feet in width, and widening of the existing road to 40 feet. Resolved, That the plan be approved subject to the road intended to be widened being made of the intended width shewn on the plan and subject also to the condition imposed by the Public Health Committee that each house must be separately connected with the sewer.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

(Note—At this stage of the proceedings the Chairman retired from the Committee Room and Councillor Lawrence was appointed Chairman for the remaining business.)

The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following parties, viz. :
Cavendish House Co. for extension of premises at Cavendish House. The Sanitary Laundry Co. for a Manager's House, Hatherley Road.

The latter plan, being the only one involving any question of drainage, having been passed by the Public Health Committee Resolved, That both the above plans be approved, the approval in the latter case being subject to the front of the building being set further back as will be pointed out by the Borough Surveyor.

EDWIN LAWRENCE. Chairman pro tem.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of September, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Hands, Feeney, Norman, Parsonage, and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of this Committee 15 cases of scarlet fever and 8 cases of enteric fever, and that the number of cases now in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 25.

The Town Clerk reported that at a meeting of the Weekly Board of the General Hospital, held on Monday last, and at which Councillor Norman and he attended, it was stated that the Board had made arrangements for devoting one ward for children suffering from enteric fever, and for the reception of 3 males in another ward, thus increasing the accommodation for patients suffering from enteric fever to 13 beds. Resolved, That the Weekly Board be thanked for the extension of the accommodation so afforded.

2—Nuisance from Pig Keeping—The Medical Officer of Health reported that, in consequence of many complaints having been received from residents in Hewletts Road and King's Road, of the nuisance arising from pigstyes in the neighbourhood, he had inspected them and found that they were not constructed in the way required by the Bye-laws. Resolved, That notices be issued to the owners, under section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to abate the nuisance, and calling upon them to comply with the requirements of the Bye-laws as to construction and drainage of the styes.

3—Cholera—A memorial from Capt. Welch and others protesting against the proposed erection of a Cholera Hospital in Hester's Way, and trusting that the Council would abandon their idea as being so detrimental to them and to their neighbourhood, was read. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot comply with the prayer of the Memorialists, as the spot selected appears to be more suitable for the purpose, and is at a greater distance from houses than any place it would be possible to obtain elsewhere. The Committee think the fears of the Memorialists are groundless and are unable to recognise in the objections to the proposed erection any sufficient reason for abandoning the site.

A. H. Smith—A Letter from A. H. Smith, Esq., offering two lots of land at Hester's Way for sale for the purpose of building a Cholera Hospital thereon, was read. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to entertain the purchase of land for this purpose. Resolved, also, that the Town Clerk be instructed to at once arrange terms with Mr. Mark Williams as to the use of his land in Hester's Way.

4—Supply of Water to School of Science -The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received a complaint from the Hon. Sec. of the School of Science as to the state of the cistern in the tower, and advised that it should be covered to prevent pollution and that water for drinking purposes be laid on direct from the mains. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Public Library Committee for consideration.

5-Drains at 6 to 10 Bayshill Parade and Cotswold Inn—The Medical Officer of Health having made written application Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains at Nos. 6 to 10, Bayshill Parade and Cotswold Inn, Portland Street, are a nuisance and injurious to health, Resolved,

That an authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them, and act as provided by the said section.

6—Seizure of Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 29th ultimo he had seized and destroyed on the order of a magistrate, 9 pigs' jowls and 14 pigs' feet which were unfit for the food of man, and were exposed for sale at Mr. A. H. Ellis's shop, 309, High Street. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take proceedings in this case under Sec. 117 of the Public Health Act, 1875, for the penalties incurred.

7—Slaughtering on Unregistered Premises—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that Mr. Frank Lawrence had used the premises adjoining Vizerville, Grosvenor Place, for slaughtering purposes, they being neither licensed or registered. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against Mr. Lawrence for the penalty incurred.

8--W.C.'s without Flushing apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health presented a List of Houses having W.C's. without flushing apparatus thereto. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the owners to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices, proceedings be taken for penalties.

9—Wells requiring to be Closed—The Medical Officer of Health having represented that the water in the wells, a list of which he submitted, and which is likely to be used for drinking or domestic purposes, is so polluted as to be injurious to health, Resolved, That the necessary notices for an Order to close the wells under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given in all the cases, and that if such notices are not complied with, the Town Clerk do take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance therewith.

10--Nos. 50 to 59, Stanhope Street —A Letter from F. Stroud, Esq., objecting to provide flushing apparatus to the W.C's. at these 4, houses, they being outside W.C's., was read. Resolved, That Mr. Stroud be informed that the Committee consider that the circumstances urgently require that flushing apparatus be required.

11—Nos. 50 to 59, Stanhope Street, and No. 18, Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had procured an Order for the closing of the well at the last-named house, and that the wells supplying the first-named houses had been voluntarily closed by the Owner, and the Corporation water laid on.

12 — Sewer near Hatherley Road—A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, as to a sewer which is being laid down by the Corporation near Hatherley Road, and asking whether their client, Mr. C. S. Holliday, would be entitled to compensation for any injury sustained in consequence of the works, and a reply from the Town Clerk thereto, were read, and the latter approved.

13 - - Delancey Hospital—Appointment of Now Trustees -The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, on the subject of the investments of a portion of the Trust Funds.

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14—Account—The following Account was examined and allowed : General Hospital, Treatment of Typhoid Patients £8 18 0

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of September, 1893—Present : Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Hands, and Parsonage (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

15—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting 19 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria and 2 of Enteric Fever.

He stated that the number of cases of Scarlet Fever had again unfortunately increased both in our own District and outside it. The Delancey Hospital had been kept quite full and several cases were waiting admittance.

Of the 3 cases of Diphtheria notified, two were in small children both of whom died on the day of notification or previously.

Of the 2 cases of Enteric Fever one occurred in the General Hospital, in a man who came from Gloucester, the other occurred in Stanhope Street at one of the same houses in which had been several other cases.

16—Ground for Cholera Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health stated that he had conference with the Medical Officer of Health for the Cheltenham Rural District, who would recommend his authority to join with the Urban Authority in providing ground for the above purpose and believed they would be willing to co-operate.

17--Houses without a proper Water Supply—It appearing on the report of the Borough Survey-or that the houses mentioned in his report, are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be readily' obtained from the Corporation mains, at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That notice be given under section 62 of the Public Health Act 1875 to the owners, requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such Acts as may be necessary for that purpose.

18—W.C's without Flushing Apparatus The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notices be given under section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, to the owners to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for penalties.

19- Houses without proper W.C. Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the houses known as Nos. 1 and 1a Regent Place, and Pear Tree Cottages, Sherborne Street, are without efficient w.c's., and he applied to the Committee to put in force the provisions of Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved, That the Surveyor be requested to prepare a specification of the works necessary to be done in the provision of such w.c. accommodation as is necessary, and that

notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act to execute such works.

20-Drains at 40, Cleveland Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 40 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains at 40, Cleveland Street are a nuisance and injurious to health, Resolved, That an authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them, and act as provided by the said Section.

21—Public Abattoir—A Letter from Mr. M. Davis, asking the Committee to receive a Deputation of the Butchers at an early date with respect to one or two matters connected with the Slaughter Houses and Byelaws, and adding that unless they were in-formed to the contrary the Deputation would attend at the meeting to be held on the 22nd inst. (to-day) was read. (The Deputation, however, did not attend.

A Letter was read from Mr. W. C. Davis desiring to be informed what rent the Council would require for a separate Slaughter House at the Abattoir, with lair, gas, hot and cold water, and all necessary convenience. Resolved, That Mr. Davis be informed the Committee would be prepared to let him have the use of a Slaughter House for £26 per annum, but as the Committee understand such Slaughter House is proposed to be used by several others as well as Mr. Davis himself, such combination of Butchers must have the sanction of the Committee.

22-Slaughter House Byelaws—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Local Government Board their formal approval of the Byelaws made by the Council in respect of the Slaughter Houses provided by the Council and also in respect of those within the Urban Sanitary District not provided by the Council. Resolved, That the Byelaws be printed and notice given to the Butchers that they are now in force.

23—Flooding of the Sewers and Chelt—The Borough Surveyor now presented his estimate of the cost of carrying out the works mentioned in his Report hereon, the total sum being £2000. Resolved, That the scheme be approved, that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to the borrowing of the money, and that in the meantime steps be taken by the Town Clerk to obtain the written assent to the scheme of such owners of property as will be affected by the execution of the works.

24—Barn Farm—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Spencer, late Bailiff to Mr. J. S. Gibbons, of Boddington Manor, wished to take the above Farm, and had asked to have a price named. Resolved, That subject to the Committee being

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satisfied of the ability of Mr. Spencer to properly stock the farm, &c., the farm with the house and buildings be let to him on lease at the rent of £1 an acre for 12 years determinable at the end of the 5th or 7th year at the option of either party, and subject to such covenants and conditions as may be necessary to secure the efficient treatment and use of the sewage.

25-Plans of House Drainage —The Plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for approval or otherwise at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee, and the same were approved so far as regards the

drainage arrangements, except those for the erection by Mr. Skillicorne of houses in Whaddon Lane which were passed only on condition that each house has a separate connection with the sewer, and not as shewn on the plan.

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

Dr. Garrett, Cab Hire	£2 1 8
J. H. Long, one month's salary	£8 6 8
Griffin & Sons, Glasses, &c., for Laboratory	£0 19 0
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£5 0 0
E. Jones, 4 weeks' salary	£5 0 0

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of September, 1893—Present: Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Town Committee—Mr. Cooper, the Chairman of the Town Committee, Mr. Dimmer, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. G. H. Williams, attended the meeting of this Committee, and laid before it a proposal for exhibiting certain photographs of the town which had been taken to send to the Chicago Exhibition, at 100 railway stations, and other public places in the county, with a specimen of the proposed frame and photos. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee, consisting of Alderman Col. Thoyts, and Councillors Heath and Lawrence be appointed to confer with the Town Committee on the details of their proposal.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 27th day of September, 1893 Present: Aldermen Thoyts and Wetherell; Councillors Heath, Lawrence, and Waghorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)—

2-Geat Western Train Service—The Town Clerk's Letter to the Board of Trade of date the 14th August last, relative to the above matter, and a letter from the Board of Trade, dated the 14th September, forwarding copy of a reply from the Great Western Railway Company, were read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare draft of a reply to the statements of the Company and that the Sub-Committee do meet to consider and settle same.

3 -- Town Band —A letter from the Secretary of the Town Band asking if the Band might be allowed to continue the Sunday afternoon Concerts on Sunday next and the two following Sundays, (weather permitting) was read. Resolved, That permission be granted upon the same terms and conditions as before.

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4—Promenade Improvement—The Surveyor certified the sum of £350 to be due to Messrs. Boulton and Sons, on account of the contract for the Fountain, and the same was ordered to be paid.

Specimens of Railing to be fixed round the garden fronting 14 to 34, Promenade, which had been sent in by Messrs. Letheren and Sons, and Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, at the price of £1 1s. 0d. per yard, were inspected and considered Resolved, That the Railing sent in by Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall be selected.

5—Mineral Waters—Resolved, That Professor Thorpe be requested to furnish his Report and Analyses of the Mineral Waters at the earliest possible date in order that the Committee may proceed with the consideration thereof in conjunction with the joint Report of the Borough Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health relative to the proposed Spa.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of September, 1893—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, and Hands (Councillor Darby in the chair)-

1--Supply of Water – The Committee met to consider the state of the water supply. Resolved, That having regard to the long-continued drought and to the probability of a continuance of it, the consumers of water be requested to be as sparing as possible in the use of the Corporation water, particularly for watering gardens by those who are entitled to use it for that purpose, and that the Borough Surveyor be requested to issue a notification of this Resolution to the water consumers.

Resolved, That this Committee meet for the present on Wednesday in each week except the usual Committee Meeting week, at 10.30 a.m.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday. the 20th day of September, 1893—Present Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered Councillors Darby, Hands, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

2—Supply of Water—The Surveyor reported on the quantity of water in store, and the Committee afterwards proceeded to inspect the reservoirs and works.

3—Col. Agg's Water Supply—A Letter from W. H. Mellersh, Esq., stating that Col. Agg is now suffering from a want of water on the lands from which the Corporation take water under the agreement with the late Mr. W. J. Agg, of 1855, and that his client contended he had the right to require the Corporation to provide him with a supply for his present requirements; that Col. Agg would be satisfied, at present at any rate, if water is supplied to tubs which he will provide in the

following fields, viz. : Lower Rodway, Prestbury Meadow, Cheltenham .Meadow, and Bar Ground, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take Counsel's opinion upon the construction of the agreement with the late W. J. Agg, Esq., and as to the extent of the obligations of the Corporation thereunder ; and that in the meantime a temporary supply of water be furnished to the fields named above, but without prejudice to the position and rights of the Corporation.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of September, 1893—Present Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Wethered; Councillors Darby, King and Hands (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

4—Borough Surveyor's Report—The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read.

" On the 25th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 70 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 100 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 15,144,272 gallons.

" On the 25th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 14 feet 2 inches, and the contents 24,241,548 gallons, which gives a total storage of 39,385,820 gallons.

5—Tewkesbury Water Supply—A Letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, requesting to be informed as soon as possible the lowest price this Corporation will take for the water in bulk, on the understanding that the price named is not to be made use of if the matter goes to arbitration, was read. The matter was discussed and adjourned for further consideration at a special meeting to be held for the purpose on Friday next.

6—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

7--Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 29th day of September 1893—Present : Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, King and Hands (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

8—Tewkesbury Water Supply—The question of the price to be fixed for the supply of water in bulk to the Corporation of Tewkesbury was further considered. Resolved, That having regard to the cost of the water to the Corporation, the Committee cannot recommend the acceptance of a lower price than rod. per 1000 gals. with a minimum supply of 27 millions per annum, and that must be without prejudice to the right of this Corporation to claim a higher price if the matter goes to arbitration, and on the understanding mentioned in this Committee's resolution of 29th of August last.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1893—Present Alderman Col. Thoys ; Councillors Darby, and Lawrence, (Alderman Col. Thoys in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the month viz : on the 10th inst., at the Albion Flour Mills, estimated damage £10 ; the properties at risk insured in the " London and Lancashire," " Imperial," " Equitable," and "Alliance" Offices, by whom the Bill of expenses amounting to £3 had been paid.

2 —Fire Hydrants—The Superintendent reported that the Fire Hydrant Marks on the South side of the town want painting and re-writing, and he was instructed to have the same done.

3—Hackney Carriages— An application from Wm. Cresswell of Leckhampton, stating that he now holds Licenses from the Leckhampton Local Board for one full licensed carriage and one pony carriage, and requesting to know if, in view of the inclusion of part of Leckhampton in Cheltenham, which will bring him under the jurisdiction of the Town Council, the Corporation will continue the grant of licenses to him, was read. Resolved, That licenses be granted to Mr. Cresswell from the 9th November next, till the next annual Licensing day.

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Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were received from the following :—Frederick Jones, Richard Staite, J. C. Hearn, Edward Garner, and John Phelps. Resolved, that Licenses be granted to Jones and Garner, subject to the approval of the carriages by the Chairman. Also Resolved, That the Committee will be prepared to grant 4 pony carriage Licenses to bring up the No. to that originally fixed via. 20, and that applications for these (for which Staite, Hearn, and Phelps may apply) will be considered at the next monthly meeting of this Committee.

4—Drivers' Licenses—Applications were received for Licenses to act as Hackney Carriage Drivers granted to Robert Head, James Privett, Thomas Roach and W. Smith.

5—George Cleveland—This man, whose License as a Hackney Carriage Driver was revoked on the 24th October last, applied for a re-grant of the License. Resolved, That the same be not granted.

6—Wheel Chairs—An Application for a Wheel Chair License, was considered. Resolved, That a License be granted.

7 —The Mayor's Room--A letter from the Deputy Mayor pointing out the desirability of connecting the Mayor's Room with the offices of the chief officials by means of speaking tubes, was read, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to report upon the matter.

8—Allotments —A letter from Mr. C. S. Holliday, as executor of the late Mr. Jno. Smith, offering to let for the above purpose two fields on the Western side of and adjoining the Banbury and Cheltenham and Midland Railways at Cloddymore, upon the terms and conditions named therein, for a period of

twenty one years at £7 per acre, per annum for the first seven years, for the second seven years £7 10s. per acre, and for the third period £8 per acre, per annum. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the applicants to know if they are prepared to take the Land at about 18s. 6d. per chain, and that the further consideration of Mr. Holiday's offer be adjourned.

9—Weighing Machine—The Surveyor brought tip his report and estimate of the necessary repairs as directed by the resolution of the Committee. Resolved, That he procure tenders for the same and have the work done.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At el heeling of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of September, 1893—Present Councillors Drew, King, and Woodard (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—Surveyor's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Surveyor was read. No. of bathers to this time 21154. Bathing Fees received £187 11s. 0 ½ d.. The Chairman reported that he had made arrangements with Miss Beckwith's manager for an aquatic performance at the Bath on the 18th October

Resolved, That the Bath be closed for the season on the 17th proxo.

C. W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of September, 1893—Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Feeney, Parsonage, and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Designs-The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Deborah Woodrow, George Scuse, Hester Absolom, Ann Barr, Edward Savory, Mary Ann Burrows, Elizabeth Dix, Mary Annie Archibald, Hester Pippet, Caroline Arbuthnot. Tombs to Edwin Thomas Bryant and Jno. Stedman Christie.

2-Driscoll-The Town Clerk reported that in compliance with the Resolution of this Committee of date the 27th July last, he had applied for and had now received a License from the Secretary of State authorising the disinterment and transfer to another grave of the remains of the late Richard Webb now lying in the grave occupied by the remains of Mrs. Driscoll, and that he had instructed the Supt. to have the removal effected in accordance with the conditions of the License. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's action be approved, and that Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby be informed of the day and hour fixed for such removal, in order that their client may be present if he so desires.

3—The Rector's and Clerk's Fees—Mr. Selim Smith attended this meeting of the Committee on the subject of the circular to the Undertakers, recently issued by the Board with respect to fees to be paid on the burials at 3 o'clock in winter and 4 o'clock in summer, the times mentioned in the Table of Fees approved by the Bishop, or 2.30 as it has been the practice to fix in lieu of the above-mentioned hours. Resolved, That the hours specified in the Table of Fees approved by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be adhered to, the winter being defined as between the 1st October and the 1st April both inclusive.

1—Accounts—The following Account was examined and allowed : W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages £16 9 6

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1893—Present Councillors Darby, Drew, Parsonage, Lawrence, and Waghorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Private Improvement Works—Alstone Lane—Applications from Mrs. Harriet Higgs who owes £2 15s. 5d. for Private Improvement Works in the above road, to be allowed a month's time in which to pay, from Mr. Geo. Higgs who owes £2 11s. 3d. to be allowed to repay at the rate of 5s per month, and from Mrs. Charlotte Garlick who owes £1 11s. 11d., to be allowed to repay by monthly instalments of 5s, were considered. Resolved, That the request of Mrs. Higgs be granted, that Mr Geo. Higgs be requested to pay 10s down and afterwards 5s per month, and that Mrs. Garlick do pay 5s down and the remainder at 5s a month. Interest at 5 per cent. to be charged in each of the foregoing cases.

2-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £12,713 1s. 7d., leaving outstanding £1,075 0s. 7½ d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts £7,867 7s. 4d., leaving outstanding £782 8s. 9d.

4-ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid. The General Statement is as follows :—

In hand on the 31st ulto.	£10,508 9 10
Received during the month	£ <u>1,520 6 9</u>
	£12,029 16 7
Paid during the Month	£ 2,998 15 10
In hand	£9,530 0 9
Being to Credit of Current and Interest A/cs	£8,507 18 7
Sinking and Loans Funds	£ <u>523 2 2</u>
	£9,031 0 9

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of September, 1893—Present: Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Neale, Parsonage, The Baron de Ferrieres, and Capt. Welch (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—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 :—

The Secretary, University College, Bristol	1 Vol.
The General Editor, University Correspondence College	1 Vol
Sir Brook Kay, Bart	1 Vol.
Town Clerk (E. T. Brydges, Esq.)	2 Vols
Capt. Welch, R.N.	6 Vols
Society for Women's Suffrage	2 Pamphlets
Cobden Club	3 Pamphlets
Annual Reports from the Libraries at Oldbury, Folkestone, Hammersmith, and Leeds.	

3— Sub-Committees Report—The Sub-Committee recommended :—

That 135 worn out Books be replaced in special bindings at a cost of about £22.

That the lists of new and second-hand Books submitted by the Librarian be purchased for £15 14s. 5d.

That a selection of Technical Books to the value of £50 be purchased from the Lists prepared by the Librarian, and examined by the Sub-Committee. That the Books sent on approval by Mr. W. Norton, be purchased for £3 11s. 6d.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Cistern in Tower—The Public Health Committee having recommended to this Committee that the Cistern in the Tower, which supplies oyster to the School of Science should be covered to prevent pollution, and that water for drinking purposes be laid on from the mains, it was Resolved, That the recommendations of the Public Health Committee be complied with.

5—The Library Staff—The Committee considered the question of the re-organization of the Library Staff, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned to a meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday next.

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

Charles Westley, Books, Papers, &c.	£17 5 4
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, &c.	£29 10 4
W. Norton, Books	£3 11 0
J. W. Pink, Books	£1 5 0
Gas Co., Gas at Library	£3 10 2
Accounts under 10s. each	£0 5 6

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of September, 1693 —Present Councillors Hands, Heath, and Parsonage (Councillor Hands in the chair). —

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses be issued against the parents of the following children :— .John Kesterton, 2, Carlton Place ; Samuel Excell, 7, Dunalley Parade; Chas. Kettle, Winchcomb Street; Elizabeth Hunt, Evelyn Cottages ; Chas. Mills, Hewlett Street ; George Norris, 31, York Street ; Beatrice Merrilees, Cleveland Passage.

2 — Attendance Officers' Reports—The monthly reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 33 schools containing 2,150 names; of this number 1,662 cases had been visited ; in 61 cases

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the Teachers had given valid reasons of absence, thus leaving a balance of 427 cases to be visited, over 200 children had been away Hop-picking, and many of the names had been sent in three or four times over, thus accounting for the apparently large number of absentees.

3—Deputation of School Teachers—The matters brought before this Committee by the Deputation were discussed, and it was Resolved, That the Committee having fully considered the representations and suggestions made by the Deputation of the Cheltenham Elementary School Teachers at the Conference with this Committee on the 28th ultimo, they be informed:—

(1) That Her Majesty's Inspector having now intimated his intention of holding special examinations of children for certificates of Proficiency, the Committee intend to insist on the necessity of the children obtaining Proficiency Certificates in all cases where required by the Acts.

(2) Having regard to the fact that in Boroughs, whether under School Boards or Attendance Committees, and in Urban Districts the standards for total exemption are in 97 cases the fourth, in 240 the fifth, and in only 23 cases the sixth, the Committee are not prepared to make any alteration in the Bye-laws in this respect. With respect to the abolition of half time certificates altogether, the fact that only 19 applications have been granted during the past two years and the probability that the numbers will be even less in future, the Committee see no reason at present for an alteration of

the Bye-laws, but if it turns out that any considerable number obtain certificates of Proficiency in the third standard for the purposes of labour under the age of twelve, the Committee will be prepared to reconsider the question of advancing the standard for partial exemption to the fourth.

(3) The Committee having been informed that many of the Teachers are averse to this proposal and would prefer the present form of returns to be continued the Committee would be glad to be informed whether the proposal of so called Duplicate Registers has the practically unanimous approval of all the Teachers.

(4) The number of members on each Local Committee is seven, including at least one Councillor, which seems to be quite enough if the members attend fairly regularly. The Committee cannot fix for the Local Committees the hour of their meeting—that must of necessity be left to each Committee, but the suggestion of the Deputation shall be communicated to each Committee.

(5) No statistics of the number of Dames Schools were supplied by the Deputation, although they will recollect that at a previous Conference they volunteered to obtain the information, but never did so. The attention of Her Majesty's Inspector shall be called to the matter.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, November 4th, 1893.

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 Thursday, the 9th day of November inst., 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 the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
3. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
4. To appoint and fill up vacancies on Committees.
5. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
6. To approve or otherwise the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL

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7, Councillor King to move:—" That the Sanitary Inspector of the Corporation be empowered to grant certificates as to the Sanitary condition of Dwelling Houses, upon the payment of a small fee and that the consideration of this matter be referred to the Public Health Committee."

8. Notices of Motion.

9. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be : Lewis and Russell re Accident in St. Margaret's Road. Brookes and Badham re Accident in High Street. Mrs. Hailing re Pavement at Ormond Place. Rev. J. More re Leckhampton Local Board Room.

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 Annual Meeting of the Council, to be held on Thursday, the 9th of November, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of October, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Haddon ; Councillors Darby, Lilian, ' Parsonage, and Steel (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 15.84 candles. Purity, 7.70 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Gas Inspector's Monthly Report was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month, 4.223 cubic feet.

3 —Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month to. Burning dimly, 12 (2 metered.)

4-Borough Boundaries, Extension of—The Gas Examiner laid before the Committee a Report as to the No. of Lamps and other statistics connected therewith in those parts of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings to be annexed to the Borough, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned. The Gas Inspector was directed to take the readings of the meters attached to the metered lamps in the above districts on the 9th prox.

5—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the undermentioned persons had put up sign boards at their respective premises in contravention of the Bye-Laws :—M. Davis, at 102, Albion Street ; E. Pinny, at Vernon Place.

A Letter from Mr. Davis, expressing regret at the infringement of the Bye-Laws, which was done in ignorance, and adding that the bearings on which the signboard hangs have been there for years, was read. Resolved, That both the above signs be allowed to remain up.

A Letter from Mrs. J. Morgan, requesting to be allowed to stretch a narrow banner across the High Street, from the upper windows of the Assembly Rooms to those of the house opposite, on the occasion of a Bazaar in connection with St. John's Church, on the 20th inst., was read. Resolved, That permission be given, subject to the banner being hung at the proper height.

6-Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the post month, viz :

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Ormond Place, 980 sup. yards, Winchcomb Street, 920 sup. yards, St. Luke's Road, 5425 sup. yards, College Road, 552 sup. yards.

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Patching—Hatherley Road, St. Paul's Road, Regent Street, Bayshill Road, Christ Church Road, Park Place, Promenade, Bath Road, Lansdown Road, Warwick Place, St. Margaret's Road, Prestbury Road.

Tar Macadam—High Street (opposite Assembly Rooms), 330 super yards.

Kerbing, Crossing, and Flagging—St. George's Place, Lansdown Road, Park Place, Promenade, Rodney Road, High Street, Rose and Crown Passage, Bath Terrace, Painswick Road, Hatherley -Road, Regent Street, Winchcomb Street, Tivoli Street, Lansdown Place (back of), Queen's Parade, Albion Street, Bath Road, Waterloo Street, Tewkesbury Road, Ambrose Street, Queen's Road, Duke Street, College Road, Cleveland Street, Gloucester Place, Portland Square, Thirlestaine Road, Sandford Road.

New Gullies—to replace the defective ones have been put in as under:- 1 in Pittville Drive, and 1 in Queen's Road.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 408 ; Cart Loads 377 ; the total consumed at the Destructor being 663 tons 17 cwt.

Work done by Contract— During the month further progress has been made with works in Tewkesbury Road Path ; Kerbing and Channelling have been laid in Malvern Road, and the repairs to the road adjoining Cambray Chapel are finished. I submit apportionments of the cost of repairing Montpellier Grove Path, Clare Street, and Road by Cambray Chapel.

7—Lighting of Naunton Park Terrace—The resolution passed by this Committee last month, and referred back by the Council, was re-considered. Resolved, That the position of the existing lamp be altered, if necessary, and that one additional Lamp be granted ; further, that the abutting and adjoining owners be required to repair the road and that the Surveyor do bring up a specification of the works required to be executed by them.

8—Bridge over Great Western Railway at St. George's Road—The Borough Surveyor certified that he had examined this Bridge from time to time during its construction and had now to report its completion to his satisfaction. Resolved, That the sum payable to the Great Western Railway Company in respect of this matter be now paid.

9—Lighting at St. Marks—Lighting of Swindon Place—A Letter from Dr. Flecker stating that the road leading from Lansdown Castle to St. Mark's Church is very dark at night, that there is considerable traffic along it, and that the excellent lamp at the junction of the roads is just too far west to be of

service in this road, and asking if anything could be done, was read. The question of lighting Swindon Place was again discussed. Resolved, That the further consideration of both the above matters be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the respective localities by night.

10—Pavement near Montpellier Exchange—The Owners not having done anything in this matter, the Surveyor was instructed to bring up a Specification of the necessary works.

11—Private improvement Works in Clare Street, Montpellier Grove, and Footpath by Cambray Chapel—The Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in the above localities had been completed at a cost of £139 8s. 5d. ; £187 7s. 6d. ; and £13 17s. 10d. respectively ; which sums he had apportioned amongst the various owners in manner set forth in his report, and that as to the Footpath by Cambray Chapel he had had regard to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by any premises from such works. Resolved, That with respect to the works in Clare Street, the Committee think it just that the following premises, viz. : — Nos. 6, 5, and 8, Clare Terrace, 2 and 3, Clare Terrace, 1, Clare Cottages, 2, Clare Cottages, 7, Clare Terrace, The King's Arms, Clare Garden Cottage and 2 Cottages, 11, 12, and 13, Clare Cottages, 4, 5, and 6, Clare Cottages, 13, 14, 16, and 17, Kew Place, and 15, Kew Place, which do not front, adjoin, or abut on the Street, but which in their opinion will be benefitted by the said works, shall be included in the apportionment, and accordingly fix the sums or proportions to be charged against such premises, as in the apportionment, and that with respect to the works in the Footpath by Cambray Chapel, the Surveyor's apportionment is approved ; and that generally the apportionments be approved and notice be given to the owners of the same and demand be made for repayment of the sums respectively due from them.

12- Alder. Great Norwood Street—The Committee having observed that an addition had been made to the front of the premises of Mr. Alder, Butcher, Great Norwood Street, in contravention of Sec. 3 of the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888. Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. Alder to remove the same.

13—New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect New Buildings (such of them as involved questions of Drainage having been examined by the Public Health Committee) all of which were approved, viz. :

Stroud Brewery Co., additions to Railway Hotel.

T. P. W. Butt, Dairy, Cowsheds, &c., at Fiddler's Farm.

James Page, Stable, 8:c., adjoining Windsor House.

Lt.-Col. Roberts, Bath Room at Keynsham Lodge.

F. J. Poulton, Cottage in Roman Road.

Dr. Philson, additions to Sherborne Lodge, Promenade.

The Surveyor also submitted Notices and Plans from the following parties, viz.:

A. P. Little, House in Old Bath Road.

H. H. Martyn, additions to Sunningend, which were adjourned for further consideration.

And from Miss Ford, for alterations and additions to Tyrol Cottage and Workshops, St. George's Place, which was disapproved.

N. B. THOYTS, Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th day of October, 1893—Present Alderman Wethered; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Hands, Parsonage, and Williams (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1-Daries, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Applications from Elizabeth Jane Press, of Georgina House, Bath Road, James Seeney, of 347, High Street, and Thomas Kimbrey, of Pembroke Dairy, Bath Road, to be registered as Purveyors of Milk, were read, together with the reports of the Medical Officer of Health thereon. Resolved, That Mr. Seeney be registered and that Mrs. Press and Mr Kimbrey be registered as soon as they have carried out the requirements of the Medical Officer in respect of their premises.

The Town Clerk was instructed to bring up Regulations under this Order.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of this Committee 21 cases of scarlet fever, 5 of enteric fever, and one of diphtheria. He stated that the number of cases of scarlet fever now in the Hospital, in the public wards, was 26, that an increase of cases of scarlet fever during the past month had taken place throughout the country, that the accommodation for the Borough in the Delancey Hospital had been less than formerly, owing to a good many cases having been sent in from Leckhampton and other adjoining districts. Every available bed at the Hospital had been occupied and every vacancy occurring instantly filled. The complaint remained of a very mild type and no death from the disease had lately occurred.

3—Enteric Cases at General Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health stated that Practitioners were in the habit of sending cases into Hospital on their own responsibility, and sometimes before notifying the case. Cabs had been hired haphazard for AA that purpose. He added that a bill had been presented by the Hospital for treatment of all cases of enteric fever received from the town by whomsoever sent in, and asked if the Committee intended to pay for cases sent in to the Hospital other than by the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do svelte to the Hon. Sec. of the General Hospital pointing out that the Committee cannot be responsible for the cost of treatment of patients suffering from enteric fever except where such cases have been sent into the Hospital on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, also that notice be sent to the Cab Proprietors in the town cautioning them against infringement of Sec. 127 of the Public Health Act, 1875, with respect to the conveyance of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

4--Public Abattoir—The Bye-Laws with regard to the management, &c., of the Public Abattoir being now in force, the Medical Officer requested to be informed whether the general management of the Abattoir should be under the Borough Surveyor's Department or the Health Department. Resolved, That the Abattoir be under the general management and superintendence of the Borough Surveyor and that the examination of unsound animals or meat be under the Medical Officer of Health.

5 —Temporary Building at Delancey Hospital—The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have gas laid on to this building.

6—Kingston Cottages, St. Paul's Road—The Medical Officer of Health called attention to the insanitary condition of the above houses and the workshop in front of No. 1, which he reported to be in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates of the said houses was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be at once given in respect of the lime-washing, &c., and the provision of proper flushing apparatus, and that the Borough Surveyor be requested to prepare a Specification with regard to the remainder of the works required to be done.

7-Cottage Draining into Chelt—The Medical Officer of Health reported that an old cottage at the corner of Gas Lane, Gloucester Road, drains slop-waters, &c., into the Chelt, and has an old privy vault. The Borough Surveyor was directed to examine the place and report thereon.

8—No. 352, High Street The Medical Officer of Health reported that there was at this house a leaky soil pipe and defective ventilation shaft to soil pipe and a foul pan closet. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be empowered to act under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, and do what may be necessary.

9---1, Cleveland Terrace and 2, Rose and Crown Passage —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act stating that the drains at the above premises are a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, that an authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them and act as provided by the said section.

10—Nos. 1 to 4, Marsh Cottages and 10, Carlton Place—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the w.c's. at the above houses are without proper doors and coverings, and the Surveyor was requested to prepare a Specification of what is necessary to be done under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Notice to be given to the respective Owners to execute such works,

11—No, 17, Malvern Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the w.c. at the above house has flushing apparatus but no supply of water thereto. Resolved, That Notices be given to the Owner and the Occupier under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

12-W.C's. without Flushing Apparatus The Medical Officer of Health submitted a List of Houses having w.c's. without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the Owners to provide the necessary flushing apparatus and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for penalties.

13—Wells requiring to be Closed—The Medical Officer of Health having represented that the water in the wells, a List of which he submitted, and which is likely to be used for drinking or domestic purposes, is so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That the necessary notices and proceedings for an Order to close the wells under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given and taken.

14—Barn Farm —The Resolution hereon passed on the 22nd ult., and referred back to the Committee by the Council, was further considered, together with several additional applications for taking this farm. Resolved, That Tenders be advertised for in the Free Press, Echo, and Gloucester Journal and Chronicle, to be sent in not later than to a.m. on the 20th inst.

The Committee settled the particulars and conditions of Tender.

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15-Slaughter House in Whaddon Lane—A Letter from W. Nash Skillicorne, Esq., with reference to the above slaughter house, stating that about 14 years ago the premises were enlarged and let on lease, and asking the Corporation to grant his tenant a License for two years, when he would undertake that if a road should be made through Whaddon Lane he would ask no compensation for the slaughter house and stable which encroach on the proposed 40ft. road. Resolved, That the proposal cannot be entertained.

16—Plans of House Drainage—A plan from Mr. Chas. Hill for stables, &c., at the back of Lansdown Crescent, was laid before this Committee, and the same was approved so far as regards the drainage arrangements.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th day of October, 1893—Present : Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Feeney, Williams, and Parsonage (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

17—Chairman- - In the absence of the Mayor, Alderman Wethered was elected Chairman at this Meeting.

18—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 7 of Diphtheria.

He stated that some of the cases had been of a very mild description. He was of opinion that no cases of sore throat should be notified unless sheaving the unmistakable characteristic symptoms of Diphtheria. It would, he stated, be easy to multiply the notifications of this complaint if every case of contagious sore throat were notified as diphtheria, and on the part of some practitioners there was a tendency in that direction, the result being damaging to the town, and he advised that the attention of the medical men be called to the great onus attaching to the notification of cases of diphtheria and other infectious diseases.

19—Isolation of Infectious Cases—The Medical Officer of Health asked what course the Committee intended to pursue to provide isolation accommodation for Typhoid, Diphtheria, &c., in view of the fact that the Delancey Trustees are likely to fail to make such provision through want of sufficient funds.

The Chairman having reported that the plans for the completion of the Delancey Hospital having been submitted to the Trustees of the Hospital at their last meeting, and that the Trustees had not sufficient funds to carry out such plans in their entirety as recommended by the Local Government Board, the question of the advisability of the Corporation providing the requisite balance of about £4,000, was discussed. Resolved, That in view of further isolation accommodation being urgently required. the attention of the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital be directed to the necessity of providing increased accommodation without delay.

20 — Maintenance of Pauper Cases in Infectious Hospital—The Medical Officer enquired whether the fact of receiving Medical Relief constitutes the case notified one for the hospital maintenance of

which the Board of Guardians is responsible. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to report to the Committee on the question.

21 —Drainage of Rotunda Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported the drainage of Rotunda Terrace as not satisfactory, there being several short sewers running in various directions and that the condition of them is doubtful. The drainage of several of the houses is also defective. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to report upon the matter.

22-Urinal at Salisbury Arms—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal is a nuisance to the adjoining school premises of Pierville, and that it must either be altogether removed from its present position, or a new urinal constructed of such a kind that infiltration of fluid through the wall will be rendered impossible. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to examine and report what works are required to be done.

23—W.C's. without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a List of Houses having W.C's. without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the Owners to provide the necessary Flushing Apparatus and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto and that in default of compliance with such notices, proceedings be taken for penalties.

24—Houses with Defective Drainage—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains at 353, High Street, 88, Winchcomb Street, 37, Duke Street, 10, Rotunda Terrace, and 13, Rotunda Terrace are a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them, and act as provided by the Section.

25 - Barn Farm The following were the Tenders received for renting this farm in response to the advertisement

John L. Brooks, Uckington	£180 0 0
Walter James Cooke, Staverton	£182 0 0
Wm. Smith, Elmstone Hardwicke	£207 10 0
Wm. Spencer, Uckington	£300 0 0
John Corbett, Swindon	£370 0 0

Resolved, That the farm be let to Mr. John Corbett at £370 per annum, subject to the Terms and stipulations set forth in the printed list of conditions.

26-Plans of House Drainage—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for approval at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee, and the same were approved so far as regards the drainage arrangements.

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27—Accounts—The following Account was examined and allowed :

Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£148 12 0	
Seth Lewis, one month's salary	£12 10 0	
J. H. Long " "	£8 6 8	
E. Jones, 5 weeks' wages	£6 5 0	
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£1 15 0	
G. F. Poole, Printing, &c	£1 3 0	
J. H. Bennett, Death Returns	£1 15 0	
A. Hill, Sulphur Candles	£11 10 0	
N. Smith & Co., Disinfecting Fluids	£4 3 9	
Smith Bros., Timber, &c.	£1 10 2	
South Wales Portland Cement Co., Cement	£4 18 10	
W. J. Newth, Water Boots	£2 0 0	
Lockerbie & Wilkinson, Automatic Lock, &c., for Urinal Doors	£2 15 6	
Adams & Co., Sewer Flushing Syphon	£8 0 0	
G. Hickman, Pipes	£2 14 2	
Water Department, 6 months' maintenance of cattle troughs	£1 0 0	
A. H. Nott, Coal for Abattoir	£0 19 0	
Skey & Co., Pipes	£5 11 9	
W. H. Hill, Sulphate of Iron	£2 2 0	
B. W. Pearce & Sons, Timber	£4 0 6	
T. W. Harvey, Ironmongery	£1 2 8	
Gas Co., Coke for Abattoir	£1 7 7	
R. E. & C. Marshall, New Hoist for Abattoir	£5 5 0	
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ironmongery	£0 12 10	
Medical Practitioners, Notification Fees	£20 0 0	
Dr. Garrett; Cab Hire	£2 2 2	
Accounts under 10s each	£1 3 10	

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of October, 1893—Present :
Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, King, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Darby in
the chair)—

1—Borough Surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was
read :—

" On the 22nd instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 66 Gallons per
minute ; the average for the last four years being 132 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water
in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 14,775,538 gallons.

On the 24th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 12 feet 0 ½ inch, and the contents 18,547,592 gallons, which gives a total storage of 33,323,130 gallons.

2--Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

3- Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of October, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Hands, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

6--Water Supply—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the quantity of water in store, &c. It was Resolved, That the Committee do report to the Council, as follows —

Owing to the long drought and the possibility of its continuance and recurrence, the Committee have had under their earnest consideration the position of the water supply to the town.

The Borough Surveyor reports that the quantity of water in store at the present time is 31,741,762 gallons, sufficient to last till the end of December or the 1st week in January, at the present rate of consumption. At the same time, the inflow into the Reservoir is not increasing notwithstanding the rainfall we have had.

Under all the circumstances the Committee have been obliged to take into their consideration the possible necessity of supplementing the supply from Local sources, from the works at Tewkesbury. The Borough Surveyor has therefore been instructed to prepare drawings of the works necessary for those purposes, and estimates of the cost of executing them.

The Committee adjourned till 2.15 for the purpose of going to Dowdeswell to inspect the works.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of October, 1893—Present Time Mayor ; Alderman Wethered Councillors Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

4--Mineral Waters—A Letter from Prof. Thorpe stating that he was doing all he could to complete the analyses of the waters, that immediately on his return to town at the beginning of October, he resumed the work, and would lose no time in sending in his report as soon as he obtained the final

results, was read. Resolved, That having regard to the length of time the matter has been on hand, and that the Council are at a complete standstill in the discussion of a subject of so much importance to the town for the want of his report, Prof. Thorpe be urgently requested to complete and furnish his report and analyses.

5 - Promenade Fountain—It was Resolved, That the inauguration of the Fountain be fixed to take place at 12.30 on Monday next, the 30th inst., and that the Mayoress be asked to perform the ceremony.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of October, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-Hackney Carriages—The Street Inspector reported, for the information of the Committee, that on the 25th ulto., John Beamish and Charles Stroud had been fined £2 each and costs for causing a horse to be worked in an unfit state in a Hackney Carriage, and the Committee ordered the fact to be recorded.

Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were received from Frederick John Smith and William Philip Jones. Resolved, That Licenses be not granted.

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Applications for Pony Carriage Licenses were received from R. Staite, John Phelps, Chas. Burrows, J. C. Hearn, John Morgan, Newman Gibbard, and Herbert Sumner. Resolved, That Licenses be granted to Staite, Jones, Sumner, and Phelps, and that all the other applications be refused, but that the applicants be informed their names will be entered on the List of Applicants for Licenses.

Applications from Messrs. W. Smith and W. T. Smith, for a renewal by the Corporation of the Hackney Carriage Licenses now held by them under the Leckhampton Local Board, were read. Resolved, That the applications be adjourned for further consideration.

An application from Chas. Cooke, for a full-license in lieu of the Pony Carriage licence recently granted to him, was read. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

An application from Keziah Long for leave to transfer the license No. 44, to a better carriage, was read. Resolved, That the transfer be allowed subject to the approval of the carriage by the Chairman.

2—Drivers—Applications were received from and licenses to act as drivers of Hackney Carriages granted to Charles Jones and John Elvis.

3—Wheel Chairs—An application from W. Gurney for a Wheel Chair License, was read, and a license granted, subject to the chair being passed on inspection.

4—Unemployed—A circular from the Local Government Board with reference to the provision of employment for the relief of artizans and others, was read.

5—Swine Fever—A Letter from the Board of Agriculture, stating that under the Swine Fever Order of 1893, which would come into force on the 1st November next, the Board might occasionally require, in addition to the valuers already employed for Pleuro-pneumonia purposes, the services of some further valuers who would be qualified to advise the Board as to the value of pigs ordered to be slaughtered, and requesting to be furnished with the names and addresses of any persons who had been already employed by the Local Authority in a similar capacity, was read. The Town Clerk stated that he had ascertained from Mr. McRae that Mr. Wyndham Bryer had usually been employed by the Local Authority in such matters, and he had therefore forwarded to the Board of Agriculture Mr. Bryer's name and address,

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of October, 1893—Present :
Councillors King, Moles, Feeney and Woodard (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—Surveyor's Report—The Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor, was read. No. of Bathers to this time 21,759 Bathing Fees received £193 1s.1d.

2.—Acquatic Fete—The Chairman reported that the Fete on the 18th inst., realized for the Corporation the sum of £1 13s. 0d. nett.

CHARLES W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th day of October, 1893—Present :
Councillors Feeney, Moles, Steel, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1 —Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :--Headstones to Jane Ward, Jane Williams, Lilly Valentine Laker, Mabel Docura, Arthur Herbert Chick, Henrietta Boddington.

2-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent asked for instructions as to the disposal of Headstones and other memorials which have been placed upon graves now eligible for re-opening. He thought it would be desirable to have such stones removed and the mounds levelled, so that the spaces might be shown to intending purchasers, many of the graves in question being suitable for purchased graves. Resolved, That the stones be removed from all such graves as from lapse of time are now liable to be re-used, and that the ground be levelled.

3—Plan of Cemetery—The Borough Surveyor presented a New Plan of the Church of England portion of the Cemetery and, It was Resolved, That the Committee do meet at the Cemetery with a view to making some alterations with respect to the roads and footpaths suggested upon the plan.

4--Driscoll—The Superintendent reported that this removal had been effected in accordance with the License of the Secretary of State, on the 20th ulto., but that no member of the family was present although the Solicitors had been notified by the Town Clerk.

5—A letter from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby—Asking the Burial Board to pay their charges against Mr. Driscoll in this matter, as their client was a poor man, and they thought it would be a hardship on him if he had to bear the costs, when he had merely asked that the mistake made by the Cemetery officials should be rectified, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby be informed the Committee are not prepared to comply with Mr Driscoll's further demand, and that if Mr. Driscoll had allowed the matter to remain in the hands of the Committee he would have received every courtesy and need have been at no expense whatever.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of October, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Feeney, Neale, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Alderman Wethered in the chair).

1 —Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—The Library Staff—An account of the Income and Expenditure of the Library for the past three years prepared by the Borough Accountant was laid before the Meeting and considered with reference to the amount available for expenditure. Resolved, That the Staff under the Chief Librarian be now constituted as follows :—

W. H. Slade, Chief Assistant	18s	per week.
J. M. Cumming, Assistant	15s	“
A. Butler, Assistant	6s	“
C. O. Balcomb, Apprentice	5s	“

And that Bleaney and Haidon be informed that their services will not be required after the s4th inst. Slade to continece his service on the 9th inst.

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th day of October, 1893—Present : Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Skillicorne, Parsonage, The Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. T. Pippett (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

3—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 :—

Messrs. Engall, Sanders & Co 7 Vols. (Cheltenham Examiner, 1874 to 1880 unbound).

Cobden Club Vol. Trustees of British Museum 4 Vols. and 1 Pamphlet.

Mrs. Percy Thompson 1 Vol. Mr. T. G. Jack 3 Vols.

Agent General for New South Wales 1 Vol.

Mrs. Balcombe 1 Vol

Mr. J. T. Hoskins 1 Vol.

Anonymous 1 Vol.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Bristol, Leeds, Gosport, and Plymouth.

4 -Indicator Books—The Librarian reported that 1,000 new Indicator Books were required ; 500 for the Library generally, and 500 for the Technical Department. Resolved, That the same be ordered.

5—School of Art—A Letter from Mr. Millard, the Head Master of the School of Art, stating that the water from the pipes at the School of Art has been very objectionable for some time, and asking that they might be furnished with a supply direct from the Main, as is being done in the case of the School of Science. Resolved, That the request be complied with.

6—Account—The following Accounts was examined and allowed:

W. Jones, Wages Account	£12 0 0
Mackie & Co., Binding	£2 0 0
C. Westley, Books	£12 2 7
Technical Books	£30 10 2
Accounts under 10s each	£1 0 0

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th day of October, 1893 -Present Councillors Moles, Steel, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair) –

1---Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893.—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the following Notes on this Act.

this Act which comes into operation on the 1st day of January, 1894, a parent of a " blind " child, i.e., one " too blind " to be able to read the ordinary children's school books," or of a "deaf" child, i.e., one " too deaf to be taught in a class of " hearing children," must, except in the case of a deaf child

under seven, cause his child to receive, as under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, instruction suitable to such child.—Sec. 1. s.s. 1.

Want of a school within any particular distance of a child's residence is not to be deemed a reasonable excuse for not sending such child to school.—Sec. 1. s.s. 2.

It will be the duty of every " School Authority," i.e., a School Board, or a School Attendance Committee, in a Borough, to enable blind and deaf children to obtain such education in some school certified by the Education Department as suitable, and for that purpose, either to establish and maintain such a school, or contribute in manner approved by the Education

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Department towards the establishment, enlargement, alteration, and maintenance of such a school, or for boarding out such children, except those in Workhouses, or boarded out by the Guardians, in a house near to any such school—Sec. 1. s.s. 1.

Contribution carries with it the right of representation on the governing body of the school of the contributing authority. For the performance of their duties under the Act, a School Authority has the powers of a School Board for the provision of School accommodation. —Sec. 5 s.s. 1.

Two or more School Authorities may combine.

The Education Department may, after enquiry and notice, compel defaulting School Authorities to perform their duties. —Sec. 6. A school shall not be certified :—

(a) If it is conducted for private profit ; nor

(b) Unless it is managed by a School Authority, or at least two-thirds of its annual expenses are defrayed out of other than Local Rates, (including sums received from parents) or moneys provided by Parliament and are audited and published in accordance with the regulations of the Education Department. —Sec. 7.5.5. 1.

Where a School Authority incur any expense in respect of any blind or deaf child, the parent of the child shall be liable to contribute towards such expense such weekly sum as, having regard to the Elementary Education Act, 1891, (The Fee Grant Act) may be agreed on, or in default of agreement as may be settled by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

A blind or deaf child shall be deemed to be a child until the age of 16, and no such child shall in pursuance of any Bye-Laws be entitled to total or partial exemption from obligation to attend school —Sec. 11.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk do make such enquiries on the subject as he thinks necessary.

2-Elementary Education (School Attendance) Act, 1893—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the following Notes on this Act. This Act provides—

1.—That the age at which a child may in pursuance of any Bye-Law obtain total or partial exemption from the obligation to attend school on obtaining a certificate as to the standard of examination

which he has reached, shall be raised to II, and that age shall be substituted in every such Bye-Law for a lower age.

2.-That if any person takes a child into his employment in such manner as to prevent the child from attending school in accordance with the Bye-Laws, (as so altered as above) he shall be deemed to take the child into his employment in contravention of the Act of 1876, and shall be liable to a penalty accordingly.

The act does not apply to any child who at the date of the passing of it (22nd September, 1893) is, under the Bye-Laws now in force, wholly or partially exempt from the obligation to attend school.

The Town Clerk also read a letter he had addressed to the Education Department as to the effect of Sec. 2 of the above on Sec. 5 of the Education Act of 1876, and forwarding proof of intended Notice to Parents and Employers, together with the reply of the Department thereto, stating that the view taken by him of Sec. 2 appeared to be correct.

3---Notice to Parents and Employers—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft Proof of the Notice above-mentioned, and the same was approved and ordered to be printed and issued.

4— Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses be issued against the parents of the following children :—
Emma Minchin, New Street ; Reuben Cowles, 76, Stanhope Street.

5--Special Examination—The East Ward Local Committee reported that they had had under consideration the subject of Special Examinations for Proficiency Certificates, and had come to the conclusion that irregular Examinations at uncertain times, were inconvenient to the schools, and they thought these Examinations should be periodical and not oftener than every six months. Resolved, That this Committee whilst of opinion that quarterly Examinations at fixed periods would be advisable, think it desirable to obtain the opinions of the other Local Committees before taking any steps to communicate with H.M. Inspector.

6—Attendance Officers' Reports—The monthly reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 35 schools containing 1,124 names, which, added to the balance left unattended to last month, gave a total of 1,551. Of this number 1,321 cases had been visited ; in 75 cases the Teachers had given valid reasons of absence, leaving a balance of 155 cases to be visited.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 6th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillor Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Loans—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. G. Cooley had offered to lend the Corporation the sum of £4,454 at 3 ¼ Per cent. It was Resolved, That Debentures be issued for that amount, viz. : To replace Debentures No. 35 and 36 for £1,000 each, at 3 ¼ per cent., part of £9,500 Loan for Street Improvements, to be paid off to the Building Society ; and £2,454, part of the Loan sanctioned for the Pittville and Marle Hill Estates.

That £2,500 offered by the Walker Memorial Fund Trustees at 3 ¼ be accepted to replace the following Debentures held at 3 ¾ per cent., part of £9,500 Street Improvement Loan. No. 39—Messrs. Hewer and Clisset, 41,000. No. 37—Mrs. Nellie Palmer, £t,000. No. 40 —Messrs. Armitage and Clisset, £500.

That £600 be borrowed at 3 ¼ per cent. to replace the same amount, part of Debenture No. 68 for £1,600 at 4 per cent., part of £2,500 balance of Water (£90,000) Loan.

2-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 6th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected : ., leaving outstanding £12,939 0s. 9d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts: £1,062 19s.6d., leaving outstanding £7,003 16s. 6d.

4-ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account. of Receipts for the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid. The General Statement is as follows:—

In hand on the 28th September	£9,031 0 9	
Received since that date	<u>£9,440 4 4</u>	
	£18,471 5 1	
Paid since that date	<u>£12,138 5 10</u>	
In hand	£6,332 19 3	
Being to Credit of Current and Interest A/cs		£5,809 17
Sinking and Loans Funds		<u>£ 523 2 2</u>
		£6,332 19 3

5—Private Improvement Works—Christ Church Road—A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney on behalf of Messrs. Pink & McCarthy, requesting the Committee to repay the amount due from them (£73 2s. 4d.) in three quarterly instalments in the middle of January, April, and July next, was read. Resolved, That the request be granted.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, November 29th, 1893.

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 December next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, 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. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

4. Alderman Capt. Griffith to move :—" The nomination of a member of the Public Health Committee to fill the vacancy in the Trust of the Delancey Fever Hospital, occasioned by the retirement of Councillor Norman."

5. Councillor Lawrence to move :—" That the standing Orders of the Council be amended, by enacting—That any member of the Council going out of office on the 1st of November in any year, if re-elected, shall, on having made the necessary declaration of acceptance of office, be entitled to act on any Committee of which he was a member on the 31st of October, at any meeting of that Committee held between the 1st and 9th November."

6. Councillor Margrett to move :—" That the Street and Highway Committee be instructed to bring up a report as to the speedy paving and channelling of the footpaths of that portion of Leckhampton now added to the Borough."

7. Notices of Motion.

8. To read the following letters, and memorials, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be : W. Mitchell re Gullies in Roads on Libertus Estate. Mrs. Ings re Flushing Boxes. G. Norman re Cleeve Common Conservatorship.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th of December, 1893.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Feeney, Heath, and Parsonage.

1- Chairman—Alderman Col. Thoys was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th day of November, 1893—Present : Aldermen Col. Thoys and Haddon ; Councillors Steel, Parsonage, Lawrence (Alderman Col. Thoys in the chair)—

2--The View—The following members attended the view meeting on Friday last : The Mayor, Councillors Lawrence, Steel, and Parsonage.

3 — Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read: Average Illuminating Power, 16.11 candles. Purity, 7.73 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

4 - Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Gas Inspector's Monthly Report was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp du the p the month, 4.242 cubic feet.

5 -- Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 16 (3 metered) Burning dimly, 23 (8 metered.)

6-Borough Boundaries—Extension of—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, stating that the Directors would be obliged by being informed if the public lighting in the extended area is to be continued upon the same terms, as regards charges, as

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under the expired contracts with the Parishes, namely, at the charge of 2s 6d per 1,000 cubic feet for the gas supplied at the rate of consumption of 5 cubic feet per lamp, per hour, subject to 5 per cent. discount for prompt payment, and at the charge of 2s 6d net per lamp, per month, for the maintenance of plant and lighting and extinguishing; and also whether the times of lighting and extinguishing are to be the same as under the existing town contract, was read. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee the lighting of the entire area, as now extended, should be under one system, that the Committee will visit Leckhampton and Charlton Kings, at night, for the purpose of inspection, and that in the meantime the lighting be continued upon the same terms as hitherto.

7—Numbering of Lamps—Resolved, That this Committee think it desirable for the better identification of individual lamps, that the whole of the lamps in the district should be consecutively numbered, and that the Gas Company be asked to consider how this can best be done.

8—Street Projections—Letters from Mr. J. A. Page requesting permission to fix two moveable lamps in front of his shop, No. 27, Pittville Street, and from Mr. R. Simmonds, asking for leave to fix up a small signboard over his shop in Chester Walk, and

stating that until recently there had been a sign up at that place nearly 25 years, were read, Resolved, that Mr. Page be allowed to put up his lamps on condition that they are removed if the Corporation think fit at any time to so order ; and that leave be granted for Mr. Simmonds' signboard, subject to certain conditions agreed to by the applicant.

9—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month, viz : Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Winchcombe Street, by Pittville Gates, 393 sup. yards ; Queen's Road by Midland Station, 1637 sup. yards ; Gloucester Road, 795 pup. yards ; Oriel Road, 1666 sup. yards ; Imperial Square, 1440 sup. yards ; St. George's Road, 500 sup. yards ; Bayshill (proceeding). Patching—Suffolk Square, Hewlett Road, High Street, Montpellier Street, St. George's Place, Hatherley Road, Albion Street, Naunton Lane, Tewkesbury Road, Royal Well Place, Henrietta Street, Gratton Street, Exmouth Street, Lansdown Crescent, Clarence Road, Selkirk Street, Hewlett Street, Townsend Street, Park Place, Great Norwood Street, Lypiatt Terrace, Tivoli Villas and Circus, Manchester Street, Crescent Terrace, and St. Georges Road.

Patching with Wickwar Stone—Pittville Lawn, Wellesley Road, Swindon Road, Six Chimney's Lane, Charlton Street, Priory Terrace, Duke Street, Manchester Street, Bath Terrace, St. James' Street.

Kerbing, Crossing, and lagging—College Road, High Street, Cleveland Street, Gloucester Place, Sherborne Street, Bath Road, Parabola Road, Promenade, Clarence Street, St. George's Place and Terrace, Victoria Place (Fairview), Suffolk Parade, Swindon Road, Imperial Square, Dunally Parade, Prestbury Road, Suffolk Place and Road, Church Street, Market Street, Townsend Street, Carlton Street, Great Norwood Street, Mountpleasant, Bayshill Road, Bath Terrace.

Tariff Paths—Swindon Road, St. Paul's Road, St. Margaret's Road, Oxford Passage, North Place, Monson Avenue, St. George's Place, Albion Street, Tewkesbury Road, and Gloucester Road.

Gullies to replace defective ones—One in Gloucester Road, one in Victoria Street, and one in Cleeve Road.

New Gullies—One in Portland Square, three in Old Bath Road, two in Pittville Circus Road, one in Moorend Park Road, and one in Malvern Road.

Trees have been pruned in Imperial Square, Promenade, Monson Avenue, Montpellier Street, Fauconberg Road, Bayshill Road, Parabola Road.

Ashes Collection—Collected, Van 622, Cart 452: 1074 loads ; burned at the destructor, 906 tons 17 ½ cwt.

In the added district of Leckhampton there are large arrears of ashes to be removed, since the 9th inst., 137 loads have been collected from 734 houses, an average of nearly 4 cwt per house.

10—Accident in St. Margaret's Road —Letters from Messrs. Lewis & Russell, Solicitors, claiming on behalf of their clients, Messrs., John Turner, Michael Fleming, and Thomas Davis, respectively, damages in respect of injuries received in an accident which occurred to them whilst driving along St. Margaret's Road, on the evening of the 3rd October, in consequence, as the 3 plaintiffs allege, of neglect on the part of the driver of a corporation cart, were read. The Town Clerk placed before the Committee the facts of the case as stated by the driver of the cart and several persons who witnessed the accident, from which there appeared to be no doubt whatever that the mishap was caused by no wrong on the part of the Corporation employee, but by the careless, fast, and irregular driving of the person in charge of the plaintiffs' conveyance. Resolved, That Messrs. Lewis and Russell be informed the Committee admit no liability whatever in the matter.

11-Accident in High Street Letters from Messrs. Brookes and Badham claiming, on behalf of their clients Messrs. W. C. Weston and Isaac Holder, damages for injuries sustained by them in an accident in the High Street, on the 29th October, caused, it was alleged, through the neglect of the Corporation in leaving in the street a heap of refuse or dirt and stones in connection with some pavement repairs then in course of being executed, were read. Resolved, That pending further information from Messrs Brooke's and Badham, as to the nature and extent of their clients' injuries, and the name of their Medical Attendant, the consideration of the matter be adjourned.

12- Lighting of Ewlyn Road—A letter from Mr. J. D. Bendall calling attention to the want of a lamp in the Ewlyn Road, and reminding the committee of its promise to consider the matter after the Borough Extension, was read. Resolved, That one additional lamp be granted, and that the position of one of the existing lamps be altered as directed by the Committee at their view.

13- Leckhampton Highways—Letters from the County Surveyor and from G. B. Witts, Esq., respecting the repair of the roads in the Parish of Leckhampton outside of the extended area of the Borough, and which were not in the Badgeworth Highway Board District, were read. The Town Clerk stated that he had written to the Local Government Board on the subject, but that he had not yet received any reply. It was stated that the Highways Committee of the County Council had, on Saturday last, passed a resolution accepting the responsibility of the repair of the Main Road. The Town Clerk was directed to write to the member for the Borough, and to Sir John Dorington, explaining to them the position of the matter and asking them to confer with the President or Parliamentary Secretary of the Local Board, with a providing for the case under the Local Government Bill if the Board thought there was anything in the question raised by the County Surveyor.

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14-Lighting of Folly Lane—A letter from Mr. Thomas Smith calling attention to the need of a Lamp for the above Lane, was read. Resolved, That one Lamp be granted.

15- Projection at 18, Great Norwood Street—Alder—A letter from Mr. Alder, stating that the Board complained of had been in use to years, and that all that had been recently done to replace the old board by a new one, that it was a great projection to his meat, keeping it clean and free from the street dust ; that on holidays, Sundays, or any occasion when it might be likely to annoy his

neighbours he had taken down, and he hoped that the Committee would permit him to retain this as an ancient right, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Alder be informed the order of the Committee must be complied with and the board removed, after which the Committee will be happy to see him upon the subject, as suggested in his letter.

16 -Thirlestaine Road—Private Improvement Expenses—The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons, acting on behalf of Mr. Nevill Wyatt, on the subject of damage to the boundary fence of the property alleged to have been caused by the execution of the works to the footway there. Resolved, That although much of the repair needed and covered by the Surveyor's specification is due to natural decay, the Committee will, under all the circumstances, advise the Council to have the repairs mentioned in the Surveyor's specification done and to pay the expense of stubbing the posts, but this must be without prejudice to any question relating to the payment of the Private Improvement Expenses.

17-No. 16, Ambrose Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had gone over this property, and he estimated it would cost about £100 to put it in proper repair, that the present value was £12 per annum, and that after the repairs it would be worth £16 which rent he understood the present tenant, Mr. Price, was willing to pay. Resolved, That Tenders be obtained for the execution of the necessary repairs, and that the tenant be informed he must pay the rent up to the present time at the rate of £12, and as soon as the works are completed it will be increased to £16.

18—Fairfield Road—Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification for the repair of the above Road.

19—Marsh Lane— Resolved, That the Surveyor do prepare a Specification of the necessary works to be done by the abutting and other owners to this road.

20 - Workhouse Lane—A letter from Mr. William Hands (of Clarence Street), calling attention to the bad condition of the above Lane, and asking the Committee to take steps to have it put in repair, was read. Resolved, That Borough Surveyor do bring up a specification for the repair of the whole of the road.

21—No. 313, High Street—A letter from Messrs. Godsell and Godsell, stating that they had a client willing to purchase the above premises and enquiring the price and conditions, was read. Resolved, That that the price be fixed at £600, subject to the purchaser setting back the frontage to a plan to be approved by this Committee, when called upon i.e. on the expiration of the lease of the adjoining premises.

21 —Leckhampton Steam Roller —The Surveyor reported that this Roller which had just been handed over to the Corporation, requires a pair of new wheels, the cost of which will be £40. Resolved, That these be ordered.

22 —New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Notices and Plans received by him from persons intending, to erect new buildings (such of them as involved questions of drainage having been examined by the Public Health Committee) all of which were approved, viz.

General Miller, additions to Glentworth.

Young and Gilling, additions to stable yard, Suffolk Parade.

Mr. Haywood, additions to Walkworth and North Villas, Gloucester Road.

Mr. W. Herbert, alterations to Imperial Rooms.

The latter approved subject to a modified line of frontage.

The Surveyor also submitted Notices and Plans from the following persons, which were disapproved:—

C. Winstone, three Cottages in Road leading from Glenfall Street.

Trustees of Delancey Hospital, extensions to Hospital.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Griffith; Councillors L. Davies, M. Davis, Dighton, Feeney, Hands, Moles, and Parsonage. Alderman —Chairman--Alderman Griffith was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 15th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors E. L. Davies, M. Davis, Hands, Moles, Feeney, Parsonage and Dighton (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

2-Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Applications from Jane Bassett, of 1, Norwood Road, and Sarah Wedgwood, of 20, Townsend Place, to be registered as Purveyors of Milk, and from Walter Buckle, of Francis Street, and Cornelius Smith, of the Pt Wood Yard, Leckhampton, to be registered as Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk were read, together with the Reports of the Medical Officer thereon. Resolved, That Mrs. Bassett be registered as soon as Flushing Apparatus has been put to the w.c. and the two drains on the premises are made good ; and that in the case of the other applicants registration be refused.

3—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting 31 cases of Scarlet Fever, 16 cases of Enteric Fever, 3 cases of Diphtheria, and 1 of Small-pox. Resolved, That in future all children suffering from Scarlet Fever or residing in a house where the complaint is prevalent, be warned not to attend school, and that in any such case a circular to the foregoing effect be sent to the parents, and also to the particular school.

4 — Wells requiring to be Closed — The Medical Officer of Health having represented that the water in the wells, a list of which he submitted, and which is used or likely to be used for drinking or domestic purposes (such wells being, in fact, upon premises in the occupation of Milk Sellers) is so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That the necessary Notices and proceedings for an Order to close the wells, under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given and taken.

5 —Enteric Cases at General Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health pointed out that when several cases of Enteric Fever exist in the town it is essential that the worst case (from a Public Health point of view) should be the one to go into the hospital, and it must be left to somebody to judge of the cases. The Medical Officer of Health considered this to be his duty. If the Council is charged for cases sent in by other medical practitioners, or on Subscribers' tickets, recovery of cost cannot be made against the patient or those responsible for him, and

Mr. Councillor Feeney having reported the substance of a discussion hereon which had taken place at the last meeting of the Weekly Board of the Hospital,

It was Resolved, That all Typhoid cases sent into the hospital by order of the Medical Officer of Health be paid for by the Town Council ; That if any other case is sent in, the Hospital Authorities be requested to notify the same at once to the Medical Officer of Health, and, on his report, if the Public Health Committee think it a fit case, such case be also paid for by the Town Council.

6—Public Abattoir—The Superintendent having reported the necessity of a pair of scales for weighing hides, fat, &c., such as is commonly used by butchers, Resolved, That scales of an approved pattern be provided and that the Superintendent of the Abattoir be appointed to see to the weighing of such things as require it and to issue in each case a weigh ticket, the charge to be 1d.

7 -Slaughter House Bye Laws—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee copy of a circular recently issued by him to the Butchers, calling their attention to the New Bye-Laws and the provisions of Sec. 170 of the Public Health Act, and the same was approved by the Committee.

8-Disinfector—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a new pipe was required at the Disinfector for the disinfection of the Ambulance. Resolved, That the Surveyor do provide what is necessary.

9-Bicycle for Chief Inspector—The Medical Officer of Health asked that the Chief Inspector of Nuisances might be provided with a Bicycle, to enable him to get about the now enlarged district. Resolved, That a Bicycle be provided, and that the Medical Officer of Health do submit at the next meeting prices and particulars.

10 —Cottages behind 218, High Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 4t of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains at the above cottages are a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine them, and act as provided by the said Section.

11—W.C's. without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a List of Houses having w.c's. without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1880, to the Owners to provide the necessary Flushing Apparatus and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for penalties.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of November, 1893 Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors E. L. Davies, M. Davis, Dighton, Hands, Moles, and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

12—Zymotic Disease—The Inspector of Nuisances reported (in the absence of Dr. Garrett, who was absent through indisposition) that there had been notified, since the last meeting, 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 cases of Enteric Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria.

13—Drainage at Deanwood House--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drainage at the above house is a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground and examine the drains and act as provided by the said Section.

14—No. 3, Columbia Place—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that at the above house there is on the first floor an old pan closet with foul container, that the soil pipe passing down inside the wall of the house is leaky, and that in the basement there is a closet without flushing apparatus, and a sink having a loose well trap in it. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, in respect of the provision of proper w.c. accommodation under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, for the provision of the necessary flushing apparatus, and under Sec. 23 of the Public Health Act in respect of the trapping of the drains, &c.

15—Houses without a proper Water Supply—It appearing, on the Report of the Borough Surveyor, dated 23rd inst., that the houses mentioned therein are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation mains at a cost not exceeding the water rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such acts as may be necessary for that purpose.

16—Warwick Buildings, Winchcomb Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported as to the insanitary condition of Nos. 1 to 12, Warwick Buildings, the closets being without flushing apparatus, and being in some cases in very small enclosed and covered spaces into which the house doors open, and without any means of ventilation, and the drains being trapped with old iron traps from which drain smells emanate. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, the Borough Surveyor do specify what works are required to be done to abate the same, and that notice be given to the owners, under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, to carry same into effect and abate the nuisance.

17—Delancey Hospital Account—The Account of the Delancey Hospital for treatment of scarlet fever cases, having been referred to the Committee by the Finance Committee, with a memo. calling attention to the fact that in every case the practice of the of the Trustees appears to have been to charge for the day of admission of a patient, as well as the day of his discharge, the same was considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Secretary of the Delancey Trustees informing him that the Committee consider that the day of admission and the day of discharge should be counted as one day only, and that pending a reply from the Trustees the payment of the account be deferred.

18—No. 6, Park Street—Barrett A Letter from Mrs. Barrett, who had been served with notice to provide proper flushing apparatus at her property as above, stating she was unable to do the work at present, and requesting that the matter might stand over till the Spring, was read. Resolved, That the request be not granted.

19— Cholera —A Letter from the Clerk to the Rural Sanitary Authority, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by his Authority upon the subject of the establishment of a Cholera Hospital in case of necessity, in which Resolution the Rural Authority approved of the idea as suggested, but required to know further details with regard to the proposed scheme before committing themselves to co-operation, was read.

20 —Dairies, &c., Order.—Regulations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft of proposed Regulations which he had prepared, and which had, he stated, received the informal approval of the Local Government Board. The same were gone through. Resolved, That the Regulations as now settled, omitting the words " and cowshed" in the third line of Regulation No. 4, be made at the next monthly meeting of the Council, and the common seal affixed thereto. Also Resolved, That a copy of the Regulations be sent to the Rural Sanitary Authority with a request that they will co-operate in making similar regulations.

21—Delancey Hospital—Telephone to—A Letter from W. G. Gurney, Esq., enclosing a receipt from the Telephone Co. for £12, the reduced rent of the connection with the hospital and expressing the hope that inasmuch as at least two-thirds of the use of the telephone is on behalf of the Corporation, the Committee, in voting their contribution to the cost., will continue to pay one-half of the former rent, viz., £15, instead of contributing at the rate of one-half the reduced rent, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend any departure from the terms originally agreed on, viz., to pay half of the Company's charges.

22-Sanitary Certificates—The resolution hereon passed by the Council at its last meeting was discussed, and the further consideration thereof adjourned ; in the meantime the Town Clerk to procure information on the subject from other towns who give official certificates.

23—Flooding of the Sewers and Chelt--The consideration of the Surveyor's Report hereon was further adjourned.

24—Plans of House Drainage—The plans of such new buildings, necessitating drainage, as were intended to come up for approval at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee, and the same were approved so far as regards the drainage arrangements, except that of Mr. C. Winstone, which was adjourned for further information as to the mode of sewerage of the other houses intended to be built and of the connection with the Corporation sewer.

25-General Hospital—Enteric Fever—A Letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Hospital, asking for a definition of the term " fit case," used in the Resolution of this Committee, of date the 15th inst., was read. Resolved, That the Hon. Sec. be informed that the Committee meant by a " fit case " a case where the surroundings of the patient make him a source of danger to others ; and that the expenses will be paid by the Council in cases in which, not being a pauper and chargeable to the Poor Law Authorities, the patients are unable to afford proper treatment for themselves.

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26-Accounts --The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

Dr. Garrett, Cab Hire	£2 1 6
Seth Lewis, 1 month's salary	£12 10 0
J. H. Long, 1 month's salary	£8 6 8
E. Jones, 4 weeks' wages	£5 0 0
W. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£5 10 0
Poor Rate on Cottages on Hayden Knoll Farm	£0 16 6
Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Victor James	£0 16 0
Accounts under 10s each	0 10 1

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Rogers: Councillors Heath, Lawrence, and Ward Humphreys.

1—Chairman—Councillor Heath was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2-Band Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Rogers the chairman and Councillor Lawrence form the Band Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th day of November, 1893—The Mayor ; Alderman Thoyts and Rogers ; Councillors Heath, Lawrence, and Skillicorne(Councillor Heath in the chair)-

3-Borough Extension—Leckhampton —A Letter from G. B. Witts, Esq., as Chairman of the Committee of the Working Men's Institute, enclosing a list of furniture and effects in the Institute, which they would like the Corporation to take over now that the building has come into their hands, was read. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned. A Letter from the Rev. J. More, asking the Committee to sallow the use of the Leckhampton Local Board Room on Thursday nights for meetings in connection with the County Towns' Mission, as granted to them by the Leckhampton Local Board, was read ; also a Letter from the Board of Guardians enquiring whether the Town Council had any objection to the use of the above room as a Vaccination Station and Relief Pay Station for the Leckhampton District, on the same terms as were made with the Leckhampton Local Board. Resolved, That both the foregoing applications be referred to the Mayor to deal with under the Resolution of the Council of the Council of the 9th Nov. inst.

The following claims for compensation of Officers of the late Local Board received from Mr. Mallory, were considered.

Name.	Age.	Date of Appointment.	Average for 5 years.	Rate.	Amount.
D. Mallory (Clerk)	.. 53	.. 16th April, 1873	.. £64 2 10	.. 30/60ths..	£32 14
C. Cocks Johnstone (Medical Officer).	40	.. 3rd Feb, 1885	.. £50 0 0	11/60ths	£9 3 4
William Moorman (Surveyor)	.. 60	.. 3rd August, 1875	£104 9 1	25/60ths .	£43 10 5
Walter Pearman (Collector)	. . 65	.. 2nd May, 1882	£56 5 1	16/60ths	£15 0 0

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Resolved, That the further consideration of these claims be adjourned, and further, That the Street and Highway Committee be requested to consider whether Mr. Moorman can be employed in the Highway Department.

A List of Bills owing by the late Local Board was laid before the Committee ; the greater part were passed for payment, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, others were adjourned for further consideration.

4—Charlton Kings—The Chairman, the Clerk, and the Surveyor, of the Charlton Kings Local Board, attended this Meeting with reference to various matters which required adjustment as between their Board and the Corporation. It was arranged that the payments to be made by the Corporation in respect of their proportion of the repayments of the various loans should be made half-yearly on the 1st June and the 1st December.

That in the matter of the repair of the Battledown Approach Road, the whole of the carriage way be kept in repair by the Corporation, the Local Board paying a moiety of the cost thereof ; the Footways to be dealt with under sec. 44 of the Improvement Act, 1887.

The footpath along Ha[y]ward's Lane be treated in the same manner as the Carriage way of the Battledown Approach Road.

Resolved, That the payment by the Local Board in respect of the Sewage outfall be reduced in proportion to the respective rateable values for the time being.

5—G.W.R. Train Service—A letter from the Board of Trade enclosing a reply from the G.W.R. Company to the letter written in pursuance of this Committee's resolution of the 27th September last, in which reply the Company stated that they could add nothing to what was contained in their former letters, and, for the reasons stated therein, they regretted that at the present time the Directors were unable to see their way to make any alteration in the existing service, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be directed to prepare statement for counsel to advise the course to be taken, and settled the form of application to the Railway Commissioners

6—Montpellier Gardens—A letter from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, enquiring if the above gardens will be available for their annual athletic meeting on Easter Monday and the terms for the same, was read Resolved, That the Athletic Society be granted the use of the Gardens on the same terms as last year, subject to their entering into a proper agreement with the Surveyor.

7—Pittville and Marle Hill—Resolved, That the charges to be made in the skating season be as follows:

To Subscribers 3d. for the Skating. To Non-Subscribers 6d. for the Skating, and admission

Skating Tickets to be provided and issued, giving the right to skate, to all persons paying the charge for same.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors LI. Davies, Hands, Margrett, and Woodard.

1 --Chairman—The Mayor, Alderman Wethered, was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Thoyts ; Councillors E. L. Davies, Hands, Margrett, Ward-Humphreys, and Woodard (The Mayor in the chair)—

2-Tewkesbury Water Supply—A Letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury stating that his Committee are prepared to advise the Corporation to pay 6d. per 1,000 gallons for the water, on the understanding that should the present works be used at any

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time for the supply of water to any considerable amount, to any neighbouring authorities, the price now offered should be subject to revision, was read. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Badham's Committee be declined, that he be referred to the resolution of this Committee of date the 29th September last, and that his Corporation be now requested to appoint their Arbitrator, as it is high time the matter was settled.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday the 28th day of November, 1893—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillor E. L. Davies, Hands, Margrett and Woodard (The Mayor in the chair)—

3—Borough Surveyor's Report —The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor, as follows, was read :—

" On the 26th instant, the Springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 61 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 166 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,028,678 gallons.

" On the 27th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 11 feet 4 ½ inches, and the contents 16,207,345 gallons, which gives a total storage of 27,235,290 gallons.

An application has been made for laying on the water to Lillybrook, Charlton Kings. This necessitated an extension of the main which is now complete.

On the 31st October, the Committee visited the Dowdeswell works and recommended that the orchard adjoining be replanted, to make good the present deficiency. Resolved, That the recommendation contained in the report be approved and adopted.

4--Supplemental Water Supply-A Report of the Borough Surveyor hereon was read and considered and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

A letter from Mr. Landsborough suggesting that a supply of water unexceptionable in point of quality and abundant in quantity might be obtained by sinking to a moderate depth at the base of the Oolitic Hills within 4 or 5 miles South and East of Cheltenham, but that his opinion of the supply of water from the Severn remained unchanged.

The Surveyor reported that Mr. Wins had called his attention to the existence of a large quantity of water in an old Tunnel of the late East Gloucestershire Railway Company on the Sandewell Park Estate, but now belonging to Mr. Lawrence. That he, with the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor, had had an interview with Mr. Lawrence on the subject who had very kindly given the Council permission to pump out the water in the Tunnel, leaving further arrangements to be settled between himself and the Council if the latter found it desirable to make use of the Tunnel in future. Resolved, That with the view of ascertaining if it is possible to obtain a supply of water from this source the Surveyor be authorised to pump the water out. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to convene a Special Meeting of the Council at an early date to consider the whole question.

5—Injury to Horse—Wilson—A letter from Mr. John Wilson of the New Reservoir Inn, Dowdeswell, stating that through the neglect of the Corporation to keep a supply of water to his troughs at Dowdeswell he had lost a valuable mare, and he wished to know what compensation the Corporation would make him for his loss, and a letter from Mr. Wilson's Landlord, John De la Bere, Esq., stating that he believed a reference to the papers connected with the transfer of the property from his (Mr. De la Bere's) father to the Corporation would reveal an agreement on the part of the matter to keep these troughs supplied, and that, at all events, such a supply had been regularly maintained for years, was read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to enable the Deeds to be examined upon the point of liability of the Corporation in respect of the water supply to these troughs.

6—Mr. Burkill's Complaint—Letters from Mr. Burkill of date the 18th September and 9th October, respecting his claim for compensation on account of damage done to his premises and furniture, &c., at No. 3 Royal Parade, were read. Resolved, That Mr. Burkill be referred to this Committee's resolution of 28th March last, from which they are not prepared to depart

7—Ashley Manor—A letter from Sir F. D. Hartland stating that as Ashley Manor has been empty since Midsummer he presumed it would be put upon the " empty house " rate, was read. Resolved, That Sir Frederick be reminded of the fact that on the occasion and in consideration of the extension of the water mains to his property, he entered into an agreement to pay the full amount charged for a period of five years, and the terms of that agreement the Committee see no reason for varying.

8—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

9—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

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Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, Borough Engineer's Department, November 16th, 1893.

ADDITIONAL MEANS OF WATER SUPPLY.

In accordance with your instructions of the 31st October, I beg to report upon the present position of the water supply; the means to be taken for immediately increasing, and the measures which are desirable for permanently augmenting the supply.

Present Condition—The quantity of water in store is $28 \frac{1}{2}$ million gallons. The present rate of consumption is about 550,000 gallons per day, through the meters, and a further quantity of about 100,000 gallons per day in districts which are supplied without passing through the main meters. We have, therefore, in store at the present time, sufficient for 44 days—the pumps at Sandford Mead are increasing this quantity by about 250,000 gallons per day—so that it may be assumed that rather more than one-third of the total supply is being stored daily, or in other words, the effect of pumping will be to increase the ability of the Waterworks to maintain the supply for a maximum period of 71 days from this date.

The Drought—The present drought may be considered to have lasted since the commencement of the year 1887, as in only one year, viz., 1891, has the average of the previous ten years been exceeded, either during the whole year or during the first ten months in any year, and the amount of the deficiency during the first ten months of this year has been very considerable. The deficiency in 1887 being nearly 7 inches, in 1888 $4 \frac{1}{2}$ inches, in 1889 $1 \frac{1}{3}$ inches, in 1890 $5 \frac{1}{4}$ inches, in 1892 $7 \frac{1}{2}$ inches, and in this year the deficiency is $9 \frac{3}{4}$ inches.

The springs are showing signs of exhaustion, the yield now being less than any year since 1886, which is the earliest of which I have any record, and have been diminishing daily since last February. The flow of the Dowdeswell stream is also very near the minimum. We can, therefore, scarcely hope for the springs to yield their normal supply any time next year, and next summer must be met to a very large extent by stored water.

The present sources of supply are of three kinds Springs flowing from the base of the oolite, under the eastern end of Cleeve Common. 2, Special collecting pipes, laid under the grass fields on the slopes near the Hewletts. 3, Surface water flossing from the grass fields into the natural streams and then collected.

Of these, the best examples of the first are what are known as the Northfield spring, and the supply to the Leckhampton Reservoir. Of the second, the supply from the Hewletts ; the Northfield and Hewletts pipes supply Hewletts Reservoir. Dowdeswell supply is from all three sources combined, but principally storm waters flossing from the surface, and it is from Dowdeswell that we must look for a supply for our immediate needs if there is the normal rainfall before Christmas. As this is entirely dependent upon the average which this year has failed so signally, it is desirable to consider what other provision can be made.

Supply from the Severn—You have powers to take from the Severn at Tewkesbury 3 ¼ million gallons per day, which is about 4 times your present Summer need, but there are no mains laid, the pumping plant at Tewkesbury in its present arrangement is not capable of delivering the quantity required, and there is not sufficient area of filter beds for any large increase on the quantity now supplied to the Tewkesbury district. To make the necessary alterations in the engines and pumps will require about six weeks, and the pipes can be laid down in about the same time, but the pipe makers require nine weeks in which to supply the number required, consequently nine weeks is the shortest period in which it would be possible to deliver water from Tewkesbury into Cheltenham. The cost of the necessary works would be about £9,000, and as the present supply in hand together with the amount that can be pumped during the time would be absolutely exhausted by the 26th January, unless there is considerable rainfall in the meantime, it is essential that a decision be arrived at not later than Saturday, the 25th instant, if this supply is to be relied upon.

College Baths Well—Another means of supplementing the supply would be by an arrangement with the College authorities for them to pump water or to allow a suction pipe to be carried into their well. To do this it would be necessary to put the small set of pumps now at Sandford Mead in order, so as to enable a larger quantity of water to be pumped every day, but this would be a practically small cost, as the principal work is reboring the cylinders, and would enable the present difficulty to be tided over.

Prevention of Waste—For the last two years continuous efforts have been made to reduce the waste which I felt convinced was going on in many parts of the Town. The effect of the work is shown upon the accompanying diagram, from which it will be observed that although the number of consumers is very largely increased, (the rate of increase being upwards of 6% per annum) the total quantity of water supplied per day, has for the last six months been less than during the same period in 1887, 1888, or 1889, and consequently much less per head of the population supplied. Whilst there is no doubt that a further reduction can be made, there is a limit to this procedure, and at the same time it is well to remember that although there are 7000 consumers, there are about 3000 houses in the water area which are not yet supplied.

It is therefore apparent that during an exceptional year such as this, but which recur at intervals, the present supply will be insufficient.

Storage at Dowdeswell—There is no doubt that further water can be obtained during the winter in the Dowdeswell valley and be stored there for summer use, and that a small reservoir of probably in or 15 millions of gallons capacity may be constructed for a comparatively small sum, say £2,500 complete, or a very much larger one if the consent of the Highway Authorities could be obtained for a slight diversion of the main road. But the preparation of a reliable estimate for a scheme of this character would be a long and somewhat costly operation, and neither of the works in the Dowdeswell valley would be of any avail for use next summer.

Tunnelling at Dowdeswell—A further method in which a supply of water could be obtained would be to drive a heading into the hill above Dowdeswell, and intercept the underground water. This is undoubtedly a problematic scheme upon which it is impossible for anyone to do more than weigh the probabilities for and against, but from a careful examination of that part of the district together with the best geological information available I believe that a large addition to our present resources would be ultimately obtained, but it would require at least two years work.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOSEPH HALL.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of November, 1893-Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoys ; Councillors Heath, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Col. Thoys in the chair)-

1- --Chairman-Alderman Col. Thoys was appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year

2—Resolved, That the Committee Meetings be fixed for the year 1894, as follows :-On Tuesday, in the week next but one before the Council Meeting ; The School Attendance Committee at 12 at noon ; The Electric Lighting Committee at 4 p.m. On Wednesday, in the above-mentioned week ; The Public Health Committee at 11 a.m.; The General Purposes and Watch Committee at 3-30 p.m. On Thursday in the above-mentioned week; The Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee at 3.30 p.m. ; The Water Committee at 4 p.m. On Friday, in the above-mentioned week ; The Public Library Committee at 10 a.m. ; The Street and Highway Committee (to view) at 2 p.m. ; The Burial Board Committee at 4 p.m. On Monday, in the week next before the Monthly Meeting ; The Street and Highway Committee at 11 a.m. ; Town Improvement Committee at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, in the last named week ; The Finance Committee at 3 p.m.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th day of November, 1893—Present The Mayor : Alderman Col. Thoys : Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Thoys in the chair)—

3—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to an alarm of fire on the 13th November, at the Park Mews Stables, occupied by Mr. Garner, and he laid before the Committee the bill of expenses so incurred, amounting to £1 12s. 6d. Resolved, That this account be paid, but that in future the pay be reduced one half in cases in which, though summoned together, the services of the Brigade are found not to be required.

4-Pleuro-pneumonia Order, 1893--A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, transmitting copies of the Middlesex Pleuro-pneumonia Movement Order of 1893 (No. 5141) restricting the movement of cattle into, within, and out of, certain parishes in the County of Middlesex, and requesting the Local Authority to give such publicity thereto, by advertisement notices or otherwise, as the Local Authority might deem expedient, was read. Resolved, That the order be printed and posted about the district.

5-Hackney Carriage Licenses --Applications from J. Fowles, Newman Gibbard, and Henry Surman for Pony Carriage licenses, and from H. Cousins for a full license, were read. The question of continuing the licenses of Mr. Wm. Smith and Mr. W. T. Smith granted by the Leckhampton Local Board, was again before the meeting, and Mr. W. T. Smith attended in support of his application. There was also an application from C. A. Smith, for continuance of a licence granted to him by the late Leckhampton Board. The whole of the foregoing were considered, and it was Resolved, That the applicants be informed there are no vacancies at the present time, but that their names will be put upon the list of applicants.

6-Drivers' Licenses—Applications were received from and licenses to act as Hackney Carriage Drivers granted to D. Morley, W. Cresswell, H. Hope, A. Aston, W. Winters, and J. C. Smith.

7-C. Cooke's Application—A letter from Chas. Cooke requiring to know why his letter in respect of the license granted to him had not been read at the last monthly meeting, was read.

8-Change of Carriage—F. Jones — An application from Frederick Jones to be allowed to put the number of the license, which the Committee granted him on October 4th, on a new carriage which he has had specially built, was read. Resolved, That the request be granted, subject to the Chairman being satisfied with the carriage on inspection.

9-Transfer of License—Aston —A letter from Mr. Alfred Aston, of 39, Montpellier Villas, stating that he had purchased the horse, carriage, harness, and stable appliances belonging to Mr J. P. Phelps, of 16, Kew Place, and forwarding to the Committee the license of the said J. P. Phelps for cancellation, and requesting the Committee to grant him a new license in lieu of that returned, was read. Resolved, That a new license be granted in favour of Mr. Aston, and that the old one be cancelled.

10 - Police Force--A letter from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that in consequence of the extension of the boundary of the Borough, an augmentation of the Police Service for the Borough became requisite, and it was necessary to consider in respect of what increased number of men the Corporation of Cheltenham should pay ; and he was directed by the Police Committee of the County to submit that the number of the Police Establishment on which the County make their charge should be reckoned at 58 members, instead of 54 as at present, being an increase of 4 men ; and requesting that the proposal might be placed before the Town Council, was read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration and that in the meantime the Chief Constable be

asked to furnish the Committee with a list of the men employed and their beats, as on the date of Mr. Gardom's letter.

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11--Town Clock—A letter from Mr. W. Ralph upon the subject of the cleaning, of the Town Clock was read, and handed to the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

12-Cornittee Fixtures for 1893 —The Town Clerk called attention to the fact that the alteration of the date of the monthly meeting of the Public Health Committee would bring that meeting within a week of the bi-monthly meeting, unless the date of the latter were also altered. Resolved, That the first meeting in each month of the Public Health Committee be fixed for the 2nd Monday in the month at 11 a.m. The Committee also settled the dates and the hours for the meetings whose ordinary fixtures would be interfered with by the holidays at Easter and Christmas.

13—Speaking Tubes for Mayor's Room— Tenders from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall at £7 15s. Od., and Messrs. Mallory & Sons at £6 3s. Od., for fitting up speaking tubes to the Mayor's room were read and considered, and the tender of Messrs. Mallory and Sons accepted, subject to a reduction in respect of certain work to be omitted.

14—Allotments for St. Mark's District—A Letter from Mr. Rowland Curtis stating that he had communicated with the other Memorialists who expressed their approval of the site for the proposed allotments, but that the rent (18s 6d) is too high ; and they would all be willing to pay about 15s 6d was read. Resolved, That the applicants be informed the land cannot be let without loss (which is contrary to the act) at less than 18s per chain.

15—Window Cleaning—The Committee having at their last meeting expressed an opinion that the sum now paid (viz. £12 per annum) for cleaning the windows at the Municipal Offices, was rather excessive, and an explanation having been requested from the Window Cleaning Company, a letter was now read from that firm upon the subject, and the explanations contained therein, were considered satisfactory.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Dighton, Heath, Margrett, Wheeler, and Woodard.

1 --Chairman —Councillor King was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

C. W. KING,

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Margrett and Woodard (The Mayor in the chair)—

2—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, the Mayor was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

3 -- Barrett's mill—The Committee had under discussion the question of what is to be done to enable this property to be thrown open to the public as an open space, and the consideration of the matter was adjourned to enable the Committee to have another Meeting on the spot, which meeting was arranged to be held half an hour prior to the next monthly meeting of this Committee.

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Margrett, Moles, and Parsonage—

1 —Chairman—Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of November, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors M. Davis, Margrett, Moles, Parsonage, and Steel (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).—

2—Inspection of Cemetery —The Chairman reported that he and the following members of the Committee had visited the Cemetery on the 22nd inst., viz., The Mayor, Councillors Steel, Moles, Davis, King, and Margrett, and that they had transacted the following business :

The Borough Surveyor suggested that the Committee should alter the roads in some parts of the Cemetery so as to admit of a greater number of grave spaces being used than is at present practicable. He also called attention to the necessity for covering the shed used for the tools, benches, &c., with corrugated iron, painting the outside of the same and pitching the floor thereof ; also of repairing and painting the shelter boxes.

Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to carry out the above works as proposed, except the alteration of the roads, with regard to which Mr. Hall is to put in some pegs to mark the various alterations he suggests; when the Committee will again meet on the spot to see the effect and decide what is to be done.

3—Interments from Nazareth House—The Chairman reported that, as desired by the Committee, he had conferred with the authorities of Nazareth House upon the subject of the interment of the bodies of persons dying in that Institution, and he had arranged with them that all persons buried by the Nazareth House authorities should be placed in the same graves, as though they were members of the same family, the Superintendent of the Cemetery filling up one grave before using another. The fees to be paid for those interments to be the same as would be charged for the burial of bodies

from a Hospital or Infirmary or at the expense of the parish ; with this proviso, however, that should it be desired, in any particular case, to reserve the grave for the friends of the deceased, notice thereof must be given at the time the interment form is sent in, and the full fees must be paid; the burial will then be made in a separate grave, which the friends of the deceased would have an opportunity of purchasing within 54 years, the Burial Board reserving the right to then reopen and reuse such grave unless it has been so purchased. Resolved, That the foregoing arrangement be confirmed, and that a copy of the minute be forwarded to the Lady Superior of Nazareth House.

4—Superintendents' Report—The Superintendent reported that he had been through the Register of Interments (Established Church portion) from Nov., 1864, to Dec., 1878, and he found there were 2528 adult spaces that could be reopened. He had not included any interments which had taken place less than fifteen years. He stated that he had commenced removing memorial stones and mounds from the time-expired graves, and desired to be informed if he should proceed continuously with the work, or only remove a portion at a time.

He reported that on the interment of the remains of John Greenwood, deceased, on the 18th inst., the body was brought to the Cemetery in a hearse and the Undertaker, Mr. Amos Wilson, had refused to pay the fees as for a better class funeral on the plea that though it was a poor funeral he had to use a hearse because he could not get a shillibeer, they having all been previously engaged.

Resolved, That the removal of the headstones and mounds be proceeded with at once, that in using the old graves, those be first reopened in which there has been one interment only, or which have been longest since any interment therein ; and that in the matter of the non-payment of the extra fees by Mr. Wilson, the excuse be accepted on this occasion, but it must be distinctly understood this is not to be looked upon as a precedent, and in future cases the full fee will be demanded.

5-Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved: Headstones to Ellen Surman, Sarah Buckle, Wm. Whateley. Tombs to John Smith and Charlotte Wallace.

6—Account—The following Account was examined and allowed : W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages £17 16 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Rogers ; Councillors LI. Davies, Heath, Lawrence and Parsonage. —Chairman—Councillor Lawrence was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Rogers ; Councillors E. Ll. Davies, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

2—Borough Boundaries—Leckhampton—The accounts and bills received from the Clerk to the late Local Board of Leckhampton, due and owing on the 9th inst., were examined. Bills, amounting to £261 12s 1d were allowed and ordered to be paid, and the consideration of others adjourned.

3—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected : £3,606 9s. 3d., leaving outstanding £10,187 0s. 9d.

4—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the Both inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts : -A:2,859 17s. 4d., leaving outstanding £5,206 18s. 8d.

5 —ACCOUNTS—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts for the past month, and the Balances on each Account, as well as the list of Accounts to be paid. The General Statement is as follows :—

In hand on the 6th November	£6,332 19 3
Received since that date	<u>£7,604 0 11</u>
	£13,947 0 2
Paid since the 6th November	<u>£ 6,728 11 4</u>
In hand	£ 7,218 8 10
Being to Credit of Current and Interest A/cs	£6,674 2 10
Sinking and Loans Funds	<u>£ 544 6 0</u>
	£7,218 8 10

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined. Resolved, That the same as settled amounting to the sum of £2894 14s. 10d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davis, Feeney, Margrett, Parsonage, The Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. H. Neale. Chairman—Councillor Feeney was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee The on Wednesday the 29th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors E. Ll. Davies and Parsonage, Messrs. C. Hall and H. Neale (The Mayor in the Chair)—

2--Chairman— In the absence of the Chairman the Mayor was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

3—Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay—The Committee wish to record with regret that Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay is no longer a member of this Committee, and their high appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the Library as Chairman of this Committee and the Sub-Committee and otherwise

4—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 :—

Capt. Welch, R.N.	2 Maps and a Pamphlet
Hon. Secretary Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club	1 Vol.
Board of Trade	1 Vol.
Irish Unionist Alliance	3 Vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Cambridge, Doncaster, Middlesborough, Birkenhead, Bolton, Leamington, Derby, Cardiff, Wolverhampton, Sheffield, Watford, Bradford, South Shields and Manchester.

5—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee consist of the following members of the Committee, the Mayor, the Chairman, Capt. Welch and Mr. Neale.

6— Gloucestershire Books, &c.--Resolved, That the collection of Books, Pamphlets, Prints relating to Gloucestershire of the late Mr. B. Blacker offered for sale by Mr. James Wilson of Birmingham, for the sum of £13 13s. 0d. be purchased.

7—Annual Report—This Report was read and approved and ordered to be printed. Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. G. F. Poole, for printing 500 copies of this Report for £2 15s. 0d. be accepted.

8—Schools of Art and Science—A letter from the Hon. Secretaries of the schools of Art and Science, asking for an interview between this Committee and a Committee of the above Schools to consider the question of a transfer of the Schools to the Corporation, and see if any arrangements can be made to further such objects, was read. Resolved, That a special meeting of this Committee to be held on Wednesday the 13th prox., at 4 p.m. to confer with a deputation from the Schools of Art and Science.

9—Accounts—The following Account was examined and allowed :

C. Westley, Technical Books, &c	£10 6 5
Gas Co., Coke	£5 9 2
J. W. Pink, Books	£0 10 6
" Technical Books	£1 6 0
W. Morgan, 1000 Indicator Books	£4 10 6
Norman, Sawyer and Co., Binding and Stationery	£17 11 1

I B. Smith, 5 Door Mats	£0 14 0
W. Jones, Wages Account	£9 0 0
John Grant, Technical Books	£4 8 6
Poor Rate on Library	£8 2 11
J Banting and Son, Books	£18 16 8
Accounts under 10s each	£0 16 7

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893 —Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon and Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Hands, Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler

1—Chairman—Councillor Hands was appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of November. 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Rogers ; Councillors Hands, Moles, Steel, Parsonage, and E. L. Davies (Councillor Hands in the chair) —

2 —Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses be issued against the parents of the following children :—Wm. Hunt, Ewlyn Cottages ; Susan Hunt, Ewlyn Cottages; Robert Merrilees, Cleveland Passage ; Otto Leybourne, 2, Queen's Retreat ; Rose Major, 3, Millbrook Terrace ; Ada Mahon, 59, Cleveland Street ; Ann Lockey, 33, Whitehart Street ; Sam Kite, 1, Orchard Place.

Attendance Orders were ordered to be procured in the following cases, preparatory to an application to send the children to an Industrial School :,—Edward Winter, Commercial Lane, Norwood Street ; Fred Tovey, 41, Queen Street.

3—South and Middle Wards Committee—Resolved, That the Rev. G. F. Tanner be appointed a member of the Local Committee for these Wards.

4—Special Examinations—This Committee having now had the opinions of the several Local Committees hereon, It was Resolved, That H. M. Inspector be requested to consider the desirability of fixing two examinations at about equal periods of time apart, in addition to the annual examinations at the several schools which take place in September, October, and November.

5—Attendance Officers' Reports—The monthly reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 31 schools, containing 1,324

names, which, added to the Balance left unattended to last month, gave a total of 5,479. Of this number 1,212 had been visited with the results shown in the reports, in 75 cases the Teachers had given valid reasons of absence, and the remaining 192 cases had yet to be visited.

6—Private or Dame Schools—The Attendance Officers laid before the Committee a list of 14 of these schools at which 306 children are being taught. The Attendance Officers were instructed to ascertain the fees charged at these schools, and what other similar schools (if any) there are in the Borough.

7—Attendance Officers—Resolved, That the question of the appointment of an additional Attendance Officer be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday the 14th day of November, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Rogers ; Councillors M. Davis and Feeney.

1—Chairman—Alderman Col. Rogers was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year. RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1893—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith, Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, Ward-Humphreys and Woodard.

1—Chairman—Councillor Ward-Humphreys was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year. The following Resolution was unanimously passed. Resolved, That the Committee desire to take this opportunity of recording their sense of the valuable services to the cause of Electric Lighting with which Councillor Norman has been so prominently identified since its inception in this borough, and their regret that the Council have been deprived of those services before the works have been carried out and completed.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, CHELTENHAM. 7th December, 1893.

DEAR SIR,

It is not material, but you will notice in the Summons for the Meeting on Monday next, a clerical error of the word " Monthly " which was inadvertently left in before the word Meeting."

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, December 6th, 1893.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly 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 14th day of December inst., at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering the Report of the Borough Surveyor of date the 16th November (a copy of which has already been sent to each Member of the Council) and the question of supplementing the Water Supply by obtaining a supply from the River Severn or other sources and any report of the Water Committee thereon which may be brought up, and of passing such Resolution or Resolutions thereon as the Meeting shall think fit. Also for the purpose of appointing representative Governors to be appointed by the Council under the Pate's Grammar School Scheme.

Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTE of the Proceedings of the Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 11th of December, 1893.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 8th day of December, 1893—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoys ; Councillors E. Ll. Davies, Hands, King (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Water Supply—The Borough Surveyor presented a report of the investigation made at the Old Tunnel in Sandywell Park. A report from the Medical Officer of Health on the Severn Water, was read.

Resolved, That the Committee return their best thanks to Mr. Lawrence for the permission so kindly accorded to the Council to pump out this old shaft, but, after the report of their Surveyor, they do not propose, at present, to continue their investigations at that point.

Resolved further, That this Committee, having regard to the urgency of the case under all the circumstances, recommend that the plan of the Borough Surveyor set forth in his report of date the 16th November last, for obtaining a supplementary supply of water from the river Severn, at Tewkesbury, be adopted, and that the necessary works for carrying it out be commenced forthwith.

EDWARD WETHERED,

Chairman.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES,

CHELTENHAM.

To the Chairman of the Water Committee.

DEAR SIR,

I have collected some samples of water from the Severn, and also one on the same day from a supply pipe of the Tewkesbury Water Works, situated at the Brewery next door to the Black Bear, in Tewkesbury, which I think may be taken as a fair sample of the water supplied to Tewkesbury on that day, viz., December 6th.

I found a good bulk of water in the River Severn. There appeared to be no shortness of water, though no doubt the river is a little lower than usual at this time of year.

The first sample was taken within four or five yards of the intake of the Tewkesbury Works the second sample about a third of a mile above this spot, that is, some short distance above the red cliff, and from the middle of the stream.

Of course it would be absurd to expect to find pure water in the Severn, or any river, but nevertheless the quality of the Severn water, as proved by my analyses, is remarkably pure compared to other large rivers in this country, and is capable of yielding, after efficient treatment by subsidence and filtration, a most excellent and safe water for drinking and domestic use—a water quite equal in point of purity to that supplied from Dowdeswell, and superior to this in point of softness, and so for all purposes of washing, and most purposes of manufacture. The hardness varies a little from time to time. A water taken from the river some months ago was a little harder than the recent samples obtained.

The main organic impurity in the Severn water appears to be of vegetable and not of animal origin. Some small amount of this vegetable material is left in the water as it is supplied at Tewkesbury. It might be further got rid of by extra filtration, but is not of great moment. Precisely the same objection attaches to the Dowdeswell water. It is evidenced in the amount of oxygen absorbed by the water when the water is digested with permanganate of potash. It may be interesting for you to know that the crude water of the Severn, as just collected, is altogether purer than a sample of the crude water taken from the middle of Dowdeswell Reservoir some months ago when the Reservoir was nearly full.

The objections to the use of well filtered Severn water are purely sentimental, and have no foundation whatever in fact or experience. I can assure you that such water may be drunk without the slightest danger to health.

Yours faithfully, J. H. GARRETT, Medical Officer of Health.

December 8th, 1893.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, CHELTENHAM, 8th December, 1893.

Disused Tunnel at Sandywell Park.

GENTLEMEN,

Acting under your instructions, I arranged for the pumping plant, but was unable to proceed as early as was hoped. Upon disturbing the water it was found to be unfit to send either into the reservoir or directly into any stream, but by the kindness of Mr. Attwater, of Sierford, permission was obtained to distribute it over one of his fields.

The shaft is about 9 feet square, lined with timbering, and was full of water to the level of the adjoining ground. At each side of it there are depressions over the line of the tunnel which were full of water.

The shaft is said to be 75 or 76 feet in depth, but a plummet will not go down more than 36 feet. Judging from the appearances I should think it is probable that one side has slipped in and blocked the opening.

The water was pumped out to a depth of 25 feet, and although there was a small flow from the depression on the East side of the shaft, the water had only risen about one and a half feet in nine hours, which would be less than 100 gallons per hour. There was ample evidence that the water was percolating from the loose ground at the side, and from the pool in the depression on the East, and that there was no flow of water of any value for drinking purposes.

During the time the water was being pumped it was found to be extremely offensive, and from the appearance of the timbering I felt that it was unsafe for the men to continue longer, as there was risk of an accident at any time. If it is thought desirable to explore the other portions of this tunnel a special shaft should be sunk, but I can hold out no hope that any water can be obtained from it, as it is entirely in lias clay. The only direction in which water could, in my opinion, be sought for with any hope of success, would be by a long tunnel in a N.E. direction, but even then the risk of failure would be considerable.

To the Water Committee, Cheltenham.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant, JOSEPH HALL.