

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd January, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the - Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 7th day of January 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 Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of

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

4. Councillor Margrett to move: —" That the Resolution No. 8 of the General Purposes Committee of September 19th last, be revoked " ; and " That the minutes of the various Committees be forwarded to the newspapers published in the town on the same days as they are supplied to members of the Council."

5. Notices of Motion.

6. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :—Mrs. Bannerman, re Cabmen's Shelters. Messrs. Matthews and Campbell, re Water in Wells at Hayden. James Page and others, re Whaddon Lane.

Yours fait fully,

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 7th of January, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1894—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Haddon ; Councillors Skillicorne, Parsonage, and Lawrence, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-- The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz: —Alderman Col. Thoyts, Councillors Dimmer, Parsonage. and Skillicorne.

2-Lamp Tops—A letter from Messrs. F. & W. Griffiths was read, with a copy of the following Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Gas Company, viz. :— " A Resolution of the Town Council of date the 3rd inst., having reference to the substitution of Opal Tops in the Gas " Lamps and desiring that 6 Lamps be altered as an experiment, 3 with one pattern of Top, and 3 with a different pattern " in such part of the Town as might be fixed upon by the Surveyor, was read. Resolved, That the Manager be instructed to carry out the requirement of the Council."

3-Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 15.84 Candles. Purity 9.95 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. The Gas Examiner called special attention to the Tests on the 19th instant as set out in his special reports of that date, viz.: —No. 1 Test, Illuminating Power 4.72 candles. No. 2 Test, Illuminating Power, 14.87 candles. No. 3 Test, Illuminating Power 15,6 candles (N.B.—This last test was performed at the request of Mr. Combes, Resident Engineer, with a different pair of candles to those employed in tests 1 and 2). Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the tests taken on the 19th inst. which were below the Standard, and to request an explanation.

Referring to the Minute of this Committee of the 30th of April last, as to the provision of a Gas Testing Station. Resolved, That this Committee ask the Council to instruct the Electric Lighting Committee, if possible, to make such arrangements in the Testing Station, at the East Corner of Manchester Street, as will enable the Council to set up Testing Apparatus for gas and for the Gas Examiner to test the gas.

4-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector, was read: Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month: 4.1703 cubic feet. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the insufficient quantity consumed per hour per lamp.

5-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 2 metered, 13 unmetered. Burning dimly, 3 metered.

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6-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that with reference to Resolution No. 8 of this Committee of the 26th ult. that the iron bars and bearings put up by Mr. James Wall without permission, at Nelson's Limited, 415, High Street, had not been removed; also that the gas rail at Messrs. Pitcher's, No. 154, High Street, had not been raised; also that the following projections had been erected in contravention of the Bye-Laws, without the sanction of the Committee:

Messrs. Stead and Simpson, 139, High Street (1) a Gas Rail fixed across the shop front (2) a sign (a boot) suspended from iron bearing in front of premises.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Organ, stating that the gas rail was fixed for Messrs. Pitcher & Son as high as it could be fixed to allow of the working of the sun blind, and requesting the Council to reconsider their decision.

Resolved, That the bars at Nelson's Limited, 415, High Street, must be removed by 14th January next. That Messrs. Pitcher's gas rail must be 8 feet high in the clear, and the alterations must be made by the 14th January next, or must be removed altogether.

That Messrs. Stead and Simpson's Gas Rail must be in alignment with those above, both as regards height and projection. "

7—Electric Light Lamps at No. 344, High Street —The Borough Surveyor reported a communication with Messrs. Marshall hereon. Resolved that Messrs. Marshall be permitted to fix the lamps as proposed by them temporarily as an experiment to enable the Committee to view them.

8-Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department from the 24th November last to the 28th inst., both inclusive :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road 3,300 super yards, Sandford Street 989 super yards, Spa Buildings 947 super yards, St. George's Street 1400 super yards, Promenade 656 super yards, Mountpleasant (proceeding) Painswick Road 600 super yards, Leckhampton Road 100 super yards, Swindon Road 750 super yards.

Patching--High Street, Six Chimney Lane, Arle Road, Hatherley Road, Badgworth Road, Roman Road, Carlton Street, Bath Road, Montpellier Terrace, Tewkesbury Road, Queen's Circus, Sherborne Terrace, Prestbury Road, Cambray, Albion Street, Promenade, Cemetery Road, Royal Well Lane, Douro Road, Cleeve Road, St. Paul's Road, Royal Well Place, Crescent Place, Back of Imperial Square.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Pittville Lawn and Albert Road.

Patching—St. George's Street (sides) and Aggs' Hill. Kerbing, Crossing and Flagging—High Street, Devonshire Street, Crescent Terrace, Montpellier Street, Promenade, Tewkesbury Road, Wellington Street, Pittville Circus, Church Street, Bath Road, St. George's Street, Bath Street, St. Stephen's Road, Park Place.

Tariff Paths—Swindon Road and St. George's Place.

Gravel Paths—Tivoli Road and Cemetery Road.

Concrete Paths - Montpellier Street (East side) 377 super yards. A new concrete kerb and channel had been laid down in Tivoli Road, near Hatherley Place, for a distance of 73 lineal yards, and the footways relaid, completing the improvement at this point.

New Gullies and Drains—One in Douro Road, one in Bath Road, one at back of Lansdown Terrace and one in Imperial Square had been built to replace defective ones.

A new culvert 2ft. by 2ft had been put down in Old Bath Road, near the Railway Bridge, for a distance of 73 lineal yards to replace the old 12in. diameter pipe drain end to prevent flooding.

Trees cut down-3 in Malvern Road, 2 in Promenade, 3 in Cemetery Road, 2 in Oriel Road, and 6 on the Pittville Estate.

Ashes collected-725 van loads and 467 cart loads have been collected, and 960 tons 10 cwt. 2 qrs. have been consumed at the Destructor.

9- Pavements and Channellings —The Borough Surveyor was instructed to report as to what paving and channelling in the Borough requires urgent attention.

10-Road in Front of Royal Parade—A letter from Col. Hart calling attention to the state of the road inside the railings in front of Royal Parade, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works to be done by the owners.

11-Lighting near Railway Bridge, Old Bath Road—A letter from Mr. Charles Barrett, was read, requesting that a Gas Lamp may be fixed near the Railway Bridge in the Old Bath Road, or the lamps continued from Pilley corner to the Bridge. Resolved, That one Lamp be placed at the juncture of the Pilley Road with the road to the Delancey Hospital.

12-Boys Shouting in the Streets— Letters were read from Mr. F. N. Jeffrey, E. D. Barker, and the Rev. W. P. Nevins, complaining of the nuisance caused by boys selling Newspapers shouting out the name and chief items of the contents of the papers also the Town Clerk's reply to Mr. Jeffrey, copies of which he had also sent to Mr. Barker and Mr. Nevins, stating that the Justices would not convict unless a person so annoyed would come forward and give evidence, in which case the Committee would be ready to enforce the Bye-law.

13-Tree opposite No. 1 Cambridge Villas—A letter was read from Col Cooch calling attention to the large Forest Tree opposite his house, No. 1, Cambridge Villas, and requesting that if not removed altogether, it should be lopped. Resolved, That if the Tree Sub Committee on inspection are satisfied that it is necessary to do so the Tree shall be lopped.

14-Crossing opposite No. 1, Park Promenade---A letter was read from Col. Blair requesting that the Crossing opposite his front gate at No. 1, Park Promenade, might be repaired. Resolved, That he be informed that the matter shall have due attention.

15 -Cranham Road—A Memorial signed by Mr. Samuel Adams and ten other owners and occupiers in Cranham Road, complaining of the defective lighting and absence of the Police after nightfall and asking that additional lamps might be placed in the Road, was read. Resolved, That as soon as the road is repaired the lighting will receive attention, and the attention of the Police shall be at once called to the complaint.

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16—Gully in Painswick Road—A letter was read from Mr. A. G. Pollock complaining of the state of repair of the gully opposite his residence, 1 Cloverdale Villas. Resolved, That he be informed that an Asphalte Water Tableing will be laid down the whole length of the road and in the worst parts at once

17—Coal Shoot at 7, Clare Street, Bath Road—A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Roberts complaining that owing to the level of the road having been raised the water now flows into his cellar through the shoot which formerly was 4 inches above the level of the road, but is now 6 inches below. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do what is necessary to remedy the matter.

18— Fairfield Road—The attention of the Committee having been drawn to the state of repair of the Fairfield Road, Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the owners.

19—New Buildings—Resolved, That all plans approved by this Committee be initialled by the Chairman. The Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved, viz:—

J. Moore—Entrance way to " Fairholme," Montpellier Drive.

Mr. Hayward—Stables to " Ravenhurst," The latter approved, subject to the Drainage arrangements being approved by the Public Health Committee.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of December, 1894—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, Moles, Griffith, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, three cases of Scarlet Fever and one case of Puerperal Fever.

2- Alleged Nuisance from Fish Frying in New Street—Complaint having been made of a nuisance caused by the frying of fish on the premises of Mr. A. Vacara, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had made enquiry into the matter, and it was not, in his opinion, a case for further interference at present, the nuisance having apparently only arisen by reason of an accident.

3-- Lane at Back of Park Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that further complaints had been received of the condition of this lane. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee the only remedy is for the owners to combine and put up a fence at either end of the lane.

4 -- Infringement of Slaughter House Bye-Laws Alder—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had requested the Town Clerk to postpone the prosecution in this case until after this Meeting, in order that the matter might be further considered, a letter having been addressed to him by Mr. Alder stating the several things he had done on receipt of the notice to abate the nuisance ; and he trusted the Council would take his explanation into consideration and not take any further proceedings against him, as he would do all in his power to comply with the Bye-Laws. Resolved, That proceedings at present will not be taken, but Mr. Alder must adhere to the Bye-Laws, or he will be proceeded against.

5—Offence against Slaughter House Bye-Laws—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Phipps, Butcher, of Commercial Street, had not provided a galvanized receptacle for his butcher's offal. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Phipps requiring him to comply with the Bye-Law in this respect, and that in default proceedings be taken against him.

6.—Slaughtering in Unlicensed Premises—The Medical Officer of Health reported that slaughtering upon unlicensed premises was taking place at Mr. Davis's Slaughter House, Gloucester Road, and Mr. Storr's Slaughter House, Whaddon Lane. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against both parties for recovery of the penalties.

7-Ambulance Shed—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Shed into which the New Ambulance had been put was damp, and it would perhaps be advisable to extend the gas to it in order that a small gas stove might be used there. Resolved, That a small slow-combustion stove be procured for the Ambulance Shed

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8—Notification of Infectious Diseases—The Medical Officer reported that a new supply of forms for notification was required, and he submitted tenders for printing same. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey Bros. at £3 19s. 3d. for 100 books of 50 each, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

9—Wells requiring to be closed— The Medical Officer of Health having represented that the water in the wells at 18, 20, 22, 23, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 42, 45, and 44, St. James' Street, 16 and 17, Albert Street, St. Peter's, 11 and 12, Russell Place, and Stable Cottage, Pittville Lawn, used or likely to be used for drinking or domestic purposes, was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That the necessary notices and proceedings for Orders to close the wells be given and taken.

10—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 requiring them 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.

11 —Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Medical Officer of Health submitted a representation to the effect that the houses named therein were without proper and sufficient ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them, in each case, to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern. and construction, as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation ; and that where a common Ashpit may be constructed, that form be permitted.

12—Delancey Trust Agreements —A letter from Mr. Gurney, the Hon. Treasurer of the Delancey Fever Hospital, to the Borough Accountant, reminding him that the subscription of £200 due from the Corporation to the Hospital, had not yet been paid, and stating he would feel obliged if a cheque could be obtained at the December Meeting of the Council in order that it might be included in the year's accounts about to be closed. was read. The Town Clerk having reported that he had been unable to obtain from Messrs. Winterbotham; and Gurney the Agreement for the Reception of Patients duly executed or the Draft of the Deed for the Appointment of New Trustees, Resolved, That he inform Mr. Gurney that the Committee cannot recommend the payment of the £200 until the Town Clerk is in a position to report the satisfactory completion of the above documents.

13—Manure Receptacles—Armitage—Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances do visit and report upon this matter later on. Smith--Resolved, That in this case Mr. Smith be informed the Committee must require the provision of a proper cover for the Receptacle.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of December, 1894—Present: Alderman Norman ; Councillors Feeney, Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Griffith and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

54—Dairies and Cowsheds Order —An application from Thos. James, of Gt. Norwood Street, to be registered as a Dairyman at Pittville Spa Dairy, Winchcombe Street, together with the report of the Medical Officer of Health thereon, were read. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

15 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 case of Typhoid Fever.

16—W C. Accommodation at York Cottage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the erection of another w.c. had been commenced but the position was a bad one, and he suggested that the end house of the row, which was empty, should be used as a wash-house and w.c. He stated that the work of erecting the w.c. had been suspended. Resolved, That the Owner be required to provide one w.c. for each house and that notice be served upon him accordingly.

17—Providence Place, Portland Street—The Medical Officer of Health stated that in his opinion the condition of the yard, w.c. accommodation, &c., at this property was very unsatisfactory, and he advised that the Borough Surveyor 're requested to examine and specify as to the necessary repairs and alterations. Resolved, That the Surveyor do prepare the necessary Specification.

18—Overcrowding of Dwelling Houses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the house No, 27 New Street in the occupation of Mrs. Jane Williams, was overcrowded, there being twelve persons in the place which had but three small bedrooms, giving a total accommodation of about 1,500 cubic feet. The place was also very dirty. Also

That No. 2, Marsh Cottages, occupied by Mrs. Eliza Bowkett and six children, and having only one bed room. was over-crowded.

Resolved, That the necessary Notices under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act be given in both the foregoing cases for an abatement of the nuisance.

19—No. 2, Marsh Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a Certificate under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the effect that the above house was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition and that the health of the inmates is affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be served upon the Owner under the above Section, to whitewash, cleanse and purify the premises.

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20 —Swine in Abattoir and Swine Fever—The Medical Officer of Health stated that as it now appeared that the Notices as to the Movement of Swine had been generally withdrawn, he thought

the Committee might like to withdraw the notice issued by them for the slaughter of swine within 4 days. Resolved, That the Notice in question be now withdrawn.

21 —Killing in an Unlicensed Slaughter House—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Hastings, butcher, continued to kill in the unlicensed slaughter house in Folly Lane. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against Mr. Hastings for recovery of the penalties.

22 —Sewerage at Hatherley —Mrs. Crofton —Mrs. Gretton having expressed the wish that the works of sewerage required to be done M711. at her property—Coney Gree—might be done under the direction of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the requisite Tenders be advertised for.

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

C. Caines, Compensation for Damage to Drains	£ 2 10 0
Delancey Hospital, Moiety of Telephone Rental	£ 6 5 0
Poor Rate on Heydon Farm	£18 10 0
“ Ash Destructor	£ 6 0 5
“ Sewage Tanks	£ 2 4 0
“ Abattoir	£ 4 19 2
“ Sewage Farm	£ 0 18 5
Ambulance Driver's Cottage, &c.	£ 0 12 3½
General Hospital, Treatment of Typhoid Fever Patient	£ 5 11 0
Medical Practitioners, Notification Fees	£ 6 12 6
Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£53 0 0
Accounts under 10s each	£ 0 6 2

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1894—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Rogers and Thoyts ; Councillors Capt. Griffith, Heath, Skillicorne, Dimmer, and Lawrence (Councillor Heath in the chair)--

1- -Guide to Health Resorts of Europe—Letters from Dr. Thomas Linn, the publisher of a Guide to the European Health Resorts, asking the Corporation to insert an advertisement of Cheltenham therein, stating his terms and enclosing a copy of the work, were read. Resolved, That the arrangements for a revival of the use of the Mineral Waters and for the establishment of a Spa not being sufficiently advanced, the Committee do not recommend an advertisement at present.

2—Horse Show—A letter from Mr. J. G. Villar, Hon. Sec. to the Horse Show Committee, stating it was intended to hold a Horse Show in June or July next, and asking among other things for the Corporation to grant his Committee the sole use of the Marle Hill Grounds and Lake (except for Boating) for the two days of the Show with permission to take down some few lengths of the fence between the Recreation Ground and Marle Hill Grounds, and to allow the Committee to make use

of the entrance to the latter grounds at the back of Saxham Villas, his Committee holding themselves responsible for any damage that may be done to the Corporation property by reason of the Show, and replacing all fencing removed and making good all openings in the soil, &c. was read. Resolved, That Mr. Villar's request be acceded to, on the understanding mentioned by him, but subject, as to the access to and egress from the Recreation Ground, to his previously obtaining and giving to the Town Clerk a written consent from Mr. Noble or his present assigns, and from Mr. Winterbotham, to the opening from the Recreation Ground, and that the necessary notice for closing the Gardens be given

3-Messrs. B. W. Pearce & Sons— A letter from Messrs Winterbothams & Gurney, on behalf of Messrs. B.W. Pearce & Sons, drawing the attention of the Corporation to the damage sustained by the latter by reason of the flooding of their Brick Clay Pit below the end of Marle Hill Lake, through the sluices not having been opened in time to carry away the flood water, and asking for compensation for damage sustained and assistance in remedying the injury, together with a reply from the Town Clerk, were read. Resolved, That this Committee cannot admit any liability whatever in the matter.

4— Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a sketch plan which he had been directed to prepare, of a small Pump Room and suitable adjuncts, at the north corner of these Gardens, the cost of which he estimated at about £3,500. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned with the view of the same being brought up for approval or otherwise at the meeting of the Council in February next, and that the Surveyor be requested in the meantime to prepare more precise estimates and plan of the elevation, &c. WILLIAM HEATH, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of December, 1894—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Rogers ; Councillors Dimmer, Ll. Davies, Lewis, Margrett, and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Filtration - Letters from Professor Percy Frankland stating that his usual fee for making such an inspection as that suggested by the Borough Surveyor of the water at Dowdeswell, Hewletts, and Tewkesbury would be so guineas, but that under the circumstances of his coming to Cheltenham for another purpose his charge would be 5 guineas and 2 guineas for each bacteriological examination of the water, were read. Resolved, That Professor Frankland be requested to make an inspection of the works and such an examination of the water as may be considered necessary by the Chairman and Medical Officer of Health on the terms mentioned by him.

2 - Tewkesbury Water Supply—A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, declining to pay interest on the amounts due from Isis Corporation for water supplied and their share of the Arbitrator's costs and other joint expenses in the arbitration, and also calling attention to the question of allowances claimed in respect of the supply to the Midland Railway Station in Tewkesbury, Messrs. Healing, and the Abbey Church, and for fixing the meters, was read. Resolved, That all the questions being amicably settled, an allowance be made for the year ending 29th September last of the difference

between the amount paid by the customers above mentioned to the Tewkesbury Corporation and the price fixed by the arbitrator, and that as the Corporation of Tewkesbury decline to pay interest, payment of the amounts due to this Corporation be required within three days after the next meeting of the Town Council of Tewkesbury.

3—Plumbers' Society —A memorial from Mr. A. Purnell and others, Members of the Plumbers' Society, objecting to the appointment as Inspector of Water Fittings of an unpractical man, was read. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that no such appointment as that objected to has been made by the Council, and that the duties of the servant of the Corporation referred to are restricted to the discovery of water leakage and other like infringements of the regulations, and not to the efficiency of the water fittings.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of December, 1894—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors LI. Davies, Margrett and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

4—Water Rates and Charges—The Committee further considered the estimates and particulars of receipts and expenditure of the water undertaking. Resolved, That the following reductions in the rates and charges be made, as and from 25th March next, viz :—

1. The rate for all houses of the gross estimated rental of £20 and under shall be reduced from £6 per cent to £5 per cent. but the minimum charge to remain as provided by the Act.

2. No additional charge beyond the rate on the annual value of the premises shall be made in the case of laundresses working by themselves alone, but where an assistant or assistants, whether members of the family or not, are employed a charge of 10s in respect of each assistant shall be made.

3. The charge for baths shall be reduced from £1 to 10s

4. Any surplus shall be carried to a reserve fund and invested as required by the Act.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 27th day of December, 1894—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors LI. Davies, Margrett, Wheeler, Lewis, and H. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)-

5—Training College—Major Abbott, the Hon. Sec., attended this meeting of the Committee on the subject of the charge for the supply of water to the Training College for the half-years ending March and Sept., 1894, which he submitted was excessive owing to defective registration of the meter then in use. Resolved, That the Collector be authorised to accept its discharge of this claim.

6—Water Rates and Charges—The Resolutions of this Committee at their meeting held on the 20th inst. were confirmed except that no member of a Laundress' family resident in the house shall be charged.

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7—Moorend Road—A Letter from Mr. Nathaniel Smith accompanied by a Memorial signed by twenty-six Ratepayers and property owners residing in or interested in that part of the added district known as Moorend Road and Moorend Grove, requesting that the Water Main may be extended from a spot near to Prospect Place, Moorend Road, along the said road to or near the building lately used as a Board Room, and stating that it is the only part of the newly-added district not served by the water main having been read, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to report on the matter at the next meeting.

8—Ward's Road, Hatherley—A Letter from Mr. E. Reason, calling attention to the injury done to the Ward's Road by the laying down of the water pipes, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report upon the matter at the next meeting.

9—Dowdeswell Reservoir—A letter from Col. Thoyts suggesting that a time should be fixed for the commencement of fishing in the Dowdeswell Reservoir, and that it would be advisable to limit each fisherman to the use of one rod. was read. Resolved, That no fishing be allowed before the 1st of April in each year and that all fish caught under to inches in length be put back.

10-Further Business —The Meeting then adjourned till 10.15 the next morning, but no quorum being then obtainable the business remaining to be transacted was adjourned to the next ordinary meeting.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of December, 1894—Present :
Aldermen Norman and Thoyts ; Councillors Feeney, Lawrence, Griffith, Parsonage and Wheeler
(Alderman Col Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The question of the organisation of the Brigade was considered. Resolved, That in accordance with the usual practice in other Fire Brigades the Committee consider that the members of the Brigade should be medically inspected annually with a view to ascertain if they are physically competent to fulfil their duties, and that the Sub-Committee be requested to bring up a Report on the reorganisation of the Brigade. Resolved, That two Fire Hydrants be fixed in Sydenham Villas, one in Sydenham Road South, and one in Keynsham Street, in the place of washouts.

2-Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That Drivers' Licenses be issued to John Williams and Wm. Harvey. Resolved, That a Wheelchair License be granted to John Ball, of Lynton Place, Bath Road, subject to the chair being passed by the Chairman, and that permission be given to F. O. Smith to change the chair held under his License for another. Resolved, That permission be granted to Messrs. Fowles & Son to change their Landau No. 34 for another, subject to the same being passed by the Chairman.

3—No. of Hackney Carriages—The Resolution of this Committee of date the 21st Nov. last, Minute No. 7, referred back to the Committee by the Council with a view to the increase of Licenses in consequence of the extension of the Borough boundaries, was considered. Resolved, That the Committee, having carefully considered the Resolution of the Council, and being of opinion that there are already more carriages licensed than are actually required not only in the interests of the public but in those of the Licensees themselves and that four new Licenses were granted on the extension of the Borough boundaries, regret they are unable to recommend the grant of any new Licenses.

4—Electric Lighting of Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the wiring of the Municipal Offices, and to ascertain whether Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Brydges would join in the expense of wiring the premises throughout.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 27th day of December, 1894—The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Wheeler, Margrett, Moles and Dighton ; (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1—Barret's Mill Recreation Ground, Cheltenham Quoit Club—A letter from Mr. Cotton, the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Quoit Club applying to the Committee for the use of a piece of land about 66 feet long and 30 feet wide, for a Quoit Ground at the lower corner of the land lately acquired by the Corporation at Barrett's Mill, and requesting to know upon what terms the same would be granted, was read. Resolved, That the Club be granted the use of the piece of land required by them at a rental of £5 5s. per annum., and that the screens required be erected, on condition that the Public be not excluded from the ground when the Club are not using it, and that the user be subject to such regulations as the Committee may make, so far as they are not antagonistic to the special user now granted.

2—Taunton Park Shelter, &c.—The Borough Surveyor having reported that Messrs. Billings had declined to reduce their tender to - the sum of £120, the amount authorised by the Council to be expended, and that he considered the Shelter could be erected under his direction and according to his plan for that amount. It was Resolved, That he be requested to carry out the work himself.

F. F. WHEELER, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1894—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Parsonage, Lewis and Moles (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that he had received a letter from Miss Bullock, of Ingleside, Woking, informing him that she wished to dispose of the grave space in the Cemetery belonging to her, No. 3,440, Section R, to which he had replied that she could do so on payment of a fee of 15s; and that a new wheel is required for the barrow made use of by the gardener of the Cemetery. Resolved, That permission be given to Miss Bullock to transfer the grave space on payment of a fee of 15s; and that the Superintendent do have a new wheel put on the wheelbarrow.

2— Designs—The following designs were examined and approved:—Headstones to Mary Gavin, and Jane and Elizabeth Pitway.

3—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—Poor Rate £6 15 5 W.
Gregory, Labourer's Wages 14 1 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1894—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Parsonage, Wheeler, Dimmer and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman at the commencement, the Mayor was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Borough Surveyor's Report—The Borough Surveyor after stating the progress which had been made with the Works and Plant, reported that he had received a letter from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co., on behalf of Mr. Reed Muller, of Staverton, in which it was alleged that a horse belonging to Mr. Muller had fallen into an excavation made in the roadway at Lower High Street by the Corporation men for purposes connected with the Electric Light, and sustained injuries to his knees which were badly cut and would result in permanent blemishes, and claiming on behalf of their client the sum of £10, at which amount he estimated the loss to him occasioned by the accident. Also that a claim had been made by Mr. J. R. Higgins for 15s, for damage to boxes, &c., at 108, High Street, owing to a bad service pipe being cut by one of the workmen employed in the trench. Also that he had received a letter from Mr. Lionel Millns, of 20, All Saints Road, who claimed damages through falling into an excavation near the end of North Street, in which it was alleged that no lamps were placed nor was the trench corded round, in consequence of which he fell into it and sustained injuries to his thumb, and also spoilt a pair of dress trousers from the tar in the trench, and requesting to know what steps the Borough Surveyor proposed to take in the matter, as the writer held him wholly responsible for those injuries, &c. Resolved, That assuming the facts as stated by the Surveyor in regard to the several occurrences to be correct, with regard to Mr. Muller's claim, that he be offered, without prejudice £5 in discharge of it, that Mr. Higgins be paid the amount of his claim, and that as regards Mr. Millns' complaint, there is no liability on the part of the Corporation.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of January, 1895—Present Councillors Ll. Davies, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1-General District Rate--The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 1st inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £5,391 4s. 1d ; leaving outstanding, £9,082 5s. 8d.

2-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £4424 10s. 1d. ; leaving outstanding, £5141 19s. 5d.

3--Sinking and Loans Fund—Resolved, That from £5,000 to £7,000 of these funds be lent to the Corporation of Hereford at 3 ¼ per cent. for 5 years or such further terms as may be agreed upon.

4—Leckhampton Footpaths—In pursuance of the Resolutions of the Street and Highway Committee and the Council on this subject, Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for Sanction to a loan of £2,000 for the purpose of repairs to the footpaths in those parts of the late Parish of Leckhampton added to the Borough.

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 27th November last ..	£ 7,861 15 2	
Received since that date	<u>£ 7,383 2 5 1</u>	
	£15,244 17 7	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 3,406 9 7</u>	
Total in hand	£11,828 8 0	
Current and Interest Accounts		£ 5,371 14 2
Sinking and Loans Funds....		<u>£ 6,456 13 10</u>
		£11,828 8 0

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined, Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of 48,715 6s. 8d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1894—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Feeney, Ll. Davies, Parsonage, Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. Welch and Mr. C. Hall (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1- Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £12 13s. 9d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz.

:— Browning Society 5 Vols Mr. Hampton 1 Vol. Mr. Harle 1 Vol. Rev. Canon Bell 1 Vol. Countess of Derby 2 Vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Brighton, Belfast, Longton, Buxton, and Bradford.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, Resolved, That the mats at the Entrance Doors be replaced by new ones, to be approved by the Chairman.

3—Assistant Librarian—Resolved, That one month's notice be given to Mr. W. H. Slade, the Librarian's Chief Assistant, to terminate his engagement, and that a successor be advertised for.

4 -Library Debt—The Town Clerk read a letter he had written at the suggestion of the Chairman to the Secretary of the Royal Liver Friendly Society, asking whether, if the Corporation waived their right, which they had under the mortgage Deed, to pay the Society off at the expiration of two years from January next, the Society would advance them a further sum of £1,500 at £3 per cent. and reduce the interest on the present principal money from £3 15s. to £3 per cent., and also a reply from the Treasurer of the Society that they could not interfere in any way with the present mortgage and could not advance £1,500 at a less rate of interest than £3 10s. per cent. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Mayor, and Councillor Parsonage. be appointed to consider and report upon the financial position of the Library both as regards Capital and Annual Expenditure.

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

W. Norton, Encyclopedia Britannica	£18 0 0
G. F. Poole, Printing Annual Report	£ 3 0 0
J. W. Pink, Books	£ 1 2 0
W. Jones, Wages' Account	£14 18 0
Poor Rate on Library	£ 9 18 4
W. Morgan, Fittings	£ 0 18 8
C. Westley, Books	£ 6 0 5
Accounts under 10s each	£ 0 8 6

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 29th day of December, 1894—Present : Aldermen Col. Rogers and Drew ; Councillors Moles, Davies, Wheeler, and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Rogers in the chair)—

1—Local Committees— The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. The Local Committee of the South and Middle Wards recommended that notices be circulated as to when children can leave school stating the age limit, to whom the necessity of passing the Special Examination refers, and the conditions under which Labor Certificates are granted, and giving as reasons that the parents are not aware that their children can be examined

for Labor Certificates not only at the Special Examinations, but also at the Ordinary Examination of each School ; that children are not examined for Labor Certificates unless a special request is made by the Parents that they shall be so examined, and that many Parents are erroneously under the impression that if a child has been placed in Standard VI, he or she is therefore qualified to leave School Resolved, That the form of notice given on the occasion of the Special Examinations be amended by including the information suggested to be given and with regard to the Sixth Standard the notices already and from time to time posted fully meet that point. That in notices to employers of children those intending to employ children apparently of school age be requested to require them to produce the usual Labour Certificate, and not employ the child unless that or a Certificate of the child's birth or baptism, to shew the child is above school age be produced.

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2 —Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Reports had been received from 28 Schools, containing 860 names. These and the balance left to visit at the end of last month, 243, made a total of 1,103. Of this number, 53 were accounted for by the teachers, 1,033 had been visited leaving a balance to visit of 17 recently sent in.

A letter from the Proprietors of the Citizen was read, stating that every care is used by the Cheltenham publisher not to employ boys of school age during school hours, but admitting that on one occasion a boy was inadvertently served with papers in his absence during school hours, but that this was quite exceptional and not likely to occur again.

A letter from the Proprietors of the Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Echo was read, stating that instructions had been given to their Publishing Clerk, on no account to employ boys of school age during school hours.

Letters were read from Mr. F. Sheppard, of the Trinity Boys' School, one of the 6th inst., stating that several boys belonging to that school were selling Echoes that afternoon, and another of the following day, giving the names and addresses of five boys selling Echoes, and one selling Citizens on the afternoon referred to, also a report of the Attendance Officer who had enquired into the matter was read, in which he stated that each parent had had notice to appear before the Local Committees of the East and Central Wards for enquiry, and that the selling of the papers took place between three and four o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, the 6th of December. Resolved, That the Proprietors of the Echo be written to, informing them of the names and addresses of the boys employed, as before-mentioned, and the occasion of the employment, and warning them that if further complaint should arise of such illegal employment by them, the Committee will be compelled to prosecute them without further notice.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st January, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 4th day of February 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 Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. STREET AND HIGHWAY AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING (Joint Report). PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Councillor Skillicorne to move :—" That the Town Improvement Committee be instructed to re-consider the question of skating at Pittville Park on Sundays, and to suggest a scheme for admitting the public."
5. Councillor Margrett to move :—" That new and large Gas Lamps with opal tops be substituted for those now in use from Cambray to Berkeley Street."
6. Notices of Motion.
7. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :—Local Government Board re Loan for Repair of Leckhampton Footpaths. Thomas Malvern and others, re Leighton Road.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th of February, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1895—Present: Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Haddon ; Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz. :—Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne.

2-Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 15.69 Candles Purity 9.10 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 : 3.907 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book --This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 2 1 metered, 125 unmetered. Burning dimly, unmetered. Resolved, That this Committee again observe that the average hourly consumption is below the standard, and that a very large number of lamps have been out, and consider that these frequent complaints require the serious and immediate attention of the Company to whom a copy of this Resolution be sent.

5-Street Projections- The Street Inspector reported that with reference to the Resolution No. 6 of this Committee of the 31st ult. that the gas rail at Messrs. Pitcher's, 154, High Street, had been altered in accordance with the directions of the Committee, that the rail at Messrs. Stead & Simpson's had been removed for alterations but had not then been refixed and that the iron bar in front of the shop window at Nelson's Limited, 415, High Street, had been removed but the bar across the second story windows and the bearings still remained up, left he had been informed by the Manager at Nelsons Limited that Mr. J. Wall, builder, had been instructed to carry out the alterations required.

Letters were read from Mr. G. Stibbs, 3, North Street, and Messrs.[?? ey] & Tonge, the former requesting permission to put out a new swing sign board, and the latter .to fix 2 outside lamps to their premises, 340, High Street, according to the design submitted, with their letter for approval. Resolved, That Mr. Stibbs' application be not granted, and that per-mission be given to Messrs. Kearley & Tonge to fix the lamps as shewn in their sketch provided they be kept fully alight till to o'clock at night, that they be fixed at least 8ft. above the ground, and subject to the right of the Corporation to order their removal if and when they may think fit.

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6 -Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department from the 29th December last to the 25th inst., both inclusive :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Winchcomb Street (proceeding), and Tivoli Road (ditto).

Patching—Crescent Terrace, Badgworth Road, Arle Road, Hester's Way, High Street, St. James's Square, Clarence Street, Colonnade, Cambray, New Street, St. George's Place, Tewkesbury Road, Old Bath Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—The Eastern Drive on the Pittville Estate (1600 super yards).

Kerbing, Crossing, and Flagging—St. Stephen's Road, Prestbury Road, Malvern Road, Lansdown Terrace, Promenade, Albion Street, Sherborne Street.

Tariff Paths—Swindon Road. The path leading from Naunton Lane to Old Bath Road is being repaired with Clinker.

Gullies and Drains—Hales Road, Cranham Road, and High Street.

A 9 inch pipe drain has been laid from the Tewkesbury Road to the stream to replace defective brick culvert. Private Improvement Works—Work has been commenced in Naunton Park Terrace to carry out the notice given.

Ashes collected --616 van loads collected and 351 cart loads. Consumed at the Destructor, 934 tons, 11 cwt., 2 qrs.

7-Main Roads—Letters were read from Mr. Phillips, the County Surveyor, as to the Main Road Expenditure for 1893-94, from which it appeared that the Balance due from the County to the Borough in respect thereof is £89 5s. 10d., and stating that on the 26th he would give a certificate for the said sum in settlement of all claims for main road expenditure within the Borough for the year ending March 31st, 1894.

8--Claim by Mr. Wm. Spencer—Letters were read from Mr. William Spencer of 8, Bayshill Parade, asking for compensation for alleged injuries to his horse caused by his falling down owing to an alleged bad place in the road in the High Street, opposite Mr. Cottew, the Grocer's. The Borough Surveyor produced a plan showing the position of the alleged bad place and explained the actual state thereof. Resolved, That there appearing to be no liability on the part of the Corporation, the Committee cannot recommend payment of any compensation.

9-Queen's Road Lighting—The Borough Surveyor reported he had gone over the ground with the Manager of the Gas Company and found that four additional lamps would be required instead of two. Resolved, That the same be erected in the positions shewn on the plan produced.

10-Ormond Place and Regent Street Lighting—A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Cheltenham Theatre and Opera House Co., Ltd., on behalf of the Managing Directors, calling attention to the insufficient lighting of Ormond Place and Regent Street. Resolved, That an additional lamp be fixed in such position as the Committee decide, with such re-adjustment of the position of the existing lamps as may appear to the Committee desirable.

11—York Passage—A letter was read from Mr. W. E. Kimber, 84, High Street, calling attention to the removal of the stone guard at the corner of York Passage, and complaining that since its removal the iron work of his shop windows had twice been doubled up and his window smashed by vehicles colliding with it. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

12—Old Bath Road, Lighting of —A letter was read from Mr. Robert Dennis, Laracor, Old Bath Road, stating that another lamp is required in the Old Bath Road, on the South of the one at the junction of the Naunton Park Road with the Old Bath Road. Resolved, That this Committee consider the proposed addition unnecessary

13 —Upper High Street Lighting—A Memorial was read from Mr. E. C. Green and others, requesting the substitution of lamps which give a larger illuminating power in place of those which at present light the High Street from Cambray to Berkeley Street. Resolved, That Guildhall lamps be substituted for the existing lamps between Cambray Berkeley Street.

14 —Hoarding London Road—A letter was read from Mrs. Bradley and others, Beaufort Place, calling attention to the unsightly hoarding of Mr. Shakespeare Shenton, and the annoyance caused to them thereby, also a letter of the Town Clerk to Mrs. Bradley in reply. Resolved, That a copy of the Memorial be forwarded to Mr. Shenton and that he be requested to abate the nuisance.

15—Shouting of Boys in Streets—A letter was read from Mr. Barker suggesting that the Corporation Officials could get over the difficulty of obtaining evidence by stating themselves to be annoyed by the shouting, and a letter of the Town Clerk in reply.

16—Road from Glenfall Street to Trinity Schools—A letter was read from Mr. C. Winstone, stating that the Plan which he had sent in to the Borough Surveyor of the above proposed street complied with the Bye Laws with the exception at the entrance of Glenfall Street, which is only 5 inches short of the 36ft. required by the Bye Laws. Resolved, That he be informed that the objection stated is not by any means the only one, there being several others the particulars of which he can learn on application to the Borough Surveyor.

17—Ash Refuse—A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Bromilow, 30, Poplar Street, Wellingborough, stating that he was able to make bricks, walling stones, &c., from ash refuse, and enquiring if the Council would carry out the process, and offering to wait on them and submit samples, give explanations and arrange terms. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bromilow that the Council cannot entertain any such proposal.

18—Widening of Marsh Lane—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the Conveyance from the Clerk to the Guardians, and the Borough Surveyor reported that but for the weather the work would have been commenced to-day.

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19-Whaddon Lane—A Memorial was read from Mr. James Page and other owners of property abutting on Whaddon Lane, protesting against the amount (£355 18s. 8d.) proposed to be spent on the repair of the road, and stating that they would repair the road themselves and make the road and path equal in every respect to the roads in the neighbourhood, and proposed to spend over £200 on the work including the £50 voted by the Corporation Resolved, That if the owners will do the work according to the Specification of the Borough Surveyor and to his satisfaction the Council will pay £50 towards the expense thereof.

20-Fairfield Road—Referring to Minute No. 18 of the last Meeting of this Committee, the Borough Surveyor reported that the entrance to it could not be widened, and brought up the specification of the works required to be done by the owners. Resolved, That the same be approved.

21-New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons, viz :

Mr. Harold Webb—Cottages in Fairfield Place Road.
Mr. Child—Two Cottages in New Street.
Mr. Edwin Capper—Two Houses and Two Cottages in Croft Street.
Mr. J. Boulter—Additions to Coach-house, at No. 18, Bath Parade
Ladies' College—New Urinals.
W. J. Berry—Extension of the Knapp Inn, New Street.
Jacob Hopkins—Additions to No. 56, Fairview Street.

Resolved, That the Plans of Messrs. Webb, Child, Capper and Boulter be disapproved, and that Mr. Child should be informed that he should submit a block plan showing the ground he proposes to build on, and that the other plans be approved.

22-Bloomsbury Place Road—The attention of the Committee having been drawn to the state of repair of Bloomsbury Place Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting and other owners.

23— Public Seat—Resolved, That the seat in the Leckhampton Road, near South Court, be removed to a situation between the entrances to the Railway Station and Liddington Lake.

24--Ditch near Alstone Lawn—Referring to the Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th of November last, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. La Terriere requesting a reply to the previous resolution of the Committee and to inform him that the expense will not exceed

N. B. THOYTS,
Chairman.

STREET & HIGHWAY & ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees held on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1895 —Present : Aldermen Cot. Thoyts, Norman, and Haddon ; Councillors Dimmer and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair).

1—Testing Station for Gas and Electric Lighting—The Members of the two Committees discussed the question, and Resolved That arrangements be made at the Electric Lighting Station in Manchester Street for testing the Gas as well as the Electric Light according to the plan laid before the Committee.

N. B. THOYTS,
Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,
Chairman of the Electric Lighting Committee.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 9th day of January, 1895—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—Dairies and Cowsheds Order —The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received an application from Eliza James, of Ashtree House, High Street, to be registered as a Dairywoman and Cowkeeper. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

2 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee ten cases of Scarlet Fever ; that ten were sent into the Delancey Hospital ; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 17 ; that one case of Enteric Fever had been notified in the case of a puerperal woman who died.

3-Building in Dangerous Condition—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on recently inspecting the bakehouse behind 283, High Street, belonging to Mr Gallop, 144, High Street, a building fronting the bakehouse was observed by him to be tumbling down and appeared to be in a dangerous condition. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do take action in the matter as provided by Sec. 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, and Sec. 160 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

4 --Abattoir—The Medical Officer of Health suggested that some understanding should be come to as to the hours during which slaughtering may take place in the Abattoir, also that it would add greatly to the convenient working if the Superintendent lived upon the premises, and he submitted for the consideration of the Committee the advisability of erecting a cottage near the gates leading to the Abattoir where there is plenty of ground for the purpose. Resolved, To defer the consideration of these suggestions to the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Manure Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that

(1) On the premises of the Omnibus Company the Manure Receptacle is not according to the Bye Laws, and that numerous notices had been served but have not been complied with.

(2) The Receptacle at the stables of Warwick House, used by Mr. J. Boswell, is very large, below the ground and other-wise not according to the Bye Laws, and that notice had been given but had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to compel compliance with the Bye Laws.

6—Extension of Water Main—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there appears to be no main to supply Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, Brunswick Terrace, upon the Owners of which Notices had been served ; that there is no main to supply the houses in Northfield Passage ; and that the bakehouse in the Moorend Road and other houses in the neighbourhood were using pump water, and he had been informed that the main had not been extended to them. Resolved, That the attention of the Water Committee be directed to these facts with a view to the necessary extension of the water mains.

7-House requiring Cleansing and Limewashing—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a Certificate under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the house No 9, Hereford Place, belonging

to Mr. Ford, 8, Park Road, Gloucester, and in the occupation of Charles Cox, was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates of the house was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner requiring him to cleanse and whitewash the above premises.

8- Houses with Defective Drainage—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drainage, &c., on or belonging to the Lamb Hotel, High Street, No. 26 Park Place, No. 82 Winchcomb Street, and No 78a Winchcomb Street or Albion Place, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That in each case authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground, examine the drains, and act as provided by the said Section.

9 -House without a Water Supply—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 9th inst., that No. 9, Hereford Place, was without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished thereto at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham 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 things as may be necessary for that purpose.

10-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 requiring them 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.

11-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Medical Officer of Health submitted a representation to the effect that the houses named therein were without proper and sufficient ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them, in each case, to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction, as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation ; and that where a common Ashpit may be constructed, that form may be permitted.

12-New India Rubber Bands for Door of Disinfecter—The Medical Officer of Health reported that owing to the wearing out of the rubber bands to the door of the Disinfecter the Chamber is beginning to be not steam tight. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to attend to the matter.

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13—Alleged Contamination of Wells at Haydon from Sewage Farm —A letter was read from Messrs. Matthews & Campbell, Worcester, Solicitors for Mrs. Lucy Wilks of Haydon Hill House, Boddington, stating that there was reason to suspect that the wells on some property of their client at Haydon were seriously contaminated with sewage matter which was suggested had percolated into them from the Sewage Farm of the Corporation which adjoins the property ; that they had given instructions for the water in the wells to be analysed, and should it turn out that the wells are contaminated with swage matter, and should the facts point to percolation from the Sewage Farm,

an action will be commenced against the Corporation for an injunction and damages. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to take the levels and report upon the matter at the next meeting.

14-Nos. 66 to 74, Stanhope Street—With reference to Minute No 14 of a Meeting of this Committee held on the 27th of May, 1892, a letter was read from Mrs. Lydiard, the owner of the property, a widow, in her 85th year, stating that she had only a life interest in the property which was mortgaged for nearly its full value, and requesting to be excused doing the work on the ground of poverty. Resolved, That the Committee cannot accept the excuse made and that the Notice given must be complied with.

15 --Smell from Frying Fish at Royal Oak Yard—A letter was read from Mr. George Shrive, No. 299, High Street, complaining that the smell from frying fish next door to him at the Royal Oak Yard is a nuisance and requesting the Council to put a stop to it. Resolved, with reference to Resolution No. 2 of the Minutes of this Committee of the 10th of December last that the Committee are of opinion that it is not a case for further interference at present.

16— Slaughtering in Unlicensed Premises—With reference to Resolution No. 6 of the Minutes of this Committee of the 10th ult., and No. 21 of the Minutes of the 21st ult., which were referred back to the Committee at the meeting of the Council on the 7th inst. Resolved, That Councillor H. Waghorne be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee to be held on the 23rd inst., to place before them his views on the matter.

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

Mr. Mark Williams on account of New Sewer at back of Lansdown Terrace	£125 0 0
“ “ “ “ “ New Sewer at Pilley	£135 5 2

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of January, 1895—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Griffith, Feeney, Moles, M. Davis, Ll. Davies, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

18—Slaughtering in Unlicensed Premises—Mr. Councillor H. Waghorne attended this meeting of the Committee on the subject of Minutes Nos. 6 and 21 of the Minutes of this Committee of date the 20th and 21st December last, referred back to the Committee. The Committee having heard Mr. Waghorne and discussed the matter, Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter their Resolutions on the question.

19—Abattoir—The Committee recommend that the Superintendent of the Abattoir be required, as a temporary measure, to live near it and that a Notice Board be put up at the entrance giving his address.

20-- Registered Slaughter Houses—A Letter from the Local Government Board in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk enquiring whether they would grant a Provisional Order to amend the

Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, so as to empower the Corporation to do away with such of the Registered Slaughter Houses existing in the Borough as the Corporation may think fit, and requesting a full statement on the subject, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk report on this and such other amendments of the Improvement Act of 1889, as he might think desirable to be made.

21-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshop Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received an application from Joseph Whittle, Hope Cottage, Short Street, Leckhampton. to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk, but as the place was not suitable and the occupier would probably leave in March, Resolved, That the application be refused.

22--Zymotic Diseases—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, that 3 were sent by him into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital, sent in by the Corporation, was 14 ; and that 1 case of Enteric Fever had been notified since last meeting.

23--- Houses with Defective Drainage—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written applications under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drainage, &c., at 5, Montpellier Street, 2, Kilchberg Villas, 47, Tewkesbury Road, and Sudeley Arms, Winchcomb Place, are a nuisance or injurious to health, and that the drains from the last-mentioned place deliver into cesspools. Resolved, That in each case authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground, examine the drains, and act as provided by the said Section.

24-Houses without a Water Supply—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 23rd inst., that Nos. 1 to 7, Coltham Fields were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished thereto at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner or Owners requiring him or them to obtain such supply and to do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

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25—Defective Drainage at Mayville—With reference to Minute No. 24 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 17th Oct. last, the Medical Officer of Health reported that the Borough Surveyor had specified as to the necessary works, but the owner, Mr. Bendall, refuses to comply with the Specification. Resolved, That if the works are not done within a week proceedings for the penalty be taken.

26- Pig Keeping in Tivoli Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. F. Waghorne, Tivoli, keeps pigs in contravention of the Bye Laws within the proscribed distance of a dwelling house, at an old slaughter house, Tivoli Street. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take proceedings for penalties in this case.

27-Smoke Nuisance at Regent Place —The Medical Officer of Health reported that dense smoke had on several occasions been seen to be emitted from the chimney at Regent Place, Swindon Road, used jointly by B. W. Pearce & Sons, Saw Mills, and J. H. Carpenter's Corn Mill. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and on non-compliance therewith that proceedings be taken under Secs. 95 and 96 of the said Act.

28- Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk take the necessary steps to compel compliance with the Notices.

29— Notification of Diseases—The Medical Officer of Health submitted for approval a Poster concerning Notification of Diseases which he had had printed. Also cards for the use of the Inspector. Resolved, That the same be approved.

30—Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1894, and the same having been read, Resolved, That 200 copies thereof be printed.

31-Sewer at Hatherley—A Tender of Mr. Mark Williams for the execution of these works at £354 17s. 6d. was opened, and being the only one sent in, Resolved, That the same be accepted subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied of the reasonableness of it.

32-Sewerage--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to procure special assistance for a period not exceeding 6 months at a cost of not more than a week for the purpose of examining and reporting on the state of the sewers in the town.

33— Alleged Contamination of Wells at Haydon from Sewage Farm—With reference to Minute No. 13 of the last meeting of this Committee the Town Clerk read a letter from Messrs. Matthews and Campbell on the subject of the analyses of the water in these wells, and proposing as a settlement that the Corporation should lay on and maintain a supply of town water to the houses served by the alleged polluted wells. Resolved, That the further consideration of this matter be adjourned pending the supply of the necessary information as to the position of the wells and otherwise promised.

34-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 (with the exceptions mentioned in Minute No. 21 of the Street and Highway Committee.)

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 12th day of January 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Rogers and Thoyts ; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Lawrence, Waghorne and Skillicorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Skating Pittville Park—The Mayor having stated that he had been requested by several Skaters to have a portion of one of the lakes reserved for figure skating, Resolved, That the upper portion of Pittville Lake from the Summer House to a tree opposite for figure skating be roped off, and that a charge of 6d. be made for skating on that portion of the ice.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of January, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Lieut.-Col. Rogers and Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Heath, Griffith, Lawrence, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

2 —Montpellier Cartons Spa—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee elevations of the proposed Spa and ground plan as altered. The subject was discussed and the further consideration thereof adjourned to Saturday, the 26th inst., at the Lodge at the Montpellier Gardens, at 3 p.m. A letter from Mr. W. Herbert, of the Imperial Rooms, offering the use of the said rooms for the purposes of a Spa, was read.

3—Morse Show—Consents from Messrs. Morgan & Co., the Solicitors of Mr. Noble, and Mr. J. B. Winterbotham, to an entrance being made during the two days of the Show from the Recreation Ground to the Marlehill portion of Pittville Park, were read.

4—Montpellier Gardens—A letter from Mr. H. Villa", applying for the use of these gardens for a Military Tournament on Tuesday, the 21st of May, was read. Resolved, That this Committee regret that they are unable to recommend the use of the gardens for the purpose required.

5—Boating at Pittville Park Lake—Resolved, That the small island on the east side of the Boat House be removed so as to allow more room for the boats.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, the 26th day of January, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Rogers and Thoyts ; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair.)

6—Montpellier Spa —The Committee met at the Lodge at Montpellier Gardens. A letter from Mr. P. Jones, the Lessee of the Montpellier Rotunda, offering- to part with his interest in his lease, now two years to run, for £200, if appointed Musical Director, or £300 without such appointment, was read. A letter from Dr. Ward-Humphreys, on behalf of The Spa Medical Committee, asking whether his Committee might be permitted to see the Plans of the proposed buildings at the Montpellier Gardens, was read. The Committee then proceeded to view the proposed and suggested sites, and the Rotunda. Resolved, That Mr. Jones' offer be not entertained, and that Dr. Ward-Humphreys be informed that the plans are not in a sufficiently settled form, certain modifications thereof having been suggested, to allow of their being inspected by the Spa Medical Committee.

The further consideration of the plans and site was adjourned to enable the Committee to draw up and settle their report with a view to its being submitted to the Council at an early date, at a Special Meeting to be called for that purpose.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of January, 1895—Present The Mayor; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davies, H. Waghorne, Margrett, Lewis, and Dimmer, (The Mayor in the chair)-

1--Borough Engineer's Reports —The usual monthly reports of the Borough Engineer, for this and the previous month, were read, as follows :— On the 27th of December, the supply for Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 324 Gallons; the average for the last four years from the same springs being 211 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 31,026,731 gallons.

On the 27th December, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet 11 inches, and the contents 99,584,738 gallons, which gives a total of 130,611,469 gallons.

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On the 24th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 380 gallons ; the average for the last four years being 234 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts 30,206,691 gallons. On the 24th instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet, and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, which gives a total of 130,230,392 gallons.

2-Extension of Water Main—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of the 9th inst., Resolved, That the mains be extended to Brunswick Terrace and Northfield Passage. and also in the Moorend Road ; and that the Borough Surveyor obtain tenders for the supply of 100 tons of pipes during the ensuing 12 months from the following makers :—

C. Jordan & Sons, Pillgwenlly, Newport (Mon.) Newton, Chambers & Co., Sheffield Me. Dowell, Stevens & Co., Glasgow The Staveley Iron Co., Chesterfield The Stanton Iron Works Co.. near Nottingham Messrs. Thomas Spittle, Limited, Cambrian Foundry, Newport, Mon. The Clay Cross Co., Chesterfield

3-Wards Road, Hatherley—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. E. Reason calling attention to his former letter as to the injury done to the road by the laying down of the water pipes. Resolved, That he be informed that the road will be attended to by the Borough Surveyor.

4-Extension of Main to the Barrow, Boddington —A letter was read from Mr. Badham, clerk to the Rural District Council, requesting to know if the Corporation would be willing to continue the water main from Mr. Gibbons' dog kennels to the Barrow in the parish of Boddington, and erect there a stand pipe for the benefit of those residing near, and if so upon what terms. Resolved. That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report upon.

5-Tewkesbury Water Supply—A letter from Messrs S. Healing and Sons, was read, giving notice that on Lady day next, they will terminate the contract for the supply of water by meter, which exists between them and the Cheltenham Corporation.

6--Boddington Manor Estate—Letters were read from Messrs. Whitcomb & Haines inferring that the Corporation had agreed to pay the charges of Mr. G. B. Witts with regard to the arrangement as to

the supply of water to the Boddington Manor Estate and their own charges with reference thereto and to the deed of covenant relating to the matter. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do report upon the subject to the Committee and as to the liability of the Corporation therein.

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

8-Tewkesbury Water Arbitration Expenses—The following accounts for costs and expenses incurred in the matter of the Tewkesbury Water Arbitration were considered and passed.

Shorthand Writers and Printer's Account	£118 54 8
Agents' ditto	£ 37 0 2
Mr. G. H. Hill's ditto	£127 5 6
Mr. Deacon's ditto	£ 68 0 3
Mr McLandsborough's ditto	£ 91 4 6
Mr. Balfour Brown's Fees	£110 15 0
Arbitrator's Charges	£206 5 4
Mr. Bray's Fee, &c., for opinions	£ 6 8 10
Expenses of Mr. Mellersh, the Borough Surveyor, the Borough Accountant and Mr. Thomas, and other incidental expenses (including £9 10s. for the use of the Arbitration Room) already paid	£ <u>48 15 0</u>
	£814 9 3
Amount received from Tewkesbury Moiety of Arbitrator's Charges, Shorthand Writer's, and Printer's Account, and the above £49 10s. for the Room	£ <u>169 1 4</u>
	£635 7 11

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of January, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Lieut.-Rogers, Col. Thoyts, and Norman ; Councillors Feeney, Heath, Griffith, Parsonage, Lawrence, and Wheeler (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out on the 29th of December last to 12, Rutland Street, in the occupation of Mr. John Morrison, where a chimney was on fire, but there was little or no damage and the services of the Brigade were not required. The expense incurred amounted to £2 14s

2 Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That Drivers' Licenses be issued to Arthur Fryer and William Oliver. An application from Mr. Arthur Fryer, from No. 19, Lansdown Place Stables, for the transfer to him of

Mr. W. H. Walton's License for a Landau No. 67 was read. Resolved, That the application cannot be granted, but his name will be entered in the list of applicants.

3-- Cab Shelters—A letter from Mrs. Bannerman, setting forth her reasons why the Shelters at Montpellier Rotunda and Imperial Square are not made use of, and suggesting an increase of the number of carriages on the Stands on which those Shelters are placed, and that the site of the Shelter at Pittville is most inappropriate, was read. A Deputation from the Hackney Carriage Proprietors waited on the Committee and suggested that the Shelter at Pittville be removed to near the Great Western Railway Station opposite the road that led to the old station ; also the increase of the accommodation of the Stand at the Montpellier Rotunda, and asked for the water to be laid on to the Shelters. Resolved, That the Relief Stand in Imperial Square be made for 6 Carriages instead of 3 as at present ; that with respect to the Montpellier Rotunda Stand and Shelter the further consideration thereof be adjourned ; that with respect to the Shelter at Pittville this be removed to some suitable position at the Great Western Railway Station to be selected by the Committee, with the permission of the Company, if the situation selected is on the Company's Land or Premises, and that a copy of this Minute be sent to Mrs. Bannerman.

4 - Yeomanry Drill Ground—A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst, stating that they could not advise Mrs. Bingham to be a party to the agreement with Mr. Burroughs who held a 7 years lease of the estate from Sept. 1st, 1892, and should prefer the Council making arrangements with him, and provided the rights of their client are not affected there will be no objection to any agreement made with Mr. Burroughs ; and the Town Clerk reported that he had since seen Mr. Ticehurst with reference to his letter when it was arranged that the Borough Surveyor should go with Mr. Ticehurst and point out exactly what was to be done and that Mr. Ticehurst should then communicate with his client and write to the Town Clerk informing him of her decision in time for the meeting of this Committee ; and the Borough Surveyor reported he had met Mr. Ticehurst as arranged but no letter had been received from him as promised. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work immediately the agreement is concluded between the Corporation, and Mr. Burroughs and Mrs. Bingham's consent being given to what is proposed to be done.

5 --Veterinary Inspection at Markets--A letter was read from the Board of Agriculture calling attention to the desirability of maintaining Veterinary supervision over all animals exposed at markets, fairs or public sales.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of January, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Lieut.-Col. Rogers ; Councillors Feeney, Griffith and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

6-- Chairman— In the absence of the Chairman, The Mayor was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

7 - - Chief Assistant in the Town Clerk's Department—A Letter from Dr. Todd to the Mayor was read bringing officially to his notice the grave state of Mr. Thomas' health, but that there was reason to hope that recovery might take place under favourable conditions of climate, living, &c., and in order that these might be procured a further leave of absence of at least six months is required which he

trusted the Council would grant him as his health had in a great measure suffered from close attention to his duties. Resolved, That 6 months' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Thomas on the understanding that if he should unfortunately at the end of that time be unable to resume his duties the last 3 months of his leave be considered to be in lieu of any notice. The Town Clerk reported that the present Junior Clerk, Mr. Jenkins, would be able to perform Mr. Thomas' duties with the assistance of a Junior Clerk in his place. Resolved, That a Junior Clerk be engaged for 6 months at a weekly salary of 10s and that during the same period Mr. Jenkins' salary be increased from 15s to £1 per week.

8- Boat House and Boats at Pittville Park—A letter from the Borough Surveyor suggesting that the Boat House, Boats and Gear should be insured against fire, the Boat House in the sum of £100 and the Boats and Gear in the sum of £150, was read. Resolved, That the insurance be effected accordingly in the County Fire Office.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of January, 1895—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Wheeler, Moles, Lenthall, Margrett, and Heath (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1— Naunton Park Shelter—The Resolution of this Committee of date 27th Dec. last (Minute No. 2) referred back to this Committee by the Council for reconsideration, was further considered. Resolved, That fresh Tenders be invited for the erection of this Shelter according to the modified plan, no tender to be considered exceeding £120 in amount.

2 - Caretaker Naunton Park Recreation Ground —Resolved, That the question of a Caretaker of this Ground be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of January, 1895 — Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Parsonage, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

- Interments in the Cemetery—The Superintendent laid before the Committee a Table he had prepared of the total number of Interments in the Cemetery from the opening on the 29th of November, 1864, to 31st of December, 1894, as follows:

CHELTENHAM CEMETERY.

Interments from November 29th, 1864, to December 31st, 1894.

Established Church.

Adults	8252
Children	4734
Parish Adults	2293
" Children	<u>1356</u>
Total	16635

Nonconformist.

Adults	2031
Children	810
Parish Adults	26
" Children	<u>11</u>
Total	2878

Roman Catholic.

Adults.	356
Children	220
Parish Adults	217
" Children	<u>135</u>
Total	928

Summary.

Established Church—Total Interments	16635
Nonconformist	" 2878
Roman Catholic	" <u>928</u>
Total all Denominations	20441

Average Weekly Interments 13

Interments of Persons who attained 80 years and upwards 1481

"	"	"	90	"	"	203
"	"	"	100	"	"	5

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2 —General Morton—A letter was read from Mrs. Julia Hervey, stating she had not received the grant of the grave space No. 19668 which had been purchased by her brother, Gen. Morton, for her. Resolved, That a New Grant be made out to Mrs. Hervey on her paying the difference between the fee paid by Gen. Morton and tire fees she would have had to pay and the Grant Fee and Stamp on the delivery of the Grant already made out.

3--Designs--The following designs were examined and approved:—Headstones to Samuel Bowers Hudson, Eliza McCormick, Richard Cox, and Elizabeth Margetts.

Accounts—The following Account was examined and allowed :—

W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages 12 1 6

EDWARD It PARSONAGE,

Chairman,

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of January, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Borough Surveyor's Report - The Borough Surveyor after stating the progress which had been made with the Works and Plant, reported that for the furnishing of the Offices an ultimate expenditure of about £80 will be necessary, and for executing current repairs a 6in. lathe should be obtained, the cost of which would be about £35. Resolved, That it be left to the Chairman and Councillor Parsonage to procure such articles of furniture as they may think absolutely necessary, and that the Engineer be authorised to procure a lathe.

2-Mr. Muller's Claim-- With reference to the resolution of the Committee on this matter come to at their last meeting, a letter from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co. was read, stating that it was quite untrue that the horse was left unattended, and that their client refused to accept less than the full amount of his claim. The Town Clerk made a report on the evidence. Resolved, That although there was undoubtedly some contributory negligence on the part of Mr. Muller's servant the amount of the claim be paid.

3 Mr. Millns' Claim—With reference to the resolution of the Committee on this matter come to at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr Millns stating that he thought the Council must be under an entire mis-apprehension of the whole affair, and suggesting an interview. Resolved, That he be informed that the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor will see him as proposed.

4--Claim by Mrs. Wickham --A letter was read from Mr. R. E. Steel, solicitor, claiming 20 compensation on behalf of Mrs. M. A. Wickham, of Southampton Villa, High Street, for alleged injuries said to have been sustained by her having fallen over some planks negligently laid on tire footpath at the High Street corner of the Bath Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do enquire into the matter and report to the next meeting.

5 - Public Library, Lighting of--A Representation of the Public Library Committee that this Committee should supply the Electric Light to the Library free of cost, was considered. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend a free supply, but will light the Library for the sum of £50 per annum (the charge for gas last year having been £57 18s. 0d.), the Public Library Committee to undertake to do their own wiring.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of January, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 29th inst., on the collection of the and instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £8,916 4s. 1d ; leaving outstanding, £5,557 5s. 8d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £6,455 1s. 11d.; leaving outstanding, £4,059 3s. 11d.

3—Junior Clerk Accountant's Department—The Borough Accountant reported that he had appointed Mr. H. J. Gummer as junior clerk in the Accountant's Department, in place of Mr. H. P. Paynter resigned, at a salary of 8s per week. Resolved, That the appointment be approved.

4—Application by Mr. Bastin for Increase of Salary - A letter was read from Mr. C. T. Bastin, Chief Clerk in the Accountant's Department, asking for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased by 10s a month.

5—Electric Light Loan—The Borough Accountant reported he had been in communication with the Borough Accountant of Great Yarmouth negotiating for a loan of £5,000, at 3 per cent., for the Electric Lighting, and read a letter from him stating that he was unable to give a definite reply, as he was communicating with another Corporation who offer better terms, and requesting to know if the Corporation would issue the bonds free of all expenses. Resolved, That the reply of the Borough Accountant, after conferring with the Town Clerk, in the affirmative, which he had sent that morning by telegram be approved.

6—Sinking and Loans Fund—A Letter was read from the Clerk to the School Board of Burton-on-Trent, stating that his Board had been informed that the Corporation have a fund at £3 6s. 8d. which probably might be advanced to them to the extent of about £7,800. Resolved, That the sum named be lent to the said School Board out of the Sinking and Loans Fund, at £3 6s. 8d. per cent., subject to the security being approved by the Town Clerk.

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.

The General Statement is as follows :—

In hand on the 1st instant	£11,828 8 0	
Received since that date	<u>£ 9,239 7 5</u>	
	£21,067 15 5	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 8,534 0 7</u>	
Total in hand	£12,533 14 10	
Current and Interest Accounts		£ 4,598 17 3
Sinking and Loans Funds....		<u>£ 7,934 17 7</u>
		£12,533 14 10

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined. Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of £7,346 9s. 1d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of January, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, Parsonage, Skillicorne, The Baron de Ferrieres, Mr H. Neale, Capt. Welch, R.N., (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £10 18s. 10d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz.—

Mr. W. H. Knight	1 Vol.
Baron de Ferrieres	9 Vols., 2 Pamphlets.
Trustees of the British Museum	3 Vols., 5 Pamphlets.
Mrs. Pierce	4 Vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Worcester, Fulham, Willesden, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Salford.

2-Financial Position of the Library — The Report of the Sub-Committee, appointed at the last meeting to consider and report upon the financial position of the Library, as follows, was read and approved

(1) Capital Account. The borrowing powers of the Library are limited to £12,000. Of this amount the sum of £10,000 was borrowed from the Royal Liver Society at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ % for the purposes of building ; payable in thirty years, with an option of determining the loan at the end of 10 years (viz., in January, 1897). The amount expended on Capital Account has, however, exceeded the amount borrowed by the sum of £1319. Thus the Library, although it has the power to borrow £2,000 more, has at its command the " capital " sum of £700 (about) only after paying off this £1319. The annual payment for principal and interest on the existing loan is £560 17s. 6d. The amount due on account of the principal at the end of two years from the present time will be £7794 0s. rid. This amount if re-borrowed at that time at, say, 31, per cent. would require an annual payment of £530, and if a further sum of £1,500 was then borrowed at the same rate of interest repayable in 30 years, a further sum of £77 15s would be required, making a total annual payment of £607 15s., being £46 in excess of the present annual payment. If, however, the Local Government Board could be prevailed upon to extend the time for repayment of the said sum of £7794 0s. 11d to the same time as the additional sum required, viz., £1,500. the annual payment in respect of both sums at 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ per cent. would be £481 17s 4d. only.

The Sub-Committee thinks it is desirable to clear off the said sum of £1319 as soon as possible but in the present financial position of the Library, in respect of annual income and expenditure, it is practically impossible to pay a further sum in repayment of principal and interest that might be borrowed while the rate of interest on the original Loan is so high. The Mortgagees decline to receive their money or alter the present terms. Your Committee therefore recommend that the balance of the Loan be paid off at the time the Corporation have power to pay it off and that the balance of the Loan be re-borrowed at a lower rate of interest with such further amount of capital at such a rate of interest as will not exceed the means of the Library at that time, and furthermore that an attempt be made to obtain an extension of the term for which the original Loan was sanctioned.

(2) Revenue Account. Whilst economy is studied in every Department the balance left to be expended on books for the Lending Library is only £20 per annum, and as this is totally inadequate for the object, there has been an adverse balance standing for the last two years of £70, as it has been found necessary to spend £90 per annum for this purpose. Even this amount does not keep that department in any way up to date, so that any additional expense (such as payment of more interest, or of any annual expenses connected with Electric Lighting) is quite out of the question.

(3) The Electric Light. The Sub-Committee strongly urge the necessity of the introduction of this light ; (a) on the ground of safety both of the Building, and also of the Books ; and (6) also on the ground of economy as to the bindings of the books, &c. Yet they consider that they are utterly unable to bear the expense of the undertaking. They recommend the Committee to make a strong representation to the Electric Lighting Committee to supply the light to the Public Library free of cost, in which case the Library Committee would be prepared to borrow a sum sufficient to meet the expense of installation of the light. They think that this can fairly be urged both on the 'grounds that the Public Library Building is the property of the Corporation, and also that it is to the interest of the Electric Lighting Committee to illustrate the advantages of the Light in that the only public building in the town ; and would also submit that the free grant of the Electric Light would be analogous to the free grant of the Corporation Water, which is now made.

Lastly, the Sub-Committee recommends that non-residents in the town should be charged for using the Library at the rate of 2s 6d for half-a-year or less, and 5s for a longer time not exceeding one year.

Signed on behalf of the Sub-Committee, FREDERICK FEENEY, Chairman. Jan. 24th, 1895.

Sub-Committee's Report— The Sub-Committee recommended that the attention of the School of Science be called to the damage done to the iron fall pipe by the entrance to the Library which had been eaten through by the action of acids coming through their waste pipe causing damage and disfigurement to the outside wall, also to the waste pipe under the floor of the Experimental Room which had cracked, causing the water and acids to come through the wall and ceiling of the News Room, necessitating the immediate renewal of lengths of pipe to prevent further damage. That the books in the

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Proposition Book be purchased at a cost of 27s 6d, of which 12s 6d would be charged to the " Buchanan Collection," and that the Schoolmaster be substituted for Public Opinion. That the

selection of Books made by the Sub-Committee from the lists submitted by the Librarian for the " Buchanan Collection," the Technical Section, and Juvenile Library be purchased for the sums of £30, £20, and 410 respectively as sanctioned in November last. Resolved, That the above recommendations be approved, and that the School of Science be required to make good the damages done to the pipes and buildings and to take steps to prevent any recurrence of the cause.

4- Assistant Librarian— Resolved to advertise once in the Cheltenham Examiner and three times in the Gloucestershire Echo for a Chief Assistant Librarian.

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

Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Co.—Coke	£ 9 8 6	
J. S. C. Morris—Directory	£ 0 16 0	
Librarian, for Petty Cash	£ 5 0 0	
Ditto Wages Account for February	£14 18 0	
Yost Typewriter Co., Ltd.—Stationery	£ 0 5 9	
C. Westley, Magazines and Periodicals	£ 6 2 1	
“ Newspapers	£ 6 12 8	
“ Do. Leckhampton Reading Room	£ 1 15 5	
“ Technical	£ <u>3 2 2</u>	
	£17 12 4	
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding and Numbering	£16 18 9	
“ Stationery	£ 3 15 0	
“ Buchanan Book Labels	£ 3 10 0	
“ Borrowers' Cards	£ 7 10 0	
“ Technical	£ 0 5 6 -----	£31 19 8

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 30th day of January, 1895-- Present . Alderman Drew ; Councillors LI. Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

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

2- 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 :— James Patrick, Albert Hyde.

2- Attendance Officers' Reports —The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 30 Schools, containing 653 names. These and the balance left to visit at the end of last month, 17, made a total of 700. Of this number,

33 were accounted for by the teachers, 551 had been visited leaving a balance to visit of 116 recently sent in.

4 --A letter from the Manager of the Echo was read, admitting that boys of school age had been employed in selling the Echo during school hours, but they had been employed in contravention of his express instructions, but that he would do his best to see them fulfilled in future.

5—A letter was read from the Mistress of Holy Trinity Girls' School, giving a list of girls whose attendances, she alleged, were disgraceful. The Attendance Officer (Mr. Turner) reported he had visited the parents and found that in all of the cases, with one exception, the bad attendance was the result of illness, and the excepted one had been dealt with by the Local Committee. Resolved. That a copy of this Minute be sent to the Mistress.

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6--A letter was read from the Master of Trinity Boys' School stating that Henry Tanner of No. 5, Berkeley Avenue, had stayed away from school on the morning of the land inst., to take money to the Citizen Office for papers sold by him. The Attendance Officer (Mr. Turner) reported that the parent stated the boy had very bad boots, and after he returned home from taking the money for the papers, which he had sold the previous evening, to the Citizen Office, his feet were wet and she kept him at home to dry his boots. Resolved, That copy of this Minute be sent to the Master.

7 — Labour Certificates—Correspondence between the Education Department and the Town Clerk with reference to the form of a Certificate required to be given by the latter as to the employment of children who had received half-time Certificates since such receipt by them, was read, and the draft of a further letter which the Town Clerk proposed to write to the Department. Resolved, That the same be approved.

8-Blind and Deaf Children Act—Correspondence between the Clerk to the Guardians for the Cheltenham Poor Law Union and the Town Clerk on the subject of the liability of the Council to take over the maintenance and education of children sent by the Guardians to an institution, under the Blind and Deaf Children Act, 1893, was read.

9-Attendance at Offices of Attendance Officers— The Town Clerk pointed out the inconvenience caused by the uncertainty of the attendance at the Offices of the Attendance Officers. Resolved, That one of the Attendance Officers do attend at the Offices every morning from ten o'clock to eleven.

10-- Absence from School of Children alleged to be under Medical Treatment—The question of enabling parents to obtain a Certificate of illness from a medical man free of expense, was considered and adjourned to the next meeting.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th February, 1895.

Sir,

4 You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 4th day of March 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. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Councillor Margrett to move :—" That no Tender be accepted, or work be given by the Council to any firm or employer of labour who does not pay the Union Scale of wages to employees."
5. Notices of Motion.
6. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :—J. Jones re North Place Private Improvement Works. Home Secretary re Mayor's oath as a County Justice. Science and Art Department re Technical Education Grants. C. Williams re Repayment of Delancey Fees.

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 4th of March, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of February, 1895—Present, The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1--The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz.:—Alderman Colonel Thoyts ; Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage,

2 -- Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 15.67 Candles. Purity 7.71 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 : 3.260 cubic feet.

4 —Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 445 metered, 2,563 unmetered. Burning dimly, 172 metered, 1,050 unmetered. With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from the Clerk to the Gas Company, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by his Board of Directors, as follows viz:-

That it be respectfully pointed out to the Council that the cause of the lower meter indications is entirely attributable to the extreme severity of the weather. The Directors are meeting the emergency so far as they possibly can, by the employment of a staff of experienced workmen, and they desire to assure the Council that all due care and diligence are being exercised to furnish an adequate supply of gas to the public lamps." Resolved, That the Committee are glad to receive this assurance, but they must call the attention of the Gas Company to the illuminating power, as tested by the Gas Examiner at the Works, on the 6th February inst., which was only 14.93 candles. The Committee consider that this state of things, which cannot be attributed to the weather, and occurring so soon after the assurance of the Company in response to the resolution of the Committee of 31st December last, that no pains should be spared to maintain the illuminating power fully equal to the prescribed standard, is not what might have been expected, and requires the most serious attention on the part of the Company.

5— Specifications for Fitting up Central Gas Testing Station—The Gas Examiner submitted a specification of the Apparatus required for fitting up the proposed Central Gas Testing Station, at a cost of £151 12.s. 0d. Resolved, That provision be made for the same in next year's estimate.

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6— Street Projections—A letter was read from Messrs. Thomas Salt & Co., who had recently purchased the Unicorn Hotel, Wellington Passage, requesting to be allowed to fix a lamp at the entrance, on the wall just under the arch as an advertisement. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the lamp being kept alight at night during the same hours as the public lamps as agreed to with the Committee at their view.

7—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department from the 26th of January last, to the 26th of February inst. viz :—

The Footpath leading from Naunton Lane to the Old Bath Road has been repaired with clinker for a distance of 3,142 super yards.

At Naunton Park the top soil has been removed, so as to prepare for obtaining sand used in the various works.

Ashes Collected.—Van loads collected 621 ; Cart loads 348 ; Consumed at Destructor 886 tons, 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

Materials Used.— Clee Hill Stone 84 tons, 17 cwt. ; Coke 16 tons, 5 cwt. 2 qrs.; Cement 2 tons ; Tar 180 gallons, Bricks 396 ; Gully Grates 2 ; 6in. Pipes 3 ; 9in. Pipes 46 ; 6in. Bends 1.

8- Old Bath Road, Lighting of Dennis—With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a further letter from Mr. Robert Dennis, stating that the lamp applied for by him is really required, was read.

9--Leighton Road—A Memorial from Thomas Malvern, and others, calling attention to the dangerous condition of the footways and road in Leighton road, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do prepare a specification of what is required to be done to put the road into such a state of repair that it can be taken to if required.

10 -Ditch near Alstone Lawn—Referring to Minutes Nos. 16 and 24 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meetings of the 6th of November and 28th January last, a letter was read from Mr. La Terriere, stating that he had paid £3 for clearing the ditch, and that he considered that the Corporation ought to have done the work gratis, and the Borough Surveyor having reported that the actual work done had been done to his satisfaction, Resolved, That half the amount be paid.

11-Trees in Kings Road—A letter was read from Mrs. Standish calling attention to the “tremendous” trees in front of Deodar House. Resolved, That she be recommended to cut down some other trees on her own premises.

12 --Tree opposite No. 1, Cambridge Villas—Referring to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 31st of December last, a letter was read from Colonel Cooch stating that the Tree Committee had not yet been to see the forest tree in front of his house, which required the removal of at least three branches, and should also be lopped at the top. Resolved, That he be informed that one tree had already been cut down at his request, and with respect to lopping the other, the Borough Surveyor be empowered to use his discretion.

13— Claim by Mr Wm. Spencer—With reference to Minute No 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting in January last, a letter from Mr. Wm. Spencer was read stating that the accident to himself was worse than he first thought, his right 61'f" shoulder being fractured and his left leg cut, and that unless the Council entertains a reasonable claim for compensation, he will be compelled to take further action in the matter. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason whatever to alter their previous decision.

14-Footpaths in added District of Leckhampton—Referring to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of September last, a letter from the Local Government Board was read in reply to the application for their sanction to the borrowing of £2,000, requesting to be furnished with plans and detailed estimates of the cost of the proposed works and with information respecting the assessable value and existing debt for sanitary purposes of the Borough on the forms enclosed, and the Town Clerk reported that the same were being prepared and would be sent this week.

15-Private Improvement Works, North Place - A letter from Mr. J. C. Cooper, owner of No. 3, St. Margaret's Terrace, requesting the Committee to re-consider the demand made upon him in respect of the repairs to the pathway in North Place, was read. Resolved, To inform him that, after careful consideration by the Committee, the apportionment had been made as equitably as possible amongst the several owners.

16- Orchard Place Road—A letter from Mrs. E. A. Lane and Mr. J. G. Flory, owners of property in Orchard Place, calling attention to the bad state of the Orchard Place Road, and requesting the Council to require the owners to put it in repair, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a specification of the work required to be done.

17-Stone Guard, York Passage--A letter from Mr. W. E. Kimber, 84, High Street, calling attention to the removal of the stone guard at the corner of York Passage, which prevented vehicles colliding with the ironwork and framework of his shop windows, and in consequence of the removal the ironwork had twice been doubled up and the window smashed. Resolved, That the matter be left with the Boroughs Surveyor to deal with.

18-Lamp opposite " Wendover," Christ Church Road—A letter from Colonel Tayler, requesting that the lamp post opposite his house, " Wendover," in the Christ Church Road might be moved from its present position opposite the centre of the drive on the south-west side of his house, was read. Resolved, That the lamp be moved to such a position as the Borough Surveyor shall think fit.

19—Guards during Street Works—Resolved, That when openings are made in the footpaths or roads by the Corporation for repairs, or for other reasons, during the execution of such works guards shall be erected on each side of such openings, and that for the safety of passengers the traffic on the footpaths be diverted during repairs, &c. to such footpaths.

20-New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee, notices and plans received by him from the following persons, viz.—Mr. Edwin Capper, 2 Houses and 2 Cottages in Croft Street, Leckhampton. Mr. H. Dallimore, Stabling to New Villa in Moorend Park Road. Mr. Harold Webb, 3 Cottages adjoining others now built on the north side of Fairfield Road. Mr. Charles Winstone, 8 Cottages out of 27 proposed to be built in the new road leading from Glenfall Street to. Trinity School Road.

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Mr. George Haywood, New Villa to be built between North Villa and Beechwood Villa, Gloucester Road. Mr. J. Boulter, Alteration of Premises at No. 18, Bath Parade. Mr. Adam Dagley, Cottage at the corner of the Swindon Road, Worcester Street. Messrs. Webb Bros., Stables on the east side of the Midland Railway Yard, Alstone Lane. Mr. Child, 2 Cottages in New Street to replace 3 present ones.

Resolved, That the Plans of Mr. Harold Webb and Mr. George Haywood be disapproved ; that the Plan of Mr. Winstone be approved, subject to the back entrances being 6 feet in width at least, and that the other Plans be approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1895—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, L. Davies, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Parsonage, and Moles (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1--- Barn Farm—The Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan shewing how the drainage or an additional portion of Great Hay Furlong can be improved so as to enlarge the area to which sewage can be applied at an estimated cost of about £50. Resolved, That the work in question be commenced forthwith, and that the unemployed labour be as far as possible utilised therein.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 6th day of February, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors AV. Davis, LI. Davies, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

2- Dairies and Cowsheds Order —The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received applications from George Henry Cooke, of Suffolk Street, to be registered as a Dairyman, and from Mark Kent. Marle Hill Stores, Marle Hill Road. to be registered as a purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application of Mr. Cooke be granted, but that of Mr. Kent be refused 6/3/9 " until necessary alterations, required by the Medical Officer of Health, are carried out.

3 -Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 2 cases of Scarlet Fever ; that 2 were sent into the Delancey Hospital ; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 12 ; and that one of the cases of Scarlet Fever notified was a Poor Law case.

4—Manure Receptacles —The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the premises of Mr. Harry Cousins, in a yard adjoining 54, Waterloo Street, the Manure Receptacle is not according to the Bye-Laws, and that notice had been served and had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take proceedings to compel compliance with the Bye-Laws.

5- House with Defective Drainage—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drainage, &c., at No. 205, High Street, is in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Surveyor to open the ground, examine the drains, and act as provided by the said section

6 - 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 requiring them 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.

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7-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses without proper and sufficient ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them, in each case, to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction, as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Slaughter House Licenses—The Resolution of the Council, that Licenses should be granted to Messrs. Storr & Co. for a Slaughter House at Whaddon, to Mr. John Hastings, for a Slaughter House in Folly Lane, and to Mr. Edwin C. Davis, for a Slaughter House on the Gloucester Road, was considered, and the further consideration adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

9—Barn Farm - Mr. Corbett, the tenant, attended this meeting of the Committee, and urged that the sewage should be applied over the whole of the Farm. Resolved, That the Committee having already agreed to execute works to enable the sewage to be applied to about 7 acres of the Great Hay Furlong, cannot recommend the execution of further works to enable the sewage to be applied to Rule Meadow Patch containing 18a. 1r. 3p., unless Mr. Corbett will pay £3 per cent. on the outlay, and the Committee will lay down a service pipe from the main in the Tewkesbury Road, and lay on a supply of water on the tenant agreeing to pay 7 ¾ d. per 1,000 gals. on the amount consumed. Mr. Corbett having been informed of this decision of the Committee gave his consent thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do prepare an agreement accordingly, and make application to the Local Government Board for sanction to the necessary Loan.

10—Sewer in Well Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sewer in Well Place was in a bad state of repair. Resolved, That he be authorised to lay down a new pipe sewer.

11— Barn Farm—Resolved, That Tenders be advertised for the purchase of the wood growing in the Ash Coppice on the Barn Farm.

12— Inspector of Nuisances—A letter was read from the Assistant Secretary to the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment of Mr. A. E. Hudson as Inspector of Nuisances from the 1st day of January, 1895, to the 31st day of December, 1895, inclusive, at a salary of £150 per annum.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors LI Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

13-Dairies and Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received an application from Elizabeth Barnes, of 82, Winchcomb Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to make a specification as to requirements.

14-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, six cases of Scarlet Fever ; that four were sent into the Delancey Hospital, the other two being treated at home, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was twelve.

15- Bakehouse—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at 17, Sherborne Street, a bakehouse situated in the cellar there, had been in use for some time, but had not been put on the Register, and was in his opinion unfit for use as a bakehouse, being dark and dirty, and there being defects in

the drains. Resolved, That notice be given specifying what is required to be done, under Sec. 15 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1883, and Secs. 33, 34 and 35 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1878, and that in default of compliance with the requisitions of the notice, proceedings be taken for penalties.

16-- Houses requiring Cleansing and Limewashing —The Medical Officer of Health handed in certificates under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the following houses, viz No. 48, Stanhope Street, belonging to Miss Harrison, 11, Gloucester Crescent, Cheltenham, and No. 2, Eaton Cottages, belonging to Mr. Midwinter, St. George's Place, Cheltenham, were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates of the houses was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That notices be given to the owners of the said houses respectively, under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

17- Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a Certificate stating that the dwelling house known as The Rookery, Grove Street, owned by Mr. J. Claridge, was in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, there being seven tenements in the one building, in a filthy and delapidated state. Resolved, That steps be taken for closing the premises under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890

18-Nuisance from Boiling Offal—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Marmon, of the Prince of Wales Inn, Princes Street, was boiling offensive fists offal at his premises on the night of February 19th, at 10.30 p.m. Resolved. That Notice be given to Mr. Marmon and proceedings be taken against him under Sec. 91 and subsequent sections of the Public Health Act, 1875.

19-Offensive Trade in Bennington Street—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th July last, the Town Clerk reported that a complaint had been made to him by a resident in Bennington Street of a recurrence of the nuisance from bone crushing and bone boiling on the premises of Mr. Waghorne, in contravention of the under-taking then given on his behalf. The Inspector of Nuisances was directed to report on the subject at the next meeting.

20-Buildings in Dangerous Condition—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on recently inspecting No. 22, Commercial Street, and Nos. 17 and 19, Columbia Street he observed them to be in a dangerous condition from falling and parting walls. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do take action in the matter as provided by Sec. 160 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act.

21-House with Defective Drainage—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to No. 135, High Street, owned by Messrs. Young and Gilling and in the occupation of Messrs. Blackburn & Co. were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Borough Surveyor to open the ground and examine the drains and act as provided by the said section.

22-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, requiring them 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.

23—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a representation to the effect that the houses named therein were without proper and sufficient ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given to the respective owners, under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle, of such size, pattern, and construction, as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor, on behalf of the Corporation ; and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

24-Inspector of Nuisances--With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings Of this Committee at their last meeting, the draft of the proposed testimonial to Mr. Seth Lewis, as drawn up by the Town Clerk and the Medical Officer of Health was submitted for approval. Resolved, That the testimonial be given as follows, viz :— This is to certify that Mr. Seth Lewis was Chief Inspector of Nuisances in the Borough of Cheltenham, from August 1st, 1892, to December 1st, 1894. During the whole of this time Mr. Lewis did his work to the perfect satisfaction of the Sanitary Authority. He resigned his post after giving due notice, having obtained an appointment under the London County Council ; and it was resolved at a meeting of the Cheltenham Town Council, held on March 4th, 1895, that this testimonial under the seal of the Corporation should be given to him.

25-Accounts -The Medical Officer of Health drew attention to the Account for Returns of Births and Deaths from the Leckhampton Registrar, and that some time ago it was decided by this Committee that the whole of the extended Borough should be put under one Registrar if possible. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Registrar-General with reference to the matter.

26—Abattoir—Ashcroft—A Letter was read from Mr. Ashcroft, Pork Butcher, 77a High Street, requesting to know if the charge for slaughtering pigs at the Abattoir could be reduced. Resolved, To inform him that he will be allowed a rebate of so per cent. on the charges for all pigs slaughtered by him at the Abattoir over a hundred in a year.

27- Wells at Heyden—A Letter from Messrs. Matthews & Campbell, enclosing a tracing showing the position of the 4 wells alleged to be contaminated with sewage from the Sewage Farm, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do examine the wells and report.

28-Flushing Box to W.C. at Hope Cottage, Park Street—A Letter from Mr. F. Merrett, owner of the above premises, requesting to be relieved on the ground of poverty from fixing a Flushing Box to the w.c. there, and that a sufficient water supply was otherwise provided. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health do inspect and report.

29-Barn Farm —A Circular was read from the Local Government Board, suggesting that any works which it is desirable should be carried out, should, with a view to providing employment in times of exceptional distress for the unemployed, be then proceeded with, and that the Board would deal promptly with applications made for loans required for such purposes; also a Letter from the Town Clerk in reply, applying (in pursuance of Resolution No. 9 of this Committee come to at their last meeting) for the sanction of the Board to the borrowing of between £300 and £400 by the Council

for the execution of works at the Sewage Farm. Resolved, That the question of raising a loan for the purpose be referred to the Finance Committee.

Referring to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings Of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk submitted the draft of an agreement with Mr. Corbett for the Council to execute the works necessary to enable him to apply the sewage to Rule Meadow Patch and to lay on a supply of water to the Farm House upon the terms mentioned in the said Minute. Resolved, That the same be approved.

30-Delancey Hospital—The Town Clerk submitted the draft Agreement with the Trustees of the Hospital, conferring upon the Council power to nominate from time to time three members of the Public Health- Committee to be Trustees of the Hospital. Resolved, That the same be approved and that as soon as the Agreement shall be executed and delivered an order for the payment of £200 due to the Hospital be given.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of February, 1895. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors LI. Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair).

31— Drain, &c., at 18 and 19, Regent Street--Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances do examine the state of the drainage of these premises, and report to the Town Clerk in what respect, if any, the requirements mentioned in the specification of the Borough Surveyor have not been carried out by the owner, and if he finds that any of the works specified have riot been carried out, that proceedings be taken for the penalties, under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved, That in future the authority to proceed under the said Section be given to the Inspector of Nuisances, and not to the Borough Surveyor.

32- Drainage at 15, Albert Place, and Hand 12, Fairview Street--The Inspector of Nuisances handed in applications under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains and w.c.'s on these premises are a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be empowered to enter and examine the premises, and action be taken if necessary, as authorised by the said Section. Resolved further, That notices be given requiring the owners to fix Flushing Apparatus, and to the occupiers to keep a good supply of water thereto, under Sec. 28 of the Improvement Act of 1889

33-Plans of House Drainage—The Plans of such New Buildings necessitating drainage as are intended to come before the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before the Committee and the same were approved, so far as the drainage is concerned.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of February, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Col. Rogers ; Councillors Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne, and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)--

1- Spa—The erection of the proposed Spa was discussed and the further consideration thereof adjourned

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Rogers and Col. Thoyts; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

2-Montpellier Gardens—Archery Club—A letter was read from Mrs. Carnegy, Hon. Sec., of the Cheltenham Archery Club, requesting to know if the Club can have the Archery ground in the Montpellier Gardens for practice, on the same terms as usual, viz. : from April to the end of October for £11, and the services of a man to put up the targets, and 2s 6d for the use of the Lodge as a Cloak Room, &c., on Bow days. Resolved, That the use of the ground and lodge be granted to the Club as above mentioned.

3—Horticultural Society—A letter was read from Mr. G. Tovey, on behalf of the above Society, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for a 2 days' show, to be held on Saturday, June 1st and Monday, June 3rd. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be granted to the Society free on the Saturday, and for 20 guineas on the Monday (Bank Holiday), or for 10 guineas if the Subscribers are allowed free entrance on Saturday. The Subscribers to the gardens not to be excluded before 1 p.m. on either day.

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4 -Skating -Pittville Park—The attention of the Committee having been called to an article in the Cheltenham Chronicle, of the 16th February instant, charging that the water in the Marle Hill Lake had been purposely let out to damage the ice, and render the ice unfit for skating on the following Sunday. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write and ask the Editor for his authority for the statement.

5---Spa—This matter was discussed and the further consideration thereat adjourned.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Rogers and Col. Thoyts Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair).

6-Skating—Pittville Park—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from the manager of the Cheltenham Chronicle was read, stating that the Chronicle contained no such imputation as that alleged, no reference being made to the Council, their officers, or servants, directly or indirectly, and that the remarks were intended as a joke.

7-Sunday Skating —In pursuance of the resolution passed by the Council at their last meeting, the Committee having given careful consideration to the question of skating at Pittville Park on Sundays, Resolved, That they are unable to suggest any scheme which will overcome the difficulties and objections to opening the gardens for skating on Sundays.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of February, 1895—Present The Mayor; Alderman Cul. Rogers Councillors Ll. Davies, Lewis, Margrett, and H. Waghorne, (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Dowdeswell Filter Beds, &c.—Professor Frankland's report on the Water Storage and Filter Beds at Dowdeswell and Tewkesbury, was read and considered, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned to enable the Committee to inspect and report on the Polarite Filters at Reading

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of February, 1895. Present—Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer and H. Waghorne. (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair).

2-Chairman — In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Ll. Davies was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

3—Borough Engineer's Reports — The usual monthly reports of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, was read, as follows :—

" On the 20th instant, the supply to the Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs was 386 Gallons ; the average for the last four years being 317 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 27,851,818 gallons.

On the 20th instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet, and the contents 100,023,701 Gallons, which gives a total of 127,875,519 Gallons. Attention was called to the very large proportion of the Fire Hydrants recently frozen up owing to their being near the surface of the ground ; also that the Water Tower at Dowdeswell Reservoir had been injured by the frost, and is cracked at a depth of 27ft. from the top. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to lower such of the Hydrants as he shall think necessary from time to time, and that he be authorised to have the necessary repairs to the Water Tower carried out as soon as possible.

4—Extension of Water Mains—The following Tenders for the supply of pipes, authorised at the last monthly meeting of this

Committee to be obtained, were opened, and found to be as follows :—

	Straight Pipes per Ton		Specials per Ton
The Staveley Iron Co...	£4 7 6		£8 0 0
The Clay Cross Co ..	£4 10 0		£8 1 8
The Stanton Iron Works Co. .. (3")	£4 11 0)	£8 0 0
	(4") £4 8 6)	
Messrs. Thomas Spittle, Limited ..	£4 11 6		£9 10 0
C. Jordan & Sons.. ..	£4 12 0		£9 0 0
Newton, Chambers & Co. ..	£4 15 0		£7 0 0
Macfarlane, Strang & Co., Ltd. ..	£4 19 6		£9 10 0

Resolved, That the Tender of the Staveley Iron Co be accepted.

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

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1895--Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Colonel Thoyts, and Norman ; Councillors Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1---Fire Brigade —The Superintendent reported that the Fire Brigade had since the last meeting been called out as follows, viz :—

On January 23rd, to Evesham Lodge, Prestbury Road, the residence of Mr. H. Morgan, damage slight, caused apparently by fire being allowed to fall behind very slight and dry woodwork. This property is insured in the Law Union and Crown Fire Office to whose local agents he had sent the bill of expenses incurred £2 12s. 0d.; and on the same day to No. 20, Lansdown Terrace, the residence of Deputy-Surgeon-General Ringer, damage slight, caused by overheating nursery flue. He had sent the bill of expenses incurred in this case £2 17s. 0d. to General Ringer, at whose personal request he was in-formed the Brigade was called out.

2-Drivers. Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from William Hunt and William Organ. Resolved, That Licenses be granted to both applicants.

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3-Safe Accommodation, Accountant's Department —A letter was read from the Borough Accountant drawing attention to the necessity of more Safe Accommodation in his department, as many of the

Books and Papers cannot be safely secured Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be informed that any of his Books and Papers not in use can be stored in the Safe in the basement.

4-Local Government Act, 1894—With reference to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee held on the 19th September last, a letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that the Board had been advised that the application should not have been made before the 28th of December last, the day on which the Guardians first elected under the Act, came into office, and that a further application must be made based on a fresh resolution of the Town Council. Resolved, That this Committee recommend the Council to renew the application to the Local Government Board to invest them with the following powers :—

The power of Appointment and Removal of Overseers and Assistant Overseers, and the fixing of the salary and specifying the duties of the Assistant Overseer (the Churchwardens to cease to be Overseers). Also

The powers of the Vestry as to compounding under Secs. 3 and 4 of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869.

The powers, duties, and liabilities of Overseers with regard to Appeals in respect of the Poor Rate or County Rate.

The provision of Parish Books, Parish Chest.

The holding and management of Parish property.

The powers exercisable by the Boards of Guardians in respect of the sale or letting of Parish property.

To utilise any well, spring or stream within the Parish, but so as not to interfere with the rights of any Corporation or person. To acquire by agreement any right of way within the Parish or an adjoining Parish.

To accept and hold any gifts of Property real or personal for the benefit of the inhabitants.

To execute any works, including works of maintenance or improvement incidental to the exercise of any of the foregoing powers, or in relation to any non-ecclesiastical Parish property, or contribute towards the expense of such works. Extended powers in respect of the hiring of land for Allotments. Extended borrowing powers.

5—Yeomanry Drill Ground—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. F. Burroughs, the tenant, had signed the agreement with the Corporation, but Mrs. Bingham had not yet given her assent to the works proposed to be done, but that it was still under consideration.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Colonel Thoyts and Norman ; Councillors Griffith, Parsonage and Wheeler (Alderman Colonel Thoyts in the chair).

6-Yeomanry Drill Ground in Prestbury Park—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an Agreement, signed by the Mayor on be-half of the Committee, with the sanction of the Sub-Committee with Mrs. Bingham. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the necessary work carried out.

7-Allotment Ground - Bird—A letter from Mr. John Bird, a renter of an allotment, complaining of the conduct of Mr. H. Comely, the tenant of the adjoining allotment, was read, and referred to the Collector for a report thereon.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1895—Present Councillors Lenthall, Wheeler, and Margrett (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1—Naunton Park--The following Tenders for the erection of the shelter, being the only ones received, were opened as follows:—

John D. Bendall	£117 10 0
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Edwin Capper and Son.	£115 10 0
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Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. E. Capper and Son be accepted.

2--Market--Resolved, That it be a recommendation to the General Purposes Committee to open the Cattle Market as a Playground for Children.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1895 — Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Parsonage and M. Davis (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that in consequence of the severe frost he had been compelled to employ extra labour at the Cemetery, and get two more pick axes for use there.

2-Mrs. Hervey's Crave Space—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from General Morton stating that the grave space was purchased by him, as Agent for Mrs. Hervey, and requesting that the 15s paid on the transfer to her might under the circumstances be refunded. Resolved, That Gen. Morton be informed that the fees paid on the purchase of the grave space were those paid as on the purchase by a Parishioner, and that if It had, at the time the space was purchased, been stated in the form signed by him that he

was merely acting as Agent for Mrs. Hervey, she would have had to pay the non-parishioner's fee—the difference being £1 5s. 0d.—which he has to pay, and 5s 6d for Grant and Stamp.

3- Johnston to Todd—A letter was read from Mrs. Julia Johnston, of No. 7, Oxford Street, Cheltenham, stating that she desired to transfer grave space No. 3359, Sec. R., to the Rev. Hallett Todd, of Stretton en la field, Ashby de la Zouch. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for enquiry.

4-Designs—The following design was examined and approved:—Headstone to Clara H. A. Parminter.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£10 15 0
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Prestbury Tithe	£ 6 2 6
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EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,
Chairman.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of February, 1895— Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, H. Waghorne, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Borough Engineer's Report— The Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer was read, and the further consideration of suggested extension of the mains was adjourned.

2-Public Library—A Resolution of the Public Library Committee stating that an error had been made in estimating the cost of the gas supply for the past year, the amount stated £57 18s. 0d., including a portion of the previous year, the average cost for four years having been £41 16s. 6d., and that under these circumstances the Committee could not afford to pay more than £40 was considered, and it appearing that the cost of the gas for the last year having been slightly under £40. Resolved, That the offer of the Library Committee be accepted subsequent to the Installation being to the satisfaction and under the control and superintendence of the Electrical Engineer.

3-Wickham—The Town Clerk reported on this accident, and the consideration of the claim was adjourned for further enquiries.

4-Millns—The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with Mr. Millns' request he had made an appointment for an interview with him and the Borough Surveyor, but the appointment had not been kept by Mr. Millns, and he had therefore nothing further to report. Resolved, That in view of the numerous claims arising out of street accidents which had recently occurred, the Street and Highway Committee be asked to take into consideration the desirability of making some general Order for temporarily diverting the traffic in all cases of interference with the surface of the carriage ways or footways.

5—Meetings of the Committee—Resolved, That the Committee meet weekly on Friday afternoons (except on the days of the usual monthly meeting.) at 4.45 p.m.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1895 —Present The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts; Councillors Ll. Davies, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £11,853 4s. 1d; leaving outstanding, £2,620 5s. 8d.

2-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £8,015 4s 11d. ; leaving outstanding, £2,151 2s. 4d.

3—Barn Farm—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the cost of carrying out the works recently authorised for the purpose of extending the area under sewage at the Barn Farm, and laying on the water at the house, would amount to between £500 and £600, Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a Loan of £550 for the above purposes.

4 --Malvern Road--Private Improvement Expenses -A Letter was read from Mr. Walter Robinson asking for time for payment of a sum of £6 0s. 7d., which, with interest, is due from him in respect of private improvement works in Malvern Road. Resolved, That Mr. Robinson be informed that the amount due must be paid within a month from this date.

5-Delancey Hospital Fees — A Letter from the Managing Director of the Cavendish House Co., in reply to a communication from the Town Clerk demanding repayment of £5 5s. fees paid by the Council for the treatment of E. James, a servant in the employ of the Company, objecting to repaying the above sum, was read. Resolved, That the Committee consider that this is certainly a case in which the amount should be repaid.

6-Grosvenor Place South Private Improvement Works — A Letter was read from Mr. R. B. Lowndes, Solicitor, on behalf of the Owners of Home Villa, &c., asking the Corporation, under the circumstances detailed in his letter, to accept payment of the amount due from them in respect of private improvement works in Grosvenor Place South (£28 7s. 8d.) by half-yearly payments of £5, the first payment to be made on the 25th day of March next. Resolved, That time be given and payment by instalments accepted, that is to say, £8 7s. 8d. on the 25th of March next, and the balance by four equal half-yearly instalments of £5 each, with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

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7- Sinking and Loans Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that he had been in negotiation with the Borough Accountant of Burton-on-Trent, and the Clerk to the School Board there, with a view to lending the School Board £8,000 of the Sinking Fund and Loans Fund at 3 ¼ per cent. Resolved, That if the Town Clerk is satisfied that the Corporation have power to lend to a School Board the amount in question be lent on the principle of repayment by equal annual instalments of principal and interest in 30 years, with power on either side to require repayment or to pay off after the expiration of 5 years on giving 6 calendar months notice.

8- Electric Lighting & Water Loans-The Borough Accountant reported that Sir M.E. Hicks-Beach, Bt., Col. Wm. Agg, and F. A. Hyett, Esq., were willing to lend the Corporation the sum of £10,000, on account of these loans at £3 per cent. per annum. Resolved, That ten debentures for £1,000 each be made out and sealed accordingly, the money to be advanced for 18 months certain, and afterwards to be repayable on 6 months' notice from either party.

9-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 29th January last	£12,533 14 10
Received since that date	£ <u>7,558 9 1</u>
	£20,092 3 11
Paid since that date	£ <u>8,042 7 10</u>
Total in hand	£12,049 16 1
Current and Interest Accounts	£ 4,060 14 11
Sinking and Loans Funds....	£ <u>7,989 1 2</u>
	£12,049 16 1

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined, Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of £4,637 11s. 2d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of February, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, Parsonage, Capt. Welch, R.N., Baron de Ferrieres, Mr. C. Hall (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1-- School of Science—Major Abbott attended this meeting on the subject of the damage done by the water and acids from the waste pipes of the School of Science. The Chairman, the Mayor, and Councillor Parsonage were requested to examine the pipes and outlet and report to a future meeting on the facts, and the means of preventing a recurrence of the matter complained of, and with a view of settling the respective liabilities of the Committee and the School of Science.

2-Assistant Librarian—The following applications with testimonials for this post were read, viz :—Mr. Mc.Cumming, the present Second Assistant. Mr. W. H. Sheppard, of Melrose Villa, Cheltenham. Mr. L. W. Birchley, of 58, Regent St.

Resolved, That subject to a satisfactory testimonial from his present employer, Mr. Cossens, Mr. W. H. Sheppard be appointed Chief Assistant Librarian.

3-Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £8 17s. 4d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Mr. W. F. March Phillipps	1 Vol., 1 Pamp[hlet].
Miss A. G. Mears.	1 Vol.
Mrs. Pierce.	4 Vols.
Miss M. B. Edwards	1 Vol.
Baron de Ferrieres.	3 Vols., 1 Pamp[hlet].
The City of London Bridge House, Estates Committee.	1 Vol.
Annual Reports from Clapham, Clerkenwell, Aberdeen, Barking.	

4- Electric Light--The Resolution of the Electric Lighting Committee of date the 25th ult. was considered. It appearing that an error had been made in the estimate of the cost of the gas lighting, the average cost for the last four years having been

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£41 16s. 6d., (the charge for last year having included the cost for a portion of the previous year). Resolved, That the Electric Lighting Committee be informed that under these circumstances this Committee will have the light installed if the Electric Lighting Committee will supply it for £40 a year Resolved further, That if this proposal is agreed to, the Committee be authorised to procure and accept tenders and estimates for the wiring and fittings on the principle of payment for the same either on a deferred payment until the Committee are in a position to borrow more money, or by annual instalments in the meantime.

5-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they had authorised the Librarian to dispose of a number of duplicate and odd volumes, and had requested him to prepare a list of some of the obsolete and useless books in the library for consideration by the Committee. Resolved, That the Report be approved.

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

C. Boyle, Cleaning Materials ..	£ 0 10 0
W. Jones, Wages Account	£18 12 6
Gas Co., Coke ..	£14 19 5
E. Bagholt, Books ..	£ 3 3 0
Bull & Auvache, Books..	£ 5 2 6
J. G. Common, Books ..	£ 2 1 4
W. Downing, Books	£ 4 7 6
W. Glaisher, Books	£ 1 18 9
C. Lowe, Books ..	£ 1 8 0
C. Lowe, Books ..	£ 1 10 0
Maggs Bros., Books ..	£ 4 0 0
Reeves & Turner, Books	£ 1 14 0
J. Rimell & Son ..	£ 5 12 0
T. Simmons, Books	£ 1 0 0
T. Thorp, Books	£ 2 7 3
Jas. Webb, Books	£ 0 12 0
E. Howell, Books	£ 0 10 6

C. Lowe, Books ..	£14 0 0
C. Westley, Books	£ 6 8 5
C. S. Jefferies, Books ..	£1 0 0
Accounts under 10s each	£0 16 1

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th day of February, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman J. W. Drew and Colonel Rogers ; Councillors LI. Davies, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Col. Rogers 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 :— Minnie Cook, Charles Court, William Sallis and Florence Mitchell.

2-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 951 names. These and the balance left to visit at the end of last month, 116, made a total of 1,067. Of this number, 43 were accounted for by the teachers, 857 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 167 recently sent in.

3-Certificate by the Clerk to the Committee as to the Employment of Children who had received Half-time Labour Certificates--A letter from Mr Despard (Chairman of the Managers of St. Luke's School) complaining that the grant applied for under Art, 12 (b) of the Code in respect of Children attending St. Luke's Schools, to whom half-time Labour Certificates had been granted had been refused, owing to the Clerk of the Committee having altered the form of a Certificate required to be given by him to the Education Department stating that the children had been beneficially and necessarily employed since they had been granted their Labour Certificates during the year ended 30th September, 1894. Resolved, That the Attendance Officers be instructed to make enquiries to ascertain whether all the children referred to, for which the grant is claimed by the Managers of St. Luke's Schools, were beneficially and necessarily employed since they received their Labour Certificates during the year ended 30th of September last.

4-Absence from School of Children alleged to be under Medical Treatment—The consideration of this matter was further adjourned.

R. ROGERS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

28th March, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 1st 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.
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. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Notices of Motion.

5. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :—E. Johnson re Metric System of Weights and Measures. Mrs. Rolles re Stabling at Evesham Lawn. Charles Winstone re Design for Monument over Grave.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st of April, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of March, 1895—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Haddon, Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz. :—Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence., and Parsonage.

2-Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 16.04 Candles Purity 10.03 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 : 4.1103 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 113 metered, 1,042 unmetered. Burning dimly, 1 metered, 8 unmetered.

With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter was read from the Clerk to the Gas Co. enclosing a copy of a resolution come to by his Board of Directors as follows, viz. :

" A Resolution of The Town Council of date the 4th inst. was read, calling the serious attention of the Company to the " test for illuminating power, taken by the Gas Examiner on the 6th of last month. Resolved, That the Directors " regret that the illuminating poster when tested on the occasion adverted to did not fully reach the standard " notwithstanding the unceasing supervision of the Manager and his Assistants to maintain it, but they desire " respectfully to point out that the average of the two tests taken by the Gas Examiner on that day showed the gas " to be fully up to the standard. The Directors may observe that the Company has had many casual difficulties to "contend with both inside and outside the works in the manufacture and distribution of the gas consequent on the late severe weather."

5-- Gas Testing Station—The Gas Examiner was directed to order the necessary apparatus authorised to be procured by the Resolution (No. 5) of this Committee come to at their last meeting.

6-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a Sign-Board and Horse Shoes had been put up without permission from the Town Council, partly over the footway, by Mr. S. G. Houldey, at his premises in Upper Bath Street, and that the iron

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bar in front of the second story windows at Nelsons Limited, No. 415, High Street, referred to in Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 28th of January last had not been removed. A letter from Mr. Houldey, was read, stating that if the sign put up by him should be a nuisance, he would be willing to remove it at any time Also a letter from Messrs. W. Mills Son, asking permission to put up a Canvas Sign in front of No. 38, Winchcomb Street, projecting 6ft., about 4 feet wide, and about 16 feet from the pavement. Resolved, That Mr. Houldey's sign be permitted to remain subject to its being kept 8 feet high in the clear and to the right of the Corporation to order its removal at any time, and that the attention of the Manager of Nelsons Limited be called to the above-mentioned Minute, and that he be requested to have the instructions which he informed the Street Inspector had been given to Mr. Wall carried out forthwith, and that permission cannot be granted to Messrs. Mills & Son to put up the sign as proposed.

7--Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department from the 23rd February to the 22nd March inclusive, viz :—

Highways Repaired with Clee Hill Stone —Granville Strut, 650 super yards ; King Street, 450 super yards ; North Street, 450 super yards ; Cambray, 355 super yards ; Mountpleasar.t, 320 super yards; Tewkesbury Road, 704 super yards.

Patching—Hatherley Road, Grosvenor Street, Gloucester Road, Badgworth Road, St. Paul's Road, Hales Road, Sherborne Street, Albion Street, Leamington Place, Old Bath Road, High Street, Pittville Street, St. George's Place, Portland Street, Clarence Street, Promenade, Montpellier Terrace, Lansdown Crescent, Post Office Lane, Priory Street.

Kerbing, Crossing, and Flagging —Bayshill Road, Queen's Street, High Street, Promenade, Henrietta Street, Western Road, Clarence Square, Glenfall Street, Cleveland Street, Bath Road, Christ Church Road, Albion Street, Oriel Road, and at Montpellier, near the Rotunda.

Concrete Paths—In Post Office Lane.

Gullies and Drains —Five Gullies have been re-built on the Pittville Estate, and 3So feet of new surface water drain have been put down there.

In Well Place a new sewer, 332 feet in length, have been laid to replace an old defective sewer.

Ashes Collected—Van loads collected, 694 ; Cart loads collected, 430 ; Consumed at Destructor, 266 tons 8 cwt.

8--Road at Back of Park Place —A letter from Mr. G. A. Grist, of No. 26, Park Place, was read, complaining that the road at the back of the above property is in a bad state owing to the deposit of a large quantity of soft earth and rubbish which ought to be removed, and desiring to know if the Council can assist him to remedy the nuisance. Resolved, That if it is a question of repair of the road the Council would put in force Sec. 150 of the Public Health Act, obliging the abutting owners to do what may be necessary, but if it is merely the question of deposit of rubbish, if Mr. Grist will furnish the names of the persons who deposit the same, the Committee will see what can be done in the matter.

9—College Lawn Road—A Letter from General Williams was read stating that the College Lawn Road is in a worse state now than it was in 1891. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a Specification of the Works required to be done.

10—Norton Park Road—A Letter from Mr. C. Winstone, enclosing one from Mr. Stafford Reeves, complaining of the state and condition of the Overton Park Roads and footpaths, was read. Resolved, That as it appears that Mr. Foster and other abutting owners are putting their part of the roads and footpaths in good condition it be suggested that Mr. Winstone should do the same with his part.

11-Steam Roller —A Letter from Mr. C. E. Eaton was read, complaining that the passage of the Steam Roller in front of his house, No. 1, Douro Villas, causes the same to shake so much that he feels sure that material damage will be caused by the same.

12- Pavement Lights, 1 Bath Road—A Letter was read from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co., asking to be allowed to have some narrow Prismatic Lights in the pavement close to their new front Nos. 2 to 5, Bath Road. Resolved, That permission be granted for 3 Hayward's patent Prismatic Lights, each light

not to exceed 3 feet in length and 1 foot in width from the face of the wall of the building on condition that Messrs. Norton undertake to set back the South corner of their premises in Bails Road, when re-building, to the line to be agreed to with the Borough Surveyor.

13-Tower Coal Office, Montpellier—A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Bendall, calling attention to the state of the footpath round and about the above premises, and asking if the Corporation would lay down asphalt or granolithic paving. Resolved, That the ordinary repairs of these footpaths will be attended to in due course, but if anything further is required to be done the abutting owners must concur in the application.

14—Road inside railing of Royal Parade—Letters were read from Miss Gibbings and Capt. Griffith with reference to the condition of the road inside the railings of Royal Parade and the railings themselves. Resolved to inform Miss Gibbins and Capt. Griffith that at present the Council have no power to deal with the state of any railings, and that the question of the state of the road shall receive attention.

15-- Crossing in front of Carriage Drive to No. 1, Park Promenade —A letter was read from Colonel Blair complaining that nothing had been done to this crossing. Resolved to inform Colonel Blair that it has been impossible to attend to this matter in consequence of the long and severe frost.

16—Claim by Mr. Wm. Spencer--With reference to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. R. E. Steel, Solicitor for Mr. Spencer, was read, stating that if the Council had fully decided to deny any liability his instructions were to issue a summons in the County Court, and that several gentlemen, including Mr. Lenthall, Mr. Cottew and others, were prepared to give evidence that the state of the road was the cause of the accident ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply. Resolved, That Mr. Steel be referred to the resolution of the Committee, and be informed that the Committee see no reason to alter it.

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17—Footpath in Hayward's Lane—A letter from Mr. W. S. Clutterbuck, Clerk to the Charlton Kings District Council, was read, calling attention on behalf of his Council to the state of the footpath in Hayward's Lane. Resolved, That consideration of the matter adjourned.

18—Ewlyn Road and Footpath—A Memorial from Mr. C. H. Saunders and others, and a letter from Mr. A. G. Stockwell, calling attention to the bad state of the Evelyn Road and Footpath, were read. Resolved, That the owners of the soil be Le required to set out and form the road in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws.

19—Trees in King's Road—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mrs. Standish expressing surprise that the Committee should recommend her to do that which had been done some months ago.

20 —Trees on West Side of the New Club—A letter from the Secretary of the New Club, was read, complaining that owing to the branches of the trees on the West side of the New Club overhanging the Club ground, the grass on that side of the premises would not grow. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to cut back the branches so overhanging and lop and thin one or two of the trees on the West front of the Club.

21 - Pates's Coal Office—With reference to Minute No. 23 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 27th of August last, a letter was read from Mr. E. Pates requesting the Committee to re-consider their decision and not compel him to saw off the eaves and thereby disfigure the building. Resolved, That under the circumstances detailed by Mr. Pates as to the manner in which the building came to be erected in its present position, the Committee will be satisfied by his giving an undertaking that the eaves be cut off or the building set back if at any time the Town Council so require.

22 -Royal Parade, Leighton Road, and Orchard Place—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 25th day of March, 1895, of the Works required to be done to the above streets were read and approved. And it was Resolved that the necessary plans, sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Sec. 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said respective 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.

23—New Buildings--The Surveyor laid before the Committee, notices and plans received by him from the following persons, viz.—Mrs. Maisey, Stabling at Evesham Lawn, Evesham Road. Mr. J. C. Pearce, 2 semi-detached houses in Whaddon Lane. The Governors of Dean Close School, Cricket Pavilion, Shelburne Road. Mr. A. Rogerson, additions to Fleurville, The Park. Mr. Harold Webb, cottages in Fairfield Place Road. Showell's Brewery Company, Limited, adaptation of Great Western Railway Co.'s old Goods Shed for Ale Stores. F. Sage & Co., Shop Front to No. 6, Queen's Circus.

With reference to Resolution No. 20 come to at the last meeting of this Committee a Letter from Mr. C. Winstone was read, objecting to be compelled to put 6ft. backways to the cottages which he intends building in the new road leading from Glenfall Street to Trinity School Road, as he considered 0ft. would be quite sufficient to remove the refuse of the receptacles. Resolved, That the plans of Mrs. Maisey and Showell's Brewery Co., Limited be disapproved ; that the attention of the Great Western Railway Co., and Messrs. Showell be called to Resolution No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 27th January, 1891, and subsequent resolutions ; that the other plans be approved, and that Mr. Winstone be informed that the Committee decline to alter their previous decision.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 6th day of March, 1895—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, L. Davies, Feeney, Griffith, Moles and Parsonage, (Councillor Griffith in flit chair)—

1—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received an application from Walter Moorman, of No. 3, Bon Marche Buildings, Great Norwood

Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the shop being first painted and distempered, a moveable Ash receptacle being provided, and a heap of refuse in the back yard being removed.

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 7 cases of Enteric Fever, 6 of which were sent into the General Hospital and 2 cases of Scarlet Fever of which one was sent to the Delancey Hospital. That six of the seven cases of Enteric Fever occurred in two adjacent cottages in Fairview Street, Nos. 11 and 13, four cases being in one family and two in the other. All these had been removed to the General Hospital.

3—Drainage and Well at 11 & 13, Fairview Street—Referring to Minute No. 32 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Medical Officer of Health reported that the Inspector had examined the drains, and a notice with specification had been served upon the owners, who had put the work in the hands of a builder. The Medical Officer of Health handed in a Certificate under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, stating that the water in the well at the above premises is used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and is so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings be taken under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, to close the well.

4--Offensive Trade in Bennington Street —With reference to Minute No 19 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th ultimo, the Medical Officer of Health reported that there did not appear to be any boiling going on now.

5—Drainage at 26 and 28, Victoria Place—The Inspector of Nuisances handed in application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains and w.c's. on these premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be empowered to enter and examine the premises, and action be taken if necessary as authorised by the said section. The Town Clerk reported that on Certificate of the Inspector of Nuisances under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, as to the state of the drainage at 8, Clarence Street and neighbouring house, he had given authority to the Inspector to open and examine the same. Resolved, That the further proceedings authorised by the said Section be taken if necessary.

6—Houses requiring Cleansing and Limewashing—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a Certificate under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that No. 7, Rutland Street, belonging to Mr. Edward Compton, was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates of the house was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring him to cleanse and limewash the premises.

7 - Common Lodging Houses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that all the rooms in the Common Lodging Houses had been re-measured and submitted for approval new lists which had been drawn up by him as to the number of lodgers to be allowed in each room, notice of which he proposed should be given in the form of cards to be hung up in the living room in each Common Lodging House. A card to be also attached to the door of every sleeping room giving information of the number of lodgers allowed to sleep in that room. A letter was read which the Medical Officer of Health proposed should be sent to each keeper with the cards, calling attention to the Bye-laws, a copy of which would also be served. Resolved, That the same be approved.

8- Flushing Box to W.C. at Hope Cottage, Park Street—Referring to Minute No. 28 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th ultimo, the Medical Officer of Health reported that in his opinion the Flushing Box is badly required there. Resolved, That the requirement must be complied with.

9- Dagmar Villas—The Medical Officer of Health reported that as requested at a previous meeting he had visited these houses, and that the drainage appeared to be new and there were no apparent defects nor complaints in regard to escape of gas from the drains ; but that Ash receptacles and Flushing apparatus are required. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given to the owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, Secs. 27 and 25 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable Ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted ; also to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and that notice be given 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 the penalties.

10 -Notices as to Drainage, &c., not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices as to drainage, &c., served between 1st January and 31st of December, 1894, which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to compel compliance.

11--18 and 19, Regent Street—A Report of the Inspector of Nuisances as to the condition of the drains, w.c.'s, &c., at 18 and 19 Regent Street, was read, pointing out in what respects the work which had been done did not comply with the specification of the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That a copy of the report be sent to Mr. Geo. Herbert, and that he be required to do the work specified as necessary to be done to comply with the specification.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of March, 1895 ; Present—The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair).

12 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, that 6 were sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was fifteen.

13—Cellar Dwelling-- The Medical Officer of Health reported that an underground room at No. 8, Commercial Street, occupied by Harriet Gould, and owned by Messrs. Harrison, Bayley & Adams (Agents), did not accord with Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, the height from the floor to the ceiling being less than 7 feet, and the part above the level of the ground being only 18 inches ; also that the same was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 73 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 51 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given.

14 --House requiring Cleansing and Limewashing—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a Certificate under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, stating that No. 81, Commercial Street, belonging to Messrs. Harrison, Bayley & Adams (Agents), is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates is affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

15 - Houses with Defective Drainage —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application to the Town Clerk under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to Nos. 18a and 18, High Street, and the cottage in the garden at the back of the latter, all owned by Mr. J. D. Steel, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and the Town Clerk having given authority to the Borough Surveyor to open the ground and examine the drains. Resolved, That the same be approved and that such further steps as may be necessary be taken as provided by the said Section.

16—Water Supply to Cottages in Coltham Fields—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Owners of the, premises had been served with Notices under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, but that though all the appliances had been fixed the water had not been laid on. Resolved, That the water be laid on and the expenses thereof and rate for the same be recovered in manner provided by the said section.

17-Buildings in Dangerous Condition - The Medical Officer of Health reported that on recently inspecting Rugby House, St. Mark's, the condition of the house appeared to him to be dangerous from defects in building. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do report thereon.

18—Alleged Smell from Refuse in Naunton Park—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received a letter from Mr. J. B. Brukwel, complaining of a smell, on hot sunny days, arising from the sand pit in the Naunton Recreation Ground caused from the deposit of refuse, and that he had visited, but at the time of doing so could detect no odour. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to take such steps to abate the nuisance (if any) as he should consider necessary.

19—Minnow Ditch—The Medical Officer reported that nothing had been done by the adjacent owners to improve the condition of this water course by piping it, and that it is often dirty and in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices to abate the nuisance be given under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act to all the abutting owners.

20-- Ambulance Driver—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received a letter from William Ursell, the Ambulance Driver, stating that he had had the misfortune to lose his horse upon which his livelihood was dependent, and to know if the Council would help him by a subscription. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to help him in the manner suggested.

21-- Nos. 27 and 29, Union Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were without proper and sufficient Ash Pits or Ash receptacles, and with insufficient Closet Accommodation, that the water supply was deficient, and that the Yard to the premises was in such a state as, to be a nuisance and injurious to health ; and it appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor that the said houses were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished to the premises at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham

Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them, in each case, to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction, as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted. That Notices under the said Section be given to supply proper and sufficient Closet accommodation ; and that Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owners requiring them to obtain a proper supply of water, and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose ; and, that Notice be given under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act to abate the nuisance caused by the state of the Yard, and to take proceedings if necessary.

22—Nuisance from Refuse placed for Collection—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received complaint as to the nuisance caused from the boxes, &c., containing House Refuse, placed on the pavements in Montpellier Street for collection. Resolved, That Notices be circulated that all receptacles must be as prescribed by Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

23—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a representation to the effect that the houses named therein, were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them, in each case, to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction, as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

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24— 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, requiring them 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.

25— Abattoir—Ashcroft —Referring to Minute No. 26 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th ult., a letter from Mr. Ash-croft was read, offering 4d. per pig for all pigs killed by him at the Abattoir. Resolved, That in consideration of the large number of pigs killed by him he be charged at the rate offered by him.

26—Barn Farm —A Letter from Messrs. Norton, Trist and Gilbert, Solicitors for Mr. Wm. Gilbert, the owner of land near the Barn Farm, complaining of damage done to the field drain of his land by the iron pipes recently laid by the Corporation, and that the work of laying the pipes had caused some of his land to fall in, and that some of the pipes had been laid on his land, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to repair any damage done and to alter the line of the pipe under what is alleged to be Mr. Gilbert's land.

27—Alleged Contamination of Wells at Haydon from Sewage Farm - Referring to Minute No. 27 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 10th ult., the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee his report of his examination of the wells. Resolved, That there is sufficient in the surroundings to

account for any pollution of the wells, and the facts detailed by the Borough Surveyor are sufficient to show that such pollution can in no way arise from the Corporation Sewage Farm or Carriers.

28--No. 8, Lansdown Terrace—A Letter from Mr. D. T. Woodward, the owner of No. 9, Lansdown Terrace, was read, complaining that an old brick drain under No. 8, which he alleged is connected with the sewer, must bring sewer gas into the house so as to render it a nuisance and a danger, and requesting the Borough Surveyor to investigate and have whatever is wrong rectified. Resolved, To inform Mr. Woodward that the Council have no power to authorise the Borough Surveyor to investigate unless they receive written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drain is a nuisance or injurious to health.

29—Influenza—A Memorandum on Epidemic Influenza from the Local Government Board, was read.

33—Plans of House Drainage —The Plans of such New Buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the Street and Highway' Committee, were laid before the Committee and the same were approved, so far as the drainage was concerned.

J C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of March, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Col. Rogers ; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, and Skillicorne, (Councillor Heath in the chair).

1—Horticultural Society—Referring to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th ulto., a letter was read from Mr. G. Tovey, Hon. Sec. of the above Society, stating that the Society would be prepared to pay £10 10s. 0d. and give to each Subscriber to the Gardens two tickets each to be used on the Saturday only. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be granted to the Society on the 1st of June free and on the 3rd for 20 guineas, but if the weather should be unfavourable on the latter day the question of a rebate will be favourably considered. The Subscribers to the Gardens not to be excluded before 1 p.m. on either day.

2- Town Band—A letter from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Town Committee, was read, to know if the services of the Town Band would be required in Cheltenham this season, and what amount of support they may expect from the Corporation, and suggesting that the £10 per month subscribed by the Corporation for the previous three months should be increased. Resolved, To increase the subscriptions to £20 per month for four months from the 1st April, the Band to play at least 6 times in each week for 2 hours each time at such hours and in such places as the Band Sub-Committee shall specify. The Band to consist of not less than 12 performers. That the Band Sub-Committee, consisting of Ald. Norman, Councillors Heath, Lawrence, and J. Wagborne, be reappointed, and that the payment of £10 per month to the Town Committee be continued for the months of February and March.

3—Pittville Park—A Letter from the Rev. Canon Bell, stating that he had sent two Sea Gulls to the Pittville Gardens, was read. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Canon Bell for his kited gift.

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4—Lawn Tennis at Montpellier Gardens—A Letter from Mr. A. E. Pullen, Hon. Sec. of the United Banks Lawn Tennis Club, was read, asking if the Club could have three Tennis Courts again this year on the same terms as they had last year, viz., 13 guineas, but all together on the same level as the Band Stand, and submitting that the members of the Club should be allowed entrance to the Gardens at a reduced rate. Resolved, That the Courts, as required, be let to the Club upon the terms mentioned, but that the Committee cannot recommend any reduction of the ordinary subscription or entrance fee.

5-Adjustment with the Parish of Leckhampton —The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft terms of adjustment with the Cheltenham Rural District Council under the Borough of Cheltenham Order, 1893, Art. xvi., sec. 3, as approved by Mr. Ticehurst. Resolved, That the same be approved.

6 —Winter Gardens—The Town Clerk reported that he had seen a representative from Messrs. Young & Gilling, the Agents for the Owners of the Winter Gardens, who had informed him that the latter would give the Council the option of becoming the purchasers of the Winter Gardens at £12,000 within 3 months, and that they would write him a letter to that effect. Resolved, To adjourn the consideration of the offer until after the same had been reported to the Council.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Col. Rogers : Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair.)—

7—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor placed before the Committee suggestions for dealing with the Sheds and for conveniences for the use of the Public at these gardens. Resolved, That all the sheds be removed, and that the Borough Surveyor do lay before the Committee a Plan and Estimates for converting the Ice Well into conveniences for the use of the Public.

8—Town Band—A letter from Mr. E. Wilks, Secretary to this Band, requesting permission for the Band to give Sacred Concerts in the Pittville Park, in the afternoon of Easter Sunday, and on alternate Sundays up to and including Whit Sunday, conditions as before, was read. Resolved, That it be referred to the Band Sub-Committee to deal with this application and similar ones.

9—Winter Gardens—A letter from Messrs. Young and Gilling, was read, enclosing one from Mr. H. H. Gethen, written on behalf of the Proprietors of the Winter Gardens, by which they agreed to give the Council the option to purchase the same at the sum of £12,000, to which their price of £13,000 had been reduced in consideration of its becoming Town property, such option to remain in force until the 24th June, 1895, the Contract to be prepared by the Vendors' Solicitors.

10— Pittville Park —Badminton at the Pump Room—A letter from Mr. W. L. Mellersh, on behalf of the Badminton Club, was read, requesting permission for any member of the Club to take any 3 or more persons on any week day to play Badminton at any hour between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., and for any length of time, at the rate of 3d. for each person so playing for every two hours or less. Resolved, That subject to the condition as to the members giving in the time when they respectively commence and finish playing, as mentioned in Mr. Mellersh's letter, the required permission be granted for a fee of 4d. for each person playing.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

(7)

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer, Lewis, and Margrett, (The Mayor in the chair

1—Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, was read, as follows:

On the 5th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 223 Gallons ; the average for the last four years being 218 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 29,019,353 gallons.

On the 19th instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet 1 inch, and the contents 95,195,111 Gallons, which gave a total of 124,244,464 Gallons." He also reported that the result of the severe frost had been felt very largely, practically all the pipes under 2 feet in depth having been frozen, and a large number burst. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay the shallow mains deeper wherever it may be necessary to do so.

2 - Water Supply to Belgrave Lodge— A letter from Messrs. Croome, Ball and Smith, Solicitors for General Thorold, was read, complaining, on his behalf, of the stoppage of water to his house without any notice being given to him, also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply and their letter acknowledging same.

3—Tewkesbury Water—A correspondence between Mr. Badham and the Town Clerk, was read, with reference to use of the mains in Tewkesbury by Cheltenham for supply of the water outside the Borough of Tewkesbury, the charges for the supply of water to the Rev. C. W. Grove's premises, and as to the payment to the Tewkesbury Corporation for the water supplied to the Midland Railway at Ashchurch. Resolved, That as to the user of the mains Mr. Badham be referred to the Town Clerk's letter of the 5th of December last ; that as to the supply of water to the Rev. C. W. Grove it be proposed that the Borough Engineer meet the Borough Engineer of Tewkesbury, and endeavour to come to an arrangement as to the basis on which the water supplied to Mr. Grove's premises shall be paid for, and that as to the payment of the water supplied to the Midland Railway Co the

Cheltenham Corporation entirely deny the right of the Borough of Tewkesbury to charge and receive payment for water supplied to premises situate outside the Borough of Tewkesbury.

4-Rating of Water Pipes at Ashchurch—The Clerk reported that he had appeared before the Assessment Committee of the Tewkesbury Union to appeal against the Assessment of the Water Main in the Ashchurch Road, which had been rated at £24 net, the gross receipts being only between £21 and £22, but that he had not yet heard what the Assessment had been reduced to.

5-Water Supply to Delmar—A letter from Colonel Martin, was read, complaining of the want of water at his house and along Montpellier Terrace owing to the water having frozen in the pipe from its being so near the surface. Resolved, To send Colonel Martin a copy of Resolution No. 1 come to at this meeting.

6---Boddington Manor Estate —Referring to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of the Committee of the 24th of January last, the Town Clerk having reported upon the matter, Resolved, That the Committee do not at present see any reason why the Corporation should pay the costs and expenses of Mr. Gibbon's Solicitors and Engineer.

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

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Colonel Thoyts ; Councillors Feeney and Lawrence, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1--Yeomanry Drill Ground—A letter from Major Wyndham Quin to the Mayor that Lord Worcester considered it very desirable that the field in which the Stables are should be added to the area arranged for, and requesting to have an estimate prepared in order that this object may be carried out, was read. The Surveyor reported that he had sent an estimate accordingly to Major Wyndham Quin, and that it amounted to £70 or £100 according to the nature of the works. Resolved, That having regard to the amount which the Corporation are spending which is considerably more than was originally estimated and anticipated, the Committee are unable to recommend any further expenditure on the part of the Corporation, but the Committee will be pleased to render such assistance in the way of direction and supervision of the labours as may be necessary if Mrs. Bingham's consent is obtained

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 1895—Present : Aldermen Colonel Thoyts, Colonel Rogers and Norman ; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler (Alderman Colonel Thoyts in the chair). —

2-Driver's License--An application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License was received from Howard Hunt. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3- Hackney Carriage Licenses—An application from Charles Cooke for a Hackney Carriage License for a Hansom Cab, was read. Resolved, That the application cannot be granted, there being no vacancy.

4—Yeomanry Drill Ground—A Letter was read from Major Wyndham Quin, stating that Lord Worcester considered it desirable that the field in which the stables are situated and adjoining the present drill ground should be included in the area now being made for the use of the Yeomanry, also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply after conference with the Mayor and Chairman of this Committee, was read, stating that they were unable to recommend the Committee to ask the Council to incur any further expenditure, but that the Council would probably be willing to superintend and direct the work of removing the fence and filling up the ditch if he would be prepared to incur the necessary expenditure, the payment of which might be in moieties spread over two years ; and a further letter from Major Wyndham Quin in reply, was read, in which he undertook on behalf of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars that the funds necessary to pay for the additional work should be forthcoming in the manner proposed, this sum not to exceed too. Resolved, That the Committee will recommend the Council to agree to the proposals provided that Major Wyndham Quin do give his personal undertaking to pay £70 on the conclusion of the training in May next, and the balance of £30 the following year.

5 —Allotment Ground—Bird—Referring to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last monthly meeting a report was read from the Collector stating that the dispute could not be settled till the lots have been measured, as there were no pegs to indicate the boundary line, but the Chief Assistant of the Borough Surveyor having stated that he had measured the lots and pegged out the boundary line previously to the date of the Collector's Report, Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further enquiry.

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

Mr. Strang, Montpellier Walk	50 gallons
H. G. Norton, 416, High Street	“
Fredk. Beddard, Bath Road ..	“
Mr. Bellamy, 251, High Street	“
Albert Lusty, 16, Albert Street	“
E. Beckingsale, 149, High Street	“
John Fisher (Executors of), Winchcomb Street	“
T. W. Harvey, 192, High Street	“

Resolved, That all the foregoing applications be granted.

7-Market —Referring to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Baths and Recreations Grounds Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That this Committee cannot recommend that the suggestion to open the Cattle Market as a playground for children be given effect to.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman .

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th day of March, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Dighton, Heath, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—Resolved, That this Bath be reopened on the 8th April.

2 - Naunton Park—The question of the appointment of a Caretaker of this Park was further considered, and Wm. Chas. Dance, of Naunton Cottage, late of the Grenadier Guards, attended this meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That Wm. Chas. Dance be appointed Caretaker at a salary of 12s. per week payable monthly, his duties to commence on the 2nd April.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

(9)

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 1895 — Present The Mayor ; Councillors M. Davis, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Superintendent's Report —The Superintendent reported that the front gates and also those at the entrance of the Cemetery were out of repair, and that he required a Register of Graves in the new ground. Resolved, That it be left to the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor to order what is necessary to be done to the gates and that the Town Clerk do order a Register.

2—Bowles—A letter from Mr. Selim Smith stating that he buried a poor man's wife named Bowles, who died in confinement, that the child was buried in the same coffin with the mother, and requesting the Board to remit the fee of 5s 6d paid in this case, was read. Resolved, That the fee on the burial of the child be remitted.

3—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved Headstones to Edith Sarah Gibbins, John Ovey, Mary Lankshear Pigott, The Rev. Father Alexander Maurus Wilson, O.S.B., William Davis, Melina Lane, and Harriet Winstone, but subject as regards the last mentioned design to there being a brick foundation the full depth and size of the grave as in the case of a 4th class vault and to payment of fees as for a tomb.

4—Accounts—The following Account was examined and allowed :—

W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages .. £15 17 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 1st day of March, 1895, at the Central Station—
Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors E. Lawrence, E. H. Parsonage, and H. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Progress of the Works—The Committee inspected the works of the Station and found the machinery generally in position with the exception of the large engine and alternator which Were in course of erection.

2-Engineer's Office—With reference to the furnishing of this room for which authority had already been given to a Sub-Committee, the Electrical Engineer submitted some details of his requirements, which were approved by the Committee. Resolved, That it be left to the Sub-Committee to deal with.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of March, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Parsonage, and Lawrence (Councillor Lawrence in the chair,)—

3—Meetings of the Committee—At a meeting of this Committee held at the Works on Friday, the 8th inst., there were present Alderman Norman, Councillors Dimmer and Parsonage ; and at a meeting held there on the 16th inst., Alderman Norman, Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage.

4—Wickham—A Letter was read from Mr. Steel stating, with reference to an interview he had had with the Town Clerk, that the lowest amount he would advise his client to accept in discharge of her claim would be km and costs, which he would put at two guineas. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk to settle.

5—Inspector—Resolved, To appoint Mr. Matthews (the Gas Examiner) Electric Light Inspector, at a salary of £10 per annum and half the fees that may be received from customers for testing their meters.

6—Experimental Arc Lamp —Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be empowered to erect one arc lamp, as an experimental lamp, at the spot occupied by and in lieu of the gas lamp now standing in the centre of the open space in Clarence Street, near the cab stand.

7— Lamps—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer and Electrical Engineer be authorised to order 800 incandescent lamps of 8, 16 and 32 candle power.

GEORGE NORMAN, Chairman.

(10)

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, 26th day of March, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Heath, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £14,473 9s. 9d.; leaving outstanding, £13 3s.7d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read.

3—Private Improvement Works -North Place -A letter from Mr. Josiah Jones, asking to be allowed to pay by instalments the sum due from him for Private Improvement Work:, in North Place, viz. £13 18s. 2d., was read. Resolved, That Mr. Jones be allowed to pay the amount as follows, via : the sum of £3 at once, and the remainder by 3 quarterly instalments with interest at 5 per cent.

4— Delancey Hospital Fees—A letter from Mr. C. Williams, of No. 8, Sydenham Villas, was read, objecting to payment of 5 guineas, expenses incurred by the Council in the treatment of his servant, Louisa Summers, at the Delancey Hospital, as she had only been in his service about 9 or 10 days. Resolved, That in consideration of the short time the servant had been in his employment, Mr. Williams be only asked to pay half the amount.

5--Leckhampton Local Board Audit -A letter was Trail from Mr. D. Mallory, requesting a cheque of £4 in payment of the amount of the Stamp Duty paid by him on the Financial Statement, on the occasion of the Audit in October last, of the Leckhampton Local Board Accounts. Resolved, That the Council having discharged all liabilities, of which a list was furnished by Mr. Mallory, and incurred prior to the date fixed by the Provisional Order, this Committee cannot recognise liabilities subsequently incurred.

6—Electric Lighting Loan—A letter from W. N. Skillicorne, Esq., on behalf of the Rev. R. N. Bricknell and himself, offering to lend to the Corporation £700 at 3 per cent. for 5 years, was read. Resolved, That the offer be accepted as part of this Loan

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. The General Statement was as follows : —

In hand on the 26th February last	£12,049 16 1	
Received since that date	<u>£13,119 18 3</u>	
	£25,169 14 4	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 3,777 18 11</u>	
Total in hand	£21,391 15 5	
Current and Interest Accounts		£13,402 14 3
Sinking and Loans Funds....		<u>£ 7 989 1 2</u>
		£21,391 15 5

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined, Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of £11,038 0s. 3d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1895 -Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoyts; Councillor Feeney (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1- Schools of Science and Art—A Circular letter from the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, enquiring whether it would be of service to the Council to receive extracts from the Reports of the Inspectors of Science and Art Schools when they relate to Schools or Classes aided by the Town Council out of funds placed at its disposal for the purposes of Technical Education, and would be glad to learn whether the Council of this Borough would wish that the Inspectors should also inspect and report on the more purely Technical work Of any) carried on in the schools which they may be inspecting for this Department, was read. Resolved, That the Science and Art Department be informed that the Council of this Borough would be glad to receive extracts from the Reports of their inspectors in relation to the work of Technical Education at the Grammar School and Schools of Science and Art in this Borough and the Art Class at Charlton Kings, and would like the Inspectors to inspect and report on the more purely Technical Work carried on in the above-mentioned Schools.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

(11)

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of March, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors LI. Davies, Feeney, and Skillicorne, Capt. Welch, R.N., Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. C. Hall (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1--Librarian's Report —The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £11 16s. 5d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz:—

Mr. B. Anderton ..	1 Vol.
Mr. W. F. March Phillipps . .	5 Vols. 4 pamphlets.
Rev. C. Voysey ..	2 Vols.
Mr. F. H. Cliffe	1 Vol.
Trustees of the British Museum	2 Vols. 4 pamphlets.
Rev. W. L. Lang ..	1 Vol.
Welsh University.	1 Vol.
Dr. Garrett.	2 pamphlets. 1 Vol.
Messrs. T. B. Browne, Ltd. ..	1 vol

Annual Report from the Library at Hove.

2—Sub -Committee's Report The Sub-Committee recommended: That the Books sent on approval be purchased for the " Buchanan Collection " for the sum of £22 15s. 6d. That the " Engineer " be added to the list of technical periodicals for the news room. That a new suit of uniform clothing be ordered for the Janitor. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved.

3- Electric Light —The Resolution of the Electric Lighting Committee of date the 22nd ulto., was read, and consideration of the question of obtaining tenders for the wiring and fittings was adjourned for the Electrical Engineer to furnish a Specification of what is required.

4 — School of Science—The Chairman reported that with reference to the damage done by the water and acids from the waste pipes of the School of Science it was clear that the School of Science were liable for any such damage unless occasioned by faulty construction of the pipes.

5—Gift of Electrolier—The Chairman reported that the Baron de Ferrieres had very generously offered to present to the Library an Electrolier to light the vestibule. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Committee be given to the Baron de Ferrieres for his handsome gift.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account	£15 2 0
William Norton, Books ..	£ 1 2 0
Henry Sotheran & Co. ..	£ 6 1 6
John Hitchman	£ 1 2 0
Bernard Inavitch	£ 7 18 6
Janice Miles	£ 4 19 0
Charles Lowe ..	£ 4 10 0
James Rimell & Sons	£ 5 3 0
Merryweather & Sons ..	£10 17 10
Accounts under 10s each	£ 0 19 0

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

(12)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of March, 1895 Present : The Mayor ; Alderman brew; Councillors LI. Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

1-Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Drew was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

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

3- -Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 40 Schools, containing 1,169 names. These and the balance left to visit at the end of last month, 167, made a total of 1,336. Of this number, 63 were accounted for by the teachers, 1,104 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 169 recently sent in.

4-Edith Annie Wintle—An application by Mrs. Widdows for a half time Labour Certificate for her daughter, Edith Annie Wintle, aged 13, who had received a Certificate from the F. B. de Sausmarez, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, that she had reached the 3rd Standard, was considered. Resolved, That the same be granted.

5-Special Examination —The Town Clerk reported that a Special Examination of children was held on the 2nd inst., with the following results:—

No. of Boys Examined ..	54
No passed in Standard III.	1
No. passed in Standard IV.	1
No passed in Standard V.	22
No. of Girls Examined	31
No. passed in Standard III.	2
No. passed in Standard IV.	2
No. passed in Standard V.	17

The total number of children examined was 85. Of this number 45 passed, and the remainder failed.

6—Maria Smith—Referring to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of September last, a letter was read from Mr. W. B. Smith of the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, enclosing a copy of a letter he had written to the Clerk to the Cheltenham Board of Guardians worn which it appeared that Maria Smith one of the deaf and dumb children sent to the Institution by the said Guardians, but the maintenance and education of whom had been transferred to this Committee under the provisions of Sec. 13, Sub-Sec 2 of the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893, was so ill with Measles that she could not recover, and that he desired to know whether the Guardians would undertake the conveyance home and the interment in the event of the child's death ; also the letter of the Clerk to the Guardians in reply that his Board had no authority to defray the expenses of the conveyance home, although they would be prepared to pay the ordinary funeral expenses.

Also a letter in reply from the Town Clerk that it was clear that this Committee are not liable for the funeral expenses as those are certainly not put upon the Local Authority by the Act, and the parents being practically paupers the Guardians would have to pay such expenses. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved, and that this Committee cannot undertake to defray the expenses of the conveyance home in the event of the child's death.

7—Attendance at School of Children who have received Proficiency Certificates--A letter from the Town Clerk to the Education Department, was read, stating that a question had been raised here by some of the teachers whether children who have attained the age of 11 years and have received a

certificate of having reached the 5th Standard are obliged to continue attendance at School till the age of fourteen if they are not actually employed ; also the reply from the Department that their Lordships were not aware of any legal means of requiring children in the Borough of Cheltenham who have passed Standard V. to attend school whatever their reason for leaving.

J. W. DREW, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd May, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 6th 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.
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—and Report re Purchase of Winter Garden. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING 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 :—Newman Gibbard re Accident to his horse. G. H. Williams with Memorial in favour of Purchase of Winter Garden. Norman, Sawyer & Co., re Electric Lighting. Secretary New Decimal Association re Decimal System.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES at the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th of May, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1895—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-Stabling at Evesham Lawn—The Minute No. 23 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting which was referred back to the Committee with power to deal with the matter, was further considered. Resolved, That subject to a block Plan being deposited showing the position of the stabling in accordance with the Covenants to which the land is subject the same be approved.

2 —College Lawn Road—A letter from Mr. G. W. Sadler, was read, stating that when the road has subsided in the parts where it had been broken up by the Water Department for the purpose of lowering the main and service pipes, any repairs that may be found necessary will be proceeded with without troubling the Town Council further in the matter.

3- Road at Back of Park Place—A further letter from Mr. G. A. Grist, was read, stating that he did not know the names of the persons who deposited the rubbish, and requesting the Committee to take some steps to remedy the nuisance. Resolved, The Town Clerk being of opinion that the existing law and the Bye-laws were insufficient to meet such cases as this, that he do frame and bring up for approval a Bye-law dealing with such cases.

4 - Footpath South Side of London Road—A Memorial from C. Wilson, Esq., and others, was read, calling attention to the narrow and inconvenient footpath on the South side of the London Road, from Sirsa House to College Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do report as to what took place when this matter was before the Committee on a former occasion.

5—Roads—A letter from Mr. H. Butt was read, making suggestions as to the provision of landing yards adjoining the different lines of railway to save injury to the roads from conveyance of stone and materials to the Central Depot and from thence to all parts of the town, and other matters.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

(1)

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of April, 1895—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

6 Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

7- The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz ;---The Mayor ; Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage.

8-Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 16.27 Candles. Purity 14.91 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

9 - Gas Inspector's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month : 4.187 cubic feet.

10-- Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 2 metered, and 3 unmetered, Burning dimly, 4 unmetered.

11-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that projections had been put up without the permission of the Council as follows, viz.: -At Mr. A. G. Sanders', Electrical Engineer, Clarence Parade, an Electric Light Lamp suspended in front of the premises ; at Mr. W. James's, Butcher, 82, High Street, two moveable Electric Light Lamps suspended in front of the premises, which are removed during the day and only used occasionally at night ; at the Colonial and American Meat Stores, 20, Winchcomb Street, a Gas Rail in front of the premises Also, with reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th ultimo, that the Iron Bar in front of the second storey windows at Nelsons Limited, No. 415, High Street, had not been removed.

Letters were read from Mr. A. G. Sanders stating that the Arc Lamp out-side his premises is only fixed temporarily, and that he would remove it immediately on being requested to do so, and that he would be glad to have permission to fix one permanently ; from Mr. Rees Jones, No. 344, High Street, applying for permission to put up at the above address four lamps without writing on, similar to those of the International Tea Company ; from Mr. Hamlin, on behalf of Messrs. W. & R. Fletcher, Limited (proprietors of Colonial and American Meat Stores), asking permission to allow the gas rail outside their branch, 20, Winchcomb Street, to remain, and from George Bullock, of the Duke of York, Oxford Passage, asking permission to erect a swing Sign Board to his house 12 feet high. Resolved, That if Mr. Sanders and Mr. James desire to fix a lamp or lamps in front of their premises they must make proper applications ; that the Gas Rail at No. 20, Winchcomb Street must be shifted to a height of at least 8 feet and must not project more than one foot, and that the Blind to the premises must be at least 8 feet clear when down ; that notice be given to the Manager of Nelsons Limited, that unless the rail is removed within a week proceedings will be taken forthwith for the penalties ; that :Mr. Rees Jones's application be granted provided that the lamps be fixed at least 8 feet in the clear above the ground, and subject to the right of the Corporation to order their removal if and when they may think fit, and that the consideration of Mr. Bullock's application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7- - Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department from the 23rd March to the 26th April, both inclusive, viz :

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone— Sherborne Street, 1,272 super yards ; Tewkesbury Road, 480 super yards ; Old Bath Road, 5, super yards ; Keynsham Road, 1,442 super yards; Fairview Street, 500 super yards ; New Street, 1,925 super yards ; Selkirk Street, 390 super yards ; Fairview Road, 500 super yards ; Ambrose Street, 260 super yards ; Victoria Place, 450 super yards ; Victoria Street, 110 super yards ; Albert Place, 150 super yards ; Glenfall Street. 167 super yards, a total of 8,156 super yards.

Hales Road, Six Chimneys Lane, and Tivoli Place proceeding.

Patching—St. Luke's Road, Back of Montpellier Terrace, Lansdown Crescent, Christ Church Road, Malthouse Road, Henrietta Street, Pittville Villas, Albion Street, Gloucester Road, Hatherley Road, Park Place, Back of Lansdown Terrace, Gloucester Place, St. Anne's Terrace, Sandfield Road, Arle

Village, Sandford Road, Hester's Way, Croft Lane, Prestbury Road, St. George's Road, Cemetery Road, College Road, Portland Street and Square, Montpellier Street, North Place, Rodney Road, Priory Street, Malvern Street, Corpus Street, Dunalley Parade, Carlton Street, Douro Road, Bath Road, Wellington Grove, St. Paul's Street, North, Marle Hill Parade, Rosehill Street, Montpellier Terrace, Thirlestaine Road, Hall Road, Moorend Park Road, Bath Terrace, Commercial Street, Grafton Street, Exmouth Street, Moorend Street.

Kerbing, Crossing and Flagging—Bath Road, Montpellier Terrace, Promenade, Priory Street, St. George's Road (crossing relaid at top of G.W. Road), Swindon Road, Cleeve Road, Malvern Road, Burton Street, Queen's Circus, St. George's Place, Clarence Street, Pittville Circus, and Columbia Street.

Of the path in Grosvenor Street 1,800 super feet have been relaid

Four Crossings have been relaid in the Park.

Tariff Paths—Monson Avenue, Henrietta Street, Swindon Road, Milsom Street, St. Paul's Road, Sandford Road, have been repaired.

Gravel Paths have been repaired at Lansdown Road (proceeding) and Old Bath Road, 580 super yards.

Gullies and Drains—1 new gully constructed in Bath Road near Hermitage Street, together With 27 feet of 6in. iron pipe beneath the roadway. 1 new gully constructed in Exmouth Street. Laying 57 yards of 6in. earthenware pipes for drainage of surface water off Bath Road between Exmouth Arms and Bath Terrace, two new gullies connected with the same. Trees cut down and pruned in the Promenade, Spa Buildings, and Christ Church Road.

Ashes Collected—Van loads collected, 757 ; Cart ditto, 615 ; Consumed at the Destructor 373 tons, 14 cwt., 2 qrs. The remainder has been carted to Prestbury Park for filling up the Ditch.

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13-Horses— Resolved, To fix Saturday, the 11th of May next at 3.30 p.m. for inspection of the Horses, &c., at the Central Depot.

14- Swindon Road Bridge—A letter from Mr. James Briggs, Engineer of the Midland Railway Company, was read, stating that it would shortly be necessary to re-construct the timber superstructure of this bridge, and requesting to know what facilities the Borough Surveyor could afford him during the carrying out of this work. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to confer thereon with Mr. Briggs.

15 Ewlyn Road and Footpath—With reference to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th ulto. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do prepare and bring up a specification of the work required to be done to the road by the abutting and other owners.

16—Grosvenor Place, South—A memorial from Mr. Arthur Hill and other residents in Grosvenor Place, South, was read, requesting that the Street may be taken over by the Corporation as the Private Improvement Works executed by the Corporation had been paid for by the respective

abutting owners. Resolved, That when all the abutting owners have paid their respective shares of the expense, which has not yet been done, the road will [be]taken to by the Corporation as requested.

17 - Old Timber Goods Shed of the Great Western Railway Co. --With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 23 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th ulto., a letter was read from Mr. G. H. Mills on behalf of the Great Western Railway Co., stating that he would make enquiry into the matter and write again shortly.

18—Footpath South Side of London Road—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Memorial therein referred to, to which additional signatures had been since affixed, was again considered. Resolved, That if the abutting owners will give up the necessary land, the Committee will recommend the Council to widen the footpath.

19—Cranham and Sydenham Roads—With reference to Minute No. no of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th of November last, a letter from Mr. J. F. Claridge was read, enquiring if the Notices and Specifications of the works required to be done to these roads had been served upon the owners, and if the authority would be likely to interfere to carry the matter out. The Borough Surveyor reported that the Notices for the works in Cranham Road having expired, the works would be forthwith commenced, and that the notices in respect of the repairs to Sydenham Road would now be given.

20-Leckhamptori Road—The Borough Surveyor having called attention to an encroachment on the West side of the Main Road near the site of the Old Tram Road. Resolved, That Councillors Parsonage and Skillicorne be requested as a deputation from this Committee to meet a deputation from the Parish Council of Leckhampton to confer with reference to the delimitation of the Borough and Parish Boundaries at that spot.

21-St George's Place Improvement—With reference to the Resolutions to Minutes Nos. 19 and in of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of September last and 23rd of October last respectively, a letter from Mr. G. Stibbs was read stating that he had set back his premises to the new line of frontage and would be glad to receive payment of the £50 as promised, and the Borough Surveyor having reported that the premises had been set back and completed to his satisfaction. Resolved, That the £50 be now paid.

22-Marle Hill Parade Road—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th September, 1892, a letter from Mr. C. Lane was read, requesting that the promise of an allowance as therein mentioned in respect of the £17 7s. 4d. paid by him for the Private Improvement Works in this road might be performed. Resolved, That no money can be repaid, but that an allowance will be made when the additional works mentioned in the Resolution are done.

23—Road to Sandford Mill—The attention of the Committee having been called to the ruinous and dangerous state of the banks of the stream upon which the road abutts. Resolved, That the owner, Mr. C. E. Gael, be required to make good the banks of the stream and fence off the same from the road.

24—New Buildings-- The Surveyor laid before the Committee, notices and plans received by him from the following persons, viz.

Mr. George Haywood, New Villa, Gloucester Road.
Mr. J. Playle, Additions to Imperial Temperance Hotel, High Street.
Mrs. Maisey, Stabling Evesham Lawn.
Mr. Charles Barnett, Cold Store and Freezing Room, No. 486, High Street.
G. W. Keeling, Esq., Additions to No. 10, Lansdown Terrace.
Mr. Woodward, Additions to No. 9, Lansdown Terrace.
Mr. C. Moore, House in Stoneville Street.
Mr. Turner, Additions to Nos. 3 & 4, St. Phillip's Street.
Mr. Child, Two Houses in New Street.
Mr. Field, Pair of Houses at Pilley.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1895--Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, and Moles (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1 --Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received an application from William Frederick Boroughs of Bayshill Dairy, Royal Well Place, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the application be not granted until a proper Ash receptacle is provided, a flushing cistern affixed to the w.c., and the iron D trap in the yard replaced by a stoneware gully trap.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, two cases of Diphtheria and one case of Scarlet Fever, which latter case had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was fourteen.

3—Offensive Trade at Albion Gardens—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. W. Bailey of Albion Gardens, Market Street, was carrying on the trade of a Fellmonger, on the above premises, in contravention of Sec 112 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved, That he be given notice to discontinue carrying on the trade within seven days, and that his attention be called to the penalties incurred by him imposed by the said Section.

4-Smoke Nuisance The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaint had been made of a nuisance arising from smoke emanating from a cowl over the Malthouse of Mr. Stibbs in his yard off

Hewlett Street. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, be served on him requiring him to abate the nuisance.

5—Nos. 18 and 19, Regent Street—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 6th ulto., the Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Herbert had carried out the work required and had obtained the Sanitary Certificate applied for by Mr. Dix.

6—Alstone Ditch—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a complaint had been received as to the offensive condition of this ditch beyond the railway, where it is on the ground of Mr. Dufour Butcher. Resolved, That notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, be served upon all the owners and occupiers of property abutting on the Ditch requiring them to abate the nuisance.

7— House with Defective Drainage —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to No. 2, Regent Street, owned by Messrs. Engall & Co., (Agents) and in the occupation of Mr. W. S. Clutterbuck, are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains and act as provided by the said section.

8— Polluted Wells—The Medical Officer of Health represented that the water in the wells at Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, .7, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 29, and 64, St. Paul's Street, North ; No. 20, Brunswick Street ; No. 1, Victoria Street ; No. no Russell Street, and at The Cedars, Sandfield Road, is used or likely to be used for drinking or domestic purposes, was so polluted as to be injurious to health Resolved, That the necessary notices and proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, for orders to close the wells be given and taken.

9—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 requiring them 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.

10—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses without proper ashpits or ash receptacles, Resolved, That the necessary notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable Ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed, that form may be permitted.

11-Prospect Terrace, Nos.1 to 8 The Medical Officer of Health reported that a notice under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, accompanied by a specification of the Borough Surveyor, detailing the work required to be carried out at the above premises, was served several months ago on the owner Mr. William Seabright, of Eastbourne House, Tunnel Hill, Worcester, that nothing had been done up to that date. That a fresh notice and specification had been served upon him on the 22nd of March last, and a letter written to him to which he had made no reply. Resolved, That proceedings be taken for the penalties.

12 - Pig Keeping by Mr. Hastings in Folly Lane—A letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis, Solicitor for Mr. Hastings, was read, requesting the Council to waive compliance with a Notice which had been served

on his client, requiring him to remove his pigs from a field at the end of Folly Lane as the styes in which they were kept did not comply with the Bye-Laws, on the ground that no nuisance was caused. Resolved, That Mr. Baylis be informed that his client must observe the Bye-Laws.

13 - Alleged Defective Drainage at 32, Tivoli Street—A letter was read from Mrs. Watts complaining that there was an escape of sewer gas at the above premises, but the Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the premises and found that no drains were inside the house, that the drains outside were, at the nearest point, some distance from the house, but that they were defective and were being attended to. Resolved, To send a copy of this minute to Mrs. Watts.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday. the 24th day of April, 1895 ; Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney In the chair).—

14--Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Feeney was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

15-- Dairies. Cowsheds. and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received an application from John Allen, of No. 34, Brunswick Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the Application be refused until certain sanitary defects upon the premises have been made good.

16-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 4 cases of Enteric Fever, and one case of Diphtheria, that 4 4 cases of Scarlet Fever were sent to the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital, sent in by the Corporation, was seven.

17-Nos. 204 & 205, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Notices under Sec. 40 of the Public Health Act had been served on Mr. Bick, the then rack-rent landlord, but his lease came to an end at the beginning of April. Resolved, That fresh Notices be served on the present Owners or Occupiers.

18-- Nos. 30 and 31, Tivoli Street and No. 10, Tivoli Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. Potter, the Owner of these premises, begged to be excused carrying out the work according to the Notice and Specification served on her. as she is 80 years of age and tenant for life only. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot relieve Mrs. Potter from the obligation to do the work, and that the Notice must be complied with.

19 - Nos. 1 to 6, Spread Eagle Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a case of Typhoid Fever had occurred in this terrace, in which there were several sanitary deficiencies, the drains requiring to be relaid with separate gullies to each house to carry off surface water instead of the present open channel to the water closets, and that the premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notices and proceedings under Secs. 91 and 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given and taken to abate the nuisance.

20-No. 47, Rutland Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the dwelling house situated behind No 47, Rutland Street, owned by Mr. E. Compton, and occupied by Thomas Page, is in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That steps be taken for closing the premises under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

21--No. 8, Lansdown Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 40 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to No. 8, Lansdown Terrace, owned by Lord Clanricarde, are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains and act as provided by the said section.

22-Abattoir-The Medical Officer of Health reported that animals are kept too long in the Paddock at the Abattoir, sheep some-times being kept as long as a fortnight, and that up to the present time no charge has been made for lairage, though a charge is supposed to be made after the first 36 hours. Resolved, That the Bye Laws in this respect must be complied with.

23-Sewer draining part of The Park—The Medical Officer of Health reported that provision was made to flush this sewer at a head in Shurdington Road by turning into it the water of the brook that crosses the Shurdington Road, which an occupier complains is never now done Resolved, That the attention of the Borough Surveyor be called to it.

24-Houses without a Water Supply—It appearing on reports of the Borough Surveyor dated the 23rd and 24th inst. that Nos. 27, 31 and 59, Rutland Street, the Central Inn, Bennington Street, and No. 17, St. Anne's Terrace, were without a proper supply of water but that such supply could be furnished in each case at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the respective Owners requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

25-Houses requiring Cleansing and Limewashing—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that Nos. 48 and 59, Rutland Street ; Nos. 3 and 4 Long Court, the passage between Nos. 47 and 48, Rutland Street ; and No. 17, St. Anne's Terrace, were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition, that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, requiring them to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

26—Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the houses named in his report were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

27--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 respective Owners requiring them to provide the necessary Flushing Apparatus, and to the respective Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

28-- -Wells requiring to be Closed—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at Fern Villa, St. Anne's Road Nos. 1 to 6, Spread Eagle Terrace, No. 28, Rutland Street, No. 24 St. Paul's Street North and the Suffolk Arms is used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and is so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain Orders for the wells to be closed.

29—Minnow Ditch—With reference to Minute No. 19 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th March last, a letter from Mr. S. B. Dix was read stating that the sewer running under the ditch required to be put in order as it had been leaking for a long time. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had discovered that someone had made a communication between the ditch and sewer with a land drain tile which he had had removed and the sewer made good.

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30- Bone Grinding in Bennington Street—With reference to Minutes No. 19 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th of February last and No. 4 of the 16th of March last, a letter was read from Mr. J. G. Flory, of No. 25, Bennington Street, respecting the alleged offensive smells from the shed in Bennington Street, next to No. 27, and stating that a load of bones was hauled there on the 8th of February last in a waggon bearing the name Greenwood, Loby's Farm, near Gloucester, and on the 23rd of April another load in bags hauled by Thomas James, Vineyards Farm, Charlton Kings ; also a letter from Mr. H. Waghorne submitting that bones reduced to phosphate under steam pressure and then brought to Bennington Street for the purpose of making bone meal cannot be a nuisance, and that as he had removed the steam apparatus used for extracting the grease and gelatine from the bones, he considers the present interference of the Inspector is quite uncalled for. Resolved, To inform Mr. Waghorne that the operation of bone grinding even as described by him is an offensive trade within the meaning of Sec. 112 of the Public Health Act, and cannot be established without the consent of the Council, and that he must cease to continue it as the Council cannot give their consent to the establishment of such a trade in that situation.

31-Sewer in St. Luke's Road— Resolved, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, that the sewer in this road be relaid.

32- Barn Farm re Loan for Sewerage Works—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a Letter he had received from the Local Government Board of date the 1st of April requesting to be furnished with Plans of the proposed Works and enquiring whether Notices had been given under Sec. 32 of the Public Health Act, and stating that the Council should pass a Resolution asking the Board to appoint an Inspector to make enquiry and report as contemplated by Sec.34 ; his Letter to the Board of date the 13th Feb. last in reply to the Circular Letter of the Board re work for the unemployed ; his reply of date the 6th of April to the Board's letter of the 5th ; and a further Letter of date 22nd April inst. stating that the Board would direct a Local Enquiry, and that there was nothing in the Board's Circular Letter which authorised Local Authorities to carry out Works in anticipation of sanction being granted to Loans for their execution. The Town Clerk also laid before the Committee Draft of proposed reply to the Board, which was approved.

33—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 the Committee and the same were approved, so far as the drainage was concerned.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Col. Rogers ; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)

1—Winter Garden—With reference to Minutes Nos. 6 and 9, of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th and 26th ulto., the Town Clerk submitted the draft of the report which the Committee proposed to present to the Council at their next meeting on the subject of the purchase of the Winter Garden property. Resolved, That the same be approved as now settled, and that the Committee do report to the Council as follows :

By a Provisional Order (duly confirmed by Parliament) dated 10th May, 1892, the Corporation were empowered to purchase by agreement the property known as the Winter Garden, containing 3 acres, 2 roods, 12 poles, and " with sanction of the Local Government Board, to borrow for the purposes of the Order any sum or sums not " exceeding in the whole £50,000. A portion of this sum amounting to £15,727 has already been borrowed for " the purchase of the Montpellier Gardens and the addition to Pittville Gardens at Marle Hill, and the further " sum of about £3,000 will or may have to be borrowed for those purposes.

The purposes for which it was sought to take power to acquire the Montpellier Gardens and the Winter Garden, " were ; As to the former, that it was desirable to acquire such a fine open space without any special reference to " purposes to which it might subsequently be devoted, and also as possessing rights to the use of certain Mineral " Water Wells ; As to the latter that it was an open space in the heart of the town, which lent itself readily to " the purpose of reviving the use of the waters, either by adaptation of the existing buildings or the erection of " new buildings suitable for such purpose.

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" Your Committee believe it to be the general opinion that the Winter Garden property should belong to the Town " and they learn from the Borough Surveyor that it is quite practicable to convey the Mineral Waters not only " from the Montpellier Wells but also from the Pittville Wells to the Winter Garden site. " Another purpose to which the Winter Garden site could be applied, would be the erection of Municipal Buildings. " The present Municipal Offices are held by the Corporation under a lease which expires on the 29th September, " 1897, at the yearly rent of £210. It has been felt that the existing accommodation is insufficient and the " increasing business of the Council will tend to render it still more so. The only means of increasing it on the " present site would be the absorption and adaptation of the offices occupied by the Firm of Messrs. Brydges, " Mellersh &

Brydges, which, although it might be done, would your Committee think not be satisfactory in view " of future developments of the work of the Corporation.

" The Proprietors of the Winter Garden have, as mentioned in the minutes of the 26th ultimo, given the Council the " option of purchasing the Winter Garden property until the 24th June next, at the sum of £12,000, Which they " explain to be £1,000 less than their price in consideration of its becoming the property of the town.

"Your Committee have given very careful consideration to the question of the desirability of making this purchase, " and having regard to the advantages of providing a central place of resort in the town for the distribution of the " Water and other social purposes, and to the fact that provision in some shape or form will have ere long to be " made for extended Municipal Offices, and to the probable cost of any other suitable site for the same, your " Committee recommend this purchase to be made subject to the price including the furniture and other contents " of the building, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for the sanction to the requisite " Loan for the purchase money and expenses.

" If the Council approve this report, the Committee propose to advertise for plans and give premiums for the same " for the erection of Buildings for the purposes above-mentioned, and for the erection of Municipal Offices. The " Architect in each case to consider how, if it is feasible to do so, to utilise and adapt the existing buildings, or " any portion thereof for the purposes aforesaid, or either of them, the buildings not necessarily to be proceeded " with at the same time, but as may be decided upon from time to time by the Council. The Committee propose " to limit the Architects to an expenditure of £10,000 on Municipal Buildings, and £8,000 on other Buildings.

2-Application by New Club to purchase a portion of the Winter Garden —A letter from the Secretary of the New Club, was read, requesting to know whether the Corporation would allow the Club to acquire Lot 3 as per the Sale Plan therewith of the 1st March, 1894. at the price paid in proportion to the amount paid for the property and building Resolved, To inform the Secretary of the Club that the Committee are unable to consider the matter until the Council shall have finally decided whether or not to purchase the property.

3-Tennis—Montpellier Gardens—A letter from Mr. L. Borrett West was read, requesting to know if the price of the Tennis Courts which he and Mr. Hooker had last year for £5 5s. would be reduced this year on account of it being much worn and trampled over by visitors to the flower shows and fireworks and on days and evenings when the Gardens are thrown open. Resolved, To inform Mr. West that the price having been fixed by the Council, the Committee are unable to make any reduction.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Col. Rogers ; Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

4— Winter garden—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had received no reply as yet from Messrs. Young & Gilling as to whether the furniture and other contents of the building were intended to be included in the offer of sale for £12,000. Resolved, That the Report be amended by recommending the Council to accept the offer, provided that the furniture and contents are included therein.

5—Montpellier gardens—Horticultural Society—Referring to Resolution No 1 of this Committee of the 18th ult. a Letter from Mr. G. Tovey, Hon. Sec. of the Horticultural Society, was read, stating that his Committee had accepted the terms upon which the Gardens would be let to the Society.

Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan of the Conveniences to be constructed on the site of the present ice well. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the work be done by the Surveyor.

Railings—A Letter from Mr. J. G. Carr was read complaining of the infringement of the Conditions of the Contract for the railings round the Montpellier Gardens by sub-letting. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Letheren had given the stone work and concrete, which was not in his line, to Mr. Skemp, and a letter was read from Mr. Skemp denying that he had sublet any part of the work and stating that he always employed his own men.

Old Railings—Resolved, That the old wooden railings be advertised for sale by Tender.

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5-- Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Park Sub-Committees- --Resolved, That Sub-Committees of Management be formed for inspection of the Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Park, mid to confer with the Borough Surveyor on matters requiring immediate attention. The Sub-Committee for Montpellier Gardens to consist of Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, and Skillicorne, and for Pittville Park of the Chairman, the Mom, And Alderman Col. Thoys.

7- Town Band—Referring to Resolution No. 2 of this Committee of the 18th ult. a Letter was read from Mr. J. C. Cooper, enclosing a letter from Mr. A. H. Chapman, Secretary of the Town Band, stating that the Band could not accept less than 410 per week for playing two hours each evening, with the option of terminating the engagement by the middle of July. Resolved, That Mr. Cooper be informed that the Committee are unable to recommend the acceptance of those terms.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Thoys ; Councillors Margrett and Dimmer, (The Mayor in the chair.)

1---Filter Beds.—The Mayor read a report he had made of the result of the visit of the Committee (himself and Councillor Margrett being the only two members of the Committee present) to Reading, on the 2nd instant.

The Medical Officer of Health having reported the result of an examination made by him of the filtered water at Reading, Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the use of Polarite for filtering the water at Cheltenham.

Professor Frankland's report was further considered. Resolved, That it is desirable to enlarge the area of filtration of the water at Dowdeswell, and that the Borough Surveyor do prepare a specification and estimate of such additional filter beds as he may think necessary.

E. B. WETHERED, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Thursday, the 25th day of April, 1895 --Present The Mayor; Alderman Col. Rogers: Councillors Dimmer, and Margrett, (The Mayor in the chair)—

2-Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, was read, as follows :----

On the 23rd instant, the supply to Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs was 242 Gallons ; the average for the last four years being 205 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 31,002,939 gallons. On the 23rd instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet 9 inches, and the contents 98,706,813 Gallons, which gave a total of 129,709,752 Gallons

3—The Barrow, Boddington.—The Borough Surveyor also reported with reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of January last, that he had made a careful survey of the district around the Barrow at Boddington, with a view to providing a supply of water as desired by Mr. Badham in his letter of the 2nd January, 1895, and found that the cost of a 3-inch main to the Barrow, crossing the Click at Boddington Mill, and then following the footpath, will be about £320. The minimum charge would therefore be £32 per annum. He considered the terms should be a meter supply at £8 per quarter, with an allowance of 100,000 gallons, and all extra to be paid for at 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons, the Rural District Council laying any mains or services they may desire.

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Tewkesbury Water re Heating.—Correspondence between Mr. F. J. Brown, solicitor, Tewkesbury, on behalf of his clients Messrs. Samuel Healing and Sons and the Town Clerk was read, in which Mr. Brown contended that the Corporation should reimburse his clients the difference between the charge made by the Corporation of Tewkesbury for water supplied to Messrs. Healing's mills, viz : 1s per 1,000 gallons, and the price at which the Corporation of this Borough supplied water under the agreement with them, viz., 6d., and which agreement they maintained was still in force from the 29th of September last. Resolved, That as Mr. Brown had intimated his intention of calling upon the Town Clerk to discuss the matter with him, the further consideration of it be adjourned until after the interview shall have taken place.

5 - Garden at Sandford Pumping Station.—A letter was read from Mr. H. Webb, stating that he was unable to continue his tenancy of the garden land in Keynsham road, and giving a quarter's notice from Lady Day last of his intention to quit ; also a letter from Mr. W. Carpenter, of East End, Charlton Kings offering to take the land off Mr. Webb's hands from the 25th of March, if the Corporation will

accept him as a tenant. Resolved, That the land be let to Mr. Carpenter on the same terms as it is let to Mr. Webb, on the Town Clerk being satisfied that he is a desirable tenant.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman,

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of Aril, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Colonel Thoyts and Colonel Rogers ; Councillors Feeney, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, Parsonage and Wheeler. (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade.—The Superintendent reported that the Fire Brigade had since the last meeting been called to a fire at the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Engine Shed, on March 31st, caused by overheating a sand furnace flue, damage about £40 ; also that the Law Union and Crown Fire Insurance Offices had refused to pay the out of pocket expenses amounting to £2 12s. incurred by the Brigade being called to a fire at Evesham Lodge, on January 23rd, giving as a reason that the fire occurred within the Borough, and the damage done was only £1; also that the Fire Station is much too small for training the Brigade, and suggesting that permission be granted to use the yard at the Central Depot for this purpose. Resolved, That Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges, the local agents, be requested to again apply to the Insurance Office for payment of the amount ; and that permission be given to the Brigade to use the yard at the Central Depot for training after 6 p.m.

2- Driver's Licenses.—Applications for Hackney Carriage Driver's Licenses were received from G. H. Matthews and Walter Martin. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

3- Hackney Carriage Licenses.—Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were read from C. W. Martin of the Midland Temperance Hotel, and Thomas Hunt, of No. 16, Bath Terrace Resolved, That Mr. Martin be informed that at present there is no vacancy ; and that Mr. Hunt be placed on the list of applicants. An application by Mr. W. Smith, of St. Philip's Mews, for leave to transfer his License, No. 61, to another carriage, in consequence of the old one being in bad condition and not worth repair, was read. Resolved, That the change be permitted subject to the approval of the carriage by the Chairman.

4-Hackney Carriage Inspection and Licensing,— Resolved, That the date of the Annual Inspection be the 7th day of June, at 9.30 a.m., at the Central Depot, and that the Annual Licensing Meeting be held on the 12th day of June, at 10 a.m.

5-Yeomanry Drill Ground —Letters were read from Mr. W. Taylor, asking if he would be permitted to supply refreshments at the Yeomanry Drill Ground as hitherto, and from Mr. W. M. Hudson, of the Clarence Hotel, submitting tenders for the right to supply refreshments at the Drill Ground, and for purchase of the entrance takings Resolved, That these and all other matters with reference to the management of the Drill Ground during the Yeomanry training be referred to a Sub-Committee with power to deal with the same, consisting of Alderman Colonel Rogers and Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage, and that a letter be written to the Adjutant to know how many Carriage Tickets will be

required for the Officers' enclosure, as arrangements are now being made for the admissions to the ground.

6-Corporation Clocks—A letter was read from Mr. W. Holder, stating that his contract for winding, cleaning and repairing the clocks had expired, and that he was willing to continue at the same rate for winding, but not for repairs. Resolved, That tenders be obtained for winding, cleaning and repairing the clocks (13 in number, including the town clock) for one year.

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7-Bell Ringers—A letter from Mr. W. T. Pates, enquiring whether it would be the wish of the Town Council to have the bells of the Parish Church rung on the occasion of the entry of the Yeomanry into Cheltenham, on May 3rd next, and when they attend Service on the following Sunday, and enclosing a scale of the fees was read.

8—Metric System of Weights and Measures—A Letter from the Secretary of the New Decimal Association, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed by the Town Council of the Borough of Leicester, approving the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures in this country, was read.

9—Market—A Letter from Mr. Butt expressing approval of the policy of the Council in not allowing the market place to be used as a playground, and suggesting that it be utilised for the purposes of a general market, was read. so— Men's Outing—Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to make arrangements for the men's outing on the 15th of June next, and that Alderman Norman and Councillors Lawrence J. 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 Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1895—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Margrett, Moles, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1—Alstone Swimming Baths—The usual monthly report of the Borough Surveyor was read. The Baths were opened for the ensuing season on the 8th inst., and up to the 20th inst. the number of bathers was 461, and the total receipts £5 9s.

2 — Quoit Club—A letter was read from Mr. J. C. Cotton, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Quoit Club, asking if the Corporation would allow the Committee of the Club to erect a wooden shelter in the corner below the Quoit Beds at Barrett's Mill. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the erection being carried out according to the directions of the Borough Surveyor.

3-Season Tickets for Admission to the Baths —A letter from Mr. C. L. Keen, was read, suggesting the issuing of Season and Half-Season Tickets of admission to the Corporation Swimming Baths. Resolved, That Season tickets be issued at 10s 6d each, holders of such tickets to find their own towels.

4— Naunton Park re Caretaker—The Town Clerk reported he had received an application from Mr. A. W. King, of Melville House, Naunton Crescent, for the post of Caretaker at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter for the appointment of a Caretaker be adjourned to the next meeting.

F. F. WHEELER, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of April, 1895 — Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)— .

1-Superintendent's Report--The Superintendent reported that the Pinnacle over the South Porch of the Nonconformist Chapel was blown off during the heavy gale of last month ; also, that Mr Selim Smith had demurred to the payment of the fee of £3 3s. 0d., charged on the interment of Joseph Baker in space 16512L, which their son signed for as purchaser (in which Bridget Baker had been previously interred, the space not having been purchased on that occasion, the ordinary fee of 7s 6d being then paid) this being the amount of the purchase fee £2 15s. 6d., plus 15s for the second interment fee, less 7s 6d originally charged on the first interment, thus making the same total as if the space had been purchased on the occasion of the first interment.

A letter from Mr. Smith on the same subject was also read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Pinnacle replaced on the Chapel ; and, that in future if a grave space is purchased before the expiration of the 14th year after the first interment with a view to another immediate interment, the second interment fee of 15s be allowed for in which case no allowance will be made for the fee of 7s 6d paid on the first interment.

2-Burial Fees — The letter above mentioned from Mr. Selim Smith suggested a reduction of the Fees charged by the Clergyman on the Church of England ground for a private service. Resolved, That the Committee are unable at present to re-open the question of the Clergyman's fee.

3-Removal of Shrubs— A letter from Mrs. S. C. Higgins was read, stating that two shrubs on the grave in which her father was buried (1157L) had been removed by the orders of the Superintendent, because as he said they had been killed by the frost, and alleging that this was not the case. Resolved, That from the statement made to them by the Superintendent, the Committee are satisfied that the shrubs were killed by the frost, and that he acted quite properly in removing them.

4-Pauper Funerals—A letter was read from Mr. Ticehurst, clerk to the Guardians, requesting the Burial Board to allow their account of the fees for the burial of paupers to be rendered quarterly in future. Resolved to inform Mr. Ticehurst that his request be acceded to.

5—Johnston to Todd—Referring to minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee, of the 19th of February last, a letter from Mrs. Johnston was read, stating that the late Jane Martha Thompson was her aunt by marriage, and her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Todd, her first cousin. Resolved, That the

space may be transferred on payment of half the original set of fees according to Rule 21, Mrs. Thompson not having been a blood relation.

6— Designs— Referring to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee, of the 19th of March last, a letter from Mr. Winstone was read, requesting to be allowed to have the Monument to Harriet Winstone erected without the brick foundation required, alleging that it is not so heavy as others already erected at the Cemetery on a single grave space without a brick foundation. Resolved, That Mr. Winstone be referred to Rule 25 of the rules and regulations of the Cemetery of 1892. The following Designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Augusta Eliza Bliss, Melina Lane, Clara Nunn, Edward Henry Butcher, Charlotte Butcher and Eleanor Marion Butcher, Tom Bavin, Elizabeth James, Margaret Morrison, Muriel Robson, William Henry Smith, Dorothy Staley, Eliza Wright and Ernest Wright.

7—Bedding-out Plants Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do supply the necessary bedding-out plants from the Greenhouses at Pittville.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£16 16 0
Webb Bros., Coal	£ 3 3 0
Knight & Co., Parchment Sheets for transcript of Burial Register to send to Gloucester	£5 0 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 29th day of March, 1895,—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Lighting at Public Library—It was reported that the Librarian wished some variation in the details provisionally agreed upon for the lighting of the Library. Resolved, That it be left to the Electrical Engineer while advising the Library Committee to the best of his judgment to concede any points of difference if any such remained upon making it clear that the responsibility then rested with the Library authorities.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th day of April, 1895—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

The large engine and transformer were started in the presence of the Committee.

2—Opening the Works—The Chairman having suggested that Mr. Preece should be asked to kindly fulfil the conditional promise he made to the Committee, that he would come down to the opening of the works. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do communicate with Mr. Preece on the subject and invite him on the occasion of the taking over of the works from the contractors.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 12th day of April, 1895, at 8 p.m., at the Central Station—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Lawrence, Dimmer, H. Waghorne, and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

The Chairman reported that the Town Clerk and he had seen Mr. Preece in London, and that Mr. Preece had expressed his willingness to come to Cheltenham to take part in the inauguration of the lighting by the Corporation, which he would do on Thursday, 16th prox. Resolved, That the date named be the day on which the works are taken over by the Corporation ; that a formal visit be paid to the works at 4.30 on that date, for the purpose.

That Professor Ayrton, F.R.S., Mr. A. Siemens and Mr. Callender be invited to the opening. The Surveyor was authorised to extend the main in St. George's Place ; and that a similar extension be made in Cambray to supply customers there. The wiring of the Central Station having been completed, the station was fully lighted, and everything was running satisfactorily.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday the 26th day of April, 1895 Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, H. Waghorne and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)

3— Meetings of the Committee —At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Works on Friday the 19th inst., there were present, the Mayor, Alderman Norman, and Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

4—Wickham—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd ultimo, the Town Clerk reported that this claim had been settled for a payment of £10 and one guinea for costs.

5—Street Light—A letter from Baron de Ferrieres was read, recommending that an Arc Lamp on a tall post should be placed at the junction of the Colonnade and High Street. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

6—Charge of the Works—The Town Clerk having reported that he had ascertained that the 16th of May would be a convenient day for the gentlemen invited to attend the inauguration of the works by the Corporation. Resolved, That the fixture for that day be accordingly confirmed.

7-- Lighting of Post Office—A letter from the Town Clerk to the Postmaster, Cheltenham, written at the suggestion of the Chairman, enquiring whether the authorities at the Post Office would avail themselves of the Electric Light, was read ; also a letter from the Postmaster in reply, stating that he had submitted the enquiry for the consideration of the authorities of the General Post Office.

8—Meter Charges—Resolved. That the Meter charges do commence on the 1st of May.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1895—Present : Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

q- Leckhampton Footpaths—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that with reference to the application of the Town Council for sanction to borrow £2,000 for works of Street Improvement, the Board will direct a local inquiry to be held on the subject by one of their Inspectors, and the Town Clerk reported that he had since received notice of such enquiry for the 9th May.

2-Barn Farm Sewage Works—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that with reference to the application of the Town Council for sanction to borrow £550 to defray the costs of works of Sewage disposal at Barn Farm, the Board will direct a local Inquiry to be held on the subject by one of their Inspectors, and the Town Clerk reported that he had since received notices of such enquiry for the 9th May.

3-- Private Improvement Works--Tewkesbury Road—A letter from Mr. John Turk. of Railway House, was read, asking for time to pay for the Private Improvement Works in the Tewkesbury Road in respect of No 35 in the said Road. Resolved, That he be allowed to pay the amount £4 12s. 8d. and 11s. 9d. costs by instalments of £2 at once, and the remainder with interest at 5 per cent. in 3 months.

4- Return of Rates--A letter from Mr. E. Nicholls formerly of 22, Grosvenor Place South, was read, requesting to be returned a portion of the rates paid by him for the current half-year in respect of the said house before he left it on the 5th of February lost. Resolved. That Mr. Nicholls' request cannot be complied with there, being no precedent for such a course.

5—Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Meeting an account of his expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1894-5, amounting to £99 5s. 10d. Resolved, That the said amount be certified to be due to him, and be apportioned between the Parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings in the proportions of £86 12s. 9d. to Cheltenham and £12 13s. 1d. to Charlton Kings.

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6—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 was as follows :—

In hand on the 26th March last	£21,391 15 5
Received since that date	<u>£ 7,594 6 11</u>
	£28.986 2 4
Paid since that date	<u>£16,849 3 8</u>
Total in hand	£12,136 18 8
Current and Interest Accounts	£ 4,104 10 2
Sinking and Loans Funds....	<u>£ 8,032 8 6</u>
	£12,136 18 8

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined. Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of £9,482 14s. 4d be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of April, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Feeney and Parsonage ; Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. Welch, R.N., and Mr. C. Hall (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £2 11s. 8d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz. Councillor E. Ll. Davies 1 Vol. The Rev. W. P. Nevins 1 Vol. Librarian, Manchester Public Library 1 Vol. Crown Agents for the Colonies 1 Vol. Trustees of the British Museum 2 Vols. Miss Dent 1 Vol. Annual Reports from the Libraries at Birmingham, Liverpool and Southampton.

2-Sub Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that the boiler required repairs and that the Librarian was instructed to obtain an estimate for such repairs and also for painting the outside pipes ; also that the Librarian had suggested some alterations to the Counter and Indicator arrangements so as to save labour and for utilising the space acquired thereby for additional bookcases, a rough sketch plan of the suggested alterations being laid before the Committee. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration and that the Librarian be requested to obtain separate estimates for the works.

3-Electric Lighting—A Letter was read from the Baron de Ferrieres thanking the Public Library Committee for their vote of thanks for the gift of the electrolier, which he hoped would prove useful. A Specification and Plan for the wiring and lighting arrangements of the Library prepared by Mr. Kilgour, the Electrician of the Corporation, was laid before the Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved and that estimates for the work from Messrs. Marshall & Co. and Mr. Sanders be obtained, the cost to be paid by three annual instalments, the first to be paid on the expiration of a month's satisfactory running, to be certified by the Electrician, and the second and third instalments at the end of the first and second years respectively.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account	£15 12 0
C. Westley	£ 1 16 5
Ditto	£15 6 9
Ditto	£ 1 18 5
Ditto	£ 0 15 0
Ditto	£ 0 7 0
Ditto	£0 5 0
Norman, Sawyer & Co.	£20 11 3
R. E. & C. Marshall	£ 5 10 0
Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Co.	£ 6 10 6
Webb Bros.	£ 1 19 6
H. M. Gilbert (Books)	£11 0 4
J. Banting & Son ditto	£26 0 6
B. Quaritch ditto	£ 0 16 6
W. Pitcher ditto	£ 0 5 10
Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society (Subscription)	£0 10 6

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1895—Present : Aldermen Col. Rogers and Drew ; Councillors Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Col. Rogers 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 Florence Mitchell, Victoria Parade, and Ernest Morton, Folly Lane.

2—Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 32 Schools, containing 841 names. These and the balance left to visit at the end of last month, 069, made a total of 1,010. Of this number, 43 were accounted for by the teachers, 838 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 129 recently sent in.

3 --School at Moorend —Mr. Irving, one of the Attendance Officers, reported that he had, as instructed by this Committee, visited a school at Moorend, at the back of Georgina Villa, kept by a Mr. Pearce, where several children were taught in a very small room which seemed to him dirty and unhealthy. Resolved, That the attention of the Public Health Committee be called to this.

4-Deaf and Dumb Children—With reference to the second part of Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of September last, a letter was read from Mr. W. B. Smith, of the

Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, enquiring if clothing is to be included in the case of each of the four children transferred by the Guardians of the Poor of the Cheltenham Union to the care of this Committee, as in the cases of the two children sent to the institution direct from the Committee, and stating that it must be understood that travelling expenses are not included in the amount paid for clothing Resolved, That the Institution be requested to provide the necessary clothing for the four children mentioned upon the same terms as they agreed to for the other two, viz., 43 each, but that this Committee cannot be responsible for any travelling expenses incurred in sending the children to and fro for holidays or to see their parents.

5--Age of Exemption for Half-time Labour -A Circular Letter from the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers requesting the Committee to pass a resolution in favour of raising the minimum age of exemption for half-time labour for children from 11 to 12 years of age, was read.

6-Sunday and other School Treats—Resolved, That a Circular Letter be addressed from this Committee to the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools and Secretaries of the Bands of Hope requesting that any Sunday School or other treats to children attending schools in this Borough may, if possible, be held during the last two weeks in July and the first two in August only, as the absence of so many children at other times to attend these treats causes inconvenience in the day schools and throws unnecessary work upon the School Attendance Officers.

R. ROGERS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, May 9th, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 13th day of May 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. Make Order for Borough Rate.
3. Make General District Rate.
4. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTE of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 13th day of May, 1895.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1895--Present : Alderman Col. Rogers: Councillors 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 Mayor be requested to convene a Special Meeting of the Council for Monday, the 13th instant, to consider the same and make the Rates.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th May, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Tuesday, the 4th 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 Monthly Meeting, and of the Special Meeting on the 13th May 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. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Alderman Colonel Thoyts to move :—" That all matters relating to the Lighting of " the Town, whether by Electricity or Gas, and whether public or private, be " referred to the Committee now called the Electric Lighting Committee, " such Committee to be styled " The Lighting Committee," but subject as to " position of Public Lamps to the direction of the Street and Highway " Committee, and that the Resolutions of the Council of the 28th November, " 1876, 9th November, 1881, and the 6th October, 1884, on the subject be " altered accordingly."
5. Notices of Motion.
6. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :—

A. W. Cummings and others re Road between back of Promenade Villas and Ormond Terrace.

C. Turk re Driving Way by Eton Villas.

H. A. Webb re Fairford Road.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of June, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday. the 27th day of Mar, 1895—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage, (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, 13.72 Candles Purity 10.12 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 : 4.216 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 4 metered, and to unmetered. Burning dimly, unmetered.

5—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that two small electric light lamps had been suspended without permission in front of the shop windows of Mr. James, draper, 130, High Street, and the gas rail and two gas lamps formerly in use at these premises had been removed; that a lamp over the Regent Street entrance to Messrs. Pizzini & Co's. premises, No. 377, High Street, had been altered and brought forward about 6 inches; and that a gas rail had been fixed in front of the premises of Mr. J. Willis, butcher, No. 12, Winchcomb Street.— Resolved. That each of the parties be informed that the projections respectively above mentioned cannot be permitted. and the question of allowing them cannot be considered unless and until proper written application has been made for permission.

A letter from Mr. W. G. Moore was read enclosing a tracing of a lamp for which he applied for permission to have suspended in front of his premises, the Bath Road Tobacco Stores, Oriol House. Also a letter from Mr. W. James with reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, asking permission to allow the electric lamps suspended in front of his premises, No. 82, High Street, to remain. Resolved, That the applications above-mentioned be granted provided that the lamps are at least 8 feet in the clear above the ground, and subject to the right of the Corporation to order their removal if and when they may think fit, and to the proviso, if Mr. Moore's lamp is an advertising one, that it is kept alight each night till 10 p.m.

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6 —Bill Posting Stations—The Street Inspector reported that several new Bill Posting Stations abutting on the Highway had been recently erected in Ambrose Street, Gloucester Road, Malvern Road, Suffolk Road, Bath Road and Hewlett Road. Resolved, That Notices be given to remove all hoardings which project over or stand on the footpath.

7-- Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the works done in his Department from the 27th of April last to the 24th instant, both inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Six Chimney Lane 680 super yards, Hale's Road 3.750 super yards, Swindon Road proceeding, Tivoli Place 1,650 yards from Hatherley Place to Tivoli Street, Bath Road, near Exmouth Street 360 super yards.

Patching—Trafalgar Street, Queen's Circus, St. Paul's Street South, Pittville Circus Road, Badgeworth Road, Hesters Way, Hatherley Road, High Street. Wickwar Stone —Tivoli Lawn proceeding.

Kerbing, Crossing, and Flagging— Lansdown Place, Grosvenor Street, Gratton Terrace, Suffolk Road, Lansdown Crescent, Tivoli Street, Crescent Terrace, High Street, Priory Street, Victoria Place, Tivolian Villas, St. George's Place, Evesham Road, Henrietta Street, Church Street, Grosvenor Place South, New Street.

A new Clee Hill Sett crossing has been laid down in Lansdown Place, and one has been relaid in Bath Road opposite St. Luke's Schools.

700 feet super of the path on the east side of Leckhampton Road have been laid with concrete flags, and 2,400 feet super of the path in Grosvenor Street has been laid. In Bath Road 130 yards of concrete channelling have been laid, and 70 yards of silver grey channelling have been redressed and laid.

In the Ashford Road the taking up of kerb and channel is proceeding.

Tariff Path Repaired—Swindon Road. Gravel Paths (local gravel) Lansdown Road 2033 super yards.

New Gullies— The following new gullies have been fixed to replace defective ones in Promenade ; 1 in Old Bath Road ; 1 in Bath Road ; 1 in Hales Road ; 1 in Winchcomb Street ; 1 in Clarence Road ; 1 in Lansdown Place.

Tar Macadam—Colonnade 800 super yards.

Ashes Collected—Van loads collected 601 ; Cart loads collected 471. Consumed at the Destructor 856 tons 12 cwt. 1 qr.

8—Claim by Mr. N. Gibbard—A letter from Mr. N. Gibbard was read, claiming 30s for compensation for an injury alleged to have been caused to his horse by the giving way of the road in Grosvenor Street. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for further enquiry.

9—Tree in Crest Western Road—A letter from Mr. William Cleeveley of Lulworth, Great Western Road, was read, complaining that a tree in the Great Western Road had been the means of a great

many mishaps of which complaint had been made to him by the public as being a nuisance, and requesting its removal. Resolved, That permission be given to Mr. Cleeveley to remove it.

10— Ewlyn Road and Footpath—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter from Mr. John Weaver of No. 1, Fairfield Villas, Leckhampton Road, which abuts on the Ewlyn Road to the extent of 150 feet, was read, requesting the Committee to re-consider the question and say that when the road is properly cleared and repaired that it is; for the present sufficient for the needs of the neighbourhood, and giving his personal guarantee that the road shall not lapse into a bad state again. Resolved To inform Mr. Weaver that the notices will be served but it will be open to him to do his share of the work as specified himself.

11—Tenders for Private Improvement and other Works—Tenders for executing, forming, and completing the necessary works required for the construction and repairs of Sewer and Road Naunton Park Road, Folly Lane, Cranham Road, Marsh Lane, and Sewer, St. Luke's Road, were received from Mr. Mark Williams and Mr. Charles Young as follows

	Mr. Mark Williams.	Mr. Charles Young.
Sewer and Road Naunton Park Road	£429 15 2	£499 15 6
Folly Lane	£190 3 7	—
Cranham Road	£139 9 1	£116 4 6
Marsh Lane	£147 14 8	—
Sewer, St. Luke's Road	£ 78 6 1	£ 32 16 8

Resolved, That the Tenders of Mr. M. Williams for the Sewer and Road Naunton Park Road and Folly Lane be accepted ; That the Tender of Mr...Charles Young for the Cranham Road be accepted ; That the works in Marsh Lane be carried out by the Surveyor ; and that the Tenders for the Sewer, St. Luke's Road, be referred to the Public Health Committee.

12-Inspection of New Houses under the New Building Byelaws —With reference to Minute No. 23 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of the 22nd inst. as to the performance of the duty of inspecting new houses under the new Building Byelaws referred to this Committee. Resolved, That in the apportionment of the duties of the Surveyor's Staff the Committee recommend that the duty of supervising new buildings in respect of the requirements of the Bye-Laws relating to new buildings and the drainage thereof be discharged by Mr. Moorman.

13—Bennington Street—A letter from Mr. J. G. Flory was read, complaining of the nuisance caused by obstruction of the street by carts, trucks, bedsteads, casks filled with rubbish, fish boxes, &c., and requesting the Committee to put in force some rule or

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byelaw to stop the nuisance. Resolved, To recommend the Council to declare the street a Highway from the High Street to St. Margaret's Road of the width of the street including the carriage way and footpath on the East side less one foot on the West side for a length of 255 feet 6 inches, and for the remainder of the length of the street of the full width thereof including the footpaths.

14—Maud's Elm—The attention of the Committee having been called to the state of Maud's Elm, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to do the necessary lopping to remedy the alleged danger to the adjacent houses.

15—Sydenham Road, North and South, College Lawn Road, and Ewlyn Road—Specifications from the Surveyor of date the 27th day of May, 1895, with plans and sections of the works required to be done to the above streets were read and approved. And it was Resolved That the necessary estimates be prepared, and Notices given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that, if such notices are not complied with, the Surveyor to proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

16—New Buildings-- The Surveyor laid before the Committee, notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved as regards matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee, viz. Mr. W. Birt—New Bay Windows to Lansdown Villa, Gloucester Road. Mr. Farish—Shop front to Rosebery House, St. George's Place, Rev. W. D. Challice—New house in Lansdown Road on site adjoining Hatherley Lawn Thomas Jackson—Six Cottages adjoining Schools at Leckhampton.

E. H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 1895—Present The Mayor Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage. (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee three cases of Scarlet Fever, two cases of Diphtheria, and one of Enteric Fever ; that two of the Scarlet Fever cases had been sent into the Delancey Hospital and one was treated at home, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was four.

2-No. 8, Lansdown Terrace—With reference to Minute No. 21 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Medical Officer of Health reported that the result of the Inspector's examination showed that a large brick sewer ran under this house, through which, previous to laying the new sewer in Lansdown Terrace, the sewage from the Terrace appeared to have passed, and he recommended that it should be removed or entirely filled up. The Borough Surveyor reported that this was being done.

3—School at Georgina Villas, Moorend—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the School Attendance Committee at their last meeting, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected the premises, but did not consider the condition sufficiently bad to warrant his interference on Public Health grounds, beyond ordering the schoolroom to be cleaned and

whitewashed ; that eight boys were stated to be taught there by Mr. Pearce, who had been teaching for many years, and that notice to clean and whitewash had been served. Resolved, That the School Attendance Committee be informed of the result of the inspection.

4—Houses in Harper's Court. Rutland Street. Boodle's Passage and Grosvenor Street--The Medical Officer of Health certified that the following dwelling houses, viz., Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 7 Harper's Court (unoccupied), No. 4 occupied by Mr. W. Hoyle, No. 2 by Mr. Averiss, No. 3 by Mrs. Fleetwood, and No. 6, Rutland Street by Mr. M. Driscoll, for which premises Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard, or their trustees, were the Agents ; also No 1, Boodle's Passage occupied by Mrs. Lynch, No, 2 by Sarah Peters, No. 3, Rutland Street by Mrs. Coleman, and No. 4 by Mrs. M. Hart, for which premises the Agent was Mr. J. W. Drew, and No. 13, Grosvenor Street owned and occupied by Miss Ellen Williams, were in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That steps be taken for closing the premises, under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

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5-Nos. 43, 44 and 45, Rutland Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 43, Rutland Street, owned by Mrs. Allen of 47, Tewkesbury Road, and Nos. 44 and 45, owned by Mr. Turner of No. 44, Rutland Street, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved. that notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and execute such works, and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose

6—Cleansing and Limewashing—No, 2, St. Paul's Street, South—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling house, owned by Mr. Edward Steel, and occupied by Mr. Lawrence, was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That notices be given to the owner, under the said section, requiring him to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

7 --Nos. 35 and 37 Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that notices for the provision of ash receptacles and flushing apparatus in respect of the above premises had been served on Mr. Bastin, who received the rents as a friend and transmitted them to the owner who lived at Cape Town, but that he declined to carry out the requirements himself, as the owner would not sanction his doing so, and that he had stated he would no longer receive the rents. Resolved, To ascertain by whom the rents are received in future and proceed against the person or persons receiving them.

8—Water Supply to No. 35, Jersey Street and No. 43, Rutland Street—It appearing on a report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 8th inst., that the above-named premises of which Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co., and Mrs. Allen respectively, were either the respective Owners or Agents, were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished in each case at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That notices be given, under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, to the respective Owners or Agents requiring them to obtain such supply, and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

9-Defective Drainage at Vernon Place, Bath Road. and No. 7, Keynsham Parade—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application, under Sec. 4t of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c. on or belonging to the above-named premises, occupied by Mr Deane and Mrs. Watson respectively, and of which Mr. Jessop and Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney respectively, are either the Owners or Agents, are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains and act as provided by the said section.

10—W.C's., &c. at Chalford Villa. Selkirk Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the w.c. at the above premises was an old pan closet with container. and that the drinking water was derived from the same cistern that supplied the w.c., and that there were three defective D traps in the yard. Resolved, That notice under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to Mr. S. King, the owner, requiring him to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupier to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that notice, under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, be given to the owner and occupier to abate the nuisance, and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for the purpose, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for penalties.

11—No. 22, Townshend Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that notice which had been served on Mr Richard Jones, the owner of the above premises, under Secs. 91 & 94 of the Public Health Act, had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take action in the matter.

12-Houses in Fairview District having W.C's. without Flushing Apparatus - The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses in the above-mentioned district having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That notices be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the owners, requiring them 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— Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Houses without proper ashpits or receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given to the respective owners, under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them, in each case, to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

14—Smoke Nuisance—With reference to Minute No 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 3rd ultimo, a letter from Mrs. C. Chapman, of No 13, Priory Street was read, stating that she was inconvenienced by the smoke from the Brewery Chimney in Carlton Street; also a letter from Miss Rattray, of Estville, Carlton Street, sending specimens showing the damage to her linoleum flooring, alleged to be due to the smoke from the chimney. Resolved, That Mr. Stibbs be requested to raise his chimney.

15-Rivers Pollution Bill, 1895—A Circular Letter from the Town Clerk of Leicester was read, expressing a hope that the Town Council of Cheltenham will see their way to petition against the Bill, and enclosing a print of a Petition of the Corporation of Leicester against the Bill and for reference to a Select Committee. Resolved, To recommend the Council to present a Petition against the Bill.

16—Pig Killing—A letter from Mr. C. C. Dufour was read, applying for a license to slaughter pigs at his place at Alstone, which he intended to make into a Bacon Factory. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dufour that his application cannot be granted.

17—Bone Grinding in Bennington Street —With reference to Minute No. 30 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Waghorne, of date the 8th inst., stating that he had decided not to go on with the matter, but suggesting that he should be allowed to clear up the dry bones which he had on hand by permission being granted him to grind them on the Monday and Tuesday then next, after which the machine would only be used for corn grinding. Resolved, That no proceedings will be taken if the bone crushing is discontinued after the Tuesday next as mentioned by Mr. Waghorne in his letter.

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18—Barn Farm—A letter from Mr. John Corbett the tenant of the Barn Farm was read, asking the Council to erect some Labourers' Cottages on this farm, and offering to pay £3 per cent. on the outlay. The Surveyor reported that two cottages could be conveniently built on the side of the road to this farmhouse from Tewkesbury road, at a cost of about £250. Resolved, That two cottages be erected if Mr. Corbett will pay £4 per cent. on the outlay, and that the Town Clerk mention the matter to the Inspector of the Local Government Board at the enquiry on the 9th inst., on the application for the consent of the Local Government Board to the loan for the works done by the unemployed on this farm during the past winter, so that he might inspect the site on his inspection of the farm, with the view of avoiding the delay and expense of and a further special enquiry.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of May, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, Ll, Davies, Griffith, Lenthall, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

19—Dairies. Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received applications from Frank William Brown, Arle Court Farm, to be registered as a cow keeper: and from Frank Spiers, St. George's Place, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

20-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, that 3 had been sent into the Delancey Hospital. and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was six.

21—Refusal to allow Disinfection—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a certificate that the cleansing and disinfection of the room occupied by the child suffering from an infectious disease, to wit, Scarlet Fever, removed from 4, St. Philip's Street, and the articles of bedding and clothing with which it has been in contact, and which are likely to communicate infectious disease or to retain infection, would tend to check or prevent infectious disease, and that such cleansing and disinfection could be more effectually carried out by the Corporation than by the Occupier of the said house who

had obstructed the authorised Officer of the Corporation in carrying out the disinfection. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under Section 11 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889

22 - Defective Drainage -No. 1, Park Promenade—The Inspector of Nuisances having previously made written application to the Town Clerk under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to No. 1, Park Promenade, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. and the Town Clerk having given authority to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains. Resolved. That the same be approved, and that such further steps as may be necessary be taken as provided by the said Section. No. 25, Manchester Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to No. 25, Manchester Street, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains, and act as provided by the said Section.

23 - Inspection of New Houses under the New Building Byelaws— The Medical Officer of Health having drawn attention to the fact that no Inspector has yet been appointed for this work, and that it is necessary that a decision should be at once come to as to who shall undertake this duty. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Street and Highway Committee.

24--No. 18, Rutland Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that this house was in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health, and unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That steps be taken for closing the premises under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

25—Cleansing and Limewashing No, 1, Fairlight Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that No. 1, Fairlight Cottages, owned by Mrs. Marchant, was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, requiring her to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

26 —Wells requiring to be closed—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at Nos. 12, 15, 18, 20, 27 and 29, Rutland Street, No. 11, Hanover Street, and Nos. 25, 51 and 55. Marle Hill Road, is used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and is so polluted as to be injurious to health Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for the wells to be closed.

27 ---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 requiring them 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 the penalties.

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28-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report stating that the houses named therein were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec.

27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889; requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

29-Notices as to Drainage, &c., not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices as to drainage, &c., which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to compel compliance.

30—Small-pox Case not Notified—The attention of the Committee having been drawn to a case of Small-pox in the Delancey Hospital, the patient having been attended by Drs. Stanley Wilde and Cocks-Johnstone. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to them to know why the case had not been duly notified.

31—Haydon Wells—Referring to Minute No. 27 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th March last, a Letter from Messrs. Matthews and Campbell was read stating that they had decided to advise their client not to commence litigation with the Corporation, and requesting to know how far the Corporation could meet their client and other adjacent owners and occupiers in respect to the cost of supplying them with a town supply of water, and stating that they had instructed Messrs. Young & Gilling to negotiate on their behalf. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Water Committee.

32-Alstone Ditch—A Letter from Mr. Fay, of the Midland and South-Western Junction Railway, with reference to the Notice as to this ditch served on the Company, was read, stating that there was nothing from the Company's property flowing into the ditch in question of an offensive character, and that the soapsuds from the Laundry are used in watering the garden. Resolved, To inform Mr. Fay that he is mistaken in supposing that drainage from the Laundry does not get into the ditch.

33—Delancey Hospital Charges—Agreement as to—A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney suggesting in lieu of a fresh written agreement every few years, the existing one having now expired, that on its expiry it could, now that the terms are defined, be continued by Resolutions of the Committee and Trustees, and that they should determine to continue the Agreement for another period of two years from the 25th March, 1895. Resolved, To continue the Agreement subject to determination at the end of any year by either side on giving 3 months' notice in writing.

34—Smoke Nuisance at Mr. Stibbs' Malthouse—Referring to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Stibbs was read, denying the alleged nuisance, and stating that there is no furnace or boiler on the premises, and that he had carried on the business for 22 years and his predecessors for 40 years without complaint.

35—Ash Receptacles —A Letter from Mr. G. W. Sadler was read, complaining of being required to provide moveable ash receptacles. as it would be manifestly a great hardship on Owners to have to provide moveable receptacles which the tenants might damage or destroy at any time, and which from their nature would require frequent renewal. Resolved, That the Committee must adhere to the usual requirements, but that it is open. to Mr. Sadler to construct a fixed receptacle if constructed according to the requirements of the Bye-Laws.

36—Plans of House Drainage—The Plan of a new building, proposed to be built in the Lansdown Road for the Rev. W. D. Challice, so far as the drainage was concerned, was disapproved of by this Committee.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Rogers and Col. Thoyts; Councillors Griffith, Heath, and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair).—

1—Town Band—A letter to Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Town Committee from Mr. A. H. Chapman, Secretary of the Town Band, was read, stating that he was prepared to accept an engagement on behalf of the Town Band to play for the Corporation two hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings each week in Pittville and Montpellier Gardens commencing May 27th till the end of August for £5 per week ; also a letter from Mr. Williams expressing the opinion of his Committee that it is desirable to retain the services of the band during the summer months and that they hoped the Band Committee would accede to the terms proposed. Resolved, To recommend a payment of a week, the band to play five times in each week for two hours each time at such hours and such places as the Band Sub-Committee shall direct for 14 weeks from the 27th instant.

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2-Town Committee —A Letter from Mr. G. H. Williams, forwarding a copy of the balance sheet of this Committee for last year, from which it appeared that there was a deficit of £48 13s. 7d., and hoping that the Improvement Committee would recommend a liberal grant this year towards helping them to wipe out the deficiency and towards meeting the current year's expenses was read. Resolved, That the Committee regret that having regard to the claims on the fund at their disposal, for the Band and the Yeomanry Drill Ground, they are unable to increase the amount of the Grant of £30 made last year.

3-- Montpellier Gardens Railings—The Borough Surveyor handed in his certificate that Messrs. Letheren & Sons were entitled to be paid the sum of £300 on account of work done wider contract for fixing new railings at Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the amount be paid.

4 --Old Railings—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a tender from Messrs. W. H. Mack & Co., of No. 333, High Street (being the only one received) offering to give £2 for 34 yards of the old railings at Montpellier Gardens, was read. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

5—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted the draft of the proposed contract for the purchase of the Winter Garden, which, subject to the alterations he had made therein, was approved.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of May, 1895—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Margrett, H. Waghorne, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair.)

1—Chairman - In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Councillor Wheeler was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, was read, as follows,— " On the 20th instant, the supply to the Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs was 272 Gallons; the average for the last four years being 203 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 31,257,626 gallons On the 21st instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet 1 inch, and the contents 100,023,701 Gallons, which gave a total of 131,281,327 Gallons.

The Borough Engineer reported that complaints had been received of an insufficient supply of water at Dean Close School, and on examination it appeared that the supply is by means of a pipe along Lansdown Road, and a pipe along Hatherley Road, 4 inches in diameter, but at the junction of the two roads both pipes branch out of one 3 inches in diameter and for a short distance one was only 2 inches in diameter, and he proposed to replace the 3 inch pipe by a short length of 6 inch pipe, and the 2 inch pipe by one of 4 inches in diameter to join the existing 4 inch pipe in Hatherley Road, and thus afford an adequate supply to Hatherley. Resolved, That these alterations be made.

3.-- Hayden Wells—A letter from Messrs. Matthews & Campbell, Solicitors for Mrs. Wilks the owner of some property at Haydon, which had been referred to this Committee from the Public Health Committee was read, requesting to know how far the Corporation could meet their client and other adjacent owners and occupiers in respect of the cost of supplying them with a town supply of water, and stating that they had instructed Messrs. Young & Gilling to negotiate on their behalf. Resolved, That Messrs. Matthews & Campbell be informed that a supply of water will be laid on at a minimum annual charge for the supply of £20, or on payment of a lump sum down of £120 and the ordinary annual charge for the supply according to the rateable value.

4-Garden at Sandford Pumping Station—Referring to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter from Mr. Webb was read, stating that Mr. Carpenter now declines to take the land off his hands. Resolved, That if Mr. Webb is unable to find a suitable tenant he must continue his tenancy until the expiration of his notice.

5—Engineer Camp—Tewkesbury—A letter from Lieut.-Col. Rogers the officer commanding the 1st Gloucestershire Volunteers Royal Engineers was read, enquiring if the Corporation of Cheltenham would now assist, as on former occasions, by providing the Camp with water from the 1st to the 13th of July. Resolved, To inform Col Rogers that the Committee very much regret that it is now out of the power of this Corporation to supply the water as requested as the Tewkesbury Corporation now have control of the supply in that Borough and the application should therefore be made to them.

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

F. F. WHEELER, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of May, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Colonel Thoyts ; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, Parsonage and Wheeler. (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-Fire Brigade Insurance—The Borough Accountant having drawn the attention of the Local Agent of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited (with which the Imperial Union Accident Assurance Co., Limited, was recently incorporated) to the fact that the Policy of Insurance against accidents of the members of the Fire Brigade in the Imperial Union Office specified the members by name, and the agent having written to the Head Office to enquire if notice would be required every time one of those members died or retired and another person became appointed in his place, a letter in reply was read that if the policy is returned a fresh one would be issued upon the Ocean Office Form, under which it would not be necessary to know the names of the members, as the insurance would be issued to cover a certain number. Resolved, That the Policy in the Imperial Union Accident Assurance Co. Ltd. be exchanged for a fresh one in the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Limited accordingly.

2 Wheel-chair License—An application for a Wheel Chair License was received from Charles Rogers, of No. 3, Hatherley Street, Tivoli. Resolved, That the same be granted from the 12th of June next.

3-Hackney Carriage Licenses—A Letter from Mrs. Fowles, of Painswick Road, was read, requesting permission to transfer her Licenses to her three sons, James, George, and Harry. Resolved, That as it is not clear that the business is transferred to her sons the Committee cannot recommend that the permission be granted.

4- Yeomanry Drill Ground — The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of the Agreement with Mrs. Bingham, as altered and settled by him. Resolved, That the same be approved. A letter was read from Mr. Ticehurst with reference to the replacement of the Iron Fence, and a letter from the Town Clerk in reply. Resolved, That the same be approved.

5- Borough Surveyor's Staff—A letter from Mr. W. V. Anderson, the head assistant in the Surveyor's Department, was read, applying for an increase in salary from £2 10s to 3s per week. Resolved, To recommend that his salary be increased as requested.

6—Corporation Clocks—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a tender from Mr. William Holder (being the only one received), undertaking to wind, clean, and keep in ordinary repair the 14 Clocks specified for 45 for twelve months, from the 24th June next, was considered. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of May, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Dighton, Margrett and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1---Alstone Swimming Baths—The usual monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. No. of bathers to this time 2634. Fees received 15s. 3d. Resolved, That 2 dozen large and 2 dozen small Bathing Drawers be ordered.

2—Naunton Park re Caretaker—A letter from Mr. T. W. Trump, of No. 11, Naunton Park Terrace, a retired Army Warrant Officer, was read, applying for the post of Caretaker at Naunton Park Recreation Ground ; also a letter from Capt. St. Clair Ford expressing a hope that there may be no change in the present Caretakership. Resolved, That the existing arrangement with Mr. Sutton be continued for the present.

3 —Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter from Lieut.-Col. Rogers, the Officer commanding tot Gloucestershire Volunteers Roy al Engineers, requesting permission for the corps under his command to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for drill purposes from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, commencing from Wednesday, May 29th to July 3rd inclusive, was read. Resolved, That permission be granted to Col. Rogers to use the ground for the purpose mentioned up to the time it is required for the purposes of the Horse Show.

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Caretaker's Uniform —The attention of the Committee having been called to the necessity of providing the Caretaker with a new suit of Uniform. Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to obtain estimates from three or four tailors for a suit, and to accept whichever he considers most desirable.

Fences—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the fencing at the hacks of the houses abutting on this ground are in a very dilapidated condition, Resolved, That the Town Improvement Committee be requested to allow the Surveyor to erect the old fence which has been taken down from the Montpellier Gardens.

4-Old Cemetery—A letter from Miss M. Bateman Champain, Hon. Sec. of the Kyrle Society. was read, requesting on behalf of the Committee of the Society, to know if the Council would give the grant of £10 towards the Old Cemetery ground, as in former years. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire what arrangements are made by the Kyrle Society with the Churchwardens for the care of the ground, and to what purposes the grant, if made, would be applied.

5—Barrett's Mill Ground —The Borough Surveyor having reported that some seats were required for use in this ground, Resolved, That he be authorised to procure four seats for the purpose.

6--Pittville Park—The attention of the Committee having been called to the inconvenience arising on Sunday afternoons from there being only one entrance to the Pittville Park, Resolved To recommend that on Sunday afternoons the S.W. entrance from Marle Hill Parade Road be opened.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of May, 1895 — Present The Mayor; Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that he had received notice from Mr. P. Bendall, of an interment to take place at 11.30 o'clock, and that he at once informed him that if it took place at any other time than 2.30 extra fees would have to be paid. The funeral, however, arrived late and the extra fees consequently became payable and he had charged them accordingly, but up to that time they had not been paid. That the Gates in the Cemetery road and those at the entrance of the Cemetery required looking to and that the Garden Seats also required painting.

A letter from Mr. P. Bendall was read, requesting that the extra fees charged him, as mentioned above, might be remitted as it was purely a mistake on his part. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to depart from the rules and that Mr. P. Bendall must pay the extra fees charged, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary to the gates, and that the garden seats be painted if he considers they require it.

2- Nonconformist Chapel—The Borough Surveyor reported that seven of the Terminals at the Nonconformist Chapel in the Cemetery were unsafe. Resolved, That he be instructed to do what is necessary to make them safe, and if necessary to renew them.

3---Paupers' Funerals--With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Ticehurst requesting that the quarterly rendering of the account of the fees for the burial of paupers might commence from the 26th June next. Resolved, To accede to this request.

4-- Designs— Referring to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter from Mr. Winstone was read, stating that he was prepared to lay aside the tomb stone which the Committee refused to allow him to fix, and to fix a headstone according to the rule providing that other Tombs already erected since 1892, contrary to the rules, be removed and restricted. Resolved, To refer Mr. Winstone to previous resolutions and to inform him that the Committee cannot accept any conditions. The following Designs were examined and approved:-Headstones to Annie Eliza Emery, Jane Martha Thompson, Elizabeth Mary Bush, Sarah Ann Steel, Annie Dicks, Sarah Taylor, Francis Crofton, John Bruton, Henry Thomas Osmond and Elizabeth his wife, Florence K. A. Overton, Joseph T. Overton and 2 children, Edward Sanderson.

5—Account —The following Account was examined and allowed :

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages £14 6 6

EDWARD It PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 10th day of May, 1895—Present; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Hours of Running—Resolved, That customers be informed that the hours of running at the Station will be from 2 p.m. to 4 a.m., and that if any special time is required by any customer, he be requested to give notice to the Electrical Engineer.

2-Supply to No. 9, Lansdown Terrace—A letter from Mr. D. T. Woodward was read, stating that he wished to use the Electric Light at No. 9, Lansdown terrace, and that he would introduce it into every room in the house, provided that the Committee would pledge themselves that the main should be brought to his house ready for use by the 11th of June. Resolved, That the Committee regret they will be unable to supply him by the time named.

3-Supply to Trevor Dene—A letter from Mr. A. B. Holmes was read, reminding the Borough Surveyor that an application was made by Mrs. Holmes, of Trevor Dene, on the 7th of November, 1894, for a supply of electricity, and requesting to know when she may depend upon receiving the supply. Resolved, That being within the compulsory area the Committee have no option but to lay down the main, and that the Surveyor do proceed with it accordingly.

4 — Cambray to Belle Vue —There being applications from four intending consumers between Cambray and the Belle Vue, and being within the compulsory area, Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to extend the main accordingly.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of May, 1895,—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage, (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

5—Supply to No 9, Lansdown Terrace—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Chairman stated that Mr Woodward had informed him that he could wait until the first week in October. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor and the Electrical Engineer be requested to report at the next meeting of the Committee as to the best route to be adopted for an extension to serve Mr. Woodward's house and other houses on such route, and the cost of such extension.

6--Complaint from Mr. A. G. Sanders —A letter from Mr. A G. Sanders, Electrical Engineer, Clarence Parade, was read, complaining that several installations carried out by him in the town had not yet been connected with the mains, though most of them had been carried out some months back, and applications sent in Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write and thank hint for drawing attention to the cases mentioned by hint, which are now receiving attention, and will be connected as soon as possible.

7—Mr. Franklin—In reply to a request from the Committee, a letter from Messrs. Siemens Bros. & Co., Limited was read, consenting to allow Mr. Franklin to remain at Cheltenham two or three weeks longer. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Messrs. Siemens thanking them for their courtesy and liberality.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of May, 1895—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, Wheeler, and H. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

8—Hours of Running—A letter from the Secretary of the Plough Hotel Company was read, desiring to know if a continuous service of the Electric Light would be given to private consumers, as at the Plough Hotel such a service is necessary, as in certain portions of the Hotel a light is required constantly burning ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, enquiring if it would suit the views of the Company to supply the current continuously, except between the hours of 4 a.m. and 10 a.m., as the staff is at present overworked, and arrangements have not yet been made for a continuous supply through the day and night ; also a letter from the Secretary of the Company in reply, stating that the letter of the Town Clerk had been sent to Mr. Shinner at the Brewery, but he was afraid, however, a continuous service is necessary. Resolved, That during the months of June and July the service shall commence at 10 a.m. and continue to 3 a.m.

9—Extension of Main —With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Committee having ascertained that other residents along the route are prepared to take the Electric Light. Resolved, To lay down a main from the works to the top of Bayshill, at an estimated cost of £1,300, extending along the Arle Road, Gloucester Road, and St. George's Road to the railway bridge there to branch in two directions, one to St. George's Parade, and the other up the Western Road, part of Christ Church Road, and along Lansdown Terrace.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of May, 1895—Present : Councillors L. Davies, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1---General District Rate—The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £107; leaving outstanding £14,420 11s. 8½ d.

2—Water Rates—The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of these Rates was read, but as the rates were not completed he was unable to give a full statement thereof.

3— Electric Lighting Loan—A letter from Messrs. David Midgley & Sons of 48, Princess Street, Manchester, was read, offering to lend to the Corporation a sum of £2,000 at 3 per cent. for a fixed term of 5, 7, or to years. Resolved, To accept Messrs. Midgley & Sons offer on account of the Electric Lighting Loan for a term of 10 years, determinable by either party at the end of the 5th or 7th year by six months' notice in writing.

4—Sinking and Loans Fund—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th of January last, the Town Clerk reported that the School Board of Burton-on-Trent had

not yet completed the security for the £8,000 they had agreed to borrow. Resolved, To inform them that they would be charged interest on the amount from the 1st of June next.

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 was as follows:—

In hand on the 30th April last	£12,136 18 8	
Received since that date	<u>£ 1,589 1 7</u>	
	£13,726 0 3	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 9,125 1 6</u>	
Total in hand	£ 4,600 18 9	
Credit of Sinking and Loans Funds		£8,032 8 6
Debit of Current and Interest Accounts.		<u>£3,431 9 9</u>
		£4,600 18 9

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined. Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of £4,541. 4s. 3d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of May, 1895 — Present The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies and Parsonage ; Capt. Welch, R.N. (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2-- Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £9 13s. 6d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz. :— Trustees of the British Museum 5 Pamphlets Mr. F. H. Cliffe 2 Vols. Baron de Ferrieres 4 Vols. Annual Reports from the Libraries at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Great Yarmouth, Wimbledon, Ashton-under-Lyne, Bourne-mouth, Stafford, Bootle, Stirling's and Glasgow, Middlesborough, Hanley, Barrow-in-Furness, St. Leonards, Shoreditch, Ealing, Twickenham, and Preston.

3— Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended :—That the wages of J. M. Cumming be advanced from 17s 6d to 20s per week.

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That the tender of Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings for the painting of all the iron conductors and renewal of 12 feet of heavy iron conductor for the suns of £2 15s be accepted.

That the alterations to the Counter and Indicator arrangements and to the but water piping as shown on a rough sketch plan prepared by the Librarian, with two more Book Cases and fixing two

existing ones in line with them be carried out at a cost of £12. Resolved, To approve the above recommendations.

4- Electric Lighting—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, tenders from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall and Mr. A. G. Sanders for the wiring and lighting of the Library with Electric light were received as follows :—

Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall	£105 10 6
Mr. A. G. Sanders	£118 9 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall be accepted.

5— Account—The following Account was examined and allowed. W. Jones, Wages Account £18 17 6

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1895—Present : Aldermen Drew and Col. Rogers; Councillors LI Davies, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Co., Rogers in the chair-

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That Attendance Orders for Julia Lawrence and Kate Dix be applied for, and That summonses be issued against the parents of the following children Clara Gapper, Herbert Cook, George Dyer, Lilian Coates, and George Morris, and against the parent of Julia Collins if she is reported again for bad attendance before the next meeting. The attention of the Committee having been called to the fact that some schools habitually neglect to send in Absentee Returns to the Attendance Officers, Resolved, That the Attendance Officers do make fortnightly examinations of the Registers of such schools.

2-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 1007 names. These and the balance left to visit at the end of last month, 129, made a total of 1246. Of this number 58 were accounted for by the teachers, 958 had been visited leaving a balance to visit of 230 recently sent in.

3- School at Moorend—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the report of the Medical Officer of Health, as set out in Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the Public Health Act, at their meeting on the 8th inst., stating that he did not consider the condition of the premises sufficiently bad to warrant his interference on public health grounds beyond ordering the schoolroom to be cleaned and whitewashed, was read.

R. ROGERS, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, June 8th, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Wednesday, the 12th day of June instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which Meeting- the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages, Wheel Chairs, &c.
2. Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriage Drivers.
3. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk.

Sir,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th June, 1895.

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 1st 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 Monthly Meeting, and of the Licensing Meeting on the 12th June 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. THE BATHS AND
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.
FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Councillor Griffith to move :—" That all matters relating to the Lighting of the " Town, whether by Electricity or Gas, and whether public or private, be " referred to the Committee now called the Electric Lighting Committee, " such Committee to be styled " The Lighting Committee," but subject as to " position of Public Lamps to the direction of the Street and Highway " Committee, and that the Resolutions of the Council of the 28th November, " 1876, 9th November, 1881, and the 6th October, 1884, on the subject be " altered accordingly."
5. Alderman Drew to move:—" That it be a direction from the Council to the various " Committees in no case to recommend to the Cecil to take legal " proceedings against any person until such person

has been asked to comply " with the wishes of such Committee and has failed so to do within a " reasonable time, except in cases of emergency."

6. Councillor Feeney to move:—" That no more Tar Macadam be laid down in the " Streets without the express order of the Council."

7. Notices of Motion.

8. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :—W. Stuart Macgowan and others re Proposed Improvement at Tivoli. W. E. Kimber re Electric Lighting.

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 1st day of July, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 8th day of June, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Montpellier Gardens—The Committee met at these Gardens to inspect the alteration of the fence and roadway at the South-west corner of the Gardens. Resolved, That the large tree there nose in the carriage-way be left for the present, that the usual direction for dividing the traffic be affixed to the tree as also two Electric Lamps, one on each side of the tree, as an experiment.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of June, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon, Councillors Feeney, Heath, Lawrence, and Parsonage. (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

2—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

3----The view— The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz. The Mayor; Alderman Haddon, Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence, and Parsonage.

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4-Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read Average Illuminating Power, 15.67 candles. Purity 9.6 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

5-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month : 4.163 cubic feet.

6 -Lamp Book--This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 4 metered, and 6 unmetered. Burning dimly, unmetered.

7-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a lamp projecting over the footway had been put up at Messrs. Salt & Co's. premises, Wellington Passage, for which they had obtained permission from the Council on the 4th of March last, but the projection put up was not in accordance with the conditions on which the permission was granted; and that the gas rail at Messrs. W. & R. Fletcher's, No 20, Winchcomb street, had been raised in height in accordance with the directions of the Council. Resolved, That Messrs. Salt be informed that their lamp must be fixed at a height of not less than 8ft. clear.

With reference to Minute No. 5, of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. R. E. Steel, on behalf of Messrs. Pizzini & Co. was read, stating their regret that no formal application had been made for permission to erect the lamp, which had occurred through no disrespect to the regulations, but through ignorance of them, and requesting that the lamp might be allowed to remain ; also a letter from Messrs. Owen James & Co., of No. 130, High Street, stating that as they had had lamps outside the premises before, they were under the impression there would be no occasion to trouble the Council for permission, and requesting that the lamp might be allowed to remain ; and from Mr. John F. Willis, No. 12, Winchcomb Street, stating that the gas burners had been put up in ignorance that he had to obtain the sanction of the Committee, and requesting that they might be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the applications above mentioned be granted, provided that the lamps or projections are at least 8ft. in the clear above the ground, and subject to the right of the Corporation to order their removal if and when they may think fit, and to the proviso that such of them as are advertising lamps be kept alight each night till to p.m.

8—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the works done by the Highways Department from the 25th May last to the 21st instant, both inclusive, were as follows:—

Highways Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road 2,000 super yards ; Tivoli Place Road — from Park Place to Great Norwood Street—800 super yards ; Norwood Road—from Great Norwood Street to the Weighbridge House—1,200 super yards; Grafton Road--from Brandon Terrace to Great Norwood Street-275 super yards.

The repairs to Tivoli Road (between Tivoli Place and The Park) were proceeding, and included new gullies, relaying kerb and channelling paving, crossings to carriage entrances, and raising the road at the south end, near Tivoli Gardens

The road at the south-west corner of Montpellier Gardens had been made up to complete the improvement.

Wickwar Stone—Pittville Lawn 1,377 super yards.

Kerbing, Crossing and Flagging—Warwick Place, Grosvenor Street, Albion Street, St. Paul's Street, South, Queen's Parade, High Street, Wellington Grove, Christ Church Terrace, Marle Hill Road, Gloucester Road, Winchcomb Street, Rodney Road, Russell Street, Baker Street, St. George's Place, Imperial Square, Bath Road.

Tariff Paths—Alstone Lane, Millbrook Street, Six Chimney Lane, Albion Street. Gravel Paths—Around Montpellier Gardens.

Asphalte Paths—Tewkesbury Road, adjoining the flags.

A new 9in diameter surface water drain, 1,180 feet in length has been laid along the eastern drive of the Pittville Estate.

One Tree has been cut down on the Pittville Estate.

Ashes Collected—Van loads collected 541 ; Cart loads collected 197 ; consumed at the Destructor 699 tons 15cwt.

9—Fairford Road —A letter from Mr. H. A. Webb calling attention to the sharp bend in the road near his house, and stating he would be glad to know if the Corporation would consider it worthwhile to make him an offer for the piece of land before making a road Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to entertain the proposal.

10—Folly Lane —A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons was read, stating that their client, Mr. Thomas Smith, understood that the Corporation's Contractor contemplated deeply stocking up this lane, and that he considered that to interfere with the foundation of the lane in that way would permanently injure instead of improving it, and they thought it desirable to write that letter by way of notice, as they understood that the Corporation intended making their client pay some portion of the expense; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, stating that the Borough Surveyor informed him that the roadway never had been properly formed ; that in a small portion of the roadway the foundation is sound and will not be disturbed ; in other parts there is no foundation whatever, and the soft ground will be excavated and proper foundation made ; that the footpath, which is formed principally of mud, will be removed and a clinker foundation made, and that so far from the works proposed to be done permanently injuring the foundation, it is quite the contrary. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

11—Road at back of Nos. 10 to 16, Promenade Villas and Ormond Terrace—A Memorial from Alexander W. Cummings and others, stating the desirability of having this road placed under the control of the Corporation on account of its disgraceful condition, and its close proximity to the chief thoroughfare of the Town. Resolved, That the road not being of any use to the public, the Committee are not prepared to declare it a Highway, but will endeavour to meet the case by a bye-law if possible.

12-Marsh Lane, Old Fence in—A letter from Mr. Ticehurst, the Clerk to the Guardians was read, stating that a portion of the old fence in Marsh Lane had been removed without their consent, and requesting its return, on the ground that when the

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Guardians decided to give up the strip of land to the Corporation, it was understood that the old fence would remain the property of the Guardians. Resolved, That the Committee are not aware of any such understanding, and, there being no mention of it in the conveyance, conclude that all

fences and other appurtenances on the land passed therewith to the Corporation, especially as they put up a substituted and very superior fence in lieu of the one referred to.

13--Driving Way alongside Eton Villas —A letter from Mr. C. Turk was read, requesting permission to lay a driving way alongside Eton Villas to his land, and requesting the Corporation to supply a pipe to carry the water through. Resolved, That the per-mission be granted if Mr. Turk will put in a gully there.

14--Telephone Wire from the Original Brewery to the Fire Engine House—A letter from Messrs. Such and Larter was read, stating that they had been instructed by the Original Brewery Company to erect a telephone wire between the Brewery and the Fire Engine House, and requesting to know if it would be in order for them to proceed with it. Resolved, That the Committee understand that the Brewery is on the Telephone Exchange and that there is an Attendant at the Exchange always on duty day and night, and therefore consider that a separate wire is unnecessary.

15— Footpaths in the District late in Leckhampton Parish—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that they had had under their consideration the report made by their Inspector on the application of the Council for sanction to borrow £2,000 for works of street improvement, and that the Board had decided to comply with the application, and their formal sanction was forwarded therewith. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to make arrangements for borrowing the money, and that the Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work forthwith.

16--Footway South Side of St. George's Road—A letter from Mr. G. Norman was read, calling the attention of the Committee to the condition of the footway on the south side of St George's Road from the Railway bridge to the Gloucester Road, which is in such a state that accidents have been caused by it, though it is generally avoided by pedestrians at night, and also suggesting that an attempt should be made to round off the corner at the Gloucester road extremity of the footway which is an awkward one. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done.

17-New Buildings-- The Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :

H. Warner—Bath room and Lavatory to Nos. 1 & 2, Milton Villas, Leckhampton road.

R. W. Miller & Co.—Additions to the King's Arms, Gloucester road

A. C. & S. Billings—Proposed additional Office and Store, No 54, Winchcomb street.

C. M. Haward—Additions to No. 9, Berkeley place.

Harold Webb—Three New Cottages in the Fairfield road.

Chas. J. A. Teague—Additions to Neathville, Shurdington road.

Owners of St. Hilda's—Additions to St. Hilda's. Rev. Quarrell—Additions to Haldon house, Painswick road.

Miss Beale—Additions to Cambray House. E. F. Barnfield—Two New Houses in Alstone Lane.

Resolved. That the plans received from the first nine persons above-mentioned be approved as regards matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee ; that the plans of Mr. Barnfield be disapproved, the roads on which the proposed houses were to abut not being 36 feet wide, and the wood and iron building in the corner, which had been put up without the sanction of the Committee, must be removed.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 5th day of June, 1895—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Norman Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee two cases of Scarlet Fever, and two of Enteric Fever ; that the two Scarlet Fever cases had been sent into the Delancey Hospital and the two cases of Enteric Fever treated at home, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was eight.

2 - Destruction of Fish Unfit for Food—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 31st ulto., a box of mackerel consigned to Mr. Stephens, 13, Lower Mill Street, containing 120 fish in a putrid condition, was seen at the Great Western Railway Station and destroyed by order of a Magistrate under the provisions of Secs. 116 to 119 inclusive of the Public Health Act.

3— Sewer Ventilating Shaft, Brandon Place South, Leckhampton—The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaint had been made by the occupier of No. 1, Brandon Place South, Leckhampton, that a shaft placed against this house to ventilate the public sewer was a nuisance, and that smells from it came into the house, and the owner of the house required the shaft to be removed. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to inspect and report at the next meeting.

4 --Sewerage in Manchester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a brick barrel sewer of 4 ½ inch thickness had been discovered passing through the back yards of several houses in Manchester Street, and contained much deposit and had a bad fall and should be relaid as soon as possible, as the condition and position of the sewer required alteration for the premises mentioned to be made sanitary. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do report as to this at the next meeting and bring up a scheme for drainage of the houses numbered 20 to 27 in Manchester Street and St. George's Vaults Public House as soon as possible.

5-Cleansing and Whitewashing—Nos. 27 and 28. Upper Norwood Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses owned by Mrs. James and occupied by Mrs. E. Williams and Mrs. A. Pearce, were in such a

filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owner under the said Section requiring her to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

6- Defective Drainage at No. 6, Pittville Street and No. 20, Francis Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named premises of which Mr. John Villar and Mr. C. H. Maisey are either the respective Agents or Owners. were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains and act as provided by the said section.

7-Nos. 17 and 17a. Exmouth Street, Nos. 44, 52, and 53, Upper Norwood Street, and Yard behind No. 381, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises owned respectively by Messrs. New, Prance & Co., or their successors, Mr. Whatmore, Mrs. Bliss, and jointly by Mr. J. D. Taylor, Messrs. Winterbotham & Gurney, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. S. Long, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, be served upon the owners and occupiers of the premises, requiring them to abate the nuisances and execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

8—Furniture—Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Dr. Cocks Johnstone had enquired if the Furniture, &c., in the temporary Ward at the Delancey Hospital belonging to the Corporation might be used for the new permanent Wards. Resolved, That permission be given on condition that similar articles be provided by the Hospital Authorities if required in any temporary building in future.

9-Water Main Northfield Passage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that no water main had yet been laid, though the owners of houses in this passage had long since been served with Notices to close the wells on the premises ; but the Borough Surveyor explained that he had not been able to obtain the necessary pipes before, which were then in course of delivery.

10—Water Supply to No. 38, Stanhope Street—With reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of November, 1892, the Medical Officer of Health reported that the owner of the above-named premises (Mrs. Sarah Organ) had not complied with the Notice requiring her to obtain a supply of water. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay on a supply of water to the premises, and if necessary that proceedings be taken to recover the expenses from the owner as provided by Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act.

11 -Water Supply to Lloyd's Cottage, Cemetery Road—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 5th inst., that the above-named premises of which Mr. Chas. Winstone was the owner, were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owner requiring him to obtain such supply and to do all-dwellings as may be necessary for that purpose.

12- Well at No. 44, Upper Norwood Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the well at these premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes,

and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain an order for the well to be closed.

13—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 requiring them 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 the penalties.

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14-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles---The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report, stating that the houses named therein were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given to the respective owners, under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them, in each case, to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

15-Tenders for Sewer in St. Luke's Road Tenders for executing, forming, and completing the necessary works required for the construction of the sewer ill tit. Luke's Road, were received from Mr. Mark Williams and Mr. Charles Young, as follows:

Mr. Mark Williams	£78 6
Mr. Charles Young	£32 16 8

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Charles Young be accepted.

16-Plans of house Drainage-The Plan of a new building proposed to be built in the Lansdown Road for the Rev W. D. Challice, was approved, so far as the drainage was concerned.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of June, 1895-Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors LI. Davies, M. Davis. Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)-

17- Dairies and Cowsheds Order-The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received applications from Thomas James, No. 4, Portland Place, and J. Miller, No. 3, Hermitage Terrace, to be registered as purveyors of milk. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

18-Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 cases of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever ; that he had sent into the Delancey Hospital 3 of the Scarlet Fever cases and the other two had been sent in as private cases, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was eight.

19-Notification Fee-The Medical Officer of Health reported that two of the cases of Scarlet Fever mentioned above had each been notified by two Doctors, the one Doctor having seen the case in consultation with the other, and he desired to know if both were entitled to be paid the notification fee. Resolved, That this being a case of consultation only the medical man in charge of the case would be entitled to the fee.

20-Delegation of Powers-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Council should be asked to delegate the necessary powers in connection with Sections 27 and 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to this Committee, as it would be a convenience, and tend to the more rapid execution of business. Resolved, That the Committee consider that at present there is no sufficient reason to ask that such powers should be conferred upon them.

21-Defective Drainage-Nos. 22, 23 and 24, Manchester Street - The Medical Officer of Health reported that these houses (Nos. 22 and 23 owned by Mrs. Pockett and No. 24 by Mr. Cooper) were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

22-Insanitary Property in Duke Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nos. 47, 49 and 51, Duke Street and four houses in Teale's Court behind No. 47 Duke Street owned by Mr. Jordan, Maud's Elm House, and No. 77, Duke Street and houses in Princes Place behind No. 77, Duke Street owned by Mr. Pates were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

23-Defective Drainage at Nailsworth Cottage, Swindon Road-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named premises owned by Mr. Barnfield were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains, and act as provided by the said section.

24--houses requiring to be Cleansed and Limewashed-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that No. 2, Pear Tree Cottages, for which Mr. J. Adams was agent, No. 43, Stanhope Street owned by Mr. John Bough, and No. 11, Gas Lane owned by Mr. Mark Williams, were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the respective owners under the said section requiring them to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

25 -Overcrowding of No. 2, Pear Tree Cottages-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-named dwelling house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance.

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26-Sewer Ventilating Shaft, Brandon Place, South—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting a letter from Mr. J. Tombs was read, calling

attention to the Ventilating Shaft fixed to the gable end of his house which was causing a nuisance from the bad smell arising from the sewer, and requesting its removal as promised by the Leckhampton Local Board ; and a report of the Inspector of Nuisances stating that the shaft was so plugged that it was impossible for offensive smells to ascend it and get into the bedroom window as stated ; that he had found a rain water pipe in the front of the house directly connected with the sewer, the head of which was about 2 feet above the bedroom window, thus acting as a ventilating shaft ; that the w.c. adjoined the house and was hand flushed ; that there was a defective D trap in the kitchen, and that it was probable the smells complained of arose from those defects. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 40 of the Public Health Act be given to the owner and occupier of the premises to properly trap the drains and the water pipe ; that Notice be given under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the owner requiring him to provide a proper flushing apparatus to the w.c., and to the occupier to lay on a proper supply of water thereto ; that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties, and that the ventilating shaft be removed.

27- -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 requiring them 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.

28--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report stating that the houses named therein were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

29—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices as to drainage, &c., which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to compel compliance

30— Meeting of Medical Officers of Health in Cheltenham—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Birmingham and Midland, and the Bristol and West of England Branches of the Society of Medical Officers of Health purposed holding a Meeting in Cheltenham, on July 4th, and with the Committee's approval, he proposed showing them the Ash Destructor, Electric Light Plant, Abattoir, &c., and Pittville Park. Resolved, That the proposal be approved.

31-Houses in Rutland Street and Boodle's Passage—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th ulto., a letter from Mr. J. W. Drew was read, desiring to know what the Medical Officer of Health required to be done, and stating that the time given in the notice for carrying out the necessary works, did not permit of the tenants being legally ejected, so that they could be commenced before it expired ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, stating that sufficient time would be allowed to clear out the tenants, but that the Medical Officer of Health could not undertake to make a specification of what was required to make the houses habitable, and

that his builder would be the best person to advise as to this. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

32 —Alstone Ditch—With reference to Minute No. 32 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd ulto., a letter from Mr. Fay was read, stating that cottages adjoining in possession of the Midland Railway Company were, he understood, in connection with the ditch, and suggesting that the soapsuds came from them, and that nothing flowed into the pond except surface water and drainage from the gardens ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, stating that the Surveyor had again reported that he had seen soapsuds in the ditch, and that this and other offensive matter gets into the ditch, and suggesting that the only effectual remedy will be to connect the premises with the sewer. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved, and that Mr. Fay be informed that the notice must be complied with.

33—Sewer—St. Luke's Road—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Charles Young was read, stating that he had made a mistake of in his tender and requesting that this amount might be added. Resolved, That the work be carried out by the Borough Surveyor.

34—Sewerage hi Manchester Street—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of, and scheme for drainage of the premises mentioned. Resolved, That the same be approved and the work be carried out.

35—Plans of House Drainage—The Plans of such new buildings, necessitating drainage, as were intended to come before the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee, and the same were approved so far as the drainage was concerned, except one for proposed houses for Mr. E. F. Barnfield in Gloucester road, which was not approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, and Lawrence (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Pittville Park—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee of the 22nd ultimo, which was referred to this Committee by the Council at their last Meeting with power to deal. It was Resolved, That the gate at the South-West end of the Park (Marle Hill part) be opened on Sunday afternoons for the admission of the public. Resolved, That the old Entrance Gates at the Lodge at the Montpellier Gardens be removed and fixed at the entrance of the Pittville Park opposite Lake View.

2 - Promenade Fountain —A letter from Mr. Charles Marshall suggesting some improved Jets for this Fountain (drawings of which accompanied the letter) and that if the Corporation thought well to fix them, he should have much pleasure in presenting them, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Marshall's

offer be thankfully accepted and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to confer with Mr. Marshall and arrange as to the best mode of carrying out his suggestions.

3-- Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor was instructed to order 216 yards of stop netting.

4-H. Edwards' 1d. Guide Book—A letter from Mr. Horace Edwards submitting specimens of a new Guide Book to Cheltenham, which is sold at rd. each, and offering to supply them to the Corporation for distribution at 6s per gross, was read.

5-Leckhampton Hill Stone—A letter from Mr. Jno Weaver, Agent for the Leckhampton Hill Quarries on behalf of the owner, offering the building stone for the New Public Buildings on the Winter Garden site at the actual net cost of quarrying and delivery, no charge being made for the stone, was read. Resolved, That the Owner of the Quarries be thanked for his offer which will be borne in mind and considered at the proper time.

6- Band—Resolved, That the Minute of the Band Sub-Committee at their meeting held to-day be approved.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of June, 1895—Present The Mayor; Alderman Col. Rogers; Councillors Dimmer, Heath, and Lawrence (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

7--Band—The Band Sub-Committee reported that they had engaged the Town Band consisting of not less than 12 performers for ten weeks from the 13th inst., for £8 per week; to give not less than 6 performances each week for not less than 2 hours each time, actually playing for not less than 1 hour 30 minutes on each occasion, 30s to be deducted for each absence.

A letter from Mr. J. M. Teague was read, stating that he had made an offer to the Secretary of the Town Committee to provide a String Band of eight performers to Way at Montpellier and Pittville three evenings a week, two hours each time, for six guineas per week and the use of his Band Stand at Pittville free of cost ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, regretting that owing to the offer not having come to the notice of this Committee before, arrangements having been made with the Town Band, it could not now be entertained.

8-Horse Show—A letter from Mr. J. G. Villar was read, stating that the Show Committee desired to get up some Boat Races and Aquatic Sports (other than swimming and diving) in the Marle Hill Lake on the evening of the 3rd of July, and requesting permission to use the Lake and some of the Corporation boats for the purpose and to have sole use of the lake from 5 to 9 p.m. that evening ; also requesting permission to proceed with the erection of the Band Stand at once, just inside the Gardens, close to the fence next the Recreation Ground. Resolved, That as to the boating the Committee are not prepared to recommend any alteration of their resolution of date the 31st of December last, by which the boating was reserved to the Corporation, but that permission to erect the Band Stand, as proposed by Mr. Villar, be granted.

9 —Burns' Relics—A letter from the Rev. George Esdaile was read, offering to sell to the Corporation the " Cottage Collection of Relics of Robert Burns," which had been in his family for about fifty years.

10--Damage to Gate at Pittville Park—A letter from Col. Forbes-Robertson with reference to a claim made on him by the Borough Surveyor for 10s for damage alleged to have been done by his son to one of the gates at Pittville was read, stating that the Borough Surveyor had been misinformed as to his son having broken the gate which had been out of order for a long time and could be easily opened without the use of a key. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do enquire into the matter, and, if satisfied that the damage was wilfully done, take proceedings.

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Pittville Estate —Several matters requiring attention were referred to the Sub-Committee to view and consider.

Claim by Messrs. Holliday & Co.—A letter from Messrs. C. S. Holliday & Co., with reference to a claim made by them to a right to use an entrance into the Cleeve path drive from a field on the East side occupied by them was read, stating that the gate had been in use by themselves and former tenants for a very long time. many years before they were the tenants, and that they hoped to have the continued use of the same as of yore. Resolved. That the Town Clerk do enquire into the matter and report thereon.

Public Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the proposed Public Conveniences for the Marle Hill portion of the Pittville Park. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Sub-Committee be requested to report as to the most suitable site for their erection.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1895— Present: The Mayor; Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer. Lewis, and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair.)

1- Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, as follows, was read:-- On the 19th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 129 Gallons; the average for the last four years being 100 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 29,324,036 gallons. On the 18th instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 30 feet 8 inch, and the contents 93,041,304 Gallons, which gave a total of 122,365,340 Gallons.

Filters at Dowdeswell - With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of April last, the Borough Engineer submitted a plan, with specification and estimate of two additional filter beds, for filtration of the water at Dowdeswell, which would have an area of 6,000 feet, and would be capable of filtering 287,800 gallons per day, when worked at the rate of two gallons per square foot, per hour, and with four of the existing filters in operation they would

together filter 850,000 gallons per day. The daily average consumption for the week ending July 7th, 1894, was 840,000 gallons.

The walls to be built of cement concrete faced with brickwork. The storage tank to be built in a similar manner, but with concrete arches resting upon cast iron girders supported by brick piers. The valves so arranged that the filtering would be maintained at an uniform rate without respect to the level of the water in the storage tanks.

The cost of the Filters would be about £1,500 each, and the storage tank about £2,000, or a total of about £5,000 including the fence walls.

Northfield Passage—The extension in this passage is complete.

Naunton Park Terrace—As the roadway in this terrace is being put in order, arrangements were made to extend the main so as to communicate with the Old Bath Road.

New Street near All Saints Church—It would be desirable to lay a new main in this street before the road is made up.

Great Western Road—A small extension had been made in Great Western Road to supply the houses now being built.

Old Cemetery—Mr. Mugliston, on behalf of the Kyrie Society, asked for the main to be extended to supply the Old Cemetery, the distance being 43 yards, the cost being about £7.

Bridge over Stream above Dowdeswell Reservoir—This Bridge was constructed of two wrought iron girders, with 12" x 6" planks, which are in a defective state.

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Resolved, That the consideration of the scheme for provision of additional filter beds and storage tanks at Dowdeswell be indefinitely postponed.

That the extensions to Northfield Passage, Naunton Park Terrace, Great Western Road, and the road at All Saints be approved, and that the main be extended to the Old Cemetery, and from there to meet the main coming up from the Gloucester road, and so do away with the dumb end there.

That the Bridge at Dowdeswell be strengthened by putting two additional iron girders underneath, and concreting the roadway over it.

2—Water Supply to Midland Railway at Ashchurch—A letter from Messrs. Beale & Co., solicitors to the Midland Railway Co., with reference to a claim made upon the Company, by the Corporation, for 452 9s. 5d. for water supplied to them at Ashchurch, was read, stating that the Corporation of Tewkesbury had sent in an account for this water which had been paid by the Company, and a letter by the Town Clerk in reply that they must be under a mistake in supposing the Company had paid the Tewkesbury Corporation for water for consumption at Ashchurch, as he was not aware that the Tewkesbury Corporation had or were allowed access to the meter at the Company's station at Tewkesbury, and that after his letters of the 18th of December and 5th of February last, the Company should not have paid the Tewkesbury Corporation for this water, but at any rate the

Company must pay this Corporation for the water, and requesting a cheque for the amount without further delay ; also a letter in reply from Messrs. Beale & Co. that they would make further enquiries.

3--- Garden at Sandford Pumping Station—With reference to Minute No 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Mr. Webb proposed Mr. William Fletcher, of 87, Albion street as tenant of the land rented by him from the 25th of March last, at the same rent, viz. £3, and on the same terms as Mr. Webb's tenancy, and he was approved.

4---Land at the Mythe—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee, of the 21st March, 1894, relating to an application by Mr. J. G. Roberts, the tenant of the Corporation land at the Mythe, asking for an allowance off his rent in consequence of the bad season the previous year, and the extension of the works having deprived him of some of the land, the Borough Accountant reported that he had not paid any rent since the 22th of December, 1893, and that five quarters up to the 25th March last were owing, amounting to £25. Resolved, That an abatement of £1 17s. 6d. per annum be allowed off the rent.

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

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 4th day of June, 1895—Present : Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1--Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2- - Hackney Carriage—An application from the Cheltenham Omnibus Co. for permission to transfer a license from an Omnibus, which they had sold, to a Char-a-bane, was read. Resolved, That the application be granted.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of June, 1895—Present; The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Col. Rogers; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)-

3—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman

4—Fire Brigade The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade laid before the Committee the ordinary half-yearly account of Salaries and Disbursements, and reported that all claims for out-of-pocket expenses incurred at fires during the past half-year had been met, excepting the one made on the Law Union and Crown Fire Office for £2 12s. 0d., in January last, and that he had found it necessary to provide the Brigade with a Uniform Cap for use at drill and other prolonged duties, the leather helmet being much too heavy and otherwise unsuitable, and that the men might not object to pay for them themselves, although, in his opinion, they should be paid for by the Corporation, and he had accordingly entered the item in the accounts for approval with the others. Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed in future to order all accounts to be sent in to the Town Clerk for the approval of the Committee before payment, as in all other cases, and to obtain oil and other supplies required for the purposes of the Brigade from the Central Depot; also that consideration of the question of the Corporation paying for the uniform caps, ordered by the Superintendent, be adjourned until the return of the Chairman.

5—Hackney Carriages—The Proprietors and most of the drivers of Hackney Carriages who failed to call or send for their lip on the occasion of the annual Licensing Meeting attended this meeting, and after due explanation and apologies their licenses were issued to them by the Committee.

Applications from William Hoad, of Portland Mews for a Hackney Carriage and Pony Carriage License ; from Joseph Williams, No. 10, New Street, for a License for an Open Carriage; from J. F. Paul for renewal of his Licenses for Carriages Nos. 75 and 79 ; from John Stoneham, No. 19, Sandford Street, for a Hackney Carriage License ; from Newman Gibbard, No. 6r, Duke Street, for a Pony Carriage License, and from J. Beamish, No. 5 Lypiatt Street for a Hackney Carriage License, were considered, and a Memorial signed by James Cypher and 58 others in support of Beamish's application was read. Resolved, To inform Joseph Williams that his application cannot be granted as there is no vacancy, but that his name will be put on the list of applicants; to inform Newman Gibbard and John Beamish that their applications cannot be granted as there is no vacancy; and that the applications of J. F. Paul, John Stoneham, and Wm. Hoad be refused

6—Driver's License—An application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License was received from George English of No. 8, Hereford Place Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Licenses to deal in Game—Applications for Licenses to deal in Game were received from Arthur Loveday, 142, High Street, L. A. Morris, Columbia House, Winchcomb Street. Messrs. C. S. Holliday, and G. H. Mills, trading as the Executors of the Will of John Woore, deceased, at No. 25, Montpellier Walk, Charles Barnett, 86, High Street, Edwin Henry Harris, No. 1, Winchcomb Street; Thomas Burt Woodard, Nos. 1 & 2, Montpellier Avenue ; Nolan Wellesley Olive, Colonnade; Sarah Ann Wilks, 372, High Street. Resolved, That the same be granted on payment of the accustomed fees.

8—Yeomanry Drill Ground—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting a letter from Mr. Ticehurst in reply to the letter of the Town Clerk then approved, to the effect that the present fencing only be accepted for replacement, if at the end of the 5 years it should be practically as good as new. Resolved, To approve the Draft Agreement as altered accordingly, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have fencing tarred and stacked on the waste land adjoining the Ash Destructor, and protected by a corrugated iron covering

9—Yeomanry Drill Ground Fund, 1895—A letter from Mr. C. S. Gilding was read, enclosing the accounts of the collection made for the Yeomanry Drill Ground Fund for this year, and his account for Commission, &c., sheaving a Balance due to the Corporation of £72 0s. 9d. which had been paid to the Borough Treasurer. Resolved, That the same be approved and passed.

10—Town Clerk's Holiday—The Town Clerk applied for permission to take a month's leave of absence at such time or times as would be most convenient, having regard to the work in his Department, Resolved, That the permission asked for be given, and that Mr. G. E. Brydges act as the Town Clerk's Deputy during his absence.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 9th day of June, 1895— Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; and Councillor Wheeler. (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

i—Alstone Swimming Baths—The usual monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. No. of bathers to the 15th inst., 5827. Fees received £50 1s. 8d.

2— Old Cemetery—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Miss Bateman Champain, enclosing a copy of last year's accounts of the Kyrie Society was read, stating that the arrangements made by the Society for the care of the ground was with the Rector, who gave permission to the Society to open the ground and do as they thought best with it, and that the grant of £10 from the Corporation had been applied in former years partly in payment of the wages of the Caretaker, and partly in plants, seats and other necessities also a letter from the Rev. J. Mugliston that the Society were getting anxious about the grant, and that this year they hoped to put the water on, and that they try to keep the ground open from May to the end of September, and they would be sorry if they had to close it sooner. Resolved, That the grant of £10 be given to the Society as in former years.

3— Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground —Cheltenham Quoit Club—A letter from Mr. Cotton, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Quoit Club, was read, drawing attention to the danger arising from children running across the Quoit ground while the game is in progress, there being no means to keep them off the ground, and suggesting that a low fence should be put along by the path dividing the Quoit ground from the remainder. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have a fence erected as suggested.

4—Horse Show—A letter from Mr. J. G. Villar, Hon. Sec. to the Horse Show Committee, was read, requesting permission to close the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground from Thursday, the 27th of June to Monday, July 8th, to enable them to arrange the show yard, clear away buildings, and make good, &c., after the Show. Resolved, That the permission asked for be granted, and that notice accordingly be given.

5—Barrett's Mill, South Boundary—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had with Major Harford settled the boundary, which was formerly the bye wash from the Mill, and had pegged the same out and marked it on the Ordnance Map of the Corporation.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of June, 1895—Present The Mayor: Councillors M. Davis. and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that a Notice Board at the Entrance was required, prohibiting Cycles from being brought into the Cemetery in accordance with Rule No. 7, as in consequence of there being no such notice he had been unable to prevent Cyclists from riding over the roads in the Cemetery; that two Scythes for mowing the grass in the Cemetery were required and a new Grindstone with shaft and bearings. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a Notice Board erected at the entrance to the Cemetery prohibiting Cycles being brought in, and to obtain the two Scythes and Grindstone required for the Cemetery.

2—Burial Fees--With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee, a further letter from Mr. P. Bendall was read. Resolved, That the matter be considered at an adjourned meeting of this Committee to be held the next morning.

3— Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Richard Barnes, Elizabeth Sarah King, Eliza Huber, Frances Louisa Brownjohn, Bessie Ricketts, Kate Beatrice Smith, Eliza Utten Horsnaill, John Price.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£14 9 0
M. B. Ricketts, Poor Rate	£ 0 11 3

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of June, 1895 — Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors M. Davis, Margrett, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

5 — Burial Fees —With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the previous day the application by Mr. Bendall for remission of the extra fee charged was considered. Resolved, That under the circumstances of this particular case the Rector's fee be remitted.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE. Chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of June, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Electric Lighting Station and Works—The Borough Surveyor reported hereon as follows :—The works are now completed, so far as estimated for, and in full working order, and the total cost has been £16,880 14s. 1d. being £880 14s. 1d. in excess of the original estimate and amount borrowed. In some matters the estimate has been unavoidably exceeded, in others, the expenditure has been less. Some additional works have been omitted and some works have been executed, and machinery and instruments provided, which were not originally contemplated, as for instance, the Testing Station and apparatus, an additional boiler, provision of meters, &c., but upon the whole there has been an excess of expenditure over the estimates of the amount above mentioned.

2--- Brush Electrical Engineering Co.—A letter from the Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Limited was read, congratulating the Mayor, Alderman Norman, and the members of the Electric Lighting Committee on the successful inauguration of the Electricity Works, and expressing the thanks of the Company for the kindness and hospitality extended to them through their Chief Electrician, Mr. Mordey, on that occasion.

3—Extension of Main—A letter from Mr. H. A. Webb was read, applying for an extension of the main to supply his house, " Ewlyn," Leckhampton Road, as he will have the electric light put on directly the main comes near. Resolved, That at present the Committee are unable to make the extension applied for.

4—Street Lamps—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer do bring up an estimate for lighting with Arc lamps the Promenade to the Gordon lamp, Clarence Street to the G.W.R. Station, Ambrose Street, and from thence the High Street to the Royal Hotel, Pittville Street, Winchcomb Street, and Albion Street, to where the main is already laid.

5—Poor Rate Assessment—The Overseers having assessed the Electric Light Works at £400 net, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal to the Assessment Committee against the Assessment.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

(12)

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of June, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District Rate--The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £1,079; leaving outstanding £13,448 11s. 8 ½ d.

2-Water Rate—The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £1,223 12s. 3d; leaving outstanding £7,676 13s. 0d.

3—Private Improvement Works—Clare Street —The Borough Accountant reported that Mr. Coome had paid £3 tom. 0d. under the Orders made against him by the Magistrates for £6 3s. 8d. and 13s. 6d. costs, in respect of the Clare Street Private Improvement Works, and had applied to be allowed till Michaelmas next to pay the remainder. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to payment of interest at 5 per cent.

4—Private Improvement Works—Malvern Road—A letter from Mr. Walter Robinson was read, applying for time to pay the balance due under the Order made against him by the Magistrates in respect of Private Improvement Works in the Malvern Road for £6 6s. 10d. and 6s 9d costs of which he had paid £2 10s. Resolved, That he be allowed a month in which to pay the balance with 5 per cent. interest.

5—Footpaths in the District late part of Leckhampton—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, enclosing sanction to a loan of £2,000 for works of Street Improvement, repayable in 20 years. Resolved, To postpone consideration of the question of the loan till the next meeting.

6-- Barn Farm Sewage Works Loan- -A letter from the Local Government Board was read, enclosing sanction to a loan of £550 for works of Sewage disposal, repay able in 30 years. Resolved, That the question of the loan be postponed till the next meeting.

7 -- Electric Lighting Loan—A letter from Messrs. David Midgley and Sons was read, asking if the Corporation would extend, for a period of five years, the date of repayment of the Mortgage they hold for £5,000, in the names of Mary A. Midgley and others, thus making it repayable after 10 years instead of five. Resolved, That the time be extended as suggested if the Mortgagees will either reduce the interest from 3 ½ to 3 per cent. at once, or to 2 ⅞ at the expiration of five years.

8- Water Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that two ladies, the Misses Badham, had offered to lend £600 to the Corporation at 3 per cent. Resolved, That the offer be accepted on account of the Waterworks' Loan of £10,000.

9-Corporation Clocks—A letter from Mr. Wm. Holder was read, asking the Committee to reconsider his application for payment of an account of 8s 6d, for repairing and cleaning a clock during the time between the expiration of his contract to keep in repair the Corporation clocks for last year and the commencement of his contract for the present year. Resolved, To leave the matter in the hands of the Borough Accountant to deal with.

10—Insurance of Electric Lighting Station —The Borough Engineer having reported that this station was not insured, Resolved, To insure the buildings in the Alliance Insurance Office for £1,000, and the plant in the Law Union and Crown Insurance Office for £2,000.

11-- Voluntary Church Rate—An application for a donation from the Council of 3 guineas to the Voluntary Church Rate towards expenses in connection with the Parish Church having been received. It was Resolved, That a donation of 3 guineas be made towards the expenses of keeping the Parish Church Yard in good order.

12—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 was as follows:—

In hand on the 28th May last	£4,600 18 9
Received since that date	<u>£4,951 1 9</u>
	£9,552 0 6
Paid since that date	<u>£4,560 16 6</u>
Total in hand	£4,991 4 0

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined, Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of £6,480 17s. 11d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of June, 1895 — Present : the Mayor ; Councillors Feeney and Parsonage ; Mr. C. Hall, The Baron de Ferrieres and Mr. H. Neale (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £9 8s. 6d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz. :

Board of Trade, Labour Department .	1 vol.
Capt. Welch, R.N.	22 vols.
Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.	

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that tenders for the supply of Literature for one year had been received from Messrs. J. J. Banks, C. Westley, and W. T. Cossens, as follows:—

	J. J. BANKS. (rate of discount)	C. WESTLEY. (rate of discount)	W. T. COSENS. (rate of discount)
Miscellaneous	27 ½	27 ½	27 ½
Magazines and Periodicals	25	25	22 ½
Newspapers	10	10	10
Second-hand Books	—	10	—

and recommended that the tender of Mr. Banks be accepted, Mr. Westley having had the contract the last two years. That a tender from Messrs. Norman & Sawyer for the binding of books had been received on the same terms as last year, which they recommended should be accepted. That the Librarian had been instructed to prepare lists of new books for the Lending Library to the amount of £20. and that they had arranged with Messrs. Marshall to remove the gas pipes and fittings, who

had agreed to make good all damage, and to allow £5 for the pipes and fittings Resolved, That the report and actions of the Sub-Committee be approved and their recommendations adopted.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£16 2 0
W. Jones, paid Wm. A. Grant for making Shelves, &c.	£ 0 14 6
James Webb, Books ..	£ 1 1 0
Cheltenham Corporation Poor Rate ..	£ 9 11 3
J. Whitaker and Sons, Subscription to the " Bookseller "	£ 0 5 0
The London Supply Co., Soap ..	£ 0 3 3

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, 1895—Present: Aldermen Drew and Col. Rogers; Councillors LI Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Cot. Rogers 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:—Cecil Paul, Trafalgar Street ; George Dunford, 9, Victoria Place ; Albert Bowles, Regent Street.

2 —Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 45 schools containing 1100 names. These and the balance left to visit at the end of last month, 230, made a total of 1330. Of this number 73 were accounted for by the teachers, 1049 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 208 recently sent in.

3—Attendance at St. Peter's Girls' School—A letter from the Mistress of St. Peter's Girls' Schools was read, asking why Ellen Brotheridge and Clara Gapper could not be compelled to attend School; and a letter from the Town Clerk in reply. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

4-Attendance at Holy Trinity Girls' School—A letter from the Mistress of this School was read, enclosing a list of absentees, with a request that an Officer might be sent to the homes of the girls; also a report from the Attendance Officer of the result of the visits made by him in pursuance of the above-mentioned request. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Local Committee to deal with.

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st August, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Tuesday, the 6th day of August inst., 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 Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.— and reappoint Medical Officer of Health. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. LIGHTING COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Town Clerk's Report re Provisional Order.
5. Notices of Motion.
6. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :— Dr. Garrett re his Salary. J. F. Paul re Hackney Carriage Licenses. H. Privett re Driver's License.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT re PROVISIONAL ORDER FOR AMENDING

THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ACTS.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Public Health Committee, directing me to report on the subject of obtaining powers to close the Registered Slaughter Houses, and such other amendments of the Local Acts as I might think desirable, I now beg to report as follows :—" It is now 20 years since the Public Health Act of 1875 was passed, and experience, the advance of sanitary science, and judicial interpretation of many of the provisions of the said Act have shewn the necessity of further amendment of the law relating to Public Health. Time, however, has not yet been found by the Legislature to make such amendment, except to a very limited extent. Consequently the Sanitary Authorities have been compelled either to promote, at a great cost, private Bills, or to take advantage of the promotion of such Bills for other purposes to amend the Public Health Act, so far as affected their own localities. Your own Improvement Act of 1889 was one of these ; but its efficiency was much crippled by the instruction to the Police and Secretary Law Committee of the House of Commons not to allow of amendments that were amendments of the General Public Law, although with great inconsistency a clause amending the General Law would be passed, and the very next clause doing the like would be rejected. The Chairman of that Committee, Sir Francis Powell, did, however, subsequently to the passing of our Improvement Act, bring in an adoptive bill which became law to amend the Public Health Act, incorporating several most useful clauses, which had been inserted in Private Acts, our own amongst the number. As you may recollect, this act was

unfortunately made adoptive by parts and not by sections, and you declined to adopt Part III, the part relating to "sanitary and other provisions," partly for the reason that it contained some objectionable sections relating to the repairs and taking over of public roads, and partly that our own act already contained most of the others. For the same reasons I could not advise you to adopt the "Private Street Works Act, 1892." Hence, the only means apart from a Private Act of Parliament of obtaining amendments in our Local Acts, is by Provisional Order under Sec. 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875. This Section provides That the Local Government Board may on the application of a Local Authority by Provisional Order, wholly or partially repeal, alter, or amend any Local Act (other than a River Conservancy Act) which relates to the same subject matters as the Public Health Act—language wide enough, one would think, to cover any alteration or amendment of our Acts, as there can be no question but that they relate to the same subject matters as the Public Health Act.

The following are the alterations and amendments I beg to suggest, premising that in this Report by the words "the Act of 1852" and "the Act of 1889" are respectively understood "The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852," and "The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889."

1. Amend Sec. 46 of the Act of 1852, and Part XIII of the Act of 1889, by providing that the expenses of drainage, levelling, repairing, flagging, paving, and channelling any private street within the meaning of the said Sec. 46 may be apportioned between the adjoining or abutting owners and the proprietor or other person owning the soil of the said street, or in receipt of any rent charges for the repair or use and repair of the same, in such manner and proportion as the Corporation may think just and equitable, and such apportioned expenses shall be recoverable from such proprietor, owner, or other person in the same manner as Private Improvement expenses are authorised by the said Acts to be recovered.

2. Amend Sec. 38 of the Act of 1852, (Cleansing of brooks) by extending the same to any water course or ditch in the Borough, and applying thereto the same proceedings as by Sec. 48 of the Public Health Act, 1875, are to be taken in the case of a water course or open ditch on the boundary of any District, the works to be executed and the costs paid, as the case may be, by the abutting owners and recoverable as Private Improvement expenses.

3. Amend Part II (j) of the Act of 1889,— "Infectious Disease."

a. By requiring Dairy men supplying milk within the Borough, from premises inside or outside the Borough, to notify to the Medical Officer of Health all cases of infectious disease amongst their family or servants.

b. By prohibiting any person suffering from infectious diseases milking any animal, picking fruit, or engaging in any occupation connected with the food of man.

c. By prohibiting the blowing or inflating of meat.

d. By empowering the Corporation to require Inns, eating-houses, and places of public entertainment to provide proper urinals.

e. By providing that no person suffering from any infectious disease shall be conveyed in any hackney carriage or other public conveyance under a penalty both on the person so suffering and the driver of the conveyance knowingly conveying such person.

4. Amend Part II (iii) of the Act of 1889 (Regulations as to Drainage, &c.) by repealing Section 31 and substituting :—When two or more houses are connected with a public sewer laid under a Highway by means of a drain or sewer not originally constructed by or at the expense of the Urban Authority, and laid under private land, an application may be made under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Corporation may recover any expenses incurred by them in executing any works under the powers conferred on them by that Section from the owners or from the occupiers in all cases in which the Corporation think it is just and equitable that they should pay them, of the premises in such shares and proportions as shall be settled by the Surveyor, or in case of a dispute by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and such expenses shall be recoverable summarily or as Private Improvement expenses.

5. Amend Part III (i) of the Act of 1889 (Streets and Buildings), by conferring powers on the Corporation.

a. To vary or alter the position, direction, or level of any intended new street.

b. To fix a general building line.

c. To provide as follows :—That where any garden, fore-court, or other open space in front of and adjoining to or being part of the curtilage of any house, building, or other premises, and abutting on any Highway, is without a sufficient fence or the fence, it any, is in a delapidated or dangerous state, or is in want of repair, the Corporation may serve a notice on the owner of such garden, fore-court, or other space, requiring him in a time thereby limited to erect a proper and sufficient fence by railing, parapet, or wall, or otherwise to the satisfaction of the Corporation or to effectually and properly repair any existing fence if the same is capable of repair, as the case may be, and if the owner fails to comply with the requisitions of the notice, the Corporation may execute and carry out such works as may be required and as may be necessary, and the expenses of doing so may be recovered from the person making default as Private Improvement expenses, summarily, or in a Court of competent Jurisdiction.

d. To require waste or vacant spaces to be properly fenced.

6. Amend Part III (ii) of the Act of 1889 (Regulations as to Buildings), by defining the term " New Building." 7. Amend Part VIII (Hackney Carriages) and part XII (Bye-laws) of the Act of 1889, by providing that the Corporation may make Bye-Laws for regulating the admission of Passengers into or on Omnibuses and the conduct of such passengers.

8. Amend Part XII of the Act of 1889, (Bye-Laws) Sec 97, by enacting—

a. That no Bye-Law made under and by virtue of Sec. 157 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 97 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, shall be deemed to be bad or invalid by reason of its contravening the provisions of Sec. 74 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, or any of them.

b. By adding to Sec. 82, " the height of Rooms intended to be used for human habitation "

9. Amend Part X of the Act of 1889, (Markets and Slaughter Houses) by empowering the Corporation after notice to close any Registered Slaughter House and prohibit the use thereof of slaughtering, the Corporation to make compensation to any owner or occupier injuriously affected, such

compensation to be based on the value of the interest of the owner and occupier of the property as a slaughter house, due regard being had to the then condition of the property, to its situation, to the effect it has, or may have, on the health of the neighbourhood, to its suitability and fitness for the purposes of a Slaughter House, to its state of repair, to the outlay, if any, to make it suitable and fit for such purposes, and without any additional allowance for compulsory closing. No additions to or improvement of the property made after the date of the Order to be allowed for, unless such addition or improvement was rendered necessary by way of repair, or for the maintenance of the property, or was required by the Corporation to be made.

10. Amend Part XVI of the Act of 1889, Sec. 192 (Miscellaneous)

a. By extending Sec. 184 to sky signs.

b. By prohibiting the erection or use of any hoarding, wall, or fence, for the exhibition of advertisements, without the consent of the Corporation, with appeal to Petty Sessions.

c. By enacting that any contract the value or amount whereof does not exceed £50 may be signed and authenticated by the Town Clerk or his deputy by direction of the Corporation. The precedents for the foregoing amendments are for the most part taken from the City of Gloucester Act, 1894, and other recent Private Acts.

Dated 30th July, 1895.

E. T. BRYDGES

Towns 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 Tuesday, the 6th day of August, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of July, 1895—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Skillicorne and Parsonage, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1- Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-The View— The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz.: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne.

3--Street Projections—A letter from Mr. Charles Barnett, 86, High Street, was read, requesting permission to hang four 200 candle power Electric Lamps outside his shop. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the lamps being at least 8ft in height above the pavement and the projection including the whole of the lamp not to exceed 24 inches from the face of the building.

4—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways— The Borough Surveyor reported that the works had been done in his Department from the 22nd June last to the 26th instant, both inclusive, viz. :—

Roads repaired with Clee Hill Sone—Great Western Road, Hester's Way, Millbrook Street, Arle Road, and Badgworth Road.

Patching—Hatherley Road, Carlton Street, Clarence Road, Bath Road, High Street, Hewlett Road, Ambrose Street, St. James's Square, Dunalley Parade, Tewkesbury Road, Promenade, Pittville Street, Oriel Road, Winchcomb Street, Sherborne Place, Albion Street, Montpellier Street, St. James's Street.

Wickwar—Patching—Pittville, Swindon Road, Carlton Street, Townsend Street, Cleeveland Street, Russell Street, Sun Street.

Tar Macadam—Road side of Conservative Club, Footpaths Montpellier Street, Crossings near Gordon Lamp.

Paving, Crossing, and Channelling—Pittville, High Street, Arle Road, Vernon Place, Brunswick Street, St. George's Place, Hewlett Road, Granville Street, Priory Street, St. Paul's Street North, Montpellier Spa Road, St. James's Street.

Concrete Paths at St. George's Road and The Park.

The footpath on the East side of Leckhampton Road has been relaid for a further distance of 515 feet.

Gravel Paths on the North and South sides of Montpellier Gardens have been remade.

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The Improvement in Millbrook Street and the rebuilding of the Chelt wall are completed.

The Private Improvement Works in Marsh Lane and Naunton Park Road are in hand.

Gullies—One in Cleeveland Street, one in Hewlett Road, one in Clarence Road, and one in Wellington Square have been rebuilt, One in High Street, one in Rose and Crown Passage, and one in Marle Hill Road have been repaired only.

Trees have been pruned in the following Roads—Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Queen's Road, Christ Church Road, Malvern Road, Parabola Road, Bayshill Road, Fauconberg Road, Montpellier Street.

Dead Trees have been cut down in Queen's Road (a), Gloucester Road (2), St. George's Road (2), Priory Street (1), Pittville Circus Road (1)

Ashes Collection --Van loads collected 721; Cart loads collected 246 ; consumed at the Destructor 822 tons 2 cwt. 1 qr.

He also reported that it would be desirable to obtain tenders for street gully grates and frames, manhole covers, and similar castings, and by combining them with a contract for the supply of

castings for Waterworks purposes a saving in carriage can be effected; and That the Contracts for Provender and Manure had expired.

He also reported that on Saturday evening, the 20th instant, the roof over the boiler at the Destructor took fire and was considerably damaged. So far as could be ascertained, the fire originated in a wood tank used for filling the boiler before the Severn water was laid on, and the damage would amount to about £50, and That he had obtained tenders for restoring the roof without the use of wood in any part.

Resolved, That Tenders be advertised for in the Examiner and Echo for the supply of Provender and Manure for 12 months, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for Street Gully Grates and Frames, Manhole Covers, and similar castings in combination with the tenders which he had received instructions from the Water Committee to obtain for the supply of castings for waterworks purposes.

5—Whaddon lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the works of repair to this road had been executed by the owners to his satisfaction. Resolved, That in accordance with the resolution to Minute No. In of the proceedings of this Committee of 25th January last, the £50 promised by the Committee towards the expense be paid.

6--Ditch near Barrett's Mill—A letter from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland, & Co., was read on behalf of the Trustees of the late Mr. Charles Harford, complaining that the ditch belonging to them forming the Southern boundary of their meadow called the Orchard, situate in the College Road, was being used by the Corporation to carry off the surface water from the College Road, and requesting the Town Council to at once disconnect the drains with their client's land. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to report on the facts of the case.

7—Tivoli, Approach to—A Memorial from W. Stuart Macgowan and others was read, complaining of the inconvenience of the Approach to Tivoli, and suggesting that the Corporation should acquire a piece of garden ground to make a road uniting Tivoli to Suffolk Lawn. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of Mr. Macgowan to what extent the Memorialists and other interested parties are prepared to contribute towards the expense.

8—Boarding in front of No 7 Andover Terrace —A memorial from Thomas Clarke and others was read, calling the attention of the Committee to the fact that a boarding had been erected in front of 7, Andover Terrace, which was a disfigurement of the surrounding properties. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned pending enquiry.

9— Seat at Leckhampton Road, end of Moorend Large—A letter from Mr. R. Mills was read, complaining that the seat recently placed at this position was proving a nuisance and suggesting its removal to another place. Resolved, That the Committee do not see their way to alter the position of the seat.

10—Stone breaking at the late Leckhampton Board Yard— A letter from Mr. P. V. Keitley, complaining of the nuisance to the inhabitants of the houses near this yard, arising from the noise occasioned by stone breaking there, was read. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

11—Footway South Side of St. George's Road—With reference to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor brought up a specification of the works required to be done, and laid before the Committee a plan showing the suggested rounding off of the corner at the Gloucester Road extremity of the footpath. Resolved, the specification be approved and that the Committee will recommend the payment of £25 towards the expenses of rounding off the corner and setting back the footpath to the line shown on the Plan laid before the Committee.

12- Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained tenders for the replacement of the roof of the Destructor destroyed by the recent fire, as follows, via.. (according to Specification)—

W. Letheren & Sons	£32 0 0
R. E. & C. Marshall	£34 0 0
Such & Larter	£45 0 0

The prices of Messrs. K. E. & C. Marshall and of Messrs. Such & Larter if ordinary corrugated iron is used being respectively £32 and £39. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Letheren & Sons be accepted.

13-Stores on Site of Old Goods Station Great Western Railway—A Letter from Mr. J. T. Darby was read, stating that he had made a mistake in indicating the drainage on the Plan sent in by him and requesting the Committee to pass the Plan subject to the drainage being done to the satisfaction of the Surveyor. Resolved, To inform Mr. Darby that the question of the drainage had already been dealt with by the Public Health Committee.

14--New Buildings-- The Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to creel new buildings, viz. :

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J. M. Skarratt, alterations of Stables for a cottage at Mayville, Battledown.

C. Thorn, New house and laundry at Pilley.

Showell & Sons, Ltd., Stores, Stables, and Coachhouse on site of Old Goods Shed, Great Western Railway.

C. Dufour, Three villas, Rowanfield Road, Alstone.

Robert T. Smith, Cottages, Granley Road.

Mr. Stephens, Addition to St. Margaret's Villa.

C. Winstone, New dwelling house, Lansdown Road.

Ladies' College, Foundations of Examination Hall, site of Old Theatre.

A. G. Wheeler, New house in Gloucester Road.

E. F. Barnfield, Two houses at Alstone.

ditto New house, Gloucester Road.

W. Black, New cottage, Tivoli lane, back of No. 5, Tivoli Street.

J. W. Copland, pair of new semi-detached Villas, Gloucester Road.

Arthur E. Godwin, Proposed Pottery at Leckhampton.

Resolved, That the Plans of Mr. Skarratt, Mr. Dufour, Mr. Winstone, and Mr. Black be disapproved and that the other Plans above mentioned be approved subject to the following conditions, viz., as to the Plan of Messrs. Showell and Sons, Ltd., that the lorry shed be set back 4 feet from the boundary wall and that consent be given to building over the sewer on condition that it is properly arched over, that access to it be given to it at all times for the purpose of reconstruction or repairs without payment or compensation, and that the Corporation be held harmless from all damage arising from such building over the sewer, and as to the plan of Mr. Copland that the walls at the back of the fire places be 9 inches thick.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of July, 1895—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1--Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee two cases of Scarlet Fever which had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was ten.

2-Disinfection at No. 4, St. Philip's Street—With reference to Minute No. 21 of the proceedings of this Committee, of the 22nd of May last, the Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Hart, the owner of these premises, upon whom penalties had recently been imposed by the Justices for obstructing the Officer of the Corporation in carrying out disinfection, had allowed it to be done.

3-Bone Grinding and Tripe Boiling in Bennington Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that further complaints had been received of the continuance of bone grinding and tripe boiling in Bennington Street, that the Inspector of Nuisances visited the place and saw there a heap of bones, and that the proprietor stated he was waiting for permission to grind the bones being those he had on the premises at the date of the last meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do inform Mr. Waghorne that the bones can be ground within two days from receipt of the intimation.

4-Seizure and Destruction of Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 2nd inst, owing to a complaint from a person who had purchased some decaying meat of a butcher in Winchcomb Street, the premises were visited when unsound meat was found, seized, and taken before a magistrate, who condemned it and ordered it to be destroyed. Resolved, That proceedings for penalties be taken under Secs. 116 and 117 of the Public Health Act.

5—Exmouth Buildings—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Inspector of Nuisances found premises in Exmouth Street, Bath Road, occupied by a tripe dealer, &c., in a very dirty condition. That the place had been used for the preparation of tripe for 30 years. That the place where the tripe was cleaned was about 9ft. square and a portion of it partitioned off as a w.c. That the Inspector found 15 cowheels and 6lbs. of tripe upon the premises which were unfit for the food of man, which were seized and taken before a magistrate and destroyed by his Order. Resolved, That

Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the Owner and Occupier of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

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6-- No. 1, Bath Terrace—The Medical Officer of health reported that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the Owner and Occupier of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

7-- Nos. 1 and 5, Bath Terrace Court—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that these premises were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the respective owners under the said section requiring them to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

8—No. 12, Malvern Street and No. 1, St. Paul's Cottage, Larput Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these houses were so overcrowded as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners and Occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

9—Defective Drainage at No. 145, High Street - The Inspector of Nuisances having previously made written application to the Town Clerk under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to No. 145, High Street, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and the Town Clerk having given authority to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains. Resolved, That the same be approved and that such further steps as may be necessary be taken as provided by the said section.

10— Defective Drainage at the Clarence Hotel—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Owner of the Clarence Hotel had not complied with the Notice which had been served on him requiring him to do certain works of drainage to the premises. Resolved, that proceedings be taken for penalties.

11—Wells requiring to be closed—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at Teale's Court, Princess Place, Nos. 19, 37, 38, 39, 41, 44, 45, 46, 58, 60, 62 and 68, Rutland Street, Nos. 23, 27, 30 and 32, Marle Hill Road, and No. 428, High Street, is used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and is so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain Orders for the wells to be closed.

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 requiring them 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 the penalties.

13—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report stating that the houses named therein were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

14—Reappointment of the Medical Officer of Health—The existing appointment of the Medical Officer of Health expiring on the 3rd of August next, Resolved, That he be re-appointed for the term of 3 years, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

15—Barn Farm—With reference to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th of May last, a letter from Mr. J. N. Corbett, the tenant of the Barn Farm, was read, stating that he would pay 4 per cent on £250 for building two good cottages at the Barn Farm. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to make application to the Local Government Board for sanction to the loan.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of July, 1895—Present: Councillors Ll. Davies, Griffith, Parsonage, (Councillor Griffith in the chair)

16- Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever, that one Scarlet Fever case had been sent into the Delancey Hospital and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was four.

17—New Wards at Delancey hospital—The Medical Officer of Health reported that provision had been made at the Delancey Hospital for the treatment of Enteric Fever, and that the Trustees were agreeable for any cases requiring isolation and treatment to be sent there, presumably at the same rate of charge as for Scarlet Fever cases, and that as he was of opinion that risk attached to the treatment of Enteric Fever in a General Hospital, he proposed sending future cases to the new wards of the Delancey Hospital, instead of to the General Hospital. Resolved, That the proposition of the Medical Officer of Health be approved.

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18-Temporary Wards at Delancey Hospital -The Medical Officer of Health recommended that as the accommodation for Scarlet Fever cases had been so considerably increased at the Delancey, Hospital the grounds should be cleared of the temporary corrugated iron wards erected there to meet an emergency three years ago. Resolved, That for the present they be allowed to remain or until the Trustees wish them to be removed.

19—Alstone Ditch—The Medical Officer of Health reported that further complaints had been received as to the state of this ditch and recommended that it should be piped from the Gloucester

Road to beyond Rowanfield Road. Resolved, That consideration of this suggestion be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

20 -Van for conveyance of Disinfected Clothing--The Medical Officer of Health reported that this van having broken down he had given an order to Mr. Mills to repair it. Resolved, That this action be approved.

21 -- Bye Laws as to management of Tripe Shops and places where tripe is prepared--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that Bye Laws for the management of such places as the above be made. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to frame some Bye Laws as suggested, with the assistance of the Medical Officer of Health.

22 — Factories and Workshops—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a systematic inspection of these places had been commenced and a new register of them was about to be made, that out of 20 recently visited, notices were required to cleanse and limewash in 14 cases, and to mend defective seater closets in 4 of them.

23-Cleansing and Limewashing No. 22, Great Norwood Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified, under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above named dwelling house is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates of the said house is affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That notice be given to the Owner under the said Section requiring the house to be cleansed and whitewashed.

24— Defective drainage—No. 8, Victoria Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having previously made written application to the Town Clerk under Sec 41 of the Public Health Act. stating that the drains etc on or belonging to No. 8 Victoria Terrace, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and the Town Clerk having given authority to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that such further steps as may be necessary be taken as provided by the said Section. Salisbury Arms, Montpellier Street, 119 ½ High Street, Chester Cottage, St. George's Place—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains etc on or belonging to the above mentioned houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains and act as provided by the said Section.

25-Insanitary Property--Nos. 1 to 9, Cakebridge Terrace ; No. 14, Chester Walk ; Nos. 1 to 4, Savory Court, Duke Street ; No. 2, Andover Retreat ; No. 1, Cornell Cottages ; and the Bell Hotel, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances and to do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

26--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 requiring them 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.

27—Wells requiring to be Closed—No. 24. Naunton Crescent ; Northfield Cottage ; and Nos. 9, 10, 11, 13, and 18 Northfield Passage—The Medical Officer of Health having represented that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used, or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, be taken to obtain orders for the wells to be closed.

28- House without a Water Supply—No. 14, Bayshill Terrace—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 23rd inst. that No. 14. Bayshill Terrace was without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the Owner requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

29- Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report, stating that the houses named therein were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given to the respective owners, under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them, in each case, to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

30—Barn Farm—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th day of May last, a letter from Mr. Corbett was read complaining that the cottages which it had been decided should be built had not been commenced as he hoped they would have been finished before Michaelmas, and that he found great need of some more shedding for waggons, &c., the provision of which when the winter collies on will be absolutely necessary. Resolved, That Tenders for the erection of the cottages be advertised for in the Examiner and Echo, and that the Committee be empowered to accept one ; and, That the Committee cannot recommend any further outlay.

31-Delancey Hospital Charges—With reference to Minute No. 33 of the proceedings of the Committee of the 22nd of May last, a letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney was read, suggesting that it would be better to enter into a fresh agreement on the same terms as the old one, but providing that it should continue from year to year unless terminated by either party by giving six months' notice to the other. Resolved, That a fresh Agreement be entered into upon the terms above mentioned.

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32 —Nuisance in Berkeley Avenue—A letter from Mr. J. G. Villar, enclosing one from his tenant Mr. F. W. Day, of Berkeley Cottage, Berkeley Avenue, complaining that a nuisance was caused by people heaping filth from their back premises in front of his door, was read. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to give his attention to the matter of this complaint.

33—Unsound Meat—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had prosecuted Mr. Pegler, No. 18, Winchcomb Street, the butcher, who had for sale unsound meat on his premises, and that he had been convicted and fined £10 and costs, was read.

34 - Sewage irrigation—A Report from the Borough Surveyor was read, on the subject of the charges for liquid sewage at various periods of the year, and submitting a revised scale of charges as follows:—

January	6s per dressing 1s- per week, per acre.				
February	10s 6d	“	1s 9d	“	“
March	16s	“	2s 8d	“	“
April	20s	“	3d 4d	“	“
May	24s	“	4s	“	“
June	24s	“	4s	“	“
July	24s	“	4s	“	“
August	20s	“	3s 4d	“	“
September	12s	“	2s	“	“
October	8s	“	1s 4d	“	“
November	4s 6d	“	9d.	“	“
December	4s 6d	“	9d.	“	“

Resolved. That the same be approved

35—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 the drainage was concerned, with the exception of the Plan of Mr. W. Black which was disapproved, and subject as to those of Mr. J. M. Skarratt and Mr. C. Dufour to intercepting traps being placed at the positions marked on the Plans by the Borough Surveyor, and subject as to the Plan of Mr. E. F. Barnfield, of houses in the Gloucester road, to the drains under the buildings being cast iron 4-inch pipes, Properly jointed with lead, and as to the Plan of Messrs. Showell & Sons, Ltd., subject to the surface water being conveyed into the Chelt, and to all the drains being constructed and laid to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of July, 1893—Present Councillors Griffith, Heath, Lawrence and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)--

1—Midland Railway Pocket Guide —The Mayor having been informed that in the Pocket Guide of the Midland Railway Co., there was no mention of Cheltenham, and the Town Clerk having called the attention of the General Manager thereto, a letter from him in reply was read, stating that on page 64 was " a brief mention of Cheltenham." which the Town Clerk read as follows : " the next place of note is Cheltenham, one of the many celebrated English inland watering places ; also a letter in reply from the Town Clerk pointing out that the reference to Cheltenham was so brief that it might as well have been left out altogether, and that considering the importance of Cheltenham as a large town and celebrated educational centre and that the Corporation paid 15 guineas for a notice and

advertisement with woodcuts in the Official Guide of the Company, the town should have received a much better notice in the Pocket Guide. Resolved. That the Town Clerk's letter be approved.

2--Private Boat—Pittville Park Lake—A letter from Mr. J. G. Villar was read, protesting against a charge of £6 which had been made to him for keeping his sailing boat on the lake for the years 1894 and 1895, on the ground of an understanding that he should be allowed to keep it on the Lake for a certain time in recognition of his services in connection with the Lake, and in the purchasing of boats, &c. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do confer with Mr. Villar with a view to coming to an arrangement with hint on the subject.

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3--Pittville Park—The Sub-Committee laid before the Committee a report as follows:—" The Pittville Park Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman and the Mayor, met and inspected the Park on the 24th June, 1895. Resolved, That inasmuch as many of the stones round Pittville Lake have fallen from their places, and are now in the Lake crumbling to pieces, they be replaced by harder stone. That a Giant Stride be supplied in the new ground for children which fronts to the Cleeve Road. That proper trees be planted in front of that road. That the site near the back of Saxham Villas be selected for the position of the conveniences for Pittville Park." Resolved, That the same be approved and that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be carried out. Public Conveniences - Resolved, That Tenders be advertised for, for the erection of the Public Conveniences above mentioned, according to the plan approved of at the last Meeting.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of July, 1895 — Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors LI. Davies and Lewis (The Mayor in the chair.)

1—Filter Beds, &c., at Dowdeswell—The Resolution of this Committee of date the 20th ult., indefinitely postponing the consideration of this matter, having been referred back to this Committee by the Council with a view to carrying out the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, was further considered. A further Report to the Committee from the Medical Officer of Health, as follows, was read

" I made a report on Nov. 22nd last in which I commented upon the variable and sometimes unsatisfactory quality of the water as supplied from Dowdeswell. I find no occasion to withdraw or alter any of the statements in that report, and as the report can still be referred to I need repeat none of them.

During the progress of some bacteriological investigations that I have been pursuing within the last month at Dowdeswell, I have had opportunities of taking further note of the character of the filters at present in use, and the conditions as to storage of filtered water there available. The result has been to emphasize in my mind the necessity for making further provisions which shall ensure the better and more equal purification of the water.

The rate of filtration may be taken as a guide to the result of filtration, the slower the better the result. The rate of filtration at Dowdeswell is subject to great variability, being faster or slower according as the draught of water from the tanks of filtered water to the town is great or little. The rate of filtration is in fact inversely as the height of water in the tanks.

I believe the Borough Surveyor has already expressed the opinion that there is need for an alteration to be made in the mode of discharge from the filters which shall afford better means of keeping the filtration going at a constant rate. When such an alteration is made, however, and the rate of filtration is brought down to the required slowness, the supply of water from the existing filters will be insufficient for the wants of the town.

As the idea of using polarite, or any other artificially prepared purifying medium has, I believe, been abandoned, the only course open to you to ensure a sufficient supply of first class drinking-water is to increase the number or superficial area of the sand filters, and I advise the adoption of this course."

Resolved, That three separate tenders be advertised for, viz. (1) For the Filter Beds ; (2) For the Storage ; and (3) For both Filter Beds and Storage.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of July, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer, and Margrett (The Mayor in the chair)—

2-Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, as follows, was read ;-- On the 24th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 102 Gallons ; the average for the last four years being 80 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 25,059,229 gallons On the 21st instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 26 feet 6 inches, and the contents 72,509,956 Gallons, which gave a total of 97,569,185 Gallons."

The Borough Engineer further reported that he had received a letter from Messrs. Preston & Snook, Solicitors, Nottingham, enquiring on behalf of Mr. Charles Harrison Preston, the owner of Brookville, Swindon Lodge, Swindon Cottage, all in Swindon, and two Cottages in the same village, but some distance off, upon what terms the Corporation would lay on the Cheltenham water to the front of the above houses from their nearest or most convenient main, and that their client would prefer to pay a capital sum if not too expensive ; and that the copy Assessment List now in use is so far out of date as to be misleading. Resolved, That Messrs Preston & Snook be informed that the water will be laid on from the main in the Tewkesbury Road to the above-mentioned houses for £22 per annum for a minimum period of ten years ; or for a cash payment of £150, the charge for the water in the latter case to be the ordinary water rent when the premises are occupied, and that with regard to the copy Assessment List in use consideration of the matter be adjourned until after a new valuation has been made.

3—Water Fittings—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for the Castings required by the Water Department for the next twelve months.

4- Boddington Manor Estate— With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of January last, a letter from Messrs. Whitcombe & Haines was read, requesting to hear from the Town Clerk on the matter. Resolved, That the Committee at present see no reason why the Council should pay the costs incurred by Mr. Gibbons, of Messrs. Whitcombe & Haines, and Mr. Witts, as the new arrangement was as much for the benefit of Mr. Gibbons as that of the Corporation but at any rate the time has not yet arrived for considering the question, the arrangements with regard to the Guage being still in an incomplete state. The Committee suggest that Mr. Gibbons has now had such experience of the flow of water as may well incline him to waive the construction of the Guage altogether, and the Committee would be glad to consider any proposition that may be made with that view.

5-Service Box—A letter from Mr. G. O. Bence was read, stating that more than 6 months ago he had submitted a Service Box to the Water Engineer for approval, but had been unable to get a definite reply, and the Water Engineer reported that he had long ago approved the Box and had so informed Mr. Bence.

6-- Dowdeswell School--A letter from the Rev. Coxwell Rogers was read, asking if the Council would contribute towards the expenses of the above school this year as they did last year. Resolved, That the Committee regret that the Council are unable to make such a payment.

7—Haydon Water Supply—With reference to Minute No 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd May last, a letter from Messrs. Matthews & Campbell was read, stating that their client, Mrs. Wilks, was willing to accept the terms, viz., that a supply of water be laid on by the Corporation for a lump sum payment of £120, and the annual charge for domestic purposes of 45 per cent. on the gross annual value of the property, provided the Committee are willing to amend these terms by including in the £120 the cost of connecting with the six tenements of Mrs. Wilks. Resolved, That the amendment asked for be conceded.

8 --Land at the Mythe—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Roberts had complained to hint of the insufficiency of the allowance which had been made, and the Water Engineer having reported that " the total amount of land held by Mr. Roberts is 4 acres, 0 roods, 37 poles on the " South side of the road, and 2 acres, 1 rood, 35 poles, on the North side, The total area of the surface injury is 2,392 " square yards, or say 10 ¼ poles and 1 acre 39 poles respectively. The rent paid is £20 per annum, assuming this to be " allotted in the proportions of £4 per acre to the South side, i.e., £16 18s. 6d., and the balance to the North side, the " permanent abatement would be 5s per annum, and the temporary would be £1 19s. 6d. for the two years ending " January, 1896." Resolved, That a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Roberts.

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

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of July, 1895—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Lawrence was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2- Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called to three fires during the present month, viz., on the 15th inst. at the Corporation Ash Destructor caused by a defect in the Steam Boiler Flue, damage about £60 ; on 15th inst., at the rick yard Barrow Hill Farm, Boddington, two hay ricks destroyed, damage about £160, insured in the Queen and Royal Fire Offices ; and on the 28th inst at the workshops and storehouses in rear of No. 8, North Street, the property of Messrs. Dix & Co., the whole being totally destroyed, the damage done being about £2,500, the same, however, being fully covered by insurance in the Caledonian Office.

The Superintendent also reported that the Telephone Exchange was so badly attended to that although rung up at once from the Police Station no reply was obtainable, and a messenger had to be sent to the Fire Station with the news of the fire. Resolved, That the attention of the Telephone Company be called to the very lax manner in which the Exchange is attended to at night.

3 —Yeomanry Drill Ground—A Letter from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons was read, enclosing an account of their charges amounting as made out in detail to £24 1s but in discharge of which they offered to accept £10 10s and £1 9s their disbursements, and also enclosing an account of Messrs. Bruton, Knowles and Priday's charges amounting to £6 6s Resolved, That Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons be thanked for their offer, and that the accounts be paid.

4-Hackney Carriage Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were read from G. H. Fowles, of the Lansdown Mews, Frederick Jones, 16, Dunalley Parade, and Arthur Fryer, Park Mews, Park Place Resolved, That as Mr. Fowles was the first on the list of applicants one of the Licenses which was previously held by J. F. Paul be granted to him for an open carriage subject to the approval of the carriage by Councillor Feeney, but that the other applicants be informed that their applications cannot be granted as there are others before them on the list.

5—Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from Alfred Jones, of No. 7, Sydney Street, James Williams, of No. 42, Albert Street, St. Paul's, and from Albert Long, of No. 25, Brunswick Street. Resolved, That the applications of Jones and Long (who waited on the Committee) be granted.

6—Cabmen's Shelter at Great Western Railway Station—The draft Agreement with the Great Western Railway Co. for the privilege to place the Cabmen's Shelter on the Company's land at a nominal rental of 2s 6d per annum, was read. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

7— Street Inspector's Holiday--A Letter from the Street Inspector was read applying for ten days' leave of absence during the month of August. Resolved, That the same be granted

EDWIN LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th day of July, 1895— Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Dighton, Margrett, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—The usual monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. No. of bathers since the commencement of the season, 9,973. Fees received £84 10s. 4d.

2 —Naunton Park Shelter—A letter from Mr. E. Capper, the contractor for the erection of the Shelter on a question between him and the Borough Surveyor as to the covering of the roof, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Capper be permitted to proceed with the building and be requested to complete it as soon as possible.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 841h day of 7uly, 1895—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Margrett and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that a Memorial Plate of iron, 1 foot 3 inches high, and 1 foot 6 inches wide, painted and varnished, bearing an inscription in large letters in memory of Sarah Mills, had recently been erected unknown to him upon an earth grave, and that there were a great many plates of this kind, but smaller in size, placed on graves; and that the iron work in connection with the hinge of the entrance gates at the Cemetery and attached to the stone pier was completely broken. Resolved, That Notice be given to the representatives of Sarah Mills, requiring them to remove the plate ; that the Superintendent must see that the Rules are adhered to and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the damaged ironwork, &c., of the gates repaired.

2—Designs--The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to John Penrice Bell, Charlotte Hack, Rachel Grace Gregory, Marianne Hamilton, Annie Eunice Prew, Sarah Ann Butcher, John Smith, Elizabeth Jones, William Ody and Charles William Ody.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£19 55 0
Prestbury Tithe Rent Charge	£ 6 2 6

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of July, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, H. Waghorne and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Alderman Norman was appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 16.44 candles. Purity 9.53 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

3-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4,733 cubic feet.

4 —Lamp Book—Produced and examined. Lamps extinguished 2, metered none, 2 unmetered.

5--Gas Testing Station—The Gas Examiner laid before the Committee the Accounts for the cost of the supply of the Apparatus for this Station amounting to £149 5s. 5d., being £2 less than the estimate, and the same were approved.

6—Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported that since the last Meeting, the Cable had been laid from Cambray to the Belle Vue Hotel, and he was daily expecting the delivery of the lengths for the Evesham Road ; that an application had been received from Messrs. Webb Bros., for 2 Brake Horse Power Motor at Alstone for chaff cutting, &c., which would involve a length of 1,000 feet of supply from the Arle Road main, or if the new main is laid along Alstone Croft of 350 feet, and an increase of the length of the main of about 300 feet ; that an application had been received from Henry Chapman, Esq., for a supply to the Grove, Douro Road, which would involve an extension of about 250 yards; that an application had been received from W. B. Bingham, Esq., for a supply to Rose Hill, which would involve an extension of the main in Evesham Road for a distance of about 800 yards ; that the cost of these extensions would be as follows :—

Messrs. Webb, Alstone	£ 35 0 0
H. Chapman, Esq., The Grove	£ 42 0 0
W. B. Bingham, Esq., Rose Hill	£130 0 0

That it would be necessary in view of the amount of energy applied for to take into consideration the advisability of ordering an additional Engine and Alternator. Resolved, That the applications above-mentioned be acceded to, subject as regards Messrs. Webb Bros., to the minimum charge being £7 per annum, as regards Mr. Chapman to the minimum charge being £8 8s. 0d., per annum, and as regards Mr. Bingham's application, to the consent of the County Council being given to the laying down of the cable in the main road outside the Parish.

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7—Electric Lighting Loan—In view of the number of applications which had been received for supply of the Electric Light involving extension of the Mains and provision of additional machinery Resolved, To apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow a further sum of £10,000.

8-Lamp at Ormond Place—A Letter from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Cheltenham Theatre Company, was read calling attention to the fact that the promise of the Committee to fix an additional lamp in Ormond Place and readjust the position of the lamps in Regent Street, had not yet been carried out. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned pending the question of lighting the Promenade with the Electric Light.

9— Connection of 84, High Street—A Letter from Mr. W. E. Kimber was read enquiring why his premises had not yet been connected with the electric light main, and the Electrical Engineer reported that the connection was then being made.

10—Alleged Damage to 48, St. George's Place—A Letter from Mr. C. H. Whitmore was read, complaining that the wall of the above premises adjoining the Electric Light Testing Station in Manchester Street had been injured during the building of the station and requiring the Committee to have the same repaired, also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply stating that the Borough Surveyor was of opinion that he was mistaken in attributing the damage to any act of the builder of the station, but in any case the Contractor and not the Corporation would be the person liable. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

11—Poor Rate Assessment—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Assessment Committee, was read stating that he had advised his Committee to assess the Electric Light Works in the first instance at not less than £320 per annum, and to have as soon as possible a valuation by a properly qualified expert for their guidance; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply informing him that as the matter then stood the Committee must appeal to the Special Sessions against the Assessment. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

12—Gas Company—The Committee being informed that it had been rumoured that the Gas Co., were about to apply to Parliament for further powers. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of the Company if it is the intention of the Company to promote a Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

13—Establishment of the Electric Light and Opening of the Station—Resolved, That the best thanks of this Committee be rendered to Mr. Preece for his gratuitous services and assistance on these occasions, and that a cheque for 20 guineas to cover his travelling and other expenses and disbursements be sent to him.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of July, 1895—Present Councillors LL. Davies, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—General District Rate—The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £7,039 13s. 1d. ; leaving outstanding £7,487 18s. 7 ½ d.

3—Water Rate —The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £4,400 16s. 3d.; leaving outstanding £4,499 9s. 0d.

4—Sinking and Loans Fund—With reference to Minute No 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 28th of May last, the Town Clerk reported that the School Board of Burton-on-Trent had completed the security for the £8,075 they had agreed to borrow, and laid the Mortgage Deed before the Committee.

5—Footpaths In the District late part of Leckhampton—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting. Resolved, That steps be taken to borrow £2,000, the amount of the loan sanctioned.

6 —Barn Farm cottages—With reference to Minute No 15 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of the 3rd inst., it was Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £250 required for the erection of the Cottages.

7—Electric Lighting Loan—With reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of the Committee at their last meeting a letter from Messrs. Midgley & Sons was read, stating they were unable to see their way to accept the terms upon which the Corporation would extend for a period of 5 years the date of the repayment of the mortgage they hold for £5000.

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The Borough Accountant reported that two ladies, the Misses Badham, had offered to lend the Corporation £1000 at 3 per cent., and Mr. W. H. Horsley had offered to lend £300 at 3 per cent. Resolved, That these offers be accepted for the Electric Light Loan, the £1,300 making up the balance of the £16,000 the amount of the Loan authorised.

8--Insurance of Electric Lighting Station—With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of the Committee at their last meeting, correspondence was read between the resident Secretary at Bristol of the Law Union and Crown Insurance Office and their Local Agents, from which it appeared that the office considered they ought not to be asked to insure the plant and contents without also being allowed a share of the insurance on the building. Resolved, That the insurance of the building and the plant and contents be divided equally between the Law Union and Crown Insurance Office and the Alliance Insurance Office.

9—Coal—Resolved, That Tenders for a six months' supply of coal be advertised for.

10—Corporation Stock—Letters from the Registrars to the Borough Accountant and the Town Clerk on the subject of the signature to the Returns to the Inland Revenue for payment of stamp duty, which the Inland Revenue now required to be signed by the Borough Accountant, they having been heretofore signed by the Registrars, were read. A cheque for fees received by the Registrar on issue of Stock Certificates to bearer sent by the Registrars to the Treasurer, amounting to £9 15s. was laid before the Committee by the Borough Accountant. Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that the Stock Books kept by the Registrars should be periodically examined by the Borough Accountant, and that he do examine the same before signing the Stamp Duty Account. Resolved further, That the Town Clerk write to the Registrars, requesting an explanation of the issue of Certificates to bearer to which the Corporation has given no assent, nor has the Council ever approved the period for which Coupons should be issued under Sec. 166, s.s. 6 of the Improvement Act of 1889.

11—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 25th June last	£4 ,991 4 0	
Received since that date	<u>£12,698 6 1</u>	
		£17,689 10 1
Paid since that date	£ 6,760 3 1	
SINKING & LOANS FUNDS :-		
Invested with the Burton-on-Trent School Board	£ <u>8,073 16 0</u>	
		<u>£14,833 19 1</u>
In hand		£ 2,855 11 0

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined, Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of £7,085 8s. 6d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of July, 1895 — Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, Parsonage, Skillicorne, Capt. Welch and Mr. H. Neale (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1— Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £19 1s. 10d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

	Vols & Pamphlets.	
Richardson Evans, Esq. .	2	4
Bennett & Co. ..	1	
W. P. Thompson & Co.	1	
H. Neale, Esq.	1	
Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.		

2— Sub-Committee's Report —The Librarian reported that at the recent stock-taking, 5 vols were not accounted for, but possibly some would be found later. The Sub-Committee recommended that the lists of worn-out books, submitted by the Librarian, be replaced at a cost of about £20, and that the lists of new books prepared by the Librarian be purchased for about £25, Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and their recommendations adopted.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account .. .	£19 5 0
C. Westley, Magazines, Newspapers, & Periodicals.. ..	£17 5 8
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, Lettering & Stationery	£16 13 1
R. E. & C. Marshall, Repairs, &c.	£ 5 17 5
Bryant & Co., Janitor's Uniform .	£ 5 9 6
Webb Bros., Coal	£ 1 11 6
Cheltenham Gas Light & Coke Co., Coke	£ 1 9 0
“ “ “ Gas	£ 0 15 5
C. Westley, Books	£ 1 7 0
J. Tinkler, Cleaning Materials	£ 0 6 6
James Webb, Books.	£ 0 5 0

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 1895—Present: Aldermen Col. Rogers and Drew ; Councillor Ll. Davies, (Alderman Col. Rogers in the chair)—

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That an Attendance Order for Thomas Bond be applied for and that Summonses be issued against the parents of the following children Henry Hobbs, Susan Hunt, Robert Ward, Florence Mitchell, Charles Hawker and Daisy Venner.

2 ---Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 34 schools containing 818 names. These and the balance left to visit at the end of last month, 208, made a total of 1026. Of this number 70 were accounted for by the teachers, and the remainder had been visited.

R. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th August, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 2nd 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—and reappoint Medical Officer of Health. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. LIGHTING COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

4. Alderman Norman to move " That as required by Article 8 of the Regulations of " the Local Government Board relating to Medical Officers of Health, the " appointment of Dr. John Henry Garrett as Medical Officer of Health of this " Borough be renewed for the term of three years, subject to the approval of " the Local Government Board."

5. Notices of Motion.

6. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :— Winterbothams & Gurney re Hatherley Street Sewer. J. G. Flory re his Tender for Barn Farm Cottages. W. S. Clutterbuck re Charlton Common. Secretary of State re Proposed Byelaw as to Rubbish, &c., in back roads.

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 day of September, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1895—Present Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne. (Councillor Parsonage in the chair.)

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2--The View— The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz.: Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, and Parsonage.

3 ---Street Projections—No. 8, Colonnade— A letter from Messrs. Robertson & Co., stating that they were opening a tobacconist's shop at the above address and requesting permission to fix an outside lamp to the shop was read.

No. 2 Bath Road—A letter from Messrs. S. B. Dix & Co. was read, applying on behalf of Mr. T. G. Smith, for permission to erect two ornamental street lamps in the curb opposite his sale shop,

situated as above. Resolved, That consideration of both the above applications be adjourned for the Committee to view.

4 — Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways— The Borough Surveyor reported that the work which had been done in his Department from the 27th July to the 23rd August, both inclusive, was as follows:—

Highways repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Bayshill Road, 836 super yards ; Tivoli Road, 3611 super yards; St. George's Road, 980 super yards; Andover Road (proceeding), Hewlett Road (proceeding), St. George's Place (proceeding).

Patching—Hatherley Road, Albion Street, St. Paul's Road, Prestbury Road, Cemetery Road, Arle Village, Gloucester Road, St. Luke's Road, High Street, St. James's Street, Regent Street, Lansdown Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Patching—Pittville Estate, Grosvenor Terrace.

Tar Macadam—Clarence Street, opposite Library, 240 super yards.

Paving, Crossing, and Channelling--North Place, St. James's Street, High Street, Pittville Parade, North Place, Sherborne Street, Sherborne Place, Russell Street, Russell Place, London Road.

The footpath in Leckhampton Road had been laid with concrete flags (690 super feet).

The footpath in Tivoli Road had been relaid, 1150 super feet, and crossings 313 feet.

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The footpath from Pittville Street to Winchcomb Street had been relaid, and new channelling laid down.

Tariff Paths—Monson Avenue, St. Margaret's Road, Swindon Road.

Three new gullies had been built in the Queen's Road; one had been repaired in Henrietta Street ; and one had also been repaired in the Lansdown Road.

The Private Improvement Works in Marsh Lane were in hand, and Cranham Road was then finished. The concrete paths in the Leckhampton District were being proceeded with, and about 1420 yards super were finished.

Ashes Collected—Van loads collected 685 ; Cart loads collected 143 ; Consumed at the Destructor 646 tons 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

5—Lamps in Whaddon Lane and Cranham Road -- The Lighting Committee having decided to place two gas lamps in Whaddon Lane, and an additional one in the Cranham Road, Resolved, That the two lamps for Whaddon Lane, the additional one for Cranham Road, and one of the existing lamps in the same road be placed or removed to the positions already indicated to the Borough Surveyor by the Committee.

6— Ditch near Barrett's Mill—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter.

7 —Tree near Winterbourne— A Letter from General Ferryman was read, requesting that the tree in front of his house might be cut down. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to the request.

8--Pavement South Side of Ormond Place—A Letter from Mr. G. H. Williams was read drawing attention to the dilapidated condition of the pavement and gutter on the South side of Ormond Place. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to enable the Committee to view this and the pavement in Winchcomb Street, on the occasion of the next View Meeting.

9—Road at back of Great Norwood Street—A Letter from Mr. Wm. Caudle was read, calling attention to the bad state of the road at the back of Great Norwood Street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Caudle that as this is a private road the Owners are responsible for its condition.

10—Seat at Lansdown Corner—A Letter from Mr. J. P. Knight was read, calling attention to the fact that a seat had been removed from under the Elm Tree at Lansdown Corner, and trusting that it would be replaced with a new one.- Resolved. To inform Mr. Knight that the seat had been removed for repair and would be restored when repaired.

11—Stone Breaking at late Leckhampton Board Yard--With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a Letter from Mr. A. Keitley was read, expressing a hope that the Committee would speedily view, and that the nuisance would be discontinued forthwith. Resolved, That the Committee having enquired into the matter regret they are unable to cease the work of stone-breaking at the yard, but will exercise every care in supervision to prevent annoyance.

12-Regent Street—Tar Macadam—A letter from Mr. O. J. Williams, Registrar of the County Court was read, stating that he understood from a report of a decision of the Council which had been sent him two years ago, that when Regent Street next required repair it should be done with tar macadam, that within the last few; days loose stone had been put down, with the result that the noise in the Court was so deafening that neither the Judge nor himself could hear the evidence of witnesses, trusting that the Council would proceed to carry out their original resolution, and expressing his approval of tar macadam in general. Resolved, To inform Mr. Williams that the next time Regent Street requires repair tar macadam shall be laid down opposite the County Court, that it shall be laid down at once opposite the Police Court.

13-Fire at the Ash Destructor—A Letter from Mr. Geo. Carpenter was read, stating that he and shunter F. Whitmore were first on the scene with their Fire Brigade Hose Pipe from the Midland Railway Goods Department, and were playing on the fire for 15 minutes before the Town Fire Brigade arrived preventing the larger building catching fire and subduing the fire considerably, that they also telephoned the Police who advised the Fire Brigade; and expressing a hope that they might receive some little recompense in recognition of their services. Resolved, To give to each of the men
10s

14—North Place Road—A Letter from Rev. Jas. Foster was read, stating that if the town wished to purchase a piece of the land in front of the Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel for the purposes of

widening this road, the matter should be laid before the Trustees of the Chapel. Resolved, That the Council do not see their way to purchase, but if the Trustees are willing to give the necessary land to round the corner between the gateway and the wall on the North, the Corporation will undertake to carry out the improvement.

15—Trees opposite St Clair, The Park—A letter from Mrs. Duberley was read, calling attention to the trees leaning against and injuring the wall which bounds her garden on the Moorend Road. Resolved, That two of the trees complained of be cut down.

16—Tree on Hewlett Road opposite proposed New Road of Mr. Skillicorne—The attention of the Committee having been called to the obstruction caused by this tree, Resolved, That it be cut down.

17—Footpath West end of Glenfall Street—The attention of the Committee having been called to the state of this footpath. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a specification of what is required to be done at the expense of the abutting owners.

18—Leckhampton Road — With reference to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of April last, Councillors Parsonage and Skillicorne reported that they had met Mr. Phillips, the Surveyor of the County Council, with reference to the delimitation of the Borough and Leckhampton Parish Boundary on the west side of the main road near the site of the old Tram Road, and had left the matter in his hands to settle, he undertaking to communicate with the owners.

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19 — Road from Arle to Chelt Bridge—A letter from Mr. H. Butt was read, complaining of loads of broken stone being put down by the side of the road leaving barely space for two conveyances to pass.

20--Tender for Manure—A letter from Mr. Walter Cooke, of Sandfield House was read, offering 6f- per ton for the manure at the Corporation Yard. Resolved, to accept his tender for twelve months.

21—Tenders for the Supply of Fodder —Tenders for the supply of Fodder for the next twelve months were received as follows, viz :

	Best Clover Hay per ton.	Best Meadow Hay per ton.	Bright Black Oats per ton.	Bright White Oats per quarter.
W. Ride & Co. ..	80s	75s	17s 6d	No. 1 19s No. 2 17s 6d
Elijah Snowsell	85s	77s 6d	17s 6d	No. 1 22s No. 2 18s 6d
J. R. Ockford	—	—	16s 6d	19s
Frank Hicks	—	85s	—	—
Carpenter & Son	—	—	—	—

	Good English Beans per bushel.	Good Wheat Bran per cwt.	Good Linseed per bushel.	Wheat Straw per ton.
W. Ride & Co.	4s 3d	3s 10 ½d	7s ..	60s
Elijah Snowsell	4s 6d.	3s 9d	7s	52s 6d
J. R. Ockford	—	4s 3d	7s 6d	—
Frank Hicks	—	—	—	—
Carpenter & Son	—	3s 7 ½d	—	—

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Ride & Co. for best Clover Hay, Best Meadow Hay, and English Beans be accepted; that the Tender of Mr. Snowsell for White Oats (sample No. 2), Wheat Straw, and Linseed be accepted, and that the Tender of Messrs. Carpenter & Son for Wheat Bran be accepted.

22—New Buildings-- The Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

- Council of the Ladies' College—New Examination Hall.
- S. B. Dix—Re-building of back premises in North Street.
- Geo. Loveday—Six Cottages, Roman Road, St. Marks.
- C. Dufour—Three Villas, Rowanfield Road, Alstone.
- Felton & Son—Alteration to business premises in Winchcombe Street.
- E. L. Baylis—New Closets and Ashbin, Limekiln Road.
- J. M.. Skarratt—Alterations of a Stable for a Cottage in field adjoining Mayville.
- R. R. Skemp—Two Houses, Eldorado Road.
- H. W. Chatters—Ditto ditto
- C. Winstone—House in Lansdown Road.
- Presbyterian Church—Lecture Rooms, &c., Montpellier Street.
- C. Burton—Alterations to Coach House and Stable, Vittoria Lawn, No. 3, Montpellier Parade.

Resolved, That the Plans of Mr. Loveday and Mr. Dufour be disapproved, and that the other Plans above-mentioned be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 7th day of August, 1895—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Al. Davis, Ll. Davies, and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Norman was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee one case of Scarlet Fever, and one of Diphtheria, that the Scarlet

Fever case had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was four.

3—Insanitary Property—Horse and Groom, St. George's Place ; Kear's Court off High Street ; Nos. 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 17 ½, Hereford Place ; Nos. 12 and 3, Albert Place ; No. 39, Albert Street, St. Peter's ; No. 7, Dagmar Terrace ; No. 35, St. Yam.' Street, and Piffs' Cottages, New Street. The Medical Officer reported that the above-mentioned houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

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4-Defective Drainage-No 4, Painswick Parade—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 45 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named house were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains, and act as provided by the said section.

5-Overcrowding at No. 9, Cox's Cottages, Alstone—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-named house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance. and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

6-No. 39, Albert Street, No. 11, St. Paul's Street, South, (basement), and No. 25, Jersey Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named premises were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, requiring them to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

7-No. 6, Warwick Buildings and Nos. 10, 12 and 13, Hereford Place—It appearing on a report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 7th inst., that the above-named houses were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished in each case at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the respective owners, requiring them to obtain such supply, and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

8-Inspection of Workshops--The Medical Officer of Health reported that 53 Workshops had been inspected since the last Meeting, and handed in a certificate that 24 of them required to be cleansed and lime, ached, that two had w.c's. which required to be cleansed, and that two had drains in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 4 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, be given to the Owners and Occupiers of the Workshops requiring to be cleansed and limewashed and containing the w.c's. requiring to be cleansed, to limewash, cleanse or purify the said workshops and w.c's.. and that Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners and Occupiers of the premises having the defective drains requiring then) to abate the nuisances and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

9--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 under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the respective Owners requiring them) to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the respective Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

10--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the houses named in his report were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

11—Hatherley Street Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private sewer running under this street, in respect of which the proprietor received rent charges from the owners of property abutting on the said street, was in such a bad state of repair, and in such a foul condition that it required to be reconstructed. Resolved. That the Deputy Town Clerk do see Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney to ascertain if Mr. Jas. Winterbotham would consent to the necessary work being proceeded with by the Borough Surveyor at once without prejudice to the question of liability for payment of the cost of the reconstruction, and, if necessary, that Notice under Sec. 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1852 requiring the proprietor of the sewer to reconstruct it be advertised as directed thereby, and in default of compliance therewith that such further steps be taken as indicated by the said section.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of August, 1895 —Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

12-Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Diphtheria, and 2 cases of Enteric Fever, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 6.

13-Sewer In Hatherley Street Letters from Mr. R. Taylor, 1, Fairlight Terrace, and Mr. W. H. Siddons, No. 30, Hatherley Street were read, complaining of the state of this Sewer, the stench from which at times was almost unbearable, and with reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee.

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14-Public Abattoir-The Medical Officer of Health reported that some better means of burning pigs was required at the Abattoir, and should be provided before the season for killing pigs commenced. He stated that in windy weather there was some danger to the sheds from burning straw being blown about, and that the small galvanized iron screen provided last year was found to be of little

use, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do look into the matter and report to the Committee thereon.

15-Insanitary Property--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, viz. and 20, Hanover Street, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Weston Cottages, Russell Place, 1 to 14, Brunswick Terrace, 1, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Gloucester Crescent, 12 and 14, Nailsworth Terrace, 27, 28 and 29, Naunton Crescent, 15 and 16, Queen's Retreat.

Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the respective premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and to do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

16-Defective Drainage-No. 19, College Lane and Nos. 1 to 7, Kew Place, Bath Road-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-mentioned houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and act as provided by the said section.

17--Factories and Workshops-The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last Meeting 14 Workshops had been inspected under the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, and he handed in a certificate stating that the lime-washing, cleansing, and purifying of the following workshops or parts of such Workshops were necessary for the health of the persons employed therein, viz. :- No. 7, Portland Street. Nos. 5 and 6, Montpellier Avenue. No. 2, Portland Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given under Sec. 4 of the above act requiring the premises to be lime-washed, cleansed, and purified.

18--Overcrowding of No. 3. Baker Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-named dwelling house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance.

19-Houses requiring to be Cleansed and Limewashed -The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that No. 4, Pear Tree Cottages; Nos. 8 and 10, Weston Cottages, Russell Place; No. 29, Naunton Crescent; Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Swindon Place, and No 3, Baker Street, were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the respective owners under the said Section requiring them to cleanse and whitewash the premises.

20-Wells requiring to be Closed-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at Nos. 1 to 6, Brunswick Terrace, Fir Tree Cottage, Wellington View, and 29, Marle Hill Road, is used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and is so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain Orders for the wells to be closed.

21-House without a Water Supply-No. 14, Nailsworth Cottages, Hereford Place-It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 21st inst., that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate

authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, to the owner requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

22-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 requiring them 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.

23-- Dr. Garrett's Application -The letter of the Medical Officer of Health applying for an increase of his salary from £500 to £600 a year. read at the last meeting of the Council, having been referred to this Committee and considered, It was Resolved, That, while acknowledging the efficiency with which Dr. Garrett has performed his duties. the Committee cannot see its way to recommending the proposed addition, the amount having been fixed as suitable for the Medical Officer of Health of a Borough of the of Cheltenham.

24-Temporary Building at Delancey Hospital A letter from W. G. Gurney, Esq., the Hon. Treasurer, stating that the Trustees would be glad if the Corporation would have the temporary building removed now that the new block was completed and in use, as the increased light and air consequent upon its removal would be of advantage to the Hospital, but that the Trustees suggested the advisability of keeping the component parts together ready for any special emergency, and that the Trustees would be happy to find room for the storage thereof upon their ground at the Hospital. Resolved, That the Borough Survey, remove the Wards as requested, that the parts be stacked on the Hospital premises.

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25—Barn Farm—Tenders, foe the erection of two cottages at Barn Farm were received as follows:—

James S. Leake .. .	£380 0 0
C. Malvern & Sons	£297 0 0
J. G. Flory	£239 7 4

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Flory be accepted.

26—Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles -The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report stating that the houses named therein were without proper Ashpits or Ash Receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

27—Notices not Complied with- The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices not complied with, and in respect of which the time had expired. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take the necessary proceedings in each case.

28—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 the drainage was concerned, with the following exceptions:—

Geo. Loveday— for 6 cottages in Roman Road—approved subject to the drain which passes under the house being a 4" cast iron pipe and lead jointed.

Mr. Skarratt—for cottage to stables at Mayville—approved subject to an intercepting trap being put in as indicated by the Surveyor on the plan.

S. B. Dix -for reconstruction of back premises in North Street—approved subject to the w.c. being put in the area.

English Presbyterians Church—for proposed extension of Lecture Hall--approved subject to there being no sewer under the proposed extension.

29—Sewerage of No. 1 Drainage District—With reference to Minute No. 32 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of January last, the Surveyor presented a report of the examination made by him of this Section of the Sewerage of the Town. Resolved, That a copy of the report be sent to each member of the Council with the Agenda for the next Council Meeting, and that the Town Clerk do apply for sanction for a loan of £4,500 so that the work recommended may be proceeded with at once.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of August, 1895—Present : Alderman Colonel Rogers; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, and Skillicorne (Alderman Colonel Rogers in the chair)—

1---Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Colonel Rogers was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2 —Pittville Park Conveniences --With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd ulto., a tender for the erection of the public conveniences at Marle Hill from Messrs. Charles Malvern & Sons at £273 was considered. Resolved, That this tender being the only one received.

3—Midland Railway Pocket Guide—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd ulto., a letter from the General Manager of the Midland Railway Company was read, offering to insert in the Pocket Guide a more amplified description of Cheltenham if the smile should be sent to him, so far as it did not savour of an advertisement. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to write a short description as suggested.

4-Private Boat —Pittville Park Lake - With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd ulto., a letter from Mr. J. G. Villar was read, agreeing to an arrangement made with the Town Clerk that he should keep his boat at the Park for two years rent free, viz., up to June, 1896, and after that time at a rental of 30s per annum. Resolved, - That the same be approved.

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5—Town Band —With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th of May last, a letter from the Secretary to the Town Committee was read, stating that his Committee would be obliged by receipt of cheque for £30 in accordance with the resolution to the said Minute, and with reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 19th of June last, that nothing had been received by his Committee on account of the weekly payment agreed to be paid to the Band ; also a letter from the Deputy Town Clerk in reply informing him that as last year the payment of £30 had not been made till the month of November the time for that payment had not yet arrived, and that the weekly payment to the Band had been made each week to Mr. Hall, the Secretary of the Band; also a further letter from the Secretary to the Town Committee requesting the favour of an earlier payment of the £30, and stating that as the payment to the Band had been previously made through his Committee he had thought the same course would have been followed this year. Resolved, That the payment of the £30 be made in September next, and that the Secretary of the Town Committee be informed that, the agreement having been entered into directly with the Secretary of the Band himself, the weekly payment had consequently been made to him.

6—Photographs in Carriages of Midland and South Western Junction Railway—A letter from Mr. S. Fay, General Manager of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Company, was read, with reference to a conversation he had had with Alderman Col. Rogers, stating that he would place a photograph of a view of any part of Cheltenham in a first class compartment of the through coach between Southampton and Sheffield free, but that he would be obliged to make a small charge if it should be desired to have a number of photographs placed in the trains as some of the spaces were already let for ordinary advertisements. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from Mr. Fay the cost of placing one photograph on each side of each first class carriage running over his Company's line.

7—Drinking Fountain—A letter from Mr. E. H. Parsonage was read, stating that a friend of his had placed at his disposal an ornamental drinking fountain, a photograph of which he enclosed, requesting that he should offer it to the Town Council, and suggesting that it should be fixed in the passage leading from High Street to Church Street. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to the donor for the gift, and that it be left to him, Mr. Parsonage, and the Mayor to decide upon the position in which it should be placed.

8—Advertisement in "Sanitary Record"—A letter from the Manager of the " Sanitary Record," was read, stating that the " Sanitary Record Diary " for 1896, was then in course of preparation, and trusting to be favoured with an order for the insertion of a notice of Cheltenham therein at the rate of 4s for four lines or under, each additional line 6d., and voucher-copy free. Resolved, That the Committee consider the insertion would be of no service.

9—Fishing—Marle Hill Lake—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the fishing at Marle Hill Lake was affording considerable attraction, and that it would be well to expend some of the receipts

in respect thereof in stocking the Lake. Resolved, That £10 of the money that has been taken for the fishing be expended in the manner suggested.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of August, 1895 — Present: Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer, and Margrett (Alderman Col. Rogers in the chair.)

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Col. Rogers was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2- Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, as follows, was read:—" On the 21st instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 83 Gallons; the average for the last four years being 70 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 23,134,695 gallons. On the 20th instant, the depth of seater in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 23 feet 7 inches, and the contents 59,551,436 Gallons, which gave a total of 82,686,111 Gallons."

For the purpose of the extension to Swindon and Heydon Hill it would be necessary to obtain a further supply of pipes (about 50 tons). Resolved, That as the Staveley Iron Co., who supplied the last lot of pipes, were so slow in delivering them, the order for the pipes required be given to the Stanton Iron Co. if they would supply them at the same price as the Staveley Iron Co. had done, viz., £4 7s. 6d. a ton for straight pipes both 3 and 4 inch.

3—Swindon Water Supply—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. M. I. Preston, Solicitor for Mr. C. H. Preston, was read, requesting the Council to lay on the water to the front of Swindon Lodge ; Brookville, Swindon ; and Swindon Cottage, but not to the two cottages, for which he agreed to pay the capital sum of £120, and the Borough Surveyor having reported that he had received that amount from hint, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to make the extension of the main, and lay on the water as soon as possible.

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

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of August, 1895—Present: Aldermen Norman and Col. Rogers ; Councillors Griffith, Feeney, and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Rogers in the chair)—

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

2— Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out as follows, viz. :—On July 7th, to the Rick Yard at Six Chimneys Farm, Alstone, where two ricks of hay were partially destroyed by fire to the extent of about £35 damage, which was covered by insurance in the Phoenix Fire Office to which he had sent the bill of extinction expenses amounting to £5 7s. 6d. August 5th, to the Salvation Army Barracks, St George's Square, where a fire occurred through an escape of gas, the damage being slight. Sufficient information had not been obtained to enable him to claim the extinction expenses amounting to £2 2s. 6d. from anyone as yet.

The Superintendent recommended that the existing Fire Bell be removed ; that each Member of the Brigade should be connected with an Electric Call Bell and that his private rooms should be connected by Telephone direct with the Fire Station or through the Exchange. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Superintendent be left to the Sub-Committee to consider, and with reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th June last as to the propriety of paying the bill of £3 3s. 0d. for Caps provided for the Members of the Brigade by the Superintendent without the authority of the Committee, that the Sub-Committee be requested to consider the matter. With reference to the recent fire at the Ash Destructor, Alderman Norman having called attention to the fact that the fire was extinguished by employees of the Midland Railway Co., who had made use of a hose attached to the fire hydrant there. Resolved, That a hose of 100 ft. with the necessary appliances be provided and kept on the premises.

3--Fire Brigade (Regulations) Sub-Committee—The attention of the Committee having been drawn to the fact that during the absence of Alderman Col. Thoys, the Sub-Committee would only consist of Councillors Griffith and Parsonage. Resolved, That Alderman Col. Rogers and Councillor Feeney be appointed members of it.

4—Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter from Mr. A. Spreadbury was read, stating that he was going to have his two Landaus painted and done up which would take about a month each, and requesting permission to use a pony carriage in the place of them for about two months, the time they would be at the Coach Builders. Also a letter from Mr. James F. Paul, requesting that the Licenses recently held by him might be restored to him. Also applications from John Stoneham and Elizabeth Martin for Hackney Carriage Licenses. Resolved, To grant the application of Mr. Spreadbury ; that the Ct/AW License remaining undisposed of, of the two recently held by Mr Paul, be restored to him ; that Mr. Stoneham and Mrs. Martin be informed that there is no vacancy but that the latter is second on the list

5 —Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from William Margetts, of back of No. 82, High Street; James Williams, 24, Albert Street, St Paul's; Albert Marx, 7, Swindon Place ; William Cooke, of No. 4, Painswick Terrace ; and H. Privett, of No. 50,

Sherborne Street. Resolved, To grant the applications of Margetts, Williams, Cooke, and Karn, but to adjourn consideration of the application of Privett, as he did not appear to support it.

6—Telephone Co.—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter from the District Manager of the National Telephone Co., Ltd. was read, stating that the first intimation of the fire in North Street was received from Mr. Strange, of the Rose and Crown, that the man operator who was on duty did his utmost on receiving the call to attract the attention of the Brigade, and while he was doing this the Police rang up. Being unable to get a reply from the Fire Station he desisted and answered the Police, but soon after was successful in obtaining the attention of the Fire Brigade. It appeared therefore the Police were answered and that any delay in answering them was caused by the Fire Station occupying the time of the operator through the attendant there not replying. Resolved, That the Committee consider the explanation satisfactory.

7—Came Dealer's License—An application from M. Hall, No. 92A, High Street, trading as the Cheltenham Fish and Game Company for renewal of his License to deal in Game, which had been omitted from the list furnished to the Town Clerk from the Magistrates Office. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8—Staff, Town Clerk's Department—Mr. Thomas attended the Meeting and stated he was now sufficiently well to work and was ready to resume his duties in the Town Clerk's department. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned till the Town Clerk's return, and in the meantime he could do any work which could be conveniently given to him to do at home.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st day of August, 1895— Present :
Councillors Dighton, Heath and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair).

1—Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Moles was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Alstone Swimming Bath —The usual Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. No. of bathers since the commencement of the season 12,388. Fees received £106 6s. 11d.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of August, 1895—Present
Councillors M. Davis, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Designs— The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to William Hallett, Ann Witchell, Hannah Powell, Mary Ann Fowles, Frances Pierson, Rev. Horatio Wilkins, and Douglas Knight Bruce. Tomb (second class) to Edward Llewellyn Griffiths.

3—Account—The following Account was examined and allowed :—W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages £16 10 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of August, 1895—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, and H. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that the supply to customers had continued without intermittence and without failure of any sort, neither plant nor mains having given any trouble ; that the extension to Pittville had been commenced and was being actively pushed forward ; that applications having been received from Mr. Dix, of North Street, and from the Masonic Hall for supply of current, the best way to meet the demands would be by laying a short length of low pressure cable at a cost of £65 from High Street Sub-Station up North Street and along Albion Street to connect on to the loop already laid along Pittville Street, Albion Street, and Winchcomb Street ; that with reference to the application from Messrs. Webb Bros., for a supply of current to a Motor at Alstone, considered at the last Meeting of the

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Committee, he recommended that the charge for current should be 3d. per unit for power purposes; that various Account Books were required for the Works, sample sheets of which he submitted, and that from time to time Transformers would be required and he had therefore obtained prices of all different sizes which might be required during the ensuing 12 months the tenders for which he submitted to the Committee. Resolved, That the report be approved, that consideration of the tenders for supply of the Transformers be adjourned, and that the Electrical Engineer be authorised to order such Transformers as are required for present use from the Firms that had tendered, having regard to the prices quoted by each such Firm respectively for the particular size of Transformers that from time to time might be required.

With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 21st ulto, the Electrical Engineer reported that about 50 Arc Lamps would be required to light the Promenade to the Gordon Lamp, Clarence Street to the Great Western Railway Station, Ambrose Street and High Street, from Ambrose Street to the Royal Hotel ; that this number of Arc Lamps would replace 59 one light, 4 three light, and 60 four light gas lamps, or a total of 311 gas burners and would enable the Promenade from High Street to the Fountain to be brilliantly lighted and the remaining streets named to be lighted considerably better than they are now by gas—the Arc Lamps averaging 30 to 40 yards apart in the Promenade and about 70 to 80 in the remaining streets. He reported that on various grounds (specified in detail) he recommended supply to the Arc Lamps by alternating currents with a separate and independent transformer for each lamp, in preference to employing

rectified currents with transformers, commutators and motors at the Electric Works ; that he recommended running two distinct circuits in each street, so that one-half or any desired portion of the total number of arc lamps could be switched off at midnight ; that with this arrangement the estimated capital costs were

Alternating Current System .. . £3,100 0 0

Rectified Current System .. £5,070 0 0

assuming all the lamps supported on pillars; that if the arc lamps in the Promenade were supported on centre arches, the additional cost per arc so supported would be £20 to £30 ; that he estimated that with 30 all night arcs and 30 arcs switched off at midnight the total annual costs would be

Alternating Current System .. £ 957 or about £19 10 0 per arc

Rectified Current System .. £1,075 or about £21 10 0 per arc

Resolved, That this report be approved, and that the Committee propose to act on the lines indicated by and to adopt the alternating current system for street lighting and that the Committee will take into consideration the advisability of extending the Public Electric Light to the Belle Vue Hotel.

2 — Electrical Engineer's Staff—The Electrical Engineer reported that he would require a Clerk at the Station to keep the accounts under his direction, and to make out Customer's Bills, &c. Resolved, That he be authorised to engage a Clerk for the purpose to commence with a salary not exceeding 12s a week.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of August, 1895—Present: Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

3 —Can Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read, as follows :—

ILLUMINATING POWER.			PURITY—SULPHUR.		
Test at Corporation			Test at Corporation		
Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Testing Station.	Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Testing Station.
August.			August.		
2nd	16.53 candles	15.87 candles.	2nd	11.24 grains	11.39 grains
8th	15.07 candles	15.02 candles	3rd	per 100 cubic feet	per 100 cubic feet.
17th	17.10 candles			16.44	

4—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.2559 cubic feet.

5—Lamp Book--Produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 2 metered, 5 unmetered.

6—Lamp at Ormond Place—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th of July last, a letter from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Cheltenham Theatre Co., was read, "Trusting that immediate stops will be taken to provide additional light, if only of a temporary character, to guard against the probability of a serious carriage "accident occurring owing to the present inefficient light in Ormond Place and Regent Street."

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7—Lighting of Eldorado Road —A letter from Miss E. M. Sutcliffe, of Oakleigh, Eldorado Road, was read, requesting that another gas lamp might be placed in the Eldorado Road. Resolved, to comply with the request.

8—Lighting of Whaddon Lane— In accordance with an arrangement come to with Mr. Skillicorne, Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed in Whaddon Lane.

9—Lighting of Cranham Road—With reference to the lighting of this road, Resolved, That an additional gas lamp be provided and that the existing ones be re-arranged.

10—Lighting of the Town Clock—With reference to the lighting of this Clock, Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer do report as to the best means of lighting it with the Electric light, and the cost of doing so.

11—Poor Rate Assessment—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th ultimo, Resolved, That as the Assessment Committee were about to have the Electric Station valued by a Specialist for the purpose of obtaining a proper estimate of its value for the purpose of Assessment to the Poor Rate, and as the cost of Appeal to the Special Sessions, with probable Appeal from thence to the Quarter Sessions, would involve a cost of more than the difference between the rate as at present demanded, and what it might be reduced to on the Appeal, the amount of the demand for this half year on the present Assessment of £320 be paid under protest.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1895—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

12- Report of Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that both Messrs. Crompton & Co. and the Brush Co., were willing to divide the contract for the supply of Transformers for a period of 12 months. Messrs. Crompton & Co. to supply all Transformers not exceeding 4 horse power in output, and the Brush Co. all larger Transformers up to 40 horse power size. That with the Chairman's authority two 40 horse power Transformers had been ordered for the High Street Sub-station to replace two 16 horse power Transformers of which one would go to Manchester Street and the other to Cambray Sub-station. That Transformers had been ordered for Rose Hill and for the Assembly Rooms. That he had in stock a Transformer suitable for St. Hilda's. That as small Transformers will be required for Trevor Dene, Alpha House, 9, Lansdown Terrace, Montpellier

Gardens Urinal, and probably for Messrs. Webb Bros., at Alstone immediately, and as there is every prospect of other customers along the routes of high pressure mains being obtained, he recommended that there be ordered for stock :—

Three 1 horse power Transformers.

Two 1 ½ “ “

Two 2 “ “

Two 3 “ “

Two 4 “ “

at a cost of about £123. That he recommended a 37/12 armoured concentric low pressure cable be laid on the South side of the High Street between the High Street and Cambray Sub-stations at a cost of 4180. That specifications for an engine capable of driving direct a 100 Kilowatt Alternator had been sent to Messrs. Belliss & Co and to Messrs. Willans & Robinson by whom prices were quoted as follows:

Willans & Robinson (including a flexible coupling, value about £15) £902 0 0

Belliss & Co. £729 17 0

That Mr. John Belliss had agreed with him, subject to the order being placed with his Firm, that certain conditions as to consumption of steam and time of erection, as set out in the report, should be fulfilled, and he recommended that the tender of Messrs. Belliss & Co. be accepted. That a shelter is required for the front of the Boiler House which he recommended should be a lean-to with corrugated iron roof with pillars of W. I. gas tube which could be put up very cheaply. Resolved, That the report and proceedings of the Electrical Engineer be approved and his recommendations be carried out and adopted, and that another 100 Kilowatt Alternator be ordered from Messrs. Siemens.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of August, 1895—Present : Alderman Col. Rogers; Councillors Ll. Davies, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District Rate The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £14,527 11s. 8 ½ d.; leaving outstanding £3,690 18s. 7 ½ d.

2-Water Rate--The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £9,517 5s. 1d.; leaving outstanding £2,651 9s. 5d.

3—Cheltenham Corporation Stock — With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting the Borough Accountant reported as follows Acting under your instructions I visited the National Provincial Bank and the Inland Revenue Department in London on the 14th and 15th instant. I inspected the Stock Ledger at the Bank showing on the 15th instant,

The holders of Inscribed Stock	£367,750 0 0
And the Certificates of Stock issued payable to Bearer	£ <u>7,230 0 0</u>
Which together make up the total amount issued, viz.	£375,000 0 0

I enquired at the Inland Revenue Department for the Agreement by which it was required that the Borough Accountant should make the Returns relative to the Stock issued for the purpose of Assessment of the Stamp Duty, which was produced to me.

I therefore made the Return and paid the Duty as required, and I now submit to you the acknowledgment thereof of which the Stamped Duplicate is to follow.

With regard to the fees re Transfers, &c., authorised by the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, I was informed at the Registrar's Office that the only fees charged by the Registrar are on the issue of Stock Certificates to Bearer, and re-entry in the Stock Register of the Stock specified in Stock Certificates to Beira'. £9 15s being far such fees received.

4—Interest on Loans—The Borough Accountant submitted a list of Loans upon which more than 3 per cent. interest was being paid. Resolved. That notice be given to the Lenders informing them of the intention of the Corporation to pay off the Loans unless they would accept a lower rate of interest.

5—Borough Accountant's Staff — A letter from the Borough Accountant was read, informing the Committee that owing to the increase of the work in his Department he was unable to cope with it satisfactorily with his present staff, and that he required another clerk at about £60 per annum. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and in the meantime that Mr. Thomas be asked to assist him.

6—Coal-- The Tenders for the supply of Coal for 8 months from the 1st of December next sent in in response to the advertisement, being five in number, were opened. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted :—

Messrs. Pates Co.—for Best House Coal from Bretby Colliery ..	14s 2d per ton.
“ “ Ditto (delivered to Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge) ..	16s 2d “
Messrs. Webb Bros. for Seconds Coal from Birch Coppice Colliery ..	12s 9d “
Messrs. Thomas Voile & Co. for Slack	5s 6d “

7--Insurance of Electric Lighting Station—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, letters were read from the Resident Secretary at Bristol of the Law Union and Crown Insurance Office, stating that it appeared that the value of the Works and Plant was a great deal more than the amount for which the Committee had decided to insure, and that the premium of 5s per cent. had been quoted by his Company only on the assumption that the amount of the insurance was the full value, and that unless the Committee would consent to the insertion of an Average Clause they would not be able to renew the insurance in future at the same

rate, as they were practically liable for a total loss in case of fire if only the portion liable to be destroyed is insured ; also that it was one of the conditions under which his Company agreed to accept the risk that the wooden partitions should be removed from the back of the switchboard. Resolved, To inform the Resident Secretary that this Committee do not intend to insure for more than the amount already decided upon, and that they understand that the Lighting Committee would not consent to the removal of the wooden partitions at the back of the switchboard.

8—Treasurer—The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that Mr. Jas. Clisset, the Borough Treasurer, had left the town for 6 months' holiday on account of his health, and that the Deputy Mayor, in the absence of the Mayor, had under Sec. 43 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, appointed Mr. John Wilson, Sub-Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank, to be the person during the absence of Mr. Clisset, not exceeding six months from the 16th inst., to do or perform all acts by law authorised or required to be done by Mr. Clisset as such Treasurer.

9--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 was as follows:—

In hand on the 30th July last	£ 2,855 11 0
Received since that date	£ <u>8,147 16 4</u>
	£11,003 7 4
Paid since that date	£ <u>7,222 10 4</u>
In hand	£ 3,780 17 0

The Bills and Accounts for the past month having been examined, Resolved, That the same as settled, amounting to the sum of 42,823 4s. 3d. be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of August, 1895 — Present Alderman Col. Rogers and (by invitation) Alderman Norman ; Councillors LI. Davies, Feeney, and Parsonage ; and The Baron de Ferrieres (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £8 10s. 11. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz —

Town Clerk, Guildhall, London	1 vol.
Board of Trade ..	1 "

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Holborn, Streatham, and Rotherhithe.

2 — Sub-Committee's Report — The Sub-Committee recommended that the Librarian be authorised to attend the conference of Librarians to be held at Cardiff, on September 10th to the 13th Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

3—Electric Lighting—The Chairman informed the Committee that the wiring of the Library by Messrs. Marshall for the Electric light was completed, and Alderman Norman (the Chairman of the Lighting Committee) having stated that the current would be laid on from the mains the next day, Resolved, That Miss Feeney be asked to perform the ceremony of switching on the current at 9 o'clock on Monday night following, and that invitations to be present at the same be sent to each member of the Town Council, Col. Russell. M.P, and Mrs. Russell, Mr. Agg-Gardner, Mr. Charles Wilson, the Incumbents of Churches, Ministers and Doctors, and to Messrs. Marshall, the contractors for the wiring ; and that an offer made by Councillor Ll. Davies to insert in the " Looker-On " a general invitation to anyone to attend, be accepted.

4—Vestibule Doors—The Chairman of the Committee reported that the present hinges of the Vestibule Doors were a constant expense owing to their continually getting out of order, and he laid before the Committee an estimate he had received from Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings to alter the doors by adopting Smith's hinges and strengthening the iron heel plates, as in the Reference Room, at a cost of 46 per set. Resolved, That Smith's hinges be adopted for the doors on the understanding that the total cost for the 3 doors including the cost of adapting same for the hinges will not exceed 418.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account	£15 8 0
John J. Banks, Books ..	£32 16 0
John Day & Sons, Books	£ 4 14 0
T. Miles & Co., Books ..	£ 1 1 6
J. Belcher, Cleaning Materials	£ 0 10 0
W. H. Smith & Sons, Books .	£ 0 2 8

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, Cheltenham, August 15th, 1895.

SEWERING OF No. 1 DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Gentlemen,

Having completed my investigations in the district bounded on the North by High Street and Tewkesbury Road, on the East by the Promenade; on the South by the Chelt and on the West by the Midland Railway, I am now in a position to report exactly the defects discovered and to point out the works necessary to remedy them.

The examination has occupied a considerable period, as, to accurately ascertain the condition of the sewers and their fitness, it has been necessary to open each sewer in at least three places, to take the levels and plot them to show the maximum amount of fall in each sewer and the relative levels of the system.

The result shows that several are in a defective state, some being worn out and leaking owing to the decay of the bricks, some, owing to original defective construction, as for example, Royal Crescent

sewer, which consists of two straight walls, and rough cover stones, with only the soil to form the bottom,—some are too flat and without sufficient fall throughout the greater part of the length, a defect which is probably due to errors of judgment arising from insufficient knowledge and experience on the part of the designer.

In many instances sewers have been injured and deposits caused by badly made connections for house drains—a hole having been made in the sewer too large for the purpose, or in the case of brick sewers, a square hole is made to receive a round pipe, after the drain is laid it is found that space is left, through which rats can pass out of the sewer and in doing so they work sand into it, when, unless the velocity and scouring power is large, a deposit of sand and solids from the sewage is formed and ultimately the sewer is stopped by gradual accumulations at that point.

Before proceeding further it will be convenient to describe exactly the essentials of a modern system of sewers, and some of the reasons which have led Engineers to adopt the principles which are advised in this report.

A sewer should be self-cleansing in all parts.

A sewer should be constructed of non-absorbent materials, of which salt-glazed stoneware is the best material available.

A sewer should be absolutely watertight.

A sewer should be of such size and level that all the sewage shall flow away as it arises.

A sewer should exclude all subsoil water and all road drainage as far as possible.

Unless a sewer is self-cleansing deposits will from time to time occur and it is in such deposits that decomposition takes place and sewer gases are generated.

If sewers are constructed of absorbent materials such as porous bricks, red earthenware pipes, and inferior fire-clay pipes, organic matter is absorbed and undergoes decomposition giving off offensive gases, at the same time the alternations of wet and dry tend to disintegrate such materials and ultimately to destroy them.

Sewers that are not water-tight allow the liquid portion to escape into the soil and the solids remain gradually accumulating until the sewer is stopped or specially flushed, on the other hand sewers which permit the subsoil water to enter them allow an unknown quantity of water to have to be dealt with upon the sewage farms, cause the outfall sewers, if properly designed, to be insufficient for their purpose, and ultimately render larger areas of land necessary than would otherwise be the case.

The size must be proportionate to the quantity of sewage, as, if made too large (a common fault in the branch sewers here), the flow is sluggish and deposits occur, and if too small the sewer will not at all times convey the rain water which necessarily enters it from roofs and back yards.

If subsoil and road drainage water is admitted to the sewers without other provision being made for it, they must be of prohibitive size, the cost would be enormous and the difficulty of dealing with the volume of sewage during floods almost insuperable.

Owing to the configuration of Cheltenham and the parallel lines of main drainage, there are a large number of dead ends or summits near which the flow of sewage must be very small and at all times a tendency for deposit to take place, unless special precautions are taken to prevent it.

in some places evidence was obtained that in times of flood, the sewers were full and working under pressure due largely, if not exclusively, to the fact that the Chelt Main Sewer is insufficient to take all the storm water as well as sewage and its relative level is such that no efficient overflows for storm water can be made into the Chelt.

The general direction and position of the sewers is fixed by the house drainage and the main intercepting sewers, consequently, with one or two exceptions only, the proposed sewers will follow the direction of the existing sewers, but in straight lines, with even gradients, and at such depths as will effectually drain all the houses.

Proposals. At the highest part of every sewer an Automatic Flushing Tank will be fixed, and arranged to be filled either by rain water or from the Town Water Mains.

To relay all sewers of which the brickwork is decayed or missing ; all those that are without fall or in which the fall is insufficient ; and those which are too shallow and in which the house drains are at or below the bottom of the existing sewers.

To construct three storm overflows discharging into the Chelt and to lower the bed of the stream so as to provide a waterway below the level of the storm water overflows equal to the present discharging capacity of the Chelt.

The sewers to be dealt with are those given in the following list together with the existing dimensions and those proposed :—

Name of Street.	Size of Present Sewer.	Size of Proposed Sewer.
St. George's Place ...	26 inches circular ..	18 inches.
Manchester Street ...	18 inches by 12 inches	9 inches.
Clarence Street ••.	24 inches circular	12 & 9 inches.
Church Street ...	15 inches circular	9 inches.
Ambrose Street	12 inch pipe.	9 inches.
Chapel Street	18 inches circular	9 inches.
New Street ...	18 inches circular	12 & 9 inches.
Pantile Row or Elmstone Street	18 inches by 12 inches	9 inches.
Barnard's Row	18 inches by 12 inches	9 inches.
Workhouse Lane	18 inches by 12 inches	9 inches.
Grove Street ..	18 inches by 12 inches	9 inches.
Park Street	18 inches by 12 inches	9 inches.
Bloomsbury Street .	9 inch pipe	9 inches.
Market Street ...	9 inch pipe	9 inches.
Spread Eagle Passage ...	9 inch pipe	9 inches.
Royal Well Place	12 inch pipe	9 inches.
Central Depot (near Entrance Gates)	18in circular & 12in pipe	12 inches.
St. James' Square	2 feet 4 inches by 2 feet	9 inches.

Tangent Alley	15 inches circular	9 inches.
Chester Walk ..	12 inches circular	9 inches.
St. George's Terrace	18 inches by 12 inches	9 inches.
Royal Crescent ...	18 inches by 12 inches	9 inches.

The Chelt Main Sewer will be diverted from under the Chelt near Rose Cottage and rebuilt through the Central Depot for a distance of 95 yards, at the Market the Chelt Main Sewer crosses under the Chelt and the brickwork is so much decayed and the joints washed out that a large quantity of water enters the sewer at that point, this I propose to remedy by forming the sewer of cast iron pipes for a length of about 12 yards. In two or three other places there are defects in the brickwork but they are of very little importance and are principally due to the frost last winter disintegrating the bricks near the openings, in other respects the portion of the Chelt Main Sewer now under consideration is in good condition and will serve its purpose for many years.

The cost of the works described including all expenses other than legal charges will be about £500 0s. 0d., and will require six months for completion if carried out during the Summer months, i.e. between 1st March and 1st November.

In the remaining other districts the work of investigation is being continued and shews results similar to, though not quite so bad as, in No. 1 District; it will be a very long time before the whole can be completed, but I hope to report on the Bays Hill District during this Autumn.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant, JOSEPH HALL.

THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd October, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 7th of October instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that way legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. LIGHTING COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Notices of Motion.

5. To read 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 7th day of October, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of September, 1895—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Feeney, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne. (Councillor Parsonage in the chair.)

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz. : Councillors Heath, Lawrence, and Parsonage.

3 — Street Projections—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To refuse the application of Messrs. Robertson & Co. for permission to fix a Lamp outside No. 8, Colonnade; also that of Messrs. S. B. Dix & Co., on behalf of Mr. T. G. Smith, for permission to erect two street lamps on posts outside No. 2, Bath Road. As the Committee cannot permit any posts, the application should be received in a modified form.

No. 344, High Street—A letter from Mr. Rees Jones was read, requesting permission to put out two Arc Lamps 9 ft. high, projecting 4 ft.

No. 120, High Street—A letter from Messrs. S. B. Dix & Co. was read, applying on behalf of Messrs. E. A. Jennings, of No. 120, High Street, for leave to fix an Incandescent gas lamp from a pendant outside their premises as above.

No. 83, High Street—A letter from Messrs. Oliver and Atkins was read, applying for permission to allow 2 lamps fixed outside their premises to remain. Back of

No. 33, Winchcomb Street— The Street Inspector reported that a small sign board at the back of these premises, belonging to Messrs. F. C. Chick & Co., had been put up projecting over the footway. Resolved, That the applications above-mentioned be granted subject to the lamps being at least 8 feet in height in the clear above the pavement, to none of the lamps projecting more than 24 inches from the face of the buildings, and to the lamps being kept alight till 10 p.m., if advertising lamps ; and that the projection at the back of No. 33 Winchcomb Street be permitted to remain provided it is at least 8 ft. in the clear above the ground, and subject as to all the lamps and the sign to the right of the Corporation to order their removal if and when they may think fit.

4—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways— The Borough Surveyor reported that the work which had been carried out in his IP° Department during the period between 24th August and September 29th had been as follows :—

High Street 5364 super yards, Park Place 5066 super yards, Hewlett Road 2613 super yards, Clarence Street 2583 super yards,

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Arle Road 1353 super yards, Promenade 1366 super yards, St. George's Road lwo super yards, Swindon Road 780 super yards, Winchcomb Street 667 super yards, Old Bath Road 830 super yards, Albion Street 555 super yards, St. George's Place 250 super yards ; a total of 22,527 super yards, equal to about 4i acres, and the largest area done in one month.

Patching—Arle Tank Road, Little Norwood Street, Andover Road, Portland Street, All Saints Road, Rodney Road, London Road, York Street, High Street, Manchester Street, St. George's Place, Royal Well Place, Gloucester Road, Queen's Road.

Patching with Wickwar Stone—Pittville Estate Roads, St. Paul's Road, Swindon Street, Chapel Walk.

Roads Repaired with Tar Macadam—Clarence Street 223 super yards, Crescent Terrace 1167 super yards. Kerbing, Crossing, and Flagging—Oriel Road, Evesham Road, Cleeve Road, St. George's Road, High Street, Tewkesbury Road, St. George's Road, King's Road, Hales Road, Duke Street, Regent Street, Gloucester Road, Winchcomb Street, Leamington Place, Henrietta Street, Sandfield Road, Albion Street, North Street, Portland Street, Malvern Road, Millbrook Street, Hatherley Road, and Queen's Circus.

Repaired with Tar paving- - Malvern Road, St. George's Road, Lansdown Terrace, Western Road, Montpellier Terrace.

Tariff Footpaths—Gloucester Road and Swindon Road Street Improvements—Hermitage Street (proceeding).

Private Improvement Works—Marsh Lane, Royal Parade (proceeding)

Dead Trees Cut Down-- 23 in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, 1 in High Street, 1 in Montpellier Roadway, 1 in Montpellier Gardens.

Trees have been pruned after service of notice on private property in the grounds of 70 houses in Bayshill Road, Bayshill Villas, Bayshill Lawn, Bayshill Terrace, Fauconberg House, Royal Well Terrace, St. George's Road, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Lansdown Crescent, Lansdown Terrace, Queen's Road, Queen's Parade, Douro Road, Malvern Road, Priory Street, Hatherley Road.

Ashes Collected- 749 Van loads, 178 Cart loads. Consumed at Destructor 819 tons 17 cwt. 1 qr.

5—Footpaths—Ormond Place, New Street and Winchcomb Street—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To inform Mr. Williams that the footpath on the south side of Ormond Place requiring only ordinary repair will be attended to in due course ; that the Borough Surveyor be directed to complete the foot pavement on the north

side of New Street; and that the footpath on the west side of Winchcomb Street be repaired, provided the Owners will replace the present open iron gratings, cellar-plates, and other openings with prismatic pavement lights.

6- Malvern Road -The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. John Baker had encroached on the footpath of this road with two piers and a dwarf wall. Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Baker to remove and set back the same to the proper line of frontage.

7- Queen's Road—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the carriage entrances to houses in this road were in bad repair. Resolved, That the Owners of the houses be required to remove the stone ware pipes under the carriage entrances and replace the same with 6 inch iron pipes.

8—Ambrose Street- Mr. Boulton having applied for terms of purchase of the frontage in Ambrose Street, abutting on No. 8, St. George's Square. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.

9—Leighton Road —A letter from Miss Spencer, owner of No. 11, Princes Street, which also abuts upon Leighton Road, was read, objecting to contribute towards the repair of Leighton Road on the ground that her house was built before the road was made and that the purchasers of Lots in Leighton Road have to pay an annual suns for the repairs, which she has not to pay. Resolved, That Miss Spencer be informed that the circumstances will be considered when the apportionment comes to be made.

10--Ditch near Barrett's Mill—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved. That as the natural flow of the surface seater from the College. Road is on to Messrs. Harford's land or along the ditch referred to, and the road was made on or over the land in question, the Committee consider that there is no obligation on the Corporation to divert the water, but the Corporation would not object to Messrs. Harford diverting it into the byewash course there which could apparently be done at a small cost.

11-- Boarding in the Gloucester Road—A letter from Mr. E. C. Davis, of No. 4, Christ Church Parade, was read, calling attention to a board fence that had been erected in front of the garden adjoining the Kings Arms in the Gloucester Road, and also adjoining his premises, which stood out several feet beyond the building line. Resolved, That notice be given to the Owners of the Kings Arms to set back the boarding to the line of fencing of the adjacent buildings.

12—Proposed Byelaw for Prevention of Deposit of Rubbish in back roads — With reference to Minute 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 6th of April last the Town Clerk reported that the Secretary of State had refused to sanction a Byelaw the purpose of which was to prevent the obstruction of a street or roadway which had never been dedicated to the public, and having read the correspondence he had had with him on the subject, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do furnish the Secretary of State with further particulars with a view to overcoming his objections.

13- Road at the back of Park Place —With reference to Minutes Nos. 8 and 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th of March and 8th of April last respectively, a further letter from Mr. Grist was read, expressing a hope than something would be done by the authorities to remedy the nuisance caused by the deposit of rubbish in this road ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, informing him that application had been made to the Local Government Board and to the Home

Office for sanctions to a Bye-Law empowering the Council to deal with this and similar nuisances, but that the Secretary of State had hitherto refused to grant his sanction, and that no reply had as yet been received from the Local Government Board.

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14—Trees adjacent to Tudor Lodge—A letter from Col. Golding was read, suggesting that a Birch tree in contact with his railings on the West side of his Orchard in the Park ought to be removed on account of its being withered and nearly dead, Resolved, That the tree be removed.

15 —Cattle Water Trough, St. Mark's—A letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was read, stating that the Society, through the kindness of friends, was prepared to provide, fix, and maintain a trough of forest stone if the Corporation would supply it with water, and suggested a site near the Cab Stand at the Midland Railway Station ; also a letter from Rev. E. T. Griffiths, suggesting a site near the Lansdown Castle Post Office. Resolved, That permission be given to place the trough on the South side of the Gloucester Road between Lansdown Cottages and Holmesdale, and to supply it with water when fixed.

16-- Lamps near Parish Church School—Resolved, That one lamp be removed and the other one placed in the position indicated to the Borough Surveyor by the Committee.

17 --Town Clerk's Report as to suggested Amendments of the Local Acts by Provisional Order--The Town Clerk having read such parts of the above-mentioned Report as referred to matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee. Resolved, To approve paragraphs 1, 2, 5 (a, b, c, and d,) 6, 8 (a and b), and 10 (a, b, and c), and to apply for an amendment of the power to make Bye-laws for preventing nuisances and obstructions in private streets.

18— Tudor Lodge Lane—A letter from Mr. Crickitt, of Twickenham, the Park, was read, applying for permission to cut and trim the A " bushes which line the North side of Tudor Lodge Lane. Resolved, That as far as the Corporation are concerned they have no objection.

19-North Place Road—With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Chairman reported that the Trustees of the Chapel would give up a depth of 6ft. 6in. at the corner of the road leading into Portland Street at its junction with North Street, to round it off, if the Corporation would rail off the frontage of the premises to North Street and the said road. Resolved, That the Council cannot see their way to agreeing to the proposal of the Trustees, and though still prepared to consider the question of rounding off the corner, they would prefer to negotiate with the Trustees for a widening of the whole length of the street, in the manner to be shown on a Plan to be prepared by the Borough Surveyor.

20-St. George's Place Improvement—It having come to the knowledge of the Committee that the premises in St. George's Place. occupied by the Omnibus Co., are or shortly will be vacant, Resolved, That an offer of £50 be made to the Trustees of the late Mr. T. W. G. Palmer for setting back the premises to the new line of frontage, the Corporation also relieving them of any charge for paving, flagging, or channelling the footpath.

21—Footpath West end of Glenfall Street—With reference to Minute No. 17 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting. the Borough Surveyor brought up a Specification and Plan of the works required to be done. Resolved. That the same be approved, and the necessary notices given, and the works executed in default of the same being executed by the owners.

22-Mossley Terrace, Great Western Road.—The Borough Surveyor having reported that Mr. Vim. Cleeveley, the owner of the houses in the above-named terrace, had not complied with the Bye-laws by carrying the party walls above the roofs of the houses. Resolved, That he be required to do so forthwith.

23- College Lawn Road —The Borough Surveyor reported that the Notices tor the repair of this road had been duly given and served. and the time specified therein for carrying Jut the works required had expired Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do proceed with the work forthwith. 2 - New Buildings-- The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
664	Mr. C. Hayward	Alterations to St Edmunds, Tivoli Road
665	Mr. T. Steel	Conversion of No. 89, High Street into two shops
666	Mr. G. H. Mills	Villa in St. George's Road
667	W. N. Skillicorne, Esq.	Road at Beaufort Cricket Ground
668	Messrs. Webb Bros.	Shed at Alstone
669	Mr. Richard Birt	House in Gloucester Road between Ashley Villa and Westbourne Villa
670	Mr. Smallbone	House in Gloucester Road
671	Mr. Charles Dufour	Three Villas, Rowanfield Road
672	Mr. Andrews	Alterations to Photo Cottage, Hewlett Road
673	Mr. Sheppard	Bath room to No. 14, Lansdown Terrace

Resolved, That all the above Plans be approved with the exception of No. 664 which is disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of September, 1895-Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)-

1-Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee one case of Enteric Fever, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was six.

2--abattoir-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Pig Lairs at the Abattoir were sometimes used for many days in succession, and that in order to keep them as sweet as possible, it was desirable that pigs should not be kept in the Lairs longer than necessary, and that the enforcement of the charge for lairage was very advisable in such cases. Resolved, That orders be given that the styes be cleaned out daily.

3-Insanitary Property-Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, Carlton Place; 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, Normal Terrace; Fir Tree Cottage ; 9 & 10, St. James's Place, Painswick Road ; 8, Courtenay Street ; 23 & 37, Russell Street, and 3. Baker Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

4-Defective Drainage-No. 5 & 6, Warwick Buildings-The Inspector of Nuisances having previously made written application to the Town Clerk under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and received from him authority to open the ground and examine the drains. Resolved, To approve the action of the Town Clerk, and that authority be given to the Inspector to do such further acts as may be necessary, as provided by the said section.

Nos. 10 & 11, St. George's Place-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains and act as provided by the said section.

5-Sewer behind St. James's Place-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the sewer in the Lane behind St. James's Place was about half full of solid deposit, and probably required re-laying. Resolved, That the attention of the Borough Surveyor be called to the matter.

6-Wells requiring to be Closed-Nos. 2, 3, & 4, Carlton Place; Hill View House. Carlton Place; No. 23, Russell Street ; No. 3, Baker Street ; Nos. 3, 4, 3, & 10, Normal Terrace, and No. 3, Courtenay Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the Wells at the above premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health: Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for the Wells to be closed.

7-House without a proper Water Supply-No. 5, Carlton Place-It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 4th inst., that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owner, requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

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, under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be givers to the Owners requiring them 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 the penalties.

9- Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Report stating that the houses named therein were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted. to-Inspection of Workshops-The Medical Officer of Health reported that four Workshops had been inspected since the last Meeting and handed in a certificate that they required to be cleansed and lime-washed, Resolved, That Notices under Section 4 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, be given to the owners and occupiers of the Workshops, requiring them to limewash, cleanse, or purify the same.

11--Notification Fees --With reference to Minute 19 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 19th June last, a letter from Mr. Cocks-Johnston was read, contending that under Sec. 6 s.s. 5 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1889, he was entitled to be paid his fee for notifying cases of infectious disease, even if only called in in consultation with the medical men attending the patients. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting

12-No. 13, Great Western Road-A letter from Mr. J. T. Darby, on behalf of Mr. E. H. Daniels of 7, Well Walk, calling attention to the state of his house. No 13, Great Western Road, which, since an excavation in connection with the Main Sewer running under the house, had settled in a serious manner and required immediate attention for comfort and safety. Resolved, That the Boroughs Surveyor do inspect and report thereon at the next meeting.

13-Barn Farm Cottages-With reference to Minute No. 25 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the letter from Mr. J. G. Flory read at the last meeting of the Council, and referred to this Committee, stating that he had made a mistake in his tender owing to his being hurried with other estimates he was preparing, and amending the amount

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to £279 9s. 6d. was considered, and Mr. Chas. Malvern having attended the meeting. Resolved, That under the circumstances the Committee cannot further entertain Mr. Flory's tender, and that the tender of Messrs. C. Malvern & Sons be accepted, subject to the Surveyor being able to modify his plans so as to bring the cost of the Cottages to £260.

14—Hatherley Street Sewer—With reference to the Resolution of the Council on this matter, and the letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney of the 23rd of August last, read at the Council meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had seen Mr. James Winterbotham, who admitted to him that he was the proprietor of part of the sewer but thought that some of the owners had commuted the rent charge, to the extent of which commutation he considered he would not be liable.

15—Holiday of the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health applied for a month's leave of absence to enable him to take a holiday, and informed the Committee that Dr. Cresswell would undertake his duties during such absence. Resolved, to grant the application.

16—Holidays of the Inspector of Nuisances—With reference to the holidays of the Inspector of Nuisances. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to grant holidays to his Assistants.

J C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of September, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors M. Davis, Griffith, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

17 —Gloucester Crescent—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that two cases of Enteric Fever having occurred at No. 8, Gloucester Crescent, on examination it was found that the sewer in front of Gloucester Crescent was completely blocked. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan shewing this sewer and the sewer at the back of Gloucester Crescent, Queen's Retreat, and Bayshill Parade, and reported that the sewer in front was in bad condition and insufficient for the drainage of the houses, and having an outlet into a surface water drain, and that the sewer at the back would serve for the drainage of the houses in Gloucester Crescent if it was re-laid at a better level with a flushing tank at the upper end. Resolved, That the sewer be re-laid accordingly, and that notice be given to the owner of the houses not already draining into the sewer at the back to connect their house drains therewith, and that the Inspector of Nuisances act as required by Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act. 1875.

18—Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, Hanover Street, Hanover Inn, and 30. Naunton Crescent—Applications in writing under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, by the Inspector of Nuisances, stating that the drains at the above-mentioned premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, having been made, and the Inspector having reported that on examination thereof they appeared to be in bad condition and to require alteration and amendment, he was authorised to give notice in writing to the respective owners or occupiers of the premises to do the necessary works and to act as provided by the said section.

19—Barn Farm Cottages--Messrs. Malvern & Son having offered to build these cottages according to the plan and specifications as modified by the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That Messrs. Malvern & Son's offer be accepted, subject to the conditions annexed to the specifications.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23th day of September, 1895—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors L. Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Moles and Parsonage, (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

20--Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Feeney was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

21 — Sewage Farms— The Committee visited the Sewage Farms on the 16th inst., there being present: Councillors M. Davis, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage.

22--Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order--The deputy Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received an application from Mr. Walter James, of 281, High street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk, but that the premises were not in a proper condition. Resolved, To refuse the application.

23—Zymotic Disease- -The deputy Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee six cases of Scarlet Fever, one of Enteric Fever, and one of Diphtheria ; that the six cases of Scarlet Fever were sent into the Delancey Hospital, and the case of Enteric Fever into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was ten.

24— Cleansing and Limewashing—The deputy Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec 46 of the Public Health Act, that No. 21, Albert Place, Pittville, was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, requiring the premises to be cleansed and whitewashed.

25—Defective Drainage at No. 83, Tewkesbury Road, Fountain Inn, Bath Road, Nos. 2 and 3, St. Luke's Place, Nos. 1 to 4. St. Philip's Street, Nos. 8 and 9, Denmark Villas, and Paisley, Bath Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written applications under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and act as provided by the said Section.

26-Overcrowding at No. 14, Worcester Street and two rooms in Angel Court, Mountpleasant—The deputy Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances.

27 -Factories and Workshops— The deputy Medical Officer of Health reported that 28 Workshops had been visited since the last meeting, and handed in a certificate stating that the limewashing, cleansing, and purifying of three of them was necessary for the health of the persons employed therein. Resolved, That the necessary notices be given under Sec.4 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, requiring the premises to be limewashed, cleansed, and purified.

28--W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The deputy 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 requiring them 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.

29-Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles—The deputy Medical Officer of Health submitted a report stating that the houses named therein were without proper Ashpits or Ash Receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and constructions as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a commons ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

30—Enteric Fever at No. 4, New Street Place—The Committee having been informed that a case of Enteric Fever had occurred at the above premises, which had not been notified either by Dr. Mouatt Biggs, who attended the case, or by the House Surgeon at the Hospital, Resolved, That the Committee would be glad to have an explanation of the cause of non-notification.

31- -Town Clerk's Report as to Proposed Amendments of the Local Acts—The Town Clerk read such portions of his Report as to proposed Amendments of the Local Acts, as dealt with matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee. Resolved, That the paragraphs 2, 3, (a, b, c, d, and e) 4, 8 (b) and 9 be approved.

32 -Barn Farm—A letter from Messrs. Brookes and Badham, Solicitors, Tewkesbury, was read, complaining on behalf of their client Mr. Isaac Holder, the owner of about 3 ½ acres of land in the Sandfield adjoining the Barn Farm, that he had suffered damage through his drains having been interfered with by the Corporation culvert, and through the drains of the Corporation being frequently stopped, that the tenant's poultry was frequently trespassing on their client's land, and as it had occurred to their client that in order to prevent any unpleasantness the Corporation might prefer to buy the land, they would be happy to quote a price. Resolved, To inform Messrs, Brookes & Badham that the Corporation do not require the land, and certainly not for the reasons alleged, but if the owner is prepared to name a reasonable price, the Committee will consider it.

33- Leigh Brook—A further letter from Messrs. Nelson, Barr & Nelson, of Leeds, Solicitors for the owners of the Walton Hill Estate, with reference to correspondence they had had with the Town Clerk complaining that their client's property had been damaged by flooding due to extra seater being sent down the Leigh Brook from the Sewage Works of the Corporation, was read. Resolved, That without admitting any liability on the part of the Corporation to do so, the Borough Surveyor be instructed, if no objection is made thereto by the adjoining tenants, to clear, where necessary, the stream from the sedges, weeds, and other obstructions which at present obstruct the free floss, of the water above the Tewkesbury road.

34—Notification Fees—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the letter of Dr. Cocks Johnston submitting that under the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, it was incumbent upon him to notify the cases, although only called in in consultation, and that he was entitled to receive the fees therefor was

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further considered. Resolved, To inform Dr. Cocks Johnston that the Committee are advised that it is the duty of the medical man first called in, on becoming aware, whether in consultation or otherwise of the nature of the disease to notify the same, and on his doing so he only is entitled to the fee.

35—No. 13, Croat Western Road—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the matter was again adjourned for further investigation.

36—Sewage Irrigation—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th July last, a memorial from J. S. Gibbons, Esq. and the other occupiers of land using the sewage of the Corporation was read, requesting the Committee to reconsider the method of charging for sewage irrigation then adopted, which if carried out will render the utilization of the sewage on lands occupied by them impossible, the proposed charges being in their opinion quite prohibitive. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for enquiry.

37—Plans of House Drainage—The Plans of such 11CW 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 the drainage was concerned, with the following exceptions :—

J. R. Mills—For Villa in St. George's Road. Approved, subject to a ventilating pipe being placed at the head of the sewer.

Thomas Steel For re-construction into two shops of No. 81, High Street. Approved, subject to the drains under the houses being constructed of 4" cast iron water pipe, lead jointed.

W. N. Skillicorne—For Sewer from Hewlett's Road to Whaddon Lane. Approved from the Hewlett's Road to the point marked A on the Plan and the remainder disapproved.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)--

1--Midland Railway Pocket Guide—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk reported he had, as requested, written an amplified reference to the chief attractions of the town for insertion in the Pocket Guide, and read a letter he had received from the General Manager of the Company stating that it would be inserted in the next issue.

2—Photographs in Carriages of Midland and South Western Junction Railway—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from the Manager of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway was read, stating that in the spring there will be 20 first-class carriages in which the Company would put an approved photo-graph on each side for £5 per annum. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do ascertain the cost of placing photographs in the third-class carriages as well as in the first, and what size the photographs should be.

3—Charlton Common—A letter from Mr. W. S. Clutterbuck, Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council was read, stating that that body had under consideration the question of regulating Charlton Common so as to protect the rights of the persons interested therein, and requesting to

know if the Corporation would join in an application for this purpose. Resolved, That the Committee fully appreciate and sympathise with the views of the Charlton Kings District Council, and will be happy to confer with them as soon as the Bill referred to in Mr. Clutterbuck's letter as about to be introduced into Parliament to simplify the present procedure incident to obtaining Provisional Orders for regulation of Commons becomes lose.

4-Advertising in "The World "--A Letter from the Manager of The World Newspaper expressing the advantage of advertising the town in that publication was read. Resolved, That the Committee are not at present prepared to advertise, but later on the Corporation will probably think it desirable to do so.

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5— Provisional Order for Amending the Local Improvement Acts—The Town Clerk having read that part of his Report on this subject dealing with matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee, viz., paragraphs 5 (c. and d) Resolved, That the same be approved.

6— Winter Garden—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 3rd of April last, Resolved, That designs for the buildings mentioned in the said Minute and plans for the erection thereof at an expenditure not exceeding the amounts therein mentioned be advertised for, and that a premium of £100 be offered for the best design and plans, that amount to merge in the Architect's Commission, if the work be given to the winner to carry out, in which case the premium will be divided equally between the authors of the next best three sets of designs and plans.

WILLIAM HEATH, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of September, 1895—Present Councillors Heath, Lawrence and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

7- Winter Garden—The Town Clerk having reported that he had not yet received the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary loan for the purchase money and that the purchase had not yet been settled, Resolved, That under these circumstances the Committee can make no arrangements at present for taking possession, but that they be authorised to do so on the completion of the purchase.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of September, 1895—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Ll. Davies, and Margrett (The Mayor in the chair.)

1-Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, as follows, was read On the 25th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 58 Gallons ; the average for the last four years being 62 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton seas 20,747,869 gallons On the 24th instant, the depth

of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 18 feet 8 inches, and the contents 39,650,200 Gallons, which gave a total of 60,398,069 Gallons."

Applications had been received for extension of water mains to Sinton Lawn, Hatherley, and Eldorado road, but the cost in both cases would be covered by the ordinary rates. Resolved, That the extensions applied for be carried out.

2— Caretaker at Dowdeswell Reservoir —The Borough Engineer reported that for good and sufficient reasons he had given Mr. Hack a month's notice to determine his engagement as Caretaker at the Dowdeswell Reservoir.

3--Tewkesbury Water—The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed by the Committee, he had written to the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury requesting payment of the balance due on the Water Account of £148 18s 8d., and read his letter and the correspondence that had ensued on the subject of the payment to be made by this Corporation in respect of Mr. Grove's property. Resolved, That in order if possible to effect an amicable settlement, an offer without prejudice be made to pay for Mr Grove's property in respect of Fern Grove £7 12s. 6d. per annum, and in respect of Mr. Grove's own house, Mythic House, the sum of £7 12s. 0d. That if this offer is not accepted the question of the amounts to be paid, and the question of the rents charged for the meters if not accepted, be settled by arbitration in manner provided by arbitration under Sec. 85 of the Corporation Water Act, 1878, and that if the amount due to this Corporation up to the 29th instant for water supplied to the Corporation of Tewkesbury is not paid by the latter within a month, the Town Clerk be instructed to commence proceedings for the recovery thereof.

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4—Filter Beds, &c. at Dowdeswell With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 19th July last, the following tenders which had been received were opened and considered

	Two Filter Beds	Storage Tank	Two Filter Beds & Storage Tank.
Messrs. Collins & Godfrey.. ..	£1727 10 0	£1017 0 0	£2744 10 0
“ Charles Malvern & Sons	£1845 0 0	£1336 0 0	£2945 0 0
” T. Pedrette & Co. ..	£2900 0 0	£3000 0 0	£5800 0 0

Resolved, That the Filter Beds and Storage Tank be both constructed, and that the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey for the same be accepted.

5—Valuation of Water Works for Poor Rate—A letter from Messrs. Thos. F. Hedley & Sons, stating that they were instructed by the Cheltenham Union Assessment Committee to make a valuation of the Waterworks Account of the Corporation within the Union for Poor Rate purposes, and applying for certain items of information, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk, the Borough Engineer, and the Borough Accountant be authorised to furnish the information required.

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

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of September, 1895—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Lawrence was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that they had met on Tuesday, the 10th inst., there being present : Alderman Colonel Rogers Councillors Feeney, Griffith and Parsonage, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Colonel Rogers in the chair, and that they had directed the Superintendent of the Brigade to make a full Inventory of the Plant and Apparatus of the Fire Brigade in readiness for inspection by the Committee.

Also that they met again at the Station on Saturday, the 14th inst, there being present Alderman Colonel Rogers ; Councillors Feeney, Griffith and Parsonage, and had inspected and examined the Fire Engines, Hose, Reels, Fire Escapes and other Apparatus and Uniforms and the premises.

3-Telephone Company—With reference to Minute No, 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the resident Fireman at the Fire Brigade Station and the local Manager of the Telephone Company attended the meeting, and having been heard with reference to the delay which had arisen in notifying the fire in North street on the 28th July through the telephone from the Police Station to the Fire Brigade Station, and the Manager of the Company having withdrawn any allegation of delay on the part of the resident Fireman. Resolved, That it appearing that the Night Attendant goes to bed in another room on an upper storey at 11 p.m., and did so on the night in question, the Committee are of opinion that this would fully account for the delay that arose.

4—Drivers' Licenses —Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from H. Privett, 50. Sherborne street, H. Price, 4, King street Cottages, Albert Winters, 5, Naunton Crescent, James Robert Mills, 38, Montpellier terrace, Edward Timbrell, 26, Burton street, and Harry Hawker, Leckhampton village. Resolved, That the applications of Privett, Price, Winters, and Mills be granted, but to adjourn consideration of those of Timbrell and Hawker, who did not appear to support their applications.

5- Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter was read from Mr. Robert Fowles, of the College Mews, stating that he was negotiating the sale of his business as Cab Proprietor to Mr. Taylor, of Suffolk Parade, and that he wished to transfer to him two of the stand licenses which he held and retain one for himself, also a letter from Mr. T. Taylor, of No 34, Montpellier villas, stating he was taking over the business of Mr. Fowles, and applying for the transfer to him of the three licenses belonging to Mr. Fowles Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to recommend the transfer of the licenses to Mr. Taylor.

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6—Fire Brigade Station Telephone connection--A letter from the District Manager of the National Telephone Company, Limited was read, stating that the connection to the Fire Brigade Station could no longer be continued free, and that the annual charge for its retention would be £6 16s., and

enclosing a form of agreement for retention of the connection for approval. Resolved, That if the Company cannot see its way to continue this connection free, the Corporation will have to re-consider the terms upon which poles of the Company will be permitted to remain on the property of the Corporation.

7—Staff, Town Clerk's Department--A letter from Mr. Thomas was read, stating that he was not prepared to accept a suggestion made by the Town Clerk that he and Mr. Jenkins should share equally the work and salaries of the Clerks in his department, and that he must therefore ask to be relieved of his present temporary duties as soon as convenient, and thanking the Committee for their kindness to him. Resolved, That the Committee regret that the state of Mr. Thomas's health precludes him from resuming his position on the Town Clerk's staff, and that a month's salary be given him in addition to his full salary to this date.

8—Town Clerk's Report re Provisional Order for Amending the Local Acts—The Town Clerk having read such parts of his Report dealing with the proposed Amendments of the Local Acts as affected matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee, Resolved, That paragraphs No. 7 and No. 10 (b. & c.) be approved.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th day of September, 1895— Present : Councillors Heath, Moles, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1-Alstone Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. Number of bathers since the commencement of the season 15,988. Fees received £137 17s. 8d. Resolved, That a Notice Board be fixed up outside the Baths giving information as to when the same are open and for whom.

2- Naunton Park Recreation Ground —A letter from Captain St. Clair Ford was read, asking to be allowed to hold some Athletic Sports at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, for the young folk residing in the neighbourhood, on Saturday, the 5th of October next. Resolved, That permission be granted.

Conveniences—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to form two mounds and plant the same with evergreens to make access to the conveniences more private.

3— Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds—A letter from Mr. James S. Leake, of the Home for Working Boys, Oxford Passage, was read, stating that he had a set of goal posts which he could sell for 20s Resolved, That the same be purchased for the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of September, 1895—Present :
Councillors M. Davis, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the iron plate with inscription upon it to the memory of Sarah Mills ordered by the Committee to be removed was still in the same place, that new ground would soon be required for the interment of children, as there were not more than 40 spaces on the old ground that could be re-opened, and that interments were commenced in the new ground for adults the previous day. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to remove the iron plate referred to, and the Borough Surveyor to cause the ground delineated on the Plan No. 2 on the south side of the south road from O to Z inclusive allotted for children's graves to be marked out.

2-Use of Old Headstone for New Crave —A letter from Mr. D. A. Bowd, of the Original Cemetery Works, St. George's place, was read, enquiring if it would be allowed to have the headstone which had been removed from a grave owing to the time having expired, put over a new grave where a son and son-in-law of the occupant of the old grave were buried, still retaining the old inscriptions on the stone and adding the names, date of death and age of the other two. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter till the next meeting for the Superintendent to forward a copy of the inscription now on the stone.

3- Designs— The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Esther Carter, Maria Louisa Sparrow, Euphenia Mary Millar Lodge, Lizzie Channon, Alice Smith, Sarah Randle. Theodore Parker Broadbent, Ellen (Nellie) Handerin. Kerbing with Inscription—Herbert Alfred Wootton. Tomb first class to Elizabeth Hannah Bell.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£20 18s 0d.
General District Rate on Cemetery Lodge	£ 0 11 8

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman,

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of September, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that the extension to Rosehill had been completed, except for jointing the lengths of cable together. That by that evening about 1,600 yards of the new feeder to Manchester Street Sub-Station, including about 2,400 of cable, would be laid. That in view of the extensions then nearly completed, and those about to be then commenced, four small Switchboards were required for the Sub-stations at a cost of about 457. That in consequence of the new rule of the Board of Trade, that all Cable Tests must be made with a pressure of not less than 200 volts, it would be necessary to purchase a suitable battery to give 200

volts, at a cost of about £25. That he had obtained a very good quotation from the Callenders Bitumen Company, for the high-pressure concentric cable, and the joint boxes for same, necessary for the street lighting scheme, and he recommended the necessary quantity (9,000 to 10,000 yards) be ordered from the Callender Co. at £80 per 1,000 yards, and that 70 Tee Joint Boxes at 17s 6d each, and 20 Straight Joint Boxes at 14s each be ordered from the same Company. That the conditions and specifications for the Alternator would be ready to be issued in two or three days, and he recommended that these be sent to Messrs. Siemens, Ferranti and the Brush Co., and he suggested that when a tender should have been accepted, that he should propose to Messrs. Belliss & Co. to take the contract for the Alternator and supply a Steam Alternator instead of merely a Steam Engine, which course he strongly advised should be adopted, as it would remove many difficulties and complications. That as soon as all day and night running should commence an additional Driver, Stoker, and Assistant would be required, the wages of whom would amount to 89s per week Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer be authorised to order the Switch Boards required and purchase the Testing Battery as mentioned ; that the Cable and Joint Boxes required at the prices mentioned be ordered from the Callender Company ; that when the all day and night running commences the Borough Engineer be authorised to engage the additional Driver, Stoker, and Assistant required.

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2-Lighting of High Street from the Royal Hotel to the Belle Vue Hotel—A letter from Mr. Selim Smith on behalf of the Rate-payers of the upper portion of the High Street was read, suggesting that the Electric Lighting in the High Street should be extended to the Belle Vue Hotel in lieu of the large gas lamps promised. Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer do report as to the number of Arcs which would be required and the cost of the extension

3 --All Day and Night Running— Resolved, That the all day and night running at the Electric Station do commence in the middle of October.

4- Railway Siding—With reference to the contemplated Railway Siding to the Ash Destructor and Electric Station. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do ascertain from the Midland Railway Co. if they will construct it, and upon what terms.

5—Application by Gas Company for further Powers—With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th July last, a letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Company stating that the Company contemplated making application to Parliament in the next Session for further powers.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, H. Waghorne and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

6—Report of Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that specifications had been sent to Messrs. Siemens, Messrs. Ferranti, and the Brush Co., also to Messrs. Belliss, with a request for

three alternative tenders for a complete Steam Alternator with dynamos respectively of the Siemens, Ferranti and Mordey type, that Messrs. Ferranti had not quoted, the following being the tenders received: —

Contractor or Contractors.	Price of Steam Alternator.		Time from Order to Completion of Erection.
	Siemens Alternator	Mordey Alternator	
BELLISS & SIEMENS ..	£1594 17 0	—	14 Weeks
BELLISS	£1638 17 0	—	14 “
BELLISS & BRUSH CO.	—	£1558 17 0	13 “
BELLIS	—	£1600 17 0	13 ”

and he recommended that the tender of Messrs. Belliss & Co. Ltd., for a complete Steam Alternator, comprising a Belliss Engine and a Mordey Alternator at £1,600 be accepted.

The Electrical Engineer further reported that he had received tenders for Arc Lamps and Transformers, &c. for same from seven firms, upon which he would report after trial That the extension of the Street Lighting to the Belle Vue would involve the erection of from seven to eight additional arc Limps and cost of £380 That Mr. Sims having applied for current to supply the equivalent of 10 eight-candle power lamps at 49, Clarence square, and the matter being very urgent, a short length of cable sufficient to supply the east side of Clarence square from the Pittville street main had been ordered by the authority of the Chairman at a cost of £20, the total cost of this extension being about £40. That Messrs. Fisher had applied for supply of current to their Winchcomb street premises, and that Mr. Giller, of No. 3, Leamington Place was having his premises wired and would require a supply of current equivalent to 48 eight-candle power lamps, and in order to supply these two customers and others along the same route, a 37/15 armoured concentric low pressure cable should be laid down from the junction of Winchcomb street and Albion street up Winchcomb street to Pittville Circus, and to supply this main a small transformer at Pittville Gates would be required, the transformer to be supplied from the Pittville street main by means of a short length of 19/16 armoured high pressure concentric cable, the total cost of the extension being £440 and that the lighting of the Town Clock would require a connection on the high pressure main and a small trans-former, the cost of which would be £18 to £20, and the cost of lighting about £27 per annum. Resolved. That having regard to the previous resolution to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th ulto. approved by the Council, the tender of the combined Belliss & Siemens' Engine and Alternator at £1,638 17s. be accepted, it being under-stood that the work will be carried out by either Messrs. Siemens or Messrs Belliss as may be arranged by the Electrical Engineer ; that the extension to supply No. 49, Clarence square and the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer with reference to the extension in Winchcomb street and to Leamington Place be approved and adopted, and the extensions referred to carried out, the other matters in the report being adjourned to the ordinary meeting of the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th day of September, 1895—Present ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler. (.Alderman Norman in the chair.)

7—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read, as follows :—

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY—SULPHUR.					
Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.	Date. Test at Gas Works.		Test at Corporation Testing Station.
Sept. 19 th 23rd 26th	16.15 candles 16.89 „ 16.30 „	15.65 candles. 16 24 16.20	Sept. 19th- 20th 23rd-24th	8.11 grains per 100 cubic feet 10.72	8.29 grains per 100 cubic feet. 10.81 “

8---Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.211 cubic feet.

9—Lamp Book—Produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 3 metered, 4 unmetered.

10—Report of Electrical Engineer —The Electrical Engineer reported that the Pittville and Lansdown extensions had been completed, and the supply to customers along the mains commenced. He recommended that the Electric Works be placed in connection with the Telephone Exchange, and that he be authorised to have one of his private rooms wired so that any failure of the light would be obvious to him when at home, and suggested the advisability of his rooms also being connected with the Telephone Exchange ; that specifications had been issued to, and tenders received for alternating current arc lamps and transformers for the same from the following firms, as follows, viz:—

Contractor.	Price of complete Trans- former and Naked lamp s. d.			Complete lamp			Time from Order to Delivery.	Remarks.
Siemens Bros. & Co, Crompton & Co.	12	10	0	11	0	0	12 in 6 weeks ; 8 per week afterwards 35 in 5 weeks remainder within 3 weeks more	Price including a small choking coil, value about 15s
General Electric Co.	10	5		11	0	0	6 to 7 weeks	
International Electric Co.	13	0	0	16	2	6	Part in 6. remainder in 10 weeks	
Johnson & Phillips	18	0	5	20	5	5	12 weeks	
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A. G. Sanders ..	12	15	0				As for Crompton & Co	Price with Crompton transformer
A. G. Sanders ..	12	12	6				As for the Brush Co.	Price with Brush transformer

Brush Electrical Engineering Co.	13	0	0	15	1	6*	30 in 6 weeks, remainder in 9 weeks	*Approximate only, but probably correct within 2s 6d
Brush Electrical Engineering Co.	12	15	0	14	6	6*		On condition that the whole of the street lighting gear, excepting only the Promenade arches, are bought from them.

upon which he would report after trial of some of the sample lamps and transformers which had been sent. Resolved, That consideration of the extension to the Belle Vue referred to in the report of the Electrical Engineer at the last meeting be further adjourned ; that the Town Clock be lighted by the electric light, at a cost not exceeding £25 per annum ; that the Telephone at the Destructor be moved to the Electric Station, and the Station connected with the Weigh Bridge Office by a private wire that the Electrical Engineer be authorised to have one of his private rooms wired and supplied with current, and that arrangements be made at the Fire Brigade Station for the Electrical Engineer to be fetched to the telephone there if he should be called up from the station.

11-Application by Gas Company for further Powers— With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 4th inst., Resolved, That the Directors of the Gas Company be thanked for the courtesy of their reply, and that they be requested to receive a Sub-Committee from this Committee to confer with them on the subject of the Company's intended application to Parliament.

12—Lighting of North Street - A Memorial from Mr. J. P. Bevan and others, calling attention to the insufficient lighting of North Street, was read. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the whole of the street lighting of the Promenade and High Street being under consideration, their application will be borne in mind in connection with it.

13—Poor Rate Assessment—With reference to Minute No. II of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd ult. a letter from Messrs. T. P. Hedley & Sons was read, stating that they had been instructed by the Cheltenham Union Assessment Committee to make a valuation of the Electric Lighting Works of the Corporation within the Union for poor rate purposes and requesting to be supplied with certain information specified therein. Resolved, That the Borough and Electrical Engineers be authorised to supply such of the information asked for as they might be able to.

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14—Insurance of Electric Station—With reference to Minute No 7 of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their last meeting a letter from Mr. L. Thomas, Resident Secretary at Bristol of the Law Union and Crown Insurance Office, was read, stating that his Office did not see their way to waive the condition as to the removal of the wood panels at the back of the switchboard. Resolved, To inform Mr. Thomas that the Committee cannot consent to the removal of the panels which are there for personal protection, but that they will have them lined with Asbestos or Vulcanite, whichever is preferred, if that will overcome the objection.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, 1895—Present :
Councillors Ll. Davies, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District rate—The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £13,349 5s. 3d. ; leaving outstanding £1,178 6s. 5 ½ d.

2-Water Rate — The report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £8,240 19s. 0d.; leaving outstanding £1,277 6s. 1d., and the charges for meter supplies to the 29th ulto. He also called attention to the fact that the arrears on this Rate, now amounting to £1,004 9s. 8d., were increasing continuously at the end of each half year.

3—Loans—The following amounts being required for the undermentioned purposes, it was Resolved, That the same be accordingly borrowed.

For repairing the Footpaths in the District late part of the Parish of Leckhampton..	£2000 0 0
Overdrawn Capital Account of the Public Library	£1350 0 0
On the Water Account for additional Filter Beds and Storage.	
and General Capital Expenditure	£5000 0 0
Electric Lighting Balance of £16,000 Loan	£ 300 0 0
For Works at the Barn Farm and erection of Cottages	<u>£ 810 0 0</u>
	£9460 0 0

Mr. R. Busswell having offered to lend the Corporation £400 at 2 7/8 ths per cent., and the County of Gloucester Bank having offered to lend the amount required at the same rate. Resolved, That £300 balance of the Electric Light Loan be borrowed from Mr. Busswell, and £100 on A/c of the Water Loan, and that the remainder of £9060 be borrowed from the County of Gloucester Bank, and that Debentures be sealed and issued for the amounts in question, repayable on 6 months notice in writing on either side, after the expiration of 12 months.

4-Accounts — The Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the past month and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and allowed, and the latter, amounting to £14,644 9s. 10d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following is the General Statement :—

In hand on the 27th August last	£3,780 17 0
Received since that date	£4,224 11 3
	£8,005 8 3
Paid since that date	<u>£3,253 13 9</u>
In hand	£4,751 14 6

EDWIN LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of September, 1892 — Present Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, and Parsonage; Baron de Ferrieres, Mr. H. Neale and Captain Welch. (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £50 7s. 1d. He also reported that the following gifts had been presented to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Bristol University College..	1 Vol.
Trustees of the British Museum ..	2 Vols. 5 Pamphlets
Sir Brook Kay, Bart. ..	2 Vols.
General Hamilton ..	6 Vols.
Board of Trade ..	1 Pamphlet
Mrs. de Courcy Laffan	2 Vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Walsall, Southwark, Southport and Willesden.

2— Sub-Committee's Report -The Sub-Committee recommended that a brass plate for the Buchanan Collection be obtained, drawing of which was submitted to the Library Committee, at a cost of 15s

That a Supplementary Catalogue be printed.

That the terms to non-residents for the use of the Lending Library be altered to 5s per year, 2s 6d per half-year, and 1s per month.

That the Magazine Room be kept open until 9 p.m. instead of 8 p.m., as a trial.

That the first Exhibition of Books be held in the Reference Library on Friday, October 11th, from 3 to 6 p.m.

That the Daily Chronicle be substituted for the Morning Post.

That an appeal be made to the Town Council for assistance or relief from some of the expenses incidental to the building.

Resolved, That the Supplementary Catalogue be printed and published as recommended, and that Advertisements be accepted for insertion at the end of it towards defraying the expense That as at present advised the Council have no power to grant the Library any further financial assistance than hitherto, but that further enquiries will be made from the places referred to by the Librarian as having received aid from their Town Councils, and that in other respects the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Contagion from circulation of Books—A letter from Mr George Henderson, of No. 2, Courtenay villas, St. Pauls, was read, calling attention to the danger of spreading infectious disease by the circulation of the books at the Library, also suggesting that the Daily Chronicle and Gloucestershire Chronicle should be substituted for one of the two Free Presses and Examiners respectively, which were then taken in at the Library, and that borrowers should not be allowed to turn down the leaves

of books at the corners. Resolved, That Mr. Henderson be informed that the Librarian receives from the Medical Officer of Health a list of houses in which there is infectious disease, and no books are issued to anyone living in them until all danger of infection is over.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£15 12 0
Cheltenham Town Council, Electric Lamps.	£ 8 2 9
W. Jones, Petty Cash ..	5 0 0
“ Expenses attending Conference of Librarians at Cardiff.. ..	£ 3 15 0
John W. Pink, Books .	£ 0 12 0
Gas Company, Gas ..	£ 0 5 5

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, 1895—Present: Councillors LI Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Councillor Parsonage in the chair—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved. That an Attendance Order for William Sallis be applied for and that Summonses be issued against the parents of the following children: Frances Ballinger, Carmel Gizzi and Julia Lawrence.

3 --Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 39 schools containing 1,453 names. Of this number 94 were accounted for by the teachers, 1,102 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 237 recently sent in.

4 –Deputation of Teachers—A letter from Mr. S. Weaver, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association, was read, asking if the School Attendance Committee would receive a deputation of Teachers at an early date, to discuss

1.—The advisability of raising the Standard of Exemption from Standard V. to Standard VI.

2 —The abolition of Half-time.

Resolved, To inform Mr. Weaver that the Committee will be happy to receive the deputation at their next meeting on the 23rd instant, at 4.30 o'clock.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, November 5th, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Saturday, 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.—Mr. Henry Higgins's application for a Pawnbroker's License. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. LIGHTING COMMITTEE.—And read Gas Inspector's Report. FINANCE COMMITTEE. TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
7. Notices of Motion.
8. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :— Mayor of Portsmouth and others re Rating of Government Property. Board of Trade re Regulations under Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888. Capt. Thompson and C. Winstone re Trees near Askham House. H. Harvey re Horses for Sale. J. Sawyer with Memorial re Allotments in East Ward. J. Walcroft re Wheel Chair License. Clerk to Staverton Parish Council re Paths on Corporation Sewage Farms. J. Alder re Wheel Chair License. John Ball re Hackney Carriage License. J. C. Hearn re Hackney Carriage License.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk., N.B.—Robes to be worn.

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 Saturday, the 9th day of November, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of October, 1896—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz. : Councillors Feeney, Heath, Parsonage, Lawrence, and Skillicorne

3—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a Hairdresser's sign pole over the shop front, and small sign pole on the Southern side of the shop entrance, had been fixed up over the pavement by Mr. Skinner, Hairdresser, No. 2 St. George's Street.

A letter from Mr. Skinner was read, apologising for having infringed the Bye-Laws, and requesting permission to allow the signs to remain. Resolved, To grant permission subject to the right of the Corporation to order their removal if and when they may think fit.

4—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways— The Borough Surveyor reported that the work which had been carried out in his Department during the period between the 30th September to the 18th inst., both inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone— Ambrose Street, 1648 super yards ; Swindon Road, 1060 super yards; Bath Road, 1188 super yards ; St. Margaret's Road, 1335 super yards ; Manchester Street, 308 super yards ; Leckhampton Road proceeding ; Grosvenor Street proceeding.

Patching—Arle Tank Road, St. Paul's Street South, Hatherley Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—St. Paul's Street North.

Patching—Naunton Crescent. Kerbing, Crossing and Flagging—High Street, Malvern Road, Western Road, North Street, St. Paul's Road, Pittville Circus Road, Clarence Street, Bath Street, New Street, Clarence Road, Prestbury Road.

Tariff Paths Repaired—Gloucester Road, Clarence Road, Montpellier Parade, Bath Terrace, Great Norwood Street, Upper Bath Street, Bath Road, St. Stephen's Road, Albion Street.

Trees had been cut down in the following streets in Moorend Park Road, and 1 in The Park near Tudor Lodge.

Trees Pruned—King's Road, All Saints Road, Pittville Circus, Hewlett Road, Bayshill Road, Prestbury Road, Pittville Estate.

New Gullies to replace defective ones--1 in the Old Tramway, 1 in Upper Bath Street, 2 in Upper Norwood Street.

Gullies Repaired—1 in Marle Hill Parade, 1 in the Park, 1 in St. Margaret's Road.

Street Improvements—Hermitage Street.

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Private Improvements—Roya Parade, St. George's Road (both proceeding), Naunton Park Road (finished).

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 469 ; Cart loads, 110 ; consumed at the Destructor, 504 tons 4 cwt.

5—Trees—Selkirk Street—Resolved, That the trees in this street be thinned out as pointed out to the Borough Surveyor. Glenarbuck Lodge--Resolved, That a misgrown tree in front of this house be cut down.

6 --Boarding in Gloucester Road —With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter from R. W. Miller & Co. was read, stating that the intention to put up the boarding was shown and duly marked on the Plan which was approved by the Council, but they would undertake so long as the boarding remains up not to erect any brick or mortar structure inside which would be of a permanent nature.

7-Advertisement Hoarding, London Road—With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 28th of January last a Memorial from William Phillips and others was read, calling attention to the fact that this hoarding had not been removed. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that Mr. Shenton has been requested to abate the nuisance but the Council have at present no power to compel him to do so, but they hope to obtain power to make a Byelaw prohibiting erections such as that complained of.

8—Surface Water Drainage in Street in front of St. Peter's Boys' School —A Letter from the Rev. E. Clapton the correspondent of St. Peter's Boys' School was read, complaining of the surface water collecting near the gate of this school Resolved That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put in a gully.

9—Cattle Water Trough at St. Mark's--With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter from the Rev. E. T. Griffiths was read, stating that the trough would be of grey granite and not of forest stone as stated in the Minute referred to.

10—Private Improvement Works, Ormond Villas —A Letter from Mr. F. H. Lane was read, complaining of the apportionment which had been made on him by the Surveyor in respect of the above works and submitting several points which he contended should have been taken into consideration in making the apportionment. Resolved, To inform Mr. Lane that the Committee fully and carefully considered all the points mentioned by him when the matter was before them at the time, and they see no reason to alter their decision, and moreover it is now too late to make any re-apportionment.

11—Trees in Naunton Park Road —A letter from Mr. Llewellyn Evans, of No. 2, Naunton Park Villas, was read, requesting the removal of the two trees at the end of Naunton Park Road on the side adjacent to his land, as they overshadow it and are detrimental to the crops on it. Resolved, To inform Mr. Evans that the Naunton Park Road being a private road the Council have no power to remove the trees.

12—Horse—A Letter from Mr. J. Gosling, Veterinary Surgeon of No. 1, Clarence Parade, giving particulars of a horse he had for sale, was read. Resolved, That subject to inspection by the Committee and examination by a Veterinary Surgeon, the Committee be empowered to purchase it if in their opinion the price is reasonable.

13—Grosvenor Place South—Resolved, To declare this street a Highway as soon all the Private Improvement Expenses have been paid.

14—Bennington Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to proceed with the erection of the dwarf wall in this street along the boundary of the Corporation property.

15—North Place Road—With reference to Minute No. 19 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from the Rev. W. Marshall Lennox, Secretary to the Trustees of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion was read, acknowledging the receipt of the Plan of the suggested improvement, and requesting to know what the Council proposed by way of making good the building, and what amount of financial compensation they offer his Trustees ; also a letter of the Town Clerk in reply, that the Council would no doubt consent to make good the building, but had not as yet offered any financial compensation. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved. The Borough Surveyor reported he had had an interview with Mr. Playle, the Chairman of the Building Committee of the Church on the subject. Resolved, That the matter be further adjourned pending negotiations.

16—Suffolk Parade—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the repairs requiring to be done to the pavements in this street by the abutting owners.

17—Building Plans-- The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
674	Mr. Paine	Bathroom, &c., at Springfield Lawn, The Park.
675	Mr. Dale	Two semi-detached houses in Moorend Road.
676	Mr. C. Haward	Alterations to St. Edmund's, Tivoli Road.
677	Mr. Boswell	Stables at the back of No. so, North Place (Mr. Chatter's Scheme).
678	Mr. G. H. Mills	New room at the Radical Club, No. 271, High Street.
679	Mr. Boswell	Covered yard in Trinity Lane.
680	Ditto	Stables at back of No. so, North Place (Mr. Hawkins' Scheme).
681	Mr. Bruce-Pryce	Additions to Stables, Abbeyholme, Overton Road.
682	Mr. Bullock-Webster	Additions to Canobie, Montpellier.

Resolved, That Nos 674, 681 and 682 be approved and the other Plans disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 9th day of October, 1895—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Griffith, Feeney, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee five cases of Scarlet Fever, three of Enteric Fever and one of Diphtheria, that the five cases of Scarlet Fever and one of the three cases of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was eleven, and that three of the Scarlet Fever cases had occurred in one house.

2--House without a Proper Water Supply—No. 3, Bayshill Lawn—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 9th inst., that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owner, requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3—Defective Drainage—No. 10, Victoria Terrace ; Nos. 47, 49, 51, and 51a, Fairview Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains and act as provided by the said section.

4—Overcrowding at No. 5, Angel Court, Mountpleasant—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance.

5-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 under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them 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 the penalties.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Report stating that the houses named therein were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

7 —Water Analyses by the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health reported that from the existence of so many shallow wells in the Borough a great many water analyses had been, and would continue to be, required, and which had brought him much extra labour for which he had received no pecuniary recompense, although he calculated his earnings for analyses during the last

three years amounted to several hundreds of pounds, and he submitted that in future he should be paid for all such extra work or that the work should be given to some other Analyst to do.

With reference to this matter a letter was read from the Local Government Board inclosing a copy of a letter that they had received from the Medical Officer of Health dated the 21st August last, asking their advice as to whether his duties included the making of water analyses, and a copy of their reply of the and inst. informing him that it is his duty to inform himself as to the character of the water supplies in his District, and for that purpose to use, where needful, the ordinary chemical tests for the purity of the water, that he is not required to make a quantitative analysis of the water, which, in the absence of any special management between the Council and himself, should be procured from an analytical chemist. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be deferred till the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Sewerage of No. 1 Drainage District—With reference to Minute No. 29 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 21st of August last, a letter from the Local Government Board was read, requesting to be furnished with plans, sections, and detailed estimates of the cost of the proposed works and with information as to the assessable value and debt for sanitary purposes of the Borough, and asking whether any sewers to be relaid were paid for out of loans any part of which was outstanding, in which case full particulars as to the present debt in respect of the works to be superseded should be furnished. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare the plans, sections, and estimates required, and that the Borough Accountant be instructed to furnish the Town Clerk with the information required.

9 —Re-Appointment of Medical Officer of Health—A letter from the Local Government Board of the 2nd inst., was read, sanctioning the re-appointment of Dr. Garrett as Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Cheltenham, from the 2nd of September, 1895, to the 1st of September, 1898, inclusive, with a salary at the rate of £500 per annum.

10—Alleged Incivility of Assistants of the Medical Officer of Health—With reference to a remark made by Councillor Margrett at the last meeting of the Council, that he had received a complaint of incivility of some or one of the Assistants of the Medical Officer of Health on calling at a house to inspect the state of the drainage, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Councillor Margrett to request him to furnish the Committee with definite particulars of the alleged incivility so that the Committee may be able to enquire into the matter.

11—Sewage Irrigation—With reference to Minute No. 36 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported he had not yet seen all the Memorialists Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of the matter to enable him to do so.

12-Leigh Brook —With reference to Minute No. 33 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that on inspection he found that there were no weeds in the brook, but that it had been dammed back in places with wooden structures below the portion of the stream belonging to the Corporation. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Nelson, Barr & Nelson.

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13—Non-notification of supposed Enteric Fever case—With reference to a letter written by the Town Clerk to Dr. Prance to enquire why a case of Enteric Fever, which he had certified to the

Corporation Sick Benefit Society as being an illness from which a Corporation employee at the Electric Works was suffering from, had not been notified to the Medical Officer of Health, a letter from Dr. Prance of the 2nd inst. in reply was read, stating that when he first examined the man he told him he might be mistaken and had marked the certificate with queries to indicate this, and that on a further examination he found he was so mistaken, and that the man would start work again on the following Saturday.

14—Sewer Ventilating Shafts, Moorend Road—A letter from Mr. Nathaniel Smith was read, enclosing copy of an undertaking which had been given him by the late Leckhampton Local Board, in case at any time two sewer ventilating shafts, which had been erected on his property in the Moorend Road should prove a nuisance to remove the same at his request, and requesting the Corporation to give him a similar undertaking to remove them if they should prove a nuisance, or if for other reasons he should require them removed, and in the meantime to pay him 2s a year as rent charge for the easement. Resolved, That the undertaking be given and the rent charge of 2s per annum be paid.

15---No. 13, Great Western Road—With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 4th ultimo, a letter from Mr. Edmund H. Daniells was read, stating that it was owing to the brickwork being substituted for 9' that the arch of the sewer had to be re-built. That before a sod of earth was removed he had an assurance from Mr. Rowland, an assistant of the Borough Surveyor, that any damage done to the house should be put right, and that when the wing began to settle Mr. Rowland had it propped up, and that under these circumstances, unless terms were come to with him, he should be compelled to take legal proceedings to recover the amount of the damage. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do prepare and bring up a written report to enable the Town Clerk to advise the Committee thereon.

16—Smoke Nuisance from Chimney of George's Limited at rear of Colonnade —A letter from Messrs. Olive & Olive was read, complaining of a nuisance caused by smoke arising from the chimney above-mentioned. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Manager calling attention to the nuisance, and requesting its abatement.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 16th day of October, 1895—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Moles, Parsonage and Griffith (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

17 —Zymotic Disease- - The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, three cases of Scarlet Fever, two cases of Typhoid Fever, and one of Diphtheria ; that the three cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases there sent in by the Corporation was thirteen.

18—Defective Drainage— The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c on or belonging to No. 1, Linton Villas, Moorend Terrace, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That

authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains and act as provided by the said section.

19—Sewer in St. Paul's Street, South—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this sewer had been blocked two or three times recently, and that the drains of No. 14, St. Paul's street, South, had been found to be defective. Resolved, That the Surveyor do what is necessary to the sewer, and that action as provided by Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be taken with respect to the drains of No. 04, St. Paul's street, South.

20—Defective Urinal, &c., at Baker's Arms, High Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that the urinal, &c. and drainage at the Baker's Arms, High Street, were a nuisance and required amendment. Resolved, That notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier of the said premises requiring them to abate the said nuisance, and do such things as might be necessary for that purpose.

21— Overcrowding at No. 8, Pantile Row—The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 8, Pantile Row was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates of the said house. Resolved, That notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier of the said premises, requiring them to abate the nuisance.

22—The Rookery, Crove Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a part of this house, the owner of which had had notice to close the same until the same had been rendered habitable, was being occupied again, although there is no water supply yet provided and various other necessary works the owner had been required to do were only partly finished. Resolved, That proceedings be taken under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, and Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to close the said house and enforce compliance with the notice given.

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23 —Enteric Fever at No. 4, New Street Place—With reference to Minute No. 30 of the proceedings of this Committee, on the 25th of September last, letters were read from Dr. Mouat Biggs stating that as the fever was contracted in Birmingham he had not thought it necessary to notify it, and was in ignorance of the provisions of the Act on that point. The Medical Officer of Health reported that Dr. Mouat Biggs had now notified the case. Letters also were read from the Secretary to the General Hospital stating that the reason the House Surgeon had not notified the case was because he had presumed that Dr. Mouat Biggs had already done so, but that instructions had now been given to the House Surgeon to notify all cases of Enteric Fever received into the Hospital ; to which the Town Clerk had replied that of course there was no need to notify cases sent into the Hospital on the order of the Medical Officer of Health, and that, also. a difficulty might arise with regard to the notification fee, as the Council only paid for the first notification of a case. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

24—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 requiring them 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.

25—Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles— The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses which had not proper Ashpits or Ash Receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

26 - No 8, Gloucester Crescent—Chinnick- -A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Chinnick, the occupier of No. 8. Gloucester Crescent calling the Committee's attention to the great trouble and expense he had been put to owing to the illness of his wife and son with typhoid fever, occasioned as he was given to understand by the blocking of the public sewer, and expressing the hope that the Committee would refund him the amount of the Doctor's bill, &c., amounting to £12 15s. 10d... Resolved, That the Committee regret that they are unable to entertain the application as the works, the defective execution of which is complained of, were done by the owner, to whom Mr. Chinnick should apply.

27—Delancey Hospital—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Counterpart Agreement for representation of the Council on the Delancey Hospital Trust, and the original executed by the Trustees. Resolved, That the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Counterpart. A letter from Messrs. Winterbotham & Gurney was read, enclosing draft of Agreement for treatment of patients, and stating that the treatment of patients suffering from diphtheria had been excepted because they understood the Medical Officer of Health held a strong opinion that they should not be treated in the new block in the wards adjacent to those used for typhoid, and that, although some of the medical members of the Trust thought this could be done with safety, the Trustees would not take the responsibility of doing so. Resolved, That the Committee think that the agreement should include the treatment of patients suffering from diphtheria.

28—Analyses of Water by Medical Officer of Health —With reference to Minute No. 7 of the meeting of the Committee on the 9th inst., the Chairman read a statement on the subject which he had prepared. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write therewith and thereon to the Local Government Board.

29— Barn Farm Loan - The Town Clerk reported that when applying for sanction to the loan required for the cottages to be erected at the Barn Farm he had asked the Board to equate the loan with that of £550, the sanction for which had already been issued, and issue a fresh sanction for the total amount required, viz. :—£830, and he read a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing sanction to a loan of £830 as requested

30—Land near Barn Farm—Holder—With reference to Minute 32 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of September last, a letter was read from Messrs. Brookes and Badham stating that their client would take £130 for the land in question, acts of husbandry to be paid for by valuation. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration as the Committee are not quite clear which is the piece of land offered as there is a discrepancy between the area as measured by the Borough Surveyor and the measurement given by Messrs. Brookes and Badham.

31—St. Alban's House—A Letter was read from Mr. H. A. King, the occupier of this house, complaining of a nuisance arising (as he alleged) from defective drainage on the adjoining premises, and which still continued; together with a reply from the Town Clerk that the nuisance complained of arose from a burst water pipe which had been long since remedied. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

32—Alleged Incivility on the part of Officials of Health Department—The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Councillor Margrett, as directed by the Committee at their last meeting, but that no reply had yet been received.

33—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 the drainage was concerned, except that of Mr. C. Haward, for alterations to St. Edmund's, Tivoli Road, which was not approved, the w.c. being entirely inside the house.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of October, 1895— Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the sanction of the Local Government Board to the loan had not yet been received although he had written several times for it, and that the Title and Draft Conveyance had not yet been approved and settled through delay on the part of the Vendors.

2-Promenade Improvement, No, 2—The Town Clerk reported that he had had an interview with the members of the Firm of Engall, Cox & Co., and had sent them the plan of the proposed improvement which they had promised to lay before the owners of the property, the Trustees of the late Mr. Sanders and of the late Mr. Cox.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th day of October, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors LI. Davies and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair.)—

1—Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Water Engineer, for the previous month, was read:—He reported that on the 16th inst., the supply from Hewletts and Northfield

Springs was 58 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 58 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 20,034,915 gallons.

That on the 11th instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 15 feet 9 inches, and the contents 29,555,187 Gallons, which gave a total of 49,590,102 Gallons or about to days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 157,310 gallons.

That the extension to Swindon Village was finished, and also the one to Sinton Lawn, Hatherley.

That the extension for the supply to Hayden Hill was in hand, and a length of about 2,400 ft. had been laid.

That an application had been received for an extension at Hatherley to supply Alma House and three other houses, and the Owners would guarantee the statutory return on the outlay.

That the Plans for the new works at Dowdeswell had been sent to Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, and he expected them to start the work the next week.

2—Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1878—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to include in the proposed Provisional Order an Amendment of Sec. 42 of the Cheltenham Water Act of 1878, so as to enable the Corporation to dispose of the surplus income from the water undertaking in the same manner as is provided by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, with respect to the surplus of the Borough Fund, or as provided by Sec. 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

3—Water Supply to Northway House —A letter from Mr. J. C. Steward of Northway House, near Tewkesbury, requesting permission to obtain water for his house from the Midland Railway at Ashchurch in case of need was read, and referred to the Water Engineer to report upon.

4—Land at the Mythe—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of July last, a letter from Mr. Roberts with which he enclosed a notice of his intention to deliver up possession of the land at the Mythe, Tewkesbury, which he holds as tenant of the Corporation, on the 24th December next, was read, regretting having to give up his tenancy as it was impossible for him to retain it owing to the refusal of the Council to reduce the rent and make him an allowance for the injury done by the extension of their works. Resolved, To acknowledge the receipt of the notice, and to inform Mr. Roberts that the Council decline to allow any abatement or compensation other than as indicated in the Report of the Water Engineer set out in the above-mentioned Minute.

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5—Water Supply to St. Peter's Schools—A letter from Mr. A. H. Nott, Hon, Treasurer of St. Peter's Schools, was read, requesting that the amount charged for the water supply to the above schools might be reduced on the ground that a very large increase of water had passed through the meter owing to a waste occasioned by a burst pipe, which was unknown to the Directors or the School Master as it was underground, and showed no sign above ground, and suggesting that an this waste was not caused through neglect the charge should be at the same rate as in the previous year. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to make any reduction as it appears that the waste was from the service pipe, and due to neglect on the part of the Directors or their servants,

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

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of October, 1896—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Ll. Davies and Dimmer, (The Mayor in the chair)

7—Tewkesbury Water Supply--A Letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, of date the 21st inst. in reply to the Town Clerk's Letters, was read, and draft of the proposed reply thereto. Resolved, That an offer be made to the Corporation of Tewkesbury to divide the charges for meter rents equally between the respective Corporations provided the offer of this Corporation made in respect of Mr. Grove's properties is accepted, and that in other respects the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

8—Ashchurch—Water Supply at—A Report from the Borough Surveyor on the cost of altering the position of the meter supplying the Midland Co. at Ashchurch, and of laying down new mains from the gin main for additional supply of water to the Midland Co. and other consumers at Ashchurch, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised to remove the meter at the Midland Station in Tewkesbury to a position outside the Borough boundary, and that the further consideration of his report be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of October, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Col, Rogers; Councillors Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Alderman Col. Rogers in the chair)—

1 --Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Col. Rogers was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Report of the Superintendent of Police—Superintendent McRae reported that Swine Fever had broken out on the premises of Mr. Joseph Bullock, No. 7, Marsh Lane, and of Mr. James Hathaway, No. 5, Marsh Lane on the 7th instant, and that three pigs died, that he at once telegraphed information of the outbreak to the Agriculture Department and served Form A upon the above-named, and Form B upon 18 others having pigs in the neighbourhood of the outbreak, and otherwise complied with the Swine Fever Order of 1894. Resolved, To declare the area an infected area, and that the Town Clerk do apply to the Agriculture Department to authorise the destruction of carcasses at the Destructor.

3 —Drivers' Licenses— An application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License was received from Edward Timbrell, 26, Burton street. Resolved, That the application be granted.

John Beamish --In accordance with the resolution of the Town Council of date the 3rd June, 1889, the Street Inspector reported that the licensed Hackney Carriage Driver, John Beamish, had been twice convicted within twelve months of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws, viz., on the 19th of September last, and on the 3rd of October instant, both for plying for hire with an unlicensed carriage.

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4 --Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter from Mr. James Davies was read, stating that he had disposed of the business hitherto carried on by him at Painswick Mews, to Mr. Fryer, of Park Mews, and requesting the Committee to transfer his carriage stand license for vehicle No. 84 to Mr. Fryer, and a letter from Mr. Fryer to the same effect was read; also a letter from Mr. Robert Thornhill, of Beaufort house, London road, stating that he had purchased the full-licensed pony carriage at Mr. Robert Fowles' Sale and requesting the Committee to transfer the license of the same to him; also a letter from Hannah Davis, the widow of C. Davis, of Oxford Mews, Corpus street, London road, requesting the Committee to transfer to her the license held by her late husband who died on the 9th inst. Resolved, That the applications of Davies, Fryer and Thornhill be refused, and that the application of Mrs. Davis be granted, subject to her being the Executrix of her late husband or Administratrix of his effects.

5 --Pawnbroker's License—A letter from Mr. Arthur Lamb, solicitor, was read, enclosing copy of a notice signed by Mr. Henry Higgins, of the Catholic Repository, Manchester street, Cheltenham, addressed to Mr. Snowsell, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Cheltenham, and to Mr. McRae, the Superintendent of Police, stating that he (Mr. Higgins) intended to apply on the 9th of November next to the District Council of the Urban District of the Borough of Cheltenham, for a certificate authorising the grant to him of an excise license to carry on the business of a pawnbroker at No. 326, High Street. Resolved, That in the absence of evidence of good character and otherwise, as provided by Sec. 43 of 35 & 36 Vic., c. 93, the Committee are not prepared to make any recommendation.

6-Finance Committee of the Standing Joint Committee of the County—A letter from Alderman Col. Thoyts was read, requesting to be relieved of his duties as one of the two representatives of the Council on the above-named Committee. Resolved, That while thanking Alderman Col. Thoyts for his past services and regretting that he is unable to act any longer as such representative as aforesaid, the Committee recommend the Council to appoint Councillor Parsonage in his place as their representative with the Mayor for the time being of the Council on the above-mentioned Finance Committee

R. ROGERS, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th day of October, 1895— Present Councillors Dighton, Heath, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1—Alstone Swimming Bath —The usual Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read. Number of bathers since the commencement of the season up to the 12th inst., on which date the Baths were closed, was 17,245. Fees received £148 19s. 7d.

F. F. WHEELER, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of October, 1895 —Present Councillors M. Davis, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

1— Rector's Fees—The arrangement existing between the Rector and the Burial Board being in force only during the incumbency of the present Rector, which it was understood would expire at the end of November next, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do put himself into communication with the Rev. Canon Bell on the subject.

2 —Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Joseph Pearce, Frederick Ludwig Mathews, Catherine Hughes Fleming, James Webb,)Eliza Sims, Job Bubb and Elizabeth Ann Bailey.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£10 17 0
John Fisher, repairing Shears	£ 0 3 6
W. Field & Son, Sweeping Office Chimney	£ 0 1 1

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of October, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, H. Waghorne, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1--Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that he had received a tender from Messrs. Siemens Bros. & Co., Limited, for a new Switchboard at an inclusive price of £165 fixed and connected up complete, which comprises panels for to machines, 3 of which will be occupied by the gear of the present machines, and one will be fitted with the gear for the new 100 Kilowatt Steam Alternator, the remaining six being supplied bare will be available for future extensions ; also that they quoted for a Regulating Resistance for the new machine at £2 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the tenders of Messrs. Siemens for the Switchboard and Regulating Resistance at a total cost of £177 10s. 0d. be accepted.

2-Street Gas Lighting—Resolved, That a Guildhall Lamp be fixed in Regent Street at the junction with Ormond Place, and that the Street and Highway Committee be requested to fix the position, and also the positions at which the remaining Guildhall Lamps which have been obtained for the upper portion of the High Street. which will not now be required there, and those that will be removed from the High Street and Promenade shall from time to time be fixed.

3—Gas Company's Application to Parliament—Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman, and Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, and Parsonage, be constituted to meet and confer with the Directors of the Gas Company. if the latter are so disposed, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to engage and retain an expert to advise the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th day of October, 1895—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Lawrence, and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

4-Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows was read :—
ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY—SULPHUR.

Date. Test at Gas Works. Test at Corporation Date. Test at Gas Works. Test at Corporation
Testing Station. Testing Station.

Oct.		Testing Station.	Oct.		Testing Station.
2nd	15.86 candles	15.80 candles.	15th-16th	9.06 grains	9.59 grains
8th	16.46 “	16.05 “		per 100 cubic feet.	per 100 cubic feet.

5—Volt Meter—The Electrical Engineer having suggested the erection of a Volt Meter at the Testing Station in Manchester Street and reported that he could transfer one from the Central Station at a cost of about £10 including fixing and the necessary lights in the testing room. Resolved, That this be done.

6—St. Andrew's Church and Lecture Hall—Letters from Mr. Chas. Wilson asking if the Committee would be prepared to light the new Lecture Hall at St. Andrew's Church and the Church itself at the same cost as was expended in lighting the Central Hall and St. Andrew's Church by gas on an average of four years, were read. Resolved, That the matter be left for the Chairman and the Electrical Engineer to report upon, but that the Committee do not think that they can entertain the proposal as it would be taken as a precedent.

7 — Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer resorted that he was not yet prepared to report on the tenders for arc lamps and transformers, as the tests were not yet complete and it had been necessary to obtain modified tenders for the transformers ; that a length of cable developed a serious fault on the rah instant by which a total interruption of supply to Alpha House had occurred, no other customer, however, being affected, which was due to some defect in manufacture, but that he had no doubt that the whole cost of making the cable good would be recovered from the Contractors. He also reported that Messrs. Crompton & Co., Ltd., were considerably overdue in delivering the transformers on order, which was causing considerable inconvenience; that he had obtained a price for substituting plate glass for the wood panels at the backs of the switchboards, £3 6s. for the three feeder boards, that the cost of covering with ebonite would be about the same, plate glass, however, being preferable. He considered that it was very advisable, in order to economise labour and time and to minimise personal risk and liability to break down, that all the substations should be connected by telephone to the Manchester Street Sub Station at an estimated cost of £100 to £110 if laid down simultaneously with the street lighting cables. Resolved, That plate glass be substituted for wood at the backs of the switchboards as suggested; that that an order provisional upon the consent of the Local Government being obtained to the further loan of £10,000 be given for the length of cable required for the extension from Cambray to the Belle Vue ; and that telephone wires be laid down with all new cables between the Manchester Street Sub-station and the other Sub-stations.

8—Additional Lamp in Regent Street—Resolved, That one additional Guildhall Lamp be placed in Regent Street in a position to be settled by the Street and Highway Committee.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, 1895—Present : Alderman Col. Rogers; Councillors Ll. Davies, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1— Rates Collection—The Borough Accountant reported that of the Rates outstanding at the last meeting of the Committee the following sums had been received and paid into the Bank—General District Rate £66, Water Rate £346 05. 4d.

2- Staff in Town Clerk's Department— Resolved, That the salaries of the Clerks in the Town Clerk's Department be revised and fixed as follows Mr. Jenkins's salary to be 30s. per week, and Mr. Loveridge's 15s. per week.

3 —Repayment of Loans from Public Works Loan Board—In reply to a letter from the Town Clerk enquiring if the Board were prepared to receive payment of the balances of their Loans, a Letter from the Board was read informing him that they were not at the present time prepared to accept payment and that the whole subject was then under the consideration of the Treasury.

4—Winter Garden Loan—A Letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing the Board's formal sanction to the borrowing of the sum of £12,500 for the purchase of the Winter Garden, repayable in 43 years, was read.

5—Loans—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a Letter from the Sub-Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank was read, requesting that the Debentures which were to be handed to them for the £7710, which it was decided should be borrowed from them at 2 7/8 per cent., might be prepared in three bonds of £2000 each, one of £1,000 and the balance in one for £710, to be registered in the names of Col. W. Agg, F. A. Hyett, Esq., and J.T. Stanton, Esq., also requesting to know if the Corporation intended to avail themselves further of the offer of the Bank to lend to the Corporation to the extent of £25,000 at 2 7/8 per cent., or only to the extent of another £1,350 ; also a Letter from the Town Clerk in reply agreeing to the Debentures being made out in manner requested and informing the Sub-Manager that the question of further Loans would be laid before this Committee at its next meeting. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and the further consideration of the Manager's Letter be adjourned.

6—Accounts— The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and allowed, and the latter, amounting to £4,357 6s. 7d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following is the General Statement :—

In hand on the 1st of October inst.	£ 4,751 14 6
Received since that date	£ <u>4,625 18 3</u>
	£ 9,380 12 9
Paid since that date	£ <u>13,700 8 8</u>
Overdrawn	£ 4,319 15

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of October, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, and Skillicorne (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1- Technical Education Grant —From a letter from Mr. Colchester Wemyss to the Chairman, it appearing that the amount to be received from the County Council would, in consequence of a reduction in the amount received from the Government, be between £40 and £50 less than was paid to this Borough last year, the amount received last year being £900, Resolved, That the £600 already received be apportioned and divided, as follows, on the basis of the amounts apportioned last year, any necessary adjustment being made when the balance to be paid has been received, that is to say:—

To the Science Department of the Grammar School, and School of Science	£300
To the School of Art	£130
To the School of Cookery	£ 65
To the Public Library	£ 65
To the School of Art at Charlton Kings	£ <u>20</u>
	£580

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th day of October, 1895 — Present : Councillors LI. Davies, Feeney, Parsonage and Skillicorne ; Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. H. Neale (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £9. 4s. 11d. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Baron de Ferrieres	5 vols. 2 pamphlets
J. Paton ..	2 vols.
Mather & Crowther.	1 vol.
Cobden Club ..	pamphlets
London University ..	1 vol.
Trustees of the British Museum	3 pamphlets
Annual Reports from the Libraries at Hammersmith and Kidderminster.	

The Librarian also reported that the first Exhibition of Books which took place on the 11th instant was a thoroughly successful one, it being estimated that over 1,000 persons attended. Resolved, That this Committee desires to record its thanks to the Librarian for suggesting and arranging the

Exhibition ; and That an Exhibition of Pamphlets, Books, &c. relating to Gloucestershire be held on the 15th November next at the Library, as suggested by the Librarian.

2 —Funds available for Library purposes--The Town Clerk presented the following Report, viz:-

“To the Public Library Committee.

Having several times been questioned as to the poorer of the Council to assist the Public Library out of Funds other than the 1d. rate, I beg to report to you as follows :—

I have examined the List of Towns furnished by the Public Librarian, the Town Councils of which have assisted the Library from the Borough Fund or sources other than the Library Rate.

I find that in all the cases the Councils have either given the sites of the Libraries or let them at a nominal rent or have made them grants from funds such as Water and Gas profits, surplus of the Borough Fund, &c., which they had a right to dispose of for the public benefit or from the funds applicable to the Technical Education Grants. The Council had no site or building at the time of the establishment of the Library to appropriate or let, and the site and buildings having been purchased and paid for out of money borrowed for the purchase, the Council cannot now give any site or let any buildings. The Council have at present no power to apply any portion of the profit arising from the Water undertaking and could only do so if Section 42 of the Corporation Water Act, 1878, were amended. There is no surplus of the Borough Fund and it is extremely doubtful if the surplus of the Borough Fund which arises from the Borough Rate is a surplus of the Borough Fund within Sec. 143 of the M. C. Act, 1882, which authorises the application of a surplus of the Borough Fund to the public benefit of the inhabitants and improvement of the Borough. Sir George Johnson in his edition of "Arnold" says that it seems it cannot be safely so treated and quotes cases in support of his view. With regard to the funds applicable to Technical Education some portion of them are granted to the Library, but probably these cannot be looked to for any increase of the Grant unless the County Council determined to apply the whole of the License duties thereto.

Then there only remains the fund of ½ d. in the 4 under sec. 59 of the Improvement Act of 1889, and that is only too little for the purposes to which it has hitherto been applied."

He also mentioned that at a meeting of the Water Committee held on the previous day that Committee had passed a resolution recommending the Council to include in the application for a provisional Order about to be made that Sec. 42 of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1878, might be amended so that the Council would have power to devote any surplus income on the Water Undertaking in the same manner as is provided by the Municipal Corporations Act with respect to the surplus of the Borough Fund or to any purpose mentioned in Section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, i.e., any purpose or purposes of a public nature which the Corporation may consider will be for the benefit and advantage of that Borough. Resolved, That this Committee concur in the Resolution of the Water Committee which they hope will be approved by the Council, but in the meantime they would express the hope that the Council may see their way to make them a temporary grant out of the 1d. rate under Sec. 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

3--Library Capital Account—The Chairman having drawn the attention of the Committee to the Resolution of the Finance Committee, approved by the Council at its last meeting, that the £1,350 be

borrowed to pay off the amount overdrawn on the Library Capital Account, Resolved, That this Committee regrets the decision of the Finance Committee and thinks that the Council cannot have realised the position in which it places the Library Committee, and hopes that the understanding come to and assurances given when the matter was previously before the Council will be adhered to.

4—Leckhampton Reading Room—A letter from the Rev. Clifford Ashton, Curate in charge at Leckhampton, asking that the use of the Leckhampton Reading Room for a Sewing Class on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4, should be continued to him, was read Resolved, That the use of the Room be still granted as requested.

5—National Protestant Church Union—A letter from Mr. T. E. Rickerby, offering on behalf of the above Society, to present a copy of " The News " every week to the Library if the Committee would accept the same, was read. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

6—Meeting of Library Association at Cardiff—The Librarian read a report on points of interest in connection with the proceedings of the Association at their meeting at Cardiff which he had attended.

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

W. Jones, Wages' Account	£19 10 0
G. H. Wynn, Fittings	£ 0 13 6
" Inscription Plate " Buchanan Collection "	£ 0 15 0
Subscription to " Gloucestershire Notes and Queries"	£ 0 5 6
R. E. & C. Marshall, Repairs, &c.	£ 0 16 9
F. A. Hyett, Books	£ 1 0 0
J. J. Banks, Books	£ 1 5 9
" Newspapers	£12 16 9
" Magazines	£ 3 3 4
" Newspapers (Leckhampton)	£ 1 15 9
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, &c.	£12 7 6
C. Westley, Newspapers (Leckhampton)	£ 1 16 9

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of October, 1895—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Col. Rogers and Drew ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Col Rogers 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 Ernest

Morton, Robert Ward, Rose Gould, William Wiggall, and William Bishop ; but in the cases of Robert Ward and William Wiggall only if their attendances for the next fortnight do not show satisfactory improvement.

2 —Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the Attendance Officers were read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 26 schools containing 511 names, these and the balance of 257 left to visit at the end of last month made a total of 768. Of this number 24 were accounted for by the teachers, 548 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 186 recently sent in.

Julia Lawrence—With reference to this case in which action had been taken for breach of an Attendance Order, the Attendance Officers reported that the Justices had postponed making an Order to send the child to an Industrial School pending a guarantee being obtained for payment of 2s a week, which would be required towards maintaining the child at the School. Resolved, To recommend the Council to guarantee the payment.

3--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 Committee, viz.: Mr. J. P. Cook, St. Luke's Schools (President). Mr. McFee, St. Paul's Practising School. Mr. Frederick Sheppard, Trinity Schools. Mr. A. G. Wheeler, St. Peter's Schools. Mr. Chas. Hayward, British Schools, and Mr. S. Weaver, St. John's Schools.

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 raising the Standard for total exemption to the sixth instead of the fifth, and abolishing Half-time Certificates altogether.

Members of the Deputation having spoken in support of their views, the further consideration of the subject was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Sir,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 14th November, 1895.

In pursuance of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the 35th and 36th years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled " an Act to authorise the application of Funds of Municipal Corporations and other Governing Bodies in certain cases," you are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 18th day of November instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes or some of them, viz. ..—For the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety and expediency of promoting, in the ensuing Session of Parliament, a Bill for enabling the Corporation of this Borough to Purchase by compulsion or agreement the undertaking of the Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company, and for enabling the said Gas Light and Coke Company to sell and transfer to the said Corporation their undertaking, and for other purposes incidental to such purchase, sale, and

transfer; for the purpose of considering the propriety and expediency of opposing a Bill intended to be promoted in the ensuing Session of Parliament by the said Gas Company for further powers ; and for the purpose of charging the expenses of such promotion and opposition on the Borough Fund and Rate or other funds and rates under the control of the said Corporation.

Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Lighting Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 18th day of November, 1895.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 4th day of November, 1895—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, H. Waghorne, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Gas Company—A letter from Messrs. F. & W. Griffiths, Clerks to the Gas Company, in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk asking for an appointment for a conference between the Directors of the Gas Company and the Sub-Committee appointed at the meeting of this Committee held on the 14th of October, stating that it would be better to wait until the Company's Bill is printed, was read. Also a further letter from them in reply to an enquiry from the Town Clerk as to when the Bill would be printed, stating that notices for the Company's Bill would be published in about a fortnight's time, and that in the following month of December the Bill would be printed.

Mr. E. H. Stevenson, M. Inst. C.E., F.S.I., the Gas Engineer retained by the Town Clerk to advise the Corporation in the matter of the intended application of the Gas Company to Parliament, attended this meeting of the Committee. It was arranged that Mr. Stevenson should make a written report to this Committee, and the Town Clerk was directed to request the Mayor to convene a meeting of the Council, under Sec. 4 of the Borough Funds Act, for the purpose of considering the Promotion of a Bill in the next Session of Parliament for the purchase of the Gas undertaking of the Company, and the opposition to the Company's Bill in sufficient time to enable the necessary notices for the Bill to be given if so decided.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Wethered ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

2- Chairman — Resolved, That Alderman Norman be re-appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year:

3—Gas Company's Application to Parliament —The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a Report received from Mr. Stevenson of his Firm, and the same having been read and considered. Resolved, That the following report be presented at the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 18th inst., to consider the question of promotion of a Bill for the purchase of the Gas Company's undertaking, and of opposing the Gas Company's Bill.

The Gas Company having informed your Committee in response to an enquiry as to whether it was the intention of the

Company to apply to Parliament in the next Session of Parliament for further powers, that such is their intention, and you having authorised the Town Clerk to retain the services of some eminent Gas Engineer on behalf of the Corporation, he accordingly retained Mr. E. H. Stevenson, M.I.C.E. & F.S.I., the senior member of the Firm of Stevenson & Burstal, Gas Engineers. Mr. Stevenson, at the request of the Town Clerk, attended a meeting of your Committee held on the 4th inst., and after discussion of the subject of the Company's intended application to Parliament, and the purchase of the Company's undertaking by the Corporation, he was requested to furnish a written Report to your Committee. This, Mr. Stevenson's Firm have now done and the substantial and important portions of such Report which is a lengthy one will be sent to the Members of the Council before Monday next. This Report, with the Report of the Town Clerk made to this Committee in October last, and of which a copy has already been sent to each Member of the Council will give to the Members all the facts necessary for a full consideration of the subject

It will be seen that Mr Stevenson strongly advises the purchase by the Corporation of the Company's undertaking, and he shews that such purchase, while it is one which is not at all likely to involve the Corporation in any loss, is one in which the prospect of a present profit with a considerable increase thereof in the future in aid of the Rates and benefit to the Ratepayers generally may reasonably be expected, having regard to the number of uses to which Gas is now and will continue to be in an increasing ratio applied, and that the purchase will prove to be a perfectly safe and profitable investment. Seeing that Notices for a Bill must be published in the Local Papers on or before the 20th inst. at the latest, your Committee have requested the Mayor to convene a Special Meeting of the Council under Section 4 of the Borough Funds Act, and that Meeting has been fixed for the 18th inst. Your Committee having given full consideration to the several Reports, to the lessons of the past, and the circumstances of the present have no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that the Policy of Purchase is the proper one in the best interest of the Town to adopt, and they therefore recommend that Notices be given for a Bill accordingly, and that it be promoted and the Company's Bill be opposed in due course. At the same time your Committee think it would be well if possible to come to an agreement with the Company as to the terms of purchase, and as that is a matter for which it is unnecessary to await the printing of their Bill your Committee intend to make a further application to the Company for a Conference on this point, but it must be observed that it is contrary to Parliamentary practice at present to insert in Companies' Bills on an opposition purchase clauses, and that even if terms of purchase be agreed on between the Company and the Corporation it will still be necessary to promote a Bill for the purpose of giving effect to any agreement.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

Report of the Town Clerk to the Lighting Committee of the Town Council upon the Gas Company's proposed Application to Parliament for further powers.

The Gas Company being about to apply to Parliament for powers to raise further Capital and other purposes, it may assist the Council in considering such application and the course to be taken in reference thereto if I shortly recapitulate the action which has been taken in the past by the Company and the Governing Body of the Town for the time being in relation to the gas supply of the Town.

Cheltenham was one of the first towns in the provinces to introduce the then new illuminant and the first Cheltenham Gas Act was passed in the 59th year of Geo. III., and is dated 6th April, 1819. A Company was incorporated by this Act and styled the " Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company," with power to light by Gas the Town within the limits thereof as fixed by the then Town Commissioners. The amount of Capital authorised to be raised by this Act was £15,000, to be issued in £50 shares, with power to raise a further capital of £10,000. No limit was placed by this Act on the Dividends to be paid on the Capital, but a limit was placed on the charges for lamps varying according to the size and class of them and the time of burning, and on the charge for public lamps for a period of eight years.

The whole of the Capital authorised by this Act, viz., £25,000 was raised by the issue of 300 Shares of £50 each, 300 Shares of £2 10s. each, 341 Shares of £16 13s. 4d. each, and 136 Shares of £4 3s. 4d. each.

The above Act was repealed by " The Cheltenham Gas Act, 1856." By this Act the limits of supply were extended to the whole parish of Cheltenham and the parishes of Leckhampton, Prestbury, Charlton Kings and Swindon. The Capital of the Company was fixed at £75,000, £25,000 thereof to be Capital Stock, and the residue Share Capital. The Capital Stock, called Cheltenham Gas Original Stock," was to belong to the holders of the original shares, i.e., to be substituted for such shares, and the remainder of £50,000, called " Cheltenham Gas New Stock," was to be raised by the issue of new shares. The Dividends on the Original Stock were limited to £10 per cent. per annum, and those on the " New " Stock to £7 10s.

The borrowing powers were fixed at £17,500. The maximum price of gas was not to exceed 5s. per 1,000 cubic feet within the parish of Cheltenham and 6s. 6d. per 1,000 outside. The maximum price for gas supplied for public lighting was to be 4s. per 1,000, subject in both cases to a discount of £5 per cent. on payment within the times mentioned in the Act. The Company was required to furnish an adequate supply of gas for public lighting, for such number of hours and with such quantity as the then Commissioners should direct.

There were also provisions as to the quality of the gas, modes of testing, &c., but as these were repealed by the subsequent Act I need not specify them.

In the year 1871 the Capital of the Company being nearly exhausted, they promoted a Bill in Parliament in the Session of 1871-2. The then Cheltenham Improvement Commissioners having failed to come to terms with the Company as to the provisions to be inserted in the Bill for the pro-

tection of the Ratepayers and Gas Consumers, petitioned against the Bill, and 'in due course the petition came on for hearing before a Committee of the House of Lords, the Bill having originated in that House.

The Company by their Bill sought to increase their Capital by £80,000, but made no alteration either in the illuminating quality or purity of the gas or the price of it, but in the filled up Bill put in on the first day of hearing before the Committee they proposed to give 14-candle gas as tested by the London Burner, they giving at that time 13 ½ candle gas as tested by the Birmingham Burner—a test equivalent to 16-candle gas by the London Burner.

The Commissioners petitioned against the Bill. The Committee on the Bill on the hearing thereof having made up their minds, and said so, to give the Company the price and standard of illuminating power and place of testing proposed by them before hearing the Commissioners' case, and refusing clauses on other points, the Commissioners withdrew from further opposition in the House of Lords and petitioned against the Bill in the Commons, in which opposition they were successful in obtaining a standard of 15 candles as tested by the London burner, a reduction in the maximum price of gas and other points.

The amount of Capital, however, and the testing place at the works remained the same. It is unnecessary to say more about these proceedings now, except to advert to the fact that the Commissioners strongly urged that the New Capital should be submitted, in accordance with the recent precedents, such as Reading, Eton, Yarmouth, Whitby, St. Helen's, Salisbury, and other places, to public auction, and that the testing place should be at a distance from the Works. The refusal of the Committee to give the auction clauses is notable from the fact that very shortly afterwards a Standing Order of both Houses of Parliament was passed and has since been continued requiring that in all Gas Bills such clauses should be introduced unless the Committee on the Bill report that such provision ought not to be required and the reason on which their opinion is founded. These clauses provide that before the New Stock is offered to holders of existing Stock it shall be offered for sale by Public Auction or Tender, provided that no single lot shall be of more than £100 nominal value of Stock, and that the reserve price shall not be less than the nominal amount in premium and not be considered as profits or capital bearing dividend, but shall be applied to extension of the works or in payment off of borrowed money. The refusal to reduce the amount of capital is remarkable from the fact that the Company's principal witness, Mr. Hawkesley, stated in evidence on this point that the powers proposed to be taken by the Bill would in all probability be exhausted in 12 years. If Mr. Hawkesley's evidence had been borne out by the facts, the Company would have been under the necessity of going again to Parliament in 1884 instead of 1895.

The decision on the question of the position of the testing place was also remarkable in the face of the evidence of the Company's chief chemical witness, Dr. Letheby, that in order to avoid penalties the rule was to make the gas 2 candles better at the Works than they were bound to deliver it to the public, and that from experiments he had made the loss was from a candle to a candle and a half in 1,000 yards.

This Bill emerged from Committee in its present form and duly became law as " The Cheltenham Gas Act, 1872." This Act and the Act of 1856, as amended thereby are the Acts now in force, combined with the Gas Works Clauses Acts, 1847 and 1871. By the Act of 1872 the limits of the Company were extended to the parishes of Up-Hatherley, Badgworth, Shurdington, and Staverton. The price of gas

was not to exceed 4s. per 1,000 cubic feet in the parish of Cheltenham and 5s. outside. [The Company now charge an uniform price in all their limits.]

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Powers were given to the Company to construct a Tramway to their works from the Midland Station, but these powers have not been exercised and they ceased on the expiration of three years from the passing of the Act.

The Company were authorised to raise their further capital of £80,000 by the issue of New Shares or Stock, and the dividend on this Capital was not to exceed per cent. per annum. The Company was empowered to borrow £2,500 in respect of each £10,000 Capital issued and half paid up.

The prescribed pressure in the mains is to be 7/10ths at the junction of the service pipes with the mains. The prescribed number of sperm candles of 6 in the pound to be used in testing for illuminating power is 15 ; the prescribed place of testing, any place within the Company's works through which all the gas supplied to the town shall freely pass, and the prescribed burner, Sugg's London Argand Burner No. 1, and the Photometer : Letheby's open 60.

As to Purity. The gas is not to contain more than 5 grains of ammonia in any form, or more than 30 grains of sulphur in every 100 cubic feet of gas. The provisions of the general Acts I need not trouble to refer you to. We have now to consider the present financial position of the Company.

	Capital authorised.	Rate of Dividend.	Borrowing Power.
By Act of 1819	£ 25,000	no per cent.	
" 1856	£ 50,000	7 ½ "	£17,500
" 1872	£ <u>80,000</u>	7 "	<u>£20,000</u>
	£155,000		£37,500

Of these amounts the whole £155,000 has been issued and paid up, but £17,500 only has been borrowed, and that at 4 per cent.

The total amount required to pay the Dividends on the Capital Stock is £11,850, to which must be added interest at 4 per cent. on the borrowed capital of £17,500--700. Total £12,550.

The accounts of the Company shew that their net revenue for the year ending 31st Dec., 1894 was £14,871 15s. 10d., much more than sufficient to pay the Annual Dividends. The Reserve Fund, to which nothing was carried during the year 1894 from the Profit and Loss Account, stands at £15,500—£8,796 10s. 9d. was carried forward subject to the half-year's dividends due 31st Dec. last, amounting to £5,750. It is true that the receipts from the sale of gas for a portion of the year were for gas sold at 2s. 6d. per 1,000 cubic feet, the price being now 2s. 4d., but the Company in their Report presented to the Proprietors at their meeting on the 1st March last stated that the Accounts for 1894 shewed a considerable increase in the consumption of gas and in the amount realised by secondary products, thus enabling the Company to again reduce the price of gas. As we know, this increase and reduction has been continuous for some years, and it may therefore be fairly assumed that the standard price of gas for the purpose of a sliding scale should be fixed at something under 2s. 4d. It is worthy of consideration, however, how far it is desirable to encourage the manufacture

of poor gas and whether it would not be better to obtain higher standards of illuminating power and purity rather than a reduction of the standard price.

The question now arises as to the policy to be adopted by the Corporation. Shall the Corporation endeavour to purchase the undertaking of the Company and so combine the duties of supplying light both by Gas and Electricity, or shall it allow the Company to obtain a further lease of life on terms to be agreed on or imposed by Parliament? The time seems favourable for the adoption of the former policy, for it is certain that the Company will not now obtain powers of

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raising further capital on anything like the terms on which their last capital was raised, but will have to submit their new capital to auction or tender, and this fact and the competition of the Electric Light may dispose their Shareholders to favourably view the sale of the undertaking to the Corporation and accept reasonable terms of purchase. The Private Bill legislation of the last five or six years shews that Municipalities and Urban Authorities are still acting on the policy of acquiring these undertakings where they do not already belong to them, and several who do possess their own works have nevertheless adopted also Electric Lighting.

I have made enquiry from 74 Corporations and Urban Authorities who have purchased their gas undertakings from Companies, as to whether their purchases have proved profitable or otherwise after payment of Interest and Sinking Fund, and in all cases the replies have been in the affirmative.

On the other hand if it is decided to oppose the Company's Bill for the purpose of limiting the amount of capital and dividend and of obtaining clauses only, then you will have to consider what terms and conditions you will ask for. These are matters on which the Lighting Committee will have to report, and without going into details, which is at present unnecessary, and would be impolitic, I may broadly indicate the main points for consideration, viz.:—

The amount of capital, the rate of dividend, the standard price of gas, the usual Auction and Tender and Sliding Scale Clauses, the place or places of testing, the standards to be used for the illuminating power and purity, &c. In some of the most recent Company's Gas Acts, Oxford and Plymouth among others, the Dividend on New Capital has been limited to £5 per cent. and in all of them the Auction Clauses are inserted. In the Plymouth Act the provision is extended to the amounts to be borrowed on mortgage. In most of them also the Sliding Scale is adopted, that is to say—a standard price of gas is fixed by the Acts, and that price may be increased or reduced thus—if in any year in which the price shall have been above the standard price the Dividend shall in respect of each 1d. of advance be reduced at a certain rate per cent. and in each year in which the price shall have been below the standard price the Dividend may be increased at the like rate. This rate varies from 5s. to 2s. 6d. per cent. according to the rates of Dividend payable. In the Preston Gas Act, 1894, where the Dividends were payable at the rates of 10, 7 and 5 per cent. the figures adopted were 5s., 3s. 6d., and 2s. 6d. respectively. In some recent cases it is provided that the Companies shall not be entitled to any increase of the standard dividend until the price is reduced below a certain price, being less than the standard price. The intermediate space is called the neutral zone, within which neither Company or Consumer gets any advantage or suffer any disadvantage. All excess of profits above the standard rate or rates so fixed as the case may be is to form an Insurance Fund.

By the Oxford Act, 1892, 4 testing places, not less than half a mile from the works are to be provided by the Company. Having regard to the complaints of the Gas Examiners from time to time as to the quality of the candles used for testing, the justice of which on a recent occasion was fully admitted by the Company, the difficulty of procuring uniformity, and to the fact that the present method is upwards of 20 years old, it would be of advantage to adopt a better method of material and apparatus for testing, if such there be. On this point your Gas Examiner and the Gas Engineer, whom you may have to employ, will be better able to advise you than I am, but I may direct your attention to a Report which has been recently (March last) made to the Board of Trade by a Committee appointed by that Board to enquire into and report on the subject of the standards to be used for testing the illuminating power of coal gas. This Committee consisted of 11 experts, amongst whom are Dr. Odling, Professor Frankland, G. Livesey and the Gas Referees. The Report states that the Metropolitan Gas Referees and the London County Council object to the

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method at present in use for measuring the illuminative power of coal gas as being of an unsatisfactory nature, and while recognising that the sperm candle flame does not furnish a satisfactory standard, they consider it advisable that in official documents and reports the quantity of light shall be expressed as heretofore in terms of " candle light," and that the " Harcourt pentane air gas flame " constitutes a very exact standard capable of being reproduced without variation of illuminative value.

You will also probably think it desirable to stipulate for higher illuminating power and higher standard of purity.

October, 1895.

E. T. BRYDGES. Town Clerk.

Report of Messrs. Stevenson and Burstal to the Lighting Committee of the Corporation.

There are two courses which the Corporation may take, namely, whether they should promote a Bill in Parliament, in the ensuing Session, for the purchase of the Undertaking of the Gas Company; or whether they should simply oppose the Bill of the Company upon such points as they might think advisable.

From the cursory inspection Mr. Stevenson was able to give to the works they appear to be in very good condition, and we are sure they must have been solidly constructed in the first instance; as is shewn by the comparatively small amount which has to be spent annually in keeping them in repair, and by the present perfect state in which they appear to be.

We do not know what the present capacity of the Works may be, but the ground appears to be fully occupied ; and the inference which may be drawn from the Company intending to apply to Parliament in the ensuing Session, can only be that the demand has overtaken or approximated to the power to supply gas, and that the Company are probably seeking power to purchase more land upon which to erect works for the future supply of your district and those adjacent.

There need, however, be no fear that for two or three years there will be any deficiency in the supply of gas, for it is not likely that the Works are at present used up to their fullest capacity, but that the Company are coming to Parliament at least a year or two before the demand has quite overtaken the supply.

In 1871, the year before the Company last applied to Parliament, the consumption of gas was 121 million cubic feet, while last year it was 322 million feet. We cannot say exactly the quantity sold last year because the returns of gas undertakings ordered to be made to Parliament are not yet published for 1894, and the quantity of gas sold for public lighting and contracts is not shown upon the balance sheet of the Company.

Practically, however, we may assume that during the last 23 years the quantity of gas sold for public lighting has increased very little, for in 1871 it was approximately 20,170,000 cubic feet, and in 1894 it cannot have been more than 25 or 26 million feet ; but it will be seen that the total quantity of the gas sold by the Company has increased very largely (as much as 166 per cent. or on the simple ratio 7.2 per cent. increase on the average of the years) and that nearly the whole of this increase has been to private consumers.

In 1872, the share capital of the Company was £75,000 and the loan capital 453,000. During the following 23 years the Company have increased their share capital by £80,000 bearing 7 per cent. interest, amounting to £5,600 per annum, and loan capital by £4,500, being the balance of the amount they were entitled to raise under their Act of 1856. It was the intention of Parliament that the Company should raise £2,500 on Mortgage for each £10,000 of share capital ;

but they have not raised any loan capital authorised by the Act of 1872, but only distributed the share capital, thus materially increasing the benefit to the shareholders at the expense of the consumers.

Had the Gas Undertaking been purchased in 1872 by the Corporation they would in all probability have paid 22 ½ years purchase of the maximum dividends, which would have amounted to £140,625 at 3 ½ per cent. interest, as money could not then be borrowed at so low a rate as it can to-day. Upon the assumption of these figures the Corporation would have had to pay £4,922 interest each year and £1,238 for Sinking Fund on the 3 per cent. table at 50 years, but they would by this time have accumulated a Sinking Fund of £33,300 in respect of the capital of the Company in 1872. It is quite probable that during the following 23 years the Corporation would have expended the same amount of capital as the Company has expended, namely, £80,000, but then they would have raised this money at 3 per cent. or thereabouts, as against 7 per cent., which the Company pay. In other words they would have had to provide (say) £2,400 a year interest as against £5,600 a year as paid by the Company, and they would also now be paying £704 a year for Sinking Funds. Taking the whole of the interest and Sinking Funds together, the Corporation would be paying £9,264 a year, as against £11,850 by the Company, and they would have had a considerable amount set aside as a sinking fund. The difference between what the Corporation would under such circumstances have had to pay, and what the Company do now pay, amounts to 2,586, being equal to 1.92d. per 1000 feet of gas sold. If, however, we take the amount of interest only which the Corporation would have to pay, the difference between the Corporation and Company would amount to 3.37d. per 1000 feet.

We think these figures show how advisable it would have been for the Corporation to have acquired this undertaking at an earlier stage; but we are strongly of opinion that even now this opportunity of purchasing ought not to be allowed to pass, but that every effort should be made to effect the transfer of the gas industry from the Company to the Corporation, either by agreement with the Company or, failing agreement, by arbitration.

It is difficult to judge exactly what any particular company would be awarded in arbitration for its undertaking; and it is not always satisfactory to attempt to do so simply by ascertaining what other local authorities have paid when they acquired their gas undertakings, either by agreement or on arbitration terms. At the same time, if looked at rightly, such statements do give an indication of what may be expected under similar circumstances

The large majority of Gas Companies, which have been transferred to local authorities during recent years, have been effected by agreement; but there are two cases during the last 15 years in which arbitrations have taken place, though it is necessary to know the circumstances of each case before one can judge how far it may be compared with any other. These cases are Tredegar in 1882 and Stourbridge in 1893. In the former case the arbitration resulted so far as the gas portion of the undertaking was concerned in the award of £31,600. The profits of the undertaking were stated by the Company to be £1,595 and by the Local Board to be £1,528. The award therefore is slightly under 20 years purchase of the profits as set forth by the Company, and slightly over 20 years purchase according to the profits put forward by the Local Board. It is quite probable that in this case certain works had to be carried out to continue to earn the profit and hence the low value put upon the undertaking by the arbitrators.

In the case of Stourbridge the arbitrators had to consider whether certain stocks, amounting to £3,749, claimed by the Company should be allowed. Assuming that this amount was allowed

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the award was equal to 27.83 years purchase of the dividends; but if it were not allowed then the award amounted to 28.8 years purchase of the dividends. In this case it should be remembered that with hardly any exception the works were absolutely new, and, in fact, some portion was not completed at the time of the transfer. It was also shewn that they were capable of turning out about 100 per cent. more than they had yet done, and therefore the Company claimed a very large number of years' purchase of their maximum dividends because the income was so perfectly assured in the future; and that until the consumption of gas was practically doubled nothing further would be required to be spent upon capital account, except it might be for mains, service pipes, and meters. This, of course, is a claim which very few undertakings could establish, and therefore the high price which was awarded in this case is not likely to be given again, except under precisely similar circumstances.

There have been, as is well known, a large number of transfers by agreement, the price varying from 24 years in the case of Coventry to 28 ½ years purchase in the case of Edinburgh and Leith. The majority of transfers have taken place at 25 years purchase or thereabouts. In all cases we speak of statutable undertakings.

In the case of Edinburgh and Leith it should be remembered that both the Companies supplying Edinburgh and Leith were unlimited either as to the price which they might charge, or as to the profit they might divide.

We have gone carefully into the figures as given by the last balance sheet, which show a profit of £14,872, to which, in the event of purchase, would be added the Directors and Auditors' fees amounting to £671 making a total of £15,543.

(The Report then gives, by way of illustration, an example of the result of purchase, assuming that the money would be borrowed at 3 per cent., although it is probable that the Corporation would be able to borrow now at a lower rate, and supposing that 25 years purchase was awarded.

The purchase money inclusive of loan capital would be £313,750 at 3 per cent., the annual payment for interest would be £9,413, and the sinking on the per cent. table at 50 years £2,761 or a total annual payment of £12,174.

In respect of one year's purchase of the maximum annual dividends the annual payment would amount to £459, which would either be deducted from or added to the above sum according as the number of years purchase given was less or greater than 25.) The Report then continues :—

There has been quite recently a sale of the stock of the Gas Company of all descriptions, namely, the original stock bearing 10 per cent. dividend, the new stock bearing 7 ½ per cent. dividend and the new A stock bearing 7 per cent. dividend; so that it is possible to say definitely what in the view of the public is the value of this stock to-day. The stocks were sold respectively at the following rates for each £100 nominal value: Original Stock £225; New Stock £170; and the New A Stock £158, including the dividends due next Christmas. These stocks, after deducting the proportion of the dividend for the past four months, are now shown to be somewhat less in value than 22 ½ years purchase. Any shareholder, therefore, receiving a higher price than this by agreement or arbitration, must consider himself to be a gainer by the transfer; and in any arbitration which would take place the market value of the stock is always, to a certain extent, taken as a guide for determining the amount to be paid for the undertaking.

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Included in the assets of the Company, which under any circumstances a purchaser should receive, are the reserve fund and the stocks. The Company is not legally or morally entitled to from the reserve fund, except to maintain the dividends, should the profit of the year be not sufficient, where it has not been made up of profits which they might otherwise have divided; such as the reserve fund, which Companies working under the sliding scale may create. The old reserve funds, and therefore the reserve fund of this Company, were created out of the surplus profits which the Company could not divide, and the interest upon which, if the fund be tilled up, must go towards the reduction of the price of gas. This reserve fund, therefore, should Pass to the purchaser, subject, however, to an allowance made from it to enable the Company to wind up without encroaching upon the amount agreed upon or awarded by arbitration.

It is apparent that whatever the price may be a reduction will have to be made from the interest and sinking fund as previously stated, representing what would otherwise have to be paid for interest and redemption of capital equal to the amount of the reserve fund passing to the Corporation at the

time of the transfer. If this fund when handed over be as stated in the accounts for 1894, namely £15,500, then a saving of £600 would be effected in the interest and sinking fund, which the Corporation would annually have to pay in the event of a purchase taking place.

The stocks in hand of coals, coke, tar, and sundry stores have been either created out of the capital account or out of profits which the Company could not divide, and in either case also pass with the undertaking. The stocks on the 31st December, 1894, amounted in value to somewhat over £8000.

It may be that the amount of money received for residual products will not be maintained this year, but in valuing such an undertaking as this it is necessary to take one year with another, and on a balance of years the profit which you, as the Local Authority, would obtain would be more than sufficient to pay the interest and the sinking fund. If, as is probable, the Works require extension, you will be able to provide the new Capital at a cheaper rate than the Company would have been enabled to, and therefore the more that the undertaking expands the better for the consumers and the ratepayers if it be under your control.

The second point upon which we have been requested to report is as to the opposition which you can offer to the Company's Bill. It is advisable that the Company should not have more than sufficient capital to carry it on for 12 or 15 years. This is the first point which you will have to press.

Another point would be the initial or standard price above or below which the Company would divide a less or greater amount of profit. Until the Bill of the Company is printed we shall not know what price they desire

With respect to illuminating power and purity it might be desirable to ask for a higher candle power and more stringent regulations as to purity

In deciding between the two courses, that of purchasing the undertaking and that of only opposing; the Bill of the Company, we must emphatically state that in our opinion it will be to the great advantage of the Town if the works and undertaking pass into your possession; for we fail to see how in any way you can suffer loss, but, on the contrary, that under any circumstances your town will benefit greatly and that the future profit to be earned by the undertaking will be used either in reducing the price of gas to the Consumers or assisting the rates instead of going into the pockets of the Shareholders. On the other hand there is little to be gained in simply

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opposing the Gas Company's Bill except upon the points above-mentioned, although it will be necessary to do so unless you can gain what you desire by agreement.

It may be said in argument against the purchase of a gas undertaking at the present time that all gas undertakings are liable to competition from the electric light, and that Cheltenham is especially liable to this competition in consequence of the Corporation having recently erected an electric light station. This argument has been used ever since the panic of 1880 when all the Gas Stocks were very largely depreciated and it was thought by many that the time had come when such undertakings would be ruined. From that day to the present, however, the Gas Undertakings of the United Kingdom have shewn practically the same ratio of increase as in former times. It has been found not only by Companies but by Local Authorities, that, where competition has arisen between the electric

light and the gas, there has been a demand for more light and better gas burners, and that, instead of decreasing the profits from gas, the competition has in most cases had the effect of increasing the consumption and therefore the profit. We do not think you need have any fear that if you acquire the gas undertaking the competition between the two undertakings under your control will be serious ; and in fact the Gas Company would not now be applying to Parliament for further powers and more capital if it had any fear of being injured by the more modern illuminant. The price of the electric light is in the large majority of cases prohibitive where gas can be obtained of fair illuminating power and purity, and in all other branches such as cooking and heating the competition of the electric light does not enter.

We should not so strongly advocate the purchase of the undertaking if either the Corporation or the Company were to be the losers by the transfer. We have pointed out how you will gain by it and it is easy to see that the Company cannot be the loser if only a fair price be given for the undertaking.

We have the honour to be, &c.,

STEVENSON & BURSTAL, M.M. INST : C.E. 38, Parliament St., Westminster, 11th November, 1895.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th November, 1895.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 2nd 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 Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting on the 18th November inst.

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. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. LIGHTING COMMITTEE. 64 FINANCE COMMITTEE. 46 TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. 66 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Councillor Ward-Humphreys to call attention to the Lighting of certain portions of the South Ward.

5. Notices of Motion.

6. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be :— Mrs. Parr re Conveniences at Pittville Park. J. Smith re Game Dealer's License. W. Hall re Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. J. Derrick and others re St. Ann's Road. G. Mainwaring Currie re Badminton, &c., at Winter Garden.

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 apps oval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2ud day of December, 1895.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Cypher, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing twelve months.

2 — Horses —A letter from Mr. Howard Harvey of the Redlands, Minsterworth, near Gloucester, informing the Committee that he had some Cart Horses for Sale which he would be pleased to show them either at Gloucester or Cheltenham, was read. Resolved, To inform Mr. Harvey that his offer will be borne in mind.

3---Leckhampton Road—The Chairman reported that on the 1st inst., he, in company with the Borough Surveyor met Mr. Phillips, the County Surveyor, and fixed the line of the new frontage on the west side of the Leckhampton Road, securing a roadway of 60 feet in width.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of November, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

4—The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz. : Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, and Parsonage.

5 --Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a pawnbroker's sign (three balls) had been put up at 316, High Street, by Messrs. H. Higgins & Co. without permission having been first obtained.

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A Letter from Mr. Henry Higgins was read, asking permission to have the sign hung out. Resolved, That the same be granted subject to the right of the Corporation to order its removal if and when they may think fit.

6—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways— The Borough Surveyor reported that the work which had been carried out in his Department during the period between the 19th October last to the 22nd inst., both inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Bath Road, opposite Montpellier Terrace, 520 super yards, Leckhampton Road 4,044 super yards, Promenade 5,512 super yards, Montpellier Walk 2,089 super yards, Queen's Circus 770 super yards, Gloucester Road (proceeding), Old Bath Road (proceeding).

Patching—Montpellier Terrace, Hatherley Road, High Street, Sandfield Road, St. George's Road, London Road, St. James's Square.

Wickwar Stone—(Patching)—Vittoria Walk, Montpellier Drives, Parabola Road, Wellesley Road, Lansdown Crescent. Western Road was being repaired with Flint.

Kerbing, Crossing, and Flagging—Bath Road, Albion Street, Hewlett Road, Bennington Street, Clarence Square, Montpellier Walk, Malvern Road, Clarence Street, Pittville Street, Winchcomb Street, High Street, Great Western Road, Malvern Place, Douro Road, Royal Well Place, Tewkesbury Road, St. George's Place, Lansdown Crescent, Portland Street, Overton Road, Bloomsbury Street, Manchester Street, New Street, Montpellier Street, Swindon Road, Lansdown Terrace.

Private Improvements—St. George's Road (finished), Marsh Lane.

Repaired with Local Stone—Overton Road, Parabola Road, Charlton Lane.

New surface water drain in St. George's Road (proceeding),

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 844; Cart loads, 252 ; consumed at the Destructor, 998 tons 12 cwt.

7—Trees in Pittville Circus Road—A letter from Capt. Thompson, of Askham House, was read, requesting that the branches of an Elm tree opposite his house might be cut down or reduced; also one from Mr. C. Winstone, requesting that the trees in front of Capt. Thompson's House might be thinned out. Resolved, That the tree complained of be lopped and thinned.

8—Hoarding—Queen's Road—Letters from Mr. G. Brown, of Farnborough, Mr. Bick, and Mr. Alfred Elwell, of Ingleside, Queen's Road, complaining of the erection opposite the last mentioned house of a hoarding for the purpose of bill posting. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Great Western Railway Company to request them to prohibit the erection of the hoarding on their land on the S.E. corner of the railway bridge, and that notice be given to the bill poster to remove the hoarding on the bridge.

9—Crossing from Montpellier Terrace to Montpellier Exchange —A memorial from Sophia Osborne and others was read, requesting that a crossing might be laid down from Montpellier Terrace to Montpellier Exchange. Resolved, That a refuge with lamp be placed in or about the centre of the open space opposite Montpellier Exchange with crossings to same from the footpath opposite Cheetham House and the footpaths at the Montpellier Exchange and the Montpellier Gardens.

10—Crossing in Upper High Street—A memorial from Messrs. Silk & Son and others was read, asking the Committee to consider the advisability of providing a crossing in the Upper High Street, near the Old Swan Hotel. Resolved, to adjourn consideration of the application for the Committee to view.

11—Footpath and Lighting of St. Stephen's Road —A letter from Col Allfrey, of Glenmore, was read, calling attention to the state of the footpath on the West Side of St. Stephen's Road, especially between Redesdale and St. Stephen's Manor, and to the insufficient lighting ; and the Committee,

being informed that the Lighting Committee had resolved to recommend that an additional lamp be placed in this road, Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification of the works required to be done to the footpath, and that the additional lamp be placed half way between the existing ones.

12—Entrance to Mr. Humphreys' Horse Repository—A letter from Mr. H. Humphreys, of the Horse Repository, Winchcomb Street, was read, requesting that as the entrance crossing to his yard was being taken up it might be relaid with wood. Resolved, To substitute McDougall's bricks for the present Clee Hill sets.

13 —Lighting in Hewlett Road—A letter from Mr. W. H. Parker, of Tresco, Hewlett Road, was read, complaining of the insufficient lighting of Hewlett Road in front of his and the adjoining houses, and requesting that an extra lamp might be provided Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this application till the building operations proceeding there are further advanced.

14—Back Road to Royal Parade—A letter from Mr. C. S. Holliday was read, calling attention to the obstructions in the back road to Royal Parade, caused by the deposit of materials for building operations. Resolved, To give notice to the builder or builders to remove the same.

15—Sydenham Villas and Sydenham Road, South—A letter from Mr. Roland Webb, of Harborne, Sydenham Road, South, was read, complaining that these roads were extremely dark at night, and requesting that the trees in Sydenham Villas might be thinned out, as they completely hide the lamp light. Resolved, To inform Mr. Webb that these roads, being private roads, the Council has no power to interfere with the trees ; they quite agree that they obscure the light, but the rem appears to be in the hands of the owners.

16—Trees in Christ Church Road—A Letter from Mr. S. Adams was read, calling the attention of the Committee to the unsatisfactory appearance of the avenue of trees in the Christ Church Road owing to several large gaps therein, and requesting that fresh trees might be planted where required ; also complaining that a tree was standing inconveniently the of the carriage drive of the new house with the highway, which he presumed could be removed, as it junction formed an obstruction to the carriage drive approach. Resolved, That the consideration of this application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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17 - Gully in Painswick Road—With reference to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 31st of December last, a Letter from Mr. A. G. Pollock was read, desiring to know when the promised improvements would be carried out. Resolved, To inform him that an asphalte water tableing will be laid down at once.

18—College Lawn Road—A Letter from General Williams was read calling attention to the fact that the repair of this road had not yet been proceeded with. Resolved, To inform General Williams that the delay has arisen owing to the Surveyor being unable to obtain delivery of silver grey stone, but that he has now been authorised to do the work with blue brick.

19—Sydenham Road—A similar Letter from Mr. Horsley was read with reference to the works in this Road. Resolved, To inform Mr. Horsley to the same effect as stated in the preceding resolution.

20—Tewkesbury Road Footpath—A Letter from Mrs. Hannah Stokes was read, calling attention to the fact that when the footpath in the Tewkesbury Road was repaired it was raised above its former level, causing a fall between the path and the road in front of her house, " The Hollies," rendering going in and out with a horse and cart difficult and dangerous and requesting that it should be rectified. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this application for the Committee to view.

21--Footpaths Suffolk Parade and Sydenham Villas Road—Specifications from the Surveyor with plans and sections of the works required to be done to the above footpaths and street were read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary estimates be prepared and Notices given under Sec. 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, joining, or abutting upon the parts of the said footpaths and 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 notices are not complied with the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

22 --Appointment of Private Improvement Expenses—Naunton Park Road and Marsh Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in these streets amounted to £639 19s. 8d. and £237 14s. 5d. respectively, which he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises, as directed by section 104 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

Cranham Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in this street amounted to £122 0s. 5d. Resolved, That in pursuance of section 104 s.s., a of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, the amount be apportioned as follows :—viz., 60 per cent. between the owners of the property abutting on the West side of the street, according to the frontage of the respective premises, and 40 per cent. between the owners of the property abutting on the East side of the street according to the frontage of their respective premises, and that notices of the apportionment and of demand be given to the Owners.

23—Tree Sub-Committee—Resolved. That the Tree Sub-Committee do consist of the Chairman, Councillors Cypher, Feeney, and Lawrence.

24—Building Plans— The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan. Name. Description.

683	Mr. Frederick Newbery	Additions to back of No. 10, Grosvenor Place South.
684	Mr. C. Haward	Proposed new stables at St. Edmunds.
685	Miss Sessions	Additions to No. 12, Spa Buildings.
686	Mr. Best	House in Gloucester Road.
687	Gloucester Co-operative Society	Conversion of dwelling house, No. 1, Clare Terrace, Bath Road, Society into a shop.
688	Mr. E. Saunders	New drains to Thorncliffe, Lansdown Road.
689	Messrs. Merrett & Halliwell	Two villas in Gloucester Road.
690	Mr. J. D. Steel	New w.c's. and washhouses at rear of Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Rutland St.

691	Mr. A. Dix Additions to shops, Clare Terrace, Bath Road.
692	Mr. G. H. Watts New shop front at Hill View House, Norwood Road.
693	Mr. C. Haward Additions to St. Edmunds, Tivoli.
694	Mr. J. Boswell Stables at rear of No. 10, North Place.
695	Mr. G. B. Dale Two houses in Moorend Road, Leckhampton.
696	Mr. J. Boswell Covered yard at Trinity Lane.
697	Mr. George Smith Shed at back of No. 167 ½ High Street.

Resolved, That No. 687 be approved subject to a cant corner being made to Clare Street ; that No. 692 be approved subject to there being no public sewer under it ; that No. 694 be not approved ; that No. 695 be not approved, the roadway in front being 30ft. 6in. instead of 36ft. as required by the Bye Laws ; that No. 697 be approved if covered with corrugated iron and that the other Plans in the list be approved.

E. H.. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present : Aldermen Norman and Wethered ; Councillors M. Davis, Griffith, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Griffith be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported he had received an application from Mrs. Mary Constance, of No. 7, Clare Terrace, Bath Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee seven cases of Scarlet Fever, five of Enteric Fever, four of Diphtheria, and two of Puerperal Fever, that six of the Scarlet Fever cases had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was eleven.

4—Alstone Ditch--With reference to Minute No. 59 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th July last, the Medical Officer of Health reported the result of an inspection which he had made of this ditch in company with Councillor Parsonage on the 9th inst., from which it appeared that owing to the flow of water being obstructed by the irregularity of the ditch or by possible stoppage of some pipes already laid, the water overflowed the banks in places and caused a nuisance. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do report as to what is necessary to be done.

5—Harper's Court and No. 6, Rutland Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in his opinion these houses were of such insufficient size as to prevent them being let for dwelling houses

for more than one inhabitant each, and if occupied by more than one would be so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance and execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

6—Cleansing and Limewashing—No. 3, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling house was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates of the said house was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under the said Section requiring the house to be cleansed and limewashed.

7—Houses without a Proper Water Supply—Nos 3 and 4, Long's Court, Rutland Street, and No. 19, Tivoli Street—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 13th instant, that the above-mentioned houses were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate, authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the respective owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

8—Defective Drainage—No. 38, Townsend Street and No. 45, Grosvenor Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having previously made written application to the Town Clerk under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and the Town Clerk having given authority to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains, Resolved, That the same be approved, and that such further steps as may be necessary be taken as provided by the said Section.

No. 4, Otago Terrace, No. 25, Windsor Street, No. 52, St George's Place, and Nos. 21 and 22, Albert Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, that authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains, and act as provided by the said Section.

9—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 requiring them 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 the penalties.

10— Houses without proper Ash Receptacles- The Medical Officer of Health handed in a Report stating that the houses named therein were without proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

11—Re-appointment of Inspector of Nuisances— A letter from the Inspector of Nuisances was read, reminding the Committee that the present term of his appointment expires on the 31st of December, 1895, and requesting, if re-appointed, that it might be permanently instead of for a year or a period of years, and that his salary might be increased. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend any increase of salary, but that the Chairman do give notice at the next meeting of the Council of his intention to move that Mr. Hudson be permanently re-appointed Inspector of Nuisances.

12-- Sewage Irrigation—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 9th of October last, a further Memorial from Mr. John L. Brookes and other occupiers of land using the sewage was read, urging the Committee to reconsider and amend the scale of charges fixed by them at their meeting on the 24th of July last. Resolved, to ask the Memorialists to appoint a Deputation to meet and confer with the Committee on the matter.

13—Heyden Sewage Farm Footpaths—A letter from Mr. John Lea, the Clerk to the Staverton Parish Council was read, calling the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory state of pathways Sewage Farms at Heyden. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary to them.

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14 —Analyses of Water by the Medical Officer of Health—With reference to Minute No. 28 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk read the draft of the letter he proposed to send to the Local Government Board as instructed. Resolved, That the same be approved.

15—Rental of Heyden Sewage Farm—A letter from Mr. James Wood the tenant of this farm was read, asking for a reduction from his rent of £50 per annum. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to confer with Mr. Wood.

16—Hatherley Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that this Sewer had fallen in, owing to the ground having shifted, and that it would cost about £100 to repair. Resolved, That he be authorised to do what is necessary.

17—Land near Barn Farm—Holder—With reference to Minute No. 30 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Messrs. Brookes and Badham was read, stating that they had made a mistake as to the price Mr. Holder had instructed them to ask, which should have been £160.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day, of November, 1895—Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

18—Zymotic Disease— The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, one case of Scarlet Fever, and one case of Puerperal Fever ; that no

case had been sent into the Delancey Hospital ; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was eight.

19—Bye-Laws as to Management of Tripe Shops and Places where Tripe is prepared—With reference to Minute No. 21 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of July last, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he and the Town Clerk recommended the adoption of the model Bye-Laws of the Local Government Board as to offensive trades, which include those for tripe dressers, bone boilers, tallow melters, &c. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and the said Bye-Laws adopted.

20 — Insufficient Closet Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that nine dwellings in Swindon Parade had only three closets between them, which from common use were in an unsatisfactory condition. Resolved, That notices under Section 36 of the Public Health Act be given to the owners to provide a sufficient water closet, earth closet, or privy for each house, and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as directed by the said Section.

21—House without sufficient Supply of Water—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at Grove Field Farm House, Gloucester Road, the well supplying water yields very little and sometimes none, and it is never drunk, dirty rain water being used for that purpose. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Butt, the owner, to draw his attention to the insufficient water supply.

22 - Defective Drainage—No. 33, Brunswick Street, Lystra Villa, Leckhampton Road, and Cottage behind No. 31, Duke Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-mentioned houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and act as provided by the said Section.

23 —Insanitary Houses—No. 4, Sun Street and No. 43, Waterloo Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners and Occupiers of the houses, requiring them to abate the nuisances and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

24—Cleansing and Limewashing—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that No. 11, Witcombe Place was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act requiring the premises to be cleansed and whitewashed.

25—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices that had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take the necessary proceedings.

26—W.C's without Flushing Apparatus— The Medical Officer of Health handed in 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 requiring them 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.

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27—Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles-- The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had not proper Ashpits or Ash Receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

28— Alstone Ditch—A Letter from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths, complaining of the flooding of the roadway from this ditch, was read. Resolved, To inform Mr. Griffiths that the matter is receiving the attention of the Committee with a view to a prompt remedy of the Annoyance complained of.

29—Delancey Hospital—With reference to Minute No. 27 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of the 16th of October last, a Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney was read, stating that a number of practical details would have to be discussed before the Agreement as to treatment of patients could be treated as finally settled, and there would be no meeting of the Trustees of the Hospital before the 11th of December, and requesting in the meantime to be favoured with a cheque for the amount due from the Corporation. Resolved, That the amount due be paid, and consideration of the draft of the Agreement be adjourned.

Insurance of Sheds and Ambulances of the Corporation—A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney was read, enquiring if the Sheds and Ambulances belonging to the Corporation at the Delancey Hospital were insured. Resolved, That they be requested to include them with the insurance of Sheds and Ambulances of the Hospital.

30—Enteric Fever Cases —With reference to Minute No. 17 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of July last, Resolved, That subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the General Hospital, as many cases of Enteric Fever as can be received in that Establishment from time to time be in future sent there.

31—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, including one of Mr. C. Haward for alterations to St. Edmunds, Tivoli Road, so far as the drainage was concerned, were all approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present :
The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Chairman —Resolved, That Councillor Heath be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM HEATH, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of November, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Dimmer and Griffith (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

2—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

3—Municipal Buildings—Resolved, That in view of the possibility of the Council becoming the owners of the Gas Offices and adjacent land in North Street, the scheme for the erection of Municipal Buildings on the Winter Garden site be for the present in abeyance, and that the premium before agreed upon be offered for the designs and plans for a Kursaal only on the Winter Garden site, the North side of which to be reserved for the erection of the Municipal Buildings should the Gas undertaking not become vested in the Council.

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4—Conveniences—Pittville Park—A letter from Mrs. Parr, of Saxham, Pittville, was read, complaining of the nuisance and injury to her property caused by the erection of the Conveniences at the corner and close to the wall of her garden. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Parr that the Committee regret that no other position so suitable could be found, but they do not think she will find they will prove to be a nuisance or in any way injurious to her property.

5—Hampton's Garden—A letter from Mr. H. G. Margrett was read, offering to transfer to the Corporation the above-mentioned property, which he had recently purchased, without any profit, so that it might be kept as an open space and recreation 14 ground for the East Ward. Resolved, To adjourn to the next meeting the consideration of this offer.

6—Photographs in the Carriages of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway—With reference to Minute No 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of September last, a letter from Mr. Samuel Fay, the General Manager, was read, stating that the cost of placing a photograph in each third class compartment of their trains would be £10 per annum, the frames, &c., to be found by the Council. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to ascertain the terms for placing the photographs in the third class compartments of the through carriages only running between Sheffield and Southampton.

7—Montpellier Garden Railings—The Borough Surveyor reported that a pony in a carriage belonging to Mr. Workman, Fly Proprietor, had bolted and a collision had occurred between the carriage and the railings of Montpellier Gardens, with the result that some of the railings had been knocked down and otherwise damaged, and the stone plinth cracked and broken. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Town Clerk to report as to the liability of Mr. Workman for the expense of repairing the damage.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Ll. Davies and Wheeler (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Wethered be appointed chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of November, 1895—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered; Councillors LI. Davies, Dimmer, Lenthall and Lewis (Alderman Wethered in the chair.)—

2 —Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, was read:— He reported that on the 20th inst., the supply to Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs was 173 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 269 Gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 17,477,854 gallons.

That on the 19th instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 18 feet 1 inch, and the contents 37,51 1,439 Gallons, which gave a total of 54,989,293 Gallons or about 78 ½ days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 790,804 gallons.

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That the extension for the supply of Hayden Hill was finished, and houses were then being supplied.

That during the gale on the 5th instant the parapet of the bridge at the upper end of the Residium Weir was blown down and all the Standards broken. He had arranged to have them refixed with wrought iron stays instead of new cast Standards, which proved themselves too weak for the purpose.

That at Hewletts, owing to movement in the ground, one of the principal collecting mains had almost ceased to flow. He was having the ground opened so as to do the necessary repairs.

That he had appointed A. W. King, of Melville House, Naunton Crescent, a naval pensioner, as Caretaker at Dowdeswell from the 29th instant.

That he had received an application from the Vicar applying for a supply of water for the organ at the church of S.S. Philip and James. As the mains in the district were comparatively small it would be necessary to make a new connection at a cost of about £12, in addition to the cost of connecting the church supply with the main near it.

3-Board of Trade re Boilers for Domestic Purposes—A circular letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trade was read, impressing upon the Council the expediency of calling the attention of their customers and ratepayers to liability of Boilers used for domestic purposes to explosion from freezing of the water in some portion of the pipes connected with the boiler, and the excessive pressure thereby caused, and of placing before them a concise statement of the safe guards that should be adopted. Resolved, To ask the Board of Trade to furnish the Committee with a statement of what they consider are the safe guards that should be adopted, and they will then take steps to have them published.

4—Tewkesbury Water Supply—A letter was read from the Town Clerk to Mr. Badham of the 30th ulto., formulating the demand of the Cheltenham Corporation against the Tewkesbury Corporation, amounting to a net total of £372 19s. 9d. up to the 29th of September last, conditional on the acceptance of the offer made for water supplied to Mr. Groves' property (set out in Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th of September last) in default of which the deductions in respect of meters would not be allowed ; also a letter from Mr. Badham in reply, enclosing a cheque for £350 on account of water supplied to the Borough of Tewkesbury, and stating that the Town Clerk's letter of the 30th ulto. would be laid before his Committee at an early date. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

5.--Application for a New Main in Tewkesbury—A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read, stating that his Committee were about to consider the question of asking this Corporation to lay a 4 inch water main for about go yards in the Rope Walk Lane, Tewkesbury, and asking for an idea of what the cost per yard would be ; and a letter from the Town Clerk in reply that the Surveyor informed him the cost would be about 3s 9d per yard. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

6—Ashchurch, Water Supply at—Resolved, To call a Special Meeting of the Committee to further consider the Report of the Borough Surveyor on this question, and on the question of the water supply to Northway House.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of November, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Wethered ; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Feeney be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing twelve months.

2 --Report of the Superintendent of Police—Superintendent McRae reported that there had been no fresh outbreak of Swine Fever within the limits of the Borough. The two cases reported last month still remained infected places. He had summoned Henry Fryer to appear at the Police Court on the 2nd inst. for an offence against the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, to wit, Swine Fever Order of 1894, Art. 6 (c) moving swine on to his premises which were covered by Form B served upon him ; he was fined £2 and costs. He had withdrawn Form B, which had been served upon 18 others in the neighbour-hood, on the 14th inst.

3-- Report of Superintendent of the Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Fire Brigade had been called out to fires on the 21st ult. at No. 4, Thirlestaine Place, Bath Road, damages £150; the extinction expenses had

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been paid by the Alliance, Law Union and Crown and Phoenix Insurance Offices. On the 28th ult. to Promenade House; damages about £5 ; the account for the extinction expenses had been sent to the Phoenix Office, in which the building was insured. On the 16th inst. by the police without cause, to whom he had sent the account of expenses incurred, amounting to £2 16s

With reference to the last-mentioned alarm, letters from the Chief Constable and Superintendent McRae were read, and a Report from Police-Sergeant Browning, from which it appeared that the latter had received a notification at the Police Office from a man that some workshops were on Fire and the blaze was coming out through the top and he had been knocking but could not make anyone hear, and a Constable who was in the Office at the same time thereupon called up the Brigade through the telephone. Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade be instructed in future, before sending in claims against the Police or any other public functionaries for expenses of calling out the Brigade, to bring the same before the Committee.

4—Drivers' licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from George Francis Norris, of 4, Albion Square, and Elijah Cooper, of No. 8, Bath Terrace. Resolved, That the application of Norris be granted, but to adjourn consideration of the application of Cooper, he not being in attendance to support it.

George Clifford—The Street Inspector, in accordance with the resolution of the Council of 3rd June, 1889, reported that the Hackney Carriage Driver above named had been twice convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws since the last Licensing Meeting that there were 15 previous charges against him under the said Byelaws, and that he had been 5 times suspended from driving since 1883. Resolved, That the Street Inspector be instructed to summon him to attend before the Committee at the next meeting

5—Hackney Carriage Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were received from John Ball, No. 1, Lynton Place, Bath Parade, N. Gibbard and James C. Hearn, of No. 25, Sandford Street. Resolved, To inform the applicants that the Committee are unable to grant them licenses, there being no vacancies, but the names of those not already on shall be placed on the list of applications.

6—Wheel Chair Licenses—A letter from J. Walcroft, the holder of a Wheel Chair License, with which he returned his license, was read, requesting that it might be transferred to James Alder, of No. 18, St. George's Street ; also a letter from Mr. Alder, requesting that his license might be transferred to his new chair. Resolved, that Mr. Alder's application be granted.

7—Committees for 1896 —Resolved, That the Committee Meetings for this year be fixed as follows —

Monday.	Public Library Sub-Committee, at the Library at 10 o'clock.
“	Town Improvement.. at 3.30
Tuesday.	Public Library .. at 11
“	General Purposes and Watch.. at 3.30
Wednesday ..	Public Health .. at 11
“	Lighting .. at 3.30
Thursday	Baths and Recreation Grounds at 12
“	Water .. at 3.30

Friday .. Burial Board at 11.30 ..
 “ Street and Highway (View) .. at 2.30
 (2nd week)
 Monday Street and Highway at 3.0
 Tuesday ... Finance . at 3.0
 Wednesday .. School Attendance .. at 4.0
 And 2nd Public Health Committee on the 1st Wednesday after the Council Meeting at 11 a.m.
 Except at Christmas, when the alterations necessitated will be as follows :-
 24th Dec. Street and Highway (View) at 2.30
 28th Dec. Burial Board at 11.30 And at Whitsuntide as follows :-
 21st May. Street and Highway (View) at 2.30
 22nd May. Street and Highway at 3.0

8-Pony Carriages outside Mr. Humphrey's Horse Repository--A letter from Mr. H. Whislay, of No. 73, Winchcomb Street, was read, complaining of the nuisance caused to his clients on sale days, by their being unable to drive up to the entrance to his office, owing to the obstruction caused by the row of pony carriages which wait outside the Repository. Resolved, To inform Mr. Whislay that the Committee see no sufficient cause for interference at present, but the Street Inspector is instructed to see that there shall be as little inconvenience caused as possible.

9—Allotments—A letter from Mr. John Sawyer was read, enclosing a memorial from Mr. W. W. Crowther and 48 other ratepayers in the East Ward, applying to the Corporation to provide Allotments in the Ward, or as near thereto as practicable, each agreeing to rent the quantity of land set down opposite his name, amounting in the aggregate to 63 chains, provided the charge therefor should be fair and reasonable. Resolved, That the Committee sympathise with the wish of the memorialists, but would be glad to be informed if they can point out any suitable land for the purpose, and what rental per chain they would be prepared to pay.

10—Came Dealers' license—A letter from Messrs. R. W. & J. Jackson was read, applying for a license to deal in game at the above address. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for inspection of the premises by the Inspector of the Health Department.

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11—Petroleum Licenses—Applications for petroleum licenses were received from Mr. Beddard, Bath Road ; Mr. Beckingsale, 149, High Street ; Mr. Strang, Montpellier Street ; Mr. Tillott, 46, Tewkesbury Road; Mr. Baughan, Exchange Buildings, Bath Road ; Mr. Bellamy, 251, High Street ; Mr. Harvey, 192, High Street, and Mr. Lusty, 78, Larput Place ; and the Borough Surveyor having reported that he had inspected the premises, all of which he approved as suitable for storage of 50 gallons, Resolved, That the applications be granted to that extent in each case.

12-List of Hydrants—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had revised the list of hydrants within the Borough.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895— Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors cypher, Dighton, Heath, Moles, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

1—Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Wheeler be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th day of November, 1895— Present : The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cypher, Dighton, Lenthall, Moles, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

2 —Naunton Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that Capt. St. Clair Ford had presented between five and six dozen trees for planting and that he had planted them. Resolved, That Capt. St. Clair Ford be thanked for this gift.

3—Superintendent of the Alstone Bath—Resolved, That Mr. Hart be employed until the re-opening of this Bath in the same capacity as last year.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground— Resolved, That the Caretaker be provided with a new Top Coat. Resolved, That permission be given to the Town Football Club to play a match on this ground on Saturday next.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Chairman - Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of November, 1895—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

2— Superintendent's Report—In accordance with the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee, of the 24th of September last, the Superintendent handed in a copy of the inscription on the old headstone which Mr. Bowd, on behalf of Mr. Hillson, had applied for permission to erect over a new grave of members of the latter's family, and the Superintendent

reported that there were very few grave spaces for purchase left. Resolved, To permit Mr. Bowd to erect the old headstone as requested on condition that Mr. Hillson becomes the purchaser of the grave space over which the stone is to be put, and that the remaining spaces on the whole of the block between the Nonconformist ground and the Southern road be allotted for grave spaces for purchased graves instead of for vaults as originally planned.

3—Cross on Crave of Mr. Penrice Bell—A Letter from Mrs. Bell was read, applying for permission to increase the height of the cross on her husband's grave by means of an extra stone plinth at the base. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to comply with the request as the proposed additional plinth would increase the height to such an extent as would be in contravention of the Regulations for Headstones, but if she converts the grave space into a fourth class vault, the application can then be acceded to.

4—Rector's Fees—Resolved, That payment to the Rev. Canon Bell, under the arrangement made with him, be made up to the 25th day of November instant inclusive.

5—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Ellen Louisa Powell, Harriett Sophia Ping, James Burns, Amelia Davies, Helena Davies, Montagu Herbert Jenner.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages £16 5 6

Poor Rate. £ 0 11 3

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of November, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows was read:—

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY—SULPHUR.

Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.	Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.
Oct. 18th	16.88 candles	16.22 candles.	Nov. 13th-	8.80 grains	10.87 grains
25th	16.31	14.76	14th	per 100 cubic feet	per 100 cubic feet.
29th	15.94	15.12			
Nov. 8th	16.10	15.60			
13th	15.86	15.68			

He called attention to the general inferiority of the Gas as tested at the Town Testing Station to the Gas as tested at the Gas Works, and to the marked inferiority on October 25th.

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2—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.147 cubic feet.

3— Lamp Book—Produced and Examined. Lamps extinguished, 8 metered ; 35 unmetered ; and 3 burning dimly.

4 — Additional Lamp — Eldorado Road—A letter from Mrs. Sutcliff, of Oakleigh, was read, complaining that the additional lamp which had been promised in the Eldorado Road had not been yet placed there. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to attend to it.

5—St. Stephen's Road—The Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee reported that he had received a complaint from Col. Allfrey of the insufficient lighting of St. Stephen's Road. Resolved, That an additional lamp be placed therein.

6—Gas Company's Application to Parliament—A Letter was read from the Town Clerk to the Clerks to the Gas Company with which were sent copies of the Resolutions passed at the Special Meeting of the Council, held on the 18th inst., enquiring in pursuance of the recommendation of the Committee in their Report of the 14th instant, if the Directors of the Company would meet this Committee to discuss the question of the purchase by the Corporation of the Gas Undertaking. Resolved, That the Letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

7-Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that with the exception of a slight fault occurring through water entering a junction box at Lansdown Terrace, there had been no trouble or failure of any sort since his last Report, and that new customers were being daily connected, and the outlook was very promising.

That as he understood several applications had been made at the Municipal Offices for supply of current to customers in the neighbourhood of Thirlestaine House, he had estimated the cost of an extension from Cambray sub-station via Bath Street and Bath Road to that locality at £480.

That Mr. F. Wright had had his shop and billiard room wired for the electric light, and the best way of supplying him and the shops in the block south of the Rotunda would be by a 37/15 armoured concentric low pressure cable, the cost of which would be £60.

That on the application of Mr. Clare, and on the authority of the Chairman, in view of the special urgency of the case, a short length of 37/15 low pressure main had been laid in Portland Street and connected to the Albion Street low pressure main, the cost of which had been about £55, and he considered the annual return from Mr. Clare alone would probably pay 20 per cent. on that outlay.

That after trials extending over a considerable time he found that the Brush-Vienna Arc Lamp and Transformer had on the whole proved more satisfactory than any of the other lamps and transformers he had had, but he would be glad to be allowed to continue the trials till about February, and then make an exhaustive report upon all the lamps.

That he had obtained the glass panels for the three permanent Switch Boards, and was covering the wood panels of the temporary boards with Asbestos Millboard which he understood would meet the requirements of the Insurance Companies.

That in more than one case customers had replaced main fuses when they had blown, and that in one case (that of Messrs. Williams & Co.) very much larger fuses had been inserted than were originally provided, which course might burn up one or more of the house meters and even cause a temporary interruption in the supply, and he recommended that a circular be issued to the customers calling their attention to the fact that the Corporation reserve the right to insert all main fuses.

He appended a list of invoices of goods and materials supplied to the Committee amounting together to a total sum of £977 1s. 7d. Resolved, That the Report and recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted, but that a dozen Brush-Vienna Arcs and transformers be ordered at once, and that the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Clare of Messrs. Williams & Co. to inform him that customers are prohibited from interfering with the fuses themselves.

8—Extension to Ewlyn Road, Leckhampton—Letters from Mr. Harold Webb of Ewlyn, and Mr. A. A. Such of 2, Hampton Villas, Ewlyn Road, were read, expressing a hope that the Mains would soon be extended as far as their houses as they would respectively become customers. Resolved, To inform them that the Cable will be laid as soon as practicable, but the Committee are unable to say at this time how soon that will be.

9 —Electric Lamps at the Library—A letter from the Librarian of the Public Library was read, stating that 29 of the lamps supplied by the Committee had broken and requesting that they should be replaced as they must have been defective. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Electrical Engineer to deal with.

10—Extension to Charlton Kings—A letter from Mr. Horace Edwards of Herbert Villa, Charlton Kings, was read, asking if there was any probability of the Electric Light being introduced to Charlton Kings at an early date as he would like it for his house and would be willing to subscribe towards the expense, and it would also be probably installed at the Charlton Kings Working Men's Club. Resolved, To inform Mr. Edwards that a definite application with the number of probable customers along the route, with their requirements, would greatly assist the Committee in arriving at a decision.

11-Extension to Leamington Place, Pittville—A letter from Messrs. Giller & Son, of No. 2 and 3, Leamington Place, was read, complaining of the delay in supplying them with the Electric Light. Resolved, To inform Mr. Giller that the Committee very much regret the delay which has arisen from the very great pressure of work on the staff of the Electric Department, but the Electrical Engineer confidently expects to be able to supply them with the current in the course of the next three weeks.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman DIM); Councillors Ll. Davies, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Lawrence be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th day of November, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £614 0s. 0d. ; leaving outstanding £13,981 19s. 1d

3 - Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £1337 5s. 4d.; leaving outstanding £8028 17s. 5d.

4— Interest on Loans--With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee on the 27th of August last, letters from Messrs Brydges, Mellersh & Brydges on behalf of Mr G. E. Brydges and the Rev. Richard Coxwell Rogers, and from Mr. D. Lewis, the Secretary to the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society, offering to continue their respective loans at 3 per cent. ; from Mr. W. G. Cooley enquiring what was the highest percentage of interest the Corporation would pay ; and from Mr. F. W. J. Webb, offering to waive his right to 6 months L's 10' notice if the Committee care to pay him off at one or two months with interest up to the date of such earlier payment. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Brydges, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Cooley that the Council cannot pay more than 2 7/8 per cent. interest, and Mr. Webb that the Council will be glad to avail themselves of his offer.

5—Loans—With reference to Minute No 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, That on account of the Barn Farm Loan the amount be £830 the amount sanctioned having being increased to that sum.

6—Rating of Government Property—A letter from the Mayor of Portsmouth and others was read, desiring to know if the Council would be willing to co-operate in an attempt to establish a system whereby the assessment of Government properties would be arrived at in the same way as the assessment of the properties of ordinary ratepayers.

7 —Borough Rate Estimate—A letter from the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham was read, requesting to be supplied not later than the 1st of March in each year with the estimate of the amount which will be required for the then ensuing year by the Corporation for the Borough Rate. Resolved, That the Committee will in future endeavour to comply with the request.

8—Winter Garden—Resolved, to borrow from the County of Gloucester Bank at 2 7/8 interest the £12,500 required to complete the purchase of the Winter Garden, that the debentures be sealed and signed accordingly, and that the Loan be dated the 2nd day of December next.

9— Borough Accountant's Staff—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 27th of August last, Resolved, To empower Mr. Minett to engage another Assistant for his Department at a salary of about 20s per week.

10—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and allowed, and the latter, amounting to 44,358 15s. 4d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following is the General Statement:—

Overdrawn on the 22nd October last.	£4,319 15 11
Paid since that date	<u>£4,738 15 5</u>
	£9,058 11 4
Received since that date	<u>£2,379 11 1</u>
Overdrawn	£6,679 0 3

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Dighton and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-- Chairman ---- Resolved, That Councillor Feeny be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors LI. Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved. That Alderman Wethered be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. B. WETHERED, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of November, 1895—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Moles, and Parsonage ; The Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. C. Hall, (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

2----Librarian's Report— The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £10. 6s. 9d. He also reported that an Exhibition of Gloucestershire Literature was held in the Reference Library on Friday, the 15th inst. ; only 250 persons visited the Exhibition, the weather having been very bad ; That there had been a daily increase in the Reference Library issues of 7, and of the Lending Library issues of 71 ; and That the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

Sir Brook Kay, Bart.	6 Vols.	18 Pamphlets
F. A. Hyett	7 “	“
S. S. Buckman .. .		13 “
Messrs. G. A. Williams & Son ..	1 “	5 “
F. H. Cliffe	1 “	
Board of Trade .		1 “
O. M. Jessop .	1 “	
Anonymous..	2 “	

Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.

3—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Wethered, Councillors Ll. Davies and Parsonage, with Capt. Welch and Mr. Neale, do form the Public Library Sub-Committee to meet at the Library at 10.30 o'clock on the Monday mornings pre-ceding the meeting of this Committee.:

4-- Printing Annual Report--The Librarian reported he had only received one tender for printing the Annual Report, viz., from Mr. Geo. F. Poole, for the same amount as last year, viz., £2 15s Resolved, That the same be accepted.

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5—Annual Report—The Librarian read the draft of the Annual Report. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

6—Financial Statement—The Chairman submitted an Account which had been prepared by the Borough Accountant showing the financial position of the Library as follows :—

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CAPITAL (BUILDINGS, &c) ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS	£	s	d	£	s	d	EXPENDITURE	£	s	d	£	s	d
Loan				10,000	0	0	Purchase of site & expenses re Loan etc	4,096	5	2			
Contributions							Less sale of material	224	10	8			
School of Art	1,100	0	0								3,871	14	6
School of Science	500	0	0				Building and Furnishing				10,759	7	8
Joint Appeal	770	9	0				Architect's Commission				595	0	0
Jubilee Tower	832	5	0				Clerk of Works				206	0	0
Sundry Donations	190	0	0				Compensation re Chester Cottage				55	0	0
				3,392	14	0	Misc. items				34	1	9
Street Improvement Acct. for land				400	0	0							
Revenue Acct. transferred				400	0	0							
				14,192	14	0							
Balance agst. Library				1,328	9	11							
				£15,521	3	11					£15,521	3	11

PUBLIC LIBRARY. ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1895-6,

Taking in the Amount already Expended with an Approximate Amount necessary to complete the year. 1895-6

Balance against the Library 25th March, 1895.	£105	15	2
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	£ 21	8	4
Salaries and Wages ..	£403	0	0
Books—New Books	£ 25	17	10
Replacements	£ 18	9	6
	£44	7	4
Binding and Numbering ..	£34	19	8
Magazines and Newspapers	£53	13	6
Printing and Stationery ...	£17	4	11
Alterations and Repairs ..	£34	15	11
Furniture and Fittings ..	£21	1	3
Lighting and Heating ..	£55	0	2
Sundries—Cleaning Materials, &c.	£14	13	3

Leckhampton Reading Room	£12	0	0
Instalment on Messrs. Marshall's Contract re Electric	£33	10	0
Lighting Installation ..	£745	14	4
Interest and Instalment of Principal o/a £10,000 Loan	£560	17	6
	£1,412	7	0
Library Rate at 1d. in the £ on Rateable Value of £270,312 10s 0d	£1,126	10	0
Rents—School of Art and School of Science ..	£115	0	0
Fines, Catalogues, Cards, &c. ..	£125	0	0
Rent of Leckhampton Room ..	£8	0	0
	£61		
Balance expected to be against the Library on the 25th March, 1896	£38	0	11

1896-7 Taking the above as Estimates for 1896-7 and by borrowing an extra £1350 at 3 % the account at the 25th March, 1897, would appear as follows :

Estimated Balance against the Library, 25th March, 1896	£ 38 0 11
Estimated Expenditure	£745 14 4
Interest and Instalment £10,000 Loan	£560 17 6
Ditto ditto £1,350 Loan .	£ <u>68 17 7</u>
	<u>£629 15 1</u>
	<u>£1,375 9 5</u>
	£1,413 10 4
Estimated Income as above..	<u>£1,374 6 1</u>
Balance expected to be against the Library on the 25th March, 1897	£39 4 3
£1897	£39 4 3

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7—Technical Education Grant —Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to make a short statement at the next meeting of the Council of the general financial position of the Library and that the Council do permit the whole amount allotted to the Library from the Technical Education Grant to be placed to the general funds of the Library.

8 —Gift of Pictures—The Librarian placed before the Committee four rare aquatint pictures of Old Cheltenham which he recommended should be acquired for the Library at a cost of four guineas, and the Baron de Ferrieres having kindly offered to present them to the Library, Resolved, That his generous offer be accepted and that the thanks of the Council be accorded to him for the gift.

9—Leckhampton Reading Room—Resolved, That two incandescent gas burners be ordered for the Leckhampton reading room.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£15 12 0
M. B. Ricketts, Poor Rate	£ 9 11 3
James Rimell & Son, Books ..	£ 4 14 6
James Webb, Replacement of Books ..	£ 0 10 6
H. G. Norman, Correspondence Cards ..	£ 0 9 6
Francis Edwards, Books ..	£ 0 3 8
London Supply Co., Cleaning Materials .	£ 0 3 3

E. B. WETHERED, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 1895—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Cypher, LI Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 1895—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, LI Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Councillor LI. Davies in the chair)—

2-- Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor LI. Davies was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

3— Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That a Summons under the Bye-Laws be issued against the responsible parent of William Hopkins and a Summons for breach of Attendance Order against the father of William Sallis with a view to the latter being sent to an Industrial School.

4— Representation of the School Attendance Committee on the Local Committees—Resolved, That Councillor LI. Davies be appointed to represent the School Attendance Committee on the Local Committee of the South and Middle Wards, and that Alderman Wethered be asked to accept a similar appointment on the Local Committee of the East Ward.

5—East Ward Local Committee—Appointment of Capt. Berthon—The Local Committee of the East Ward having reported that Capt. Berthon, of Kingsholme, Hales Road, would be willing to serve on that Committee. Resolved, That he be appointed a Member.

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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 747 names, these and the balance of 186 left to visit at the end of last month made a total of 933. Of this number 52 were accounted for by the teachers, 799 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 82 recently sent in.

7—Special Examination—The Town Clerk reported that a Special Examination of Children was held on the 5th October last, with the following results :—

No. of Boys examined				75.
No. passed in Standard III				8
“	“	“	IV	3
“	“	“	V	26
No. of Girls examined				35.
No. passed in Standard III				1
“	“	“	IV	0
“	“	“	V	24

The total number of children examined was 110. Of this number 62 passed and the remainder failed.

8—Deputation of School Teachers—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, To accede to the recommendation of the Deputation to abolish half time certificates, and that subject to the consent of the Education Department the Bye-laws be amended accordingly, but that no alteration be made as to the Standard fixed for total exemption.

9—Maud Davey—A letter from Miss Roberts, Assistant Secretary to the Charity Organisation Society, was read, desiring to know if the Society could rely on pecuniary support from the rates to make up the balance of £13 8s. 0d. required to defray the cost of teaching a trade to Maud Davy, of 49, Upper Park Street, aged 15, who is the child of a Postman, and has been partially blind all her life, and of maintaining her in an Institute at Birmingham. Resolved, To inform Miss Roberts that the Committee regret they have no power to make use of the rates for this purpose.

10—Census of Children—Resolved, That next February a census be taken of the number of children of school age resident within the Borough.

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.