

## Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1896.

### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Tile View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz. : The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne.

2—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a glazed sign had been fixed by Mr. H. Bletchley, Bootmaker, on the South side of his shop No. 13, Pittville Street; that a gas rail had been fixed by the Dorset Dairy Company in front of their shop window, No. 78 High Street ; that Mr. J. S. Clare, had fixed a small electric lamp in front of his shop window, No. 113, High Street ; and that Mr. S. J. Dudley, Outfitter, had put up an incandescent gas lamp in front of his shop window, No. 137, High Street.

A letter from Mr. Bletchley was read, requesting permission to allow his sign to remain; also one from Mr. Jesse Boots, of No 129, High Street, asking permission to fix up an electric arc light outside his shop; and one from Mr. W. W. Kendall, of No. 386, High Street, asking if he could use non-advertising gas lights outside his shop without the restrictions imposed on advertising ones. The Committee were informed that Mr. Cole, of 96, Winchcomb Street, had an incandescent gas lamp in front of his shop window; and Messrs. Cash & Co., of No. 136, High Street, had four gas lamps in front of their shop being lower than the prescribed height of eight feet.

Resolved, That Mr. Bletchley be required to remove the sign over his shop; that the gas rail of the Dorset Dairy Company, the lamps of Mr. Clare, Mr. Dudley, and Messrs. Cash & Co. be allowed to remain; the application of Mr. Boots be granted; and Mr. Kendall be informed that a non-advertising lamp may be used, subject to the said gas rail and all the said lamps being at least eight feet high in the clear, and not projecting more than 24 inches inclusive from the face of the buildings, and in the case of advertising lamps that they be kept alight till 10 o'clock every night ; that Mr. Cole be informed he must ask permission to allow his gas light to remain, and that in future all lamps, gas rails, or projections erected without permission being first obtained must be removed.

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1—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways— The Borough Surveyor reported that the work which had been carried out in his Department from the 23rd November to the 27th inst., both inclusive, had been as follows :—Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Leamington Place 1944 super yards, Hewlett Place 419 super yards, Charlton Lane 660 super yards, Naunton Lane 970 super yards, Old Bath Road (from Sandford Road to Railway Bridge) 4510 super yards, Shurdington Road 1032 super yards, Stanhope Street 1066 super yards, Marle Hill Parade 300 super yards, Christ Church Road 261 super yards, Douro Road 253 super yards.

Patching—Hatherley Road, High Street, Duke Street, Sandfield Road, 'Malvern Road, St. George's Parade, Rutland Street, Prestbury Road, St. Paul's Road, Gloucester Road, Western Road, Hanover Street, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Crescent, Bath Road, North Street, St. George's Road, Roman Road, Cleeve Road, St. Paul's Parade, Dunalley Parade, Ambrose Street, Burton Street, Queen's Road, Portland Street, Crescent Terrace, Hewlett Place, Promenade, Regent Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Cleeve Path Road Drive, Pittville Lawn (both proceeding).

Patching (Wickwar)—Lansdown Crescent, Back of Lansdown Terrace, Elm Street, Christ Church Road, Duke Street, Sun Street, Queen Street.

Repaired with Brown Stone—Charlton Lane 880 super yards, Painswick Road 456 super yards, Merestones Road (proceeding), Overton Road 934 super yards, Parabola Road 1103 super yard:, Lane at back of Parabola Road 666 super yards.

Kerbing Crossing and Paving—America Passage, Albion Street, St. George's Place, Keynsham Parade, Bath Road, Lansdown Terrace, Ormond Place, Portland Street, The Promenade, Regent Street, Winchcomb Street, Rodney Road, College Road, Evesham Road, Leamington Place, Sun Street, Townsend Street, Park Street, Lansdown Crescent (proceeding), Montpellier Parade, St. George's Road, Hewlett Place, Hewlett Road, Henrietta Street, North Street, St. George's Street, Gloucester Road, Montpellier Street, Church Yard, Dunalley Parade, Suffolk Parade, Suffolk Place, Park Place, Sherborne Terrace, Sandford Street, Malvern Road, Clarence Road, Mountpleasant, Hatherley Street, Rutland Street, back of Lansdown Place.

New Broseley (Mc Dougall's) sett crossing has been put down opposite Humphreys' Stables, Winchcomb Street.

Tariff Paths—Oriel Road, St. Margaret's Road. Monson Avenue, Trinity Passage, Swindon Road.

Asphalte Paths—Passage leading from St. Philip's Street to Suffolk Street, 14 super yards.

Asphalte Channelling—Painswick Road. 456 lineal yards.

New Gullies to replace Defective ones—St. George's Road (t), Swindon Road (l), Suffolk Square (1), Suffolk Road (1), High Street (i), Cleveland Street (1), Oriel Road (2), Regent Street (l), Manchester Street (1.)

Gullies Repaired—Back of Leconfield (1), Suffolk Square (1), St. Philip's Street (1), High Street (1), Hatherley Street (1), Bath Road (1), Hewlett Street (1).

Trees cut down-1 in the Park ; 2 near Glenarbuck House ; 7 in Selkirk Street ; 1 in Rowanfield Road.

Trees pruned in —The Park ; Pittville Circus Road; Clarence Square ; Selkirk Street.

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 869 ; Cart loads, 293, consumed at the Destructor 1,049 tons, 12 cwt.

4--College Lawn Road—With reference to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. G. W. Sadler was read protesting against Else brick being laid down in College Lawn Road; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, informing him that it is not intended to be common blue brick edging and channelling, but blue terra-metallic bordering and the

channels blue bricks, but the Borough Surveyor expects to be able to get enough silver grey to do the road, if the abutting owners care to pay the 10 per cent. more that it would cost than the blue terra-metallic. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

5—St. Anne's Road—A Memorial from John Derrick and others was read, calling attention to the bad state of the road, and footpath, and lighting of this road, and requesting the Corporation to take in hand the work necessary to pave, scavenge, and better light the same. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the abutting owners, to put the same into ordinary repair, and for the paving of the footpath on the North and West by the abutting owners on those sides ; that the Lighting Committee be recommended to grant an additional lamp to be placed on the west side of the road, and one of the present lamps removed to another position to equalize the light.

6—Cranham Road—A letter from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, Solicitors, on behalf of the Rev. A. Armitage, was read, submitting that as he owned a strip of land only a few feet wide abutting on the Cranham Road he should not be asked to pay an equal contribution per foot frontage with the other abutting owners of the cost of putting it into repair. Resolved, That the Committee see no sufficient reason for relieving Mr. Armitage from the liability attaching to him as one of the owners of land abutting on the road.

7—Sydenham Road, North—A memorial from Mr. J. F. Claridge and others was read, requesting the Corporation to take over this road and declare it a highway. Resolved, That if the memorialists will obtain the consent of the proprietor of the street to its becoming a highway the Council will be in a position to comply with their request, provided the road is put in such a state of repair as will justify the Corporation declaring it to be a highway.

8—Pittville Villas and Paragon Terrace—A letter from Miss Lawson, of No 7, Pittville Villas, was read, requesting that a name plate might be affixed so as to identify that row of houses. Resolved, That name plates for Pittville Villas and Paragon Terrace be provided.

9---Road at back of Royal Parade—A letter from Mr. C. S. Holliday was read, requesting to be informed when the Corporation intend to take over this road. Resolved, To inform Mr. Holliday that when the building operations in the road are completed the whole length of it will be declared a public highway.

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10-Road from St. George's Road to Overton Park—A letter from Mr. Stafford Reeves was read, complaining that Messrs. Winstone and Sheppard, two of the owners of land abutting on this road, had not put in repair their portions of the road, though the other abutting owners had done so, and requesting the Corporation to take some steps in the matter. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put the road in repair.

11-Roadway at top of Hermitage Street—A letter from Mr. T. Bendall was read, complaining that Mr. Boulton was encroaching on the road by enclosing part of it within the fence of his property abutting upon it. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bendall that the street being a private one the Council have no power to interfere.

12-Christ Church Road—A letter from Mrs. Wallich, of Welton, was read, complaining that the water in the gutter of this road did not run off and created a nuisance. Resolved, To give notice to the abutting owners on the west side of the road to border and channel the footpath and roadway.

13 -Footpaths in the Added Area, late Leckhampton—A letter from Mr. Charles Caines was read, complaining that the water collected in the new channelling owing to its being improperly laid, and also of the crossings in Moorend Street and Short Street Resolved. To view the work complained of, and to request Mr. Moorman to report upon it.

14—Hoarding, Queen's Road—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. F. C. Bishop, of the Great Western Railway District Estate Office, Oxford Station, was read, requesting to be informed of the grounds of complaint, as he found that the erection did not project beyond the footings of the wall, but was well within the boundary ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply that the complaint was from residents in the neighbourhood, to whom the hoarding is a general nuisance, and suggested that the receipts of the Company from this source must be so small in comparison with the interests of the Company in Cheltenham that it could be hardly worth the while of the Company to let their land for such a purpose ; also a letter from Mr. W. Dobson, of the Cheltenham and District Billposting Co., stating that he was in communication with Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son on the subject, and implying that if compelled to move the hoarding he should post the bills on the brick walls of the bridge ; also a letter from Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son, stating that they would communicate with the Great Western Railway Co. upon the subject. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that if the hoarding is not removed proceedings be taken.

15--Road from East side of Pittville Pump Room to Main Road--A letter from Surgeon-General Gulland was read, complaining of the condition of this road and of the footpath from Marston Lodge to the Bridge. Resolved, To inform Surgeon-General Gulland that the work of repairing this road and footpath is in hand.

16—Lighting in Hewlett Road—With reference to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting letters were read from Mr. J. D. Taylor, of Castlemaine, and Mr. W. H. Parker, of Tresco, complaining of the insufficient lighting in this road, and the latter expressing his opinion that there was no necessity to wait till the building operations proceeding there were further advanced. Resolved, To inform the writers that the Committee will bear in mind their representations to be attended to when they consider necessary, and that the Lighting Committee be recommended to grant an additional lamp to be placed at the junction of the Cemetery Road and Harp Hill.

17—Road in Front of Elmscourt and Hill Court, Pittville—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Surveyor had complained to him that the water from the above-mentioned road damaged the Evesham Road, and that the said road was in a very bad state of repair. Resolved, That the attention of the Prestbury Parish Council be called to this.

18- Crossing in Upper High Street—A memorial from Messrs. Silk & Son and other occupiers of houses in the Upper High Street was read, requesting that a crossing might be laid down in the High Street near the Old Swan Hotel. Resolved, That the Committee see no necessity for a crossing in the

position named more than at many other points, but that the Borough Surveyor be directed to instruct the road men to keep the road swept there.

19- Horse Accident in the Colonnade—A letter from Mrs. Fowles was read, requesting to be compensated for an injury sustained by a horse belonging to her slipping down in the Colonnade. Resolved, To inform her that the Committee regret the accident, but cannot entertain her application.

20-Water Trough at St. Mark's—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of September last, a letter from Captain Ryves, Secretary to the Cheltenham and East Gloucestershire Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was read, suggesting that the site for the trough should be altered either to under the large gas lamp or to the north side of the Gloucester Road by the telephone post near the public seat on the side of the road opposite Lansdown Cottages, Resolved, To grant permission to place the trough on the site last mentioned. 2i- Tewkesbury Road Footpath -With reference to Minute No 20 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That notice be given to Mrs. Stokes to form a proper crossing in the line of the footpath.

22-Trees in Christ Church Road—A letter from Mr. Samuel Adams was read, calling attention of the Committee to the unsatisfactory appearance of the avenue of trees in this road from the gaps which occur in it, and also calling attention to the dangerous position of a tree at the junction of the carriage drive of the new house adjoining St. Catherine's with the highway. Resolved, To inform Mr. Adams that the tree complained of will be removed, and that he be granted permission to plant the trees he suggests should be planted.

23-Additional Lamp, Ormond Place—Resolved, That the Lighting Committee be recommended to grant an additional lamp in Ormond Place, to be put opposite the end of the lane at the back of Promenade Villas.

24—Queen's Road—Bick--Resolved, That notice be given to the proprietor of the intended new road called Eldorado Road to form a proper crossing thereto in the line of the footpath in the Queen's Road and of the full width thereof.

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25-Footpath, St. Stephen's Road- With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a specification from the Surveyor, of date the 10th day of December, 1895, of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And it was Resolved. That Notice be given under Sec. 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

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.
698	Edward Saunders	House in Gloucester Road
699	W. H. Bulley	House in Gloucester Road
700	C. H. Saunders	Two Villas on south side of Ewlyn Road
701	Mr. Thomas	House in Roman Road, St. Marks
702	George Loveday	Six Houses in Roman Road, St. Mark's
703	S. B. Dix	Six Houses in Ewlyn Road
704	F. Palmer	Shop and Store Room in London Road
705	John Horr	House between Alstone Court and Christ Church Road in Western Road.
706	J. L. Bendall	House adjoining Prospect Villa, Shurdington Road
707	Gloucester Co-operative Society, Gloucester	Proposed Stables, adjoining the Pilgrim Inn, Rutland St.
708	W. Carrington	Additions to No. 14, Promenade Villas
709	C. S. Voile	Alterations to Sydenham Lawn

Resolved, That No. 705 be disapproved, it appearing that the proposed building would be brought forward beyond the main walls of the houses or buildings on either side thereof: that No. 706 be disapproved, the plans not being properly drawn; that No. 707 be disapproved, having been disapproved by the Public Health Committee; that No. 709 be disapproved subject to the cast iron drain pipe under the floor having a ventilating shaft at each end, communicating outside the main walls with the open air; and that the other plans be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 1895—Present Alderman Norman Councillors M. Davis, Feeny, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops' Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received an application from Henry Hayward, of Berkeley Cottage, Winchcomb Street, to be registered as a Purvey, of Milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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

3—Overcrowding at No. 8, Exmouth Terrace, and No. 12, Tivoli Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these dwelling houses were so overcrowded as to 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.

4-Insanitary Cowshed—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a Cowshed in the occupation of Mr. C. Smith, of Leckhampton Wood Yard, 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 on the owner and occupier requiring them to abate the nuisance.

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5—Dangerous condition of No. 22, Commercial Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this house appeared to him to be in a dangerous condition. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do take steps under Sec. 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, to have the premises put in a safe condition.

6—Defective Drainage—Nos. 1 to 4, Zara Cottages, St. Ann's Terrace, and Nos. 5 to 10, St. Mark's Place, Granley 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 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.

No. 1, Malvern Cottages, Moorend 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.

7—Insufficient Closet Accommodation--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the six houses in Exmouth Terrace had only two w.c.'s. between them. Resolved, That notices under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act be given to the owners to provide a sufficient water closet for each house, and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as directed by the said section.

8—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, 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.

9—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 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.

10—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.

11—Harper's Court and No. 6, Rutland Street--With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 13th ulto., a letter from Mr. J. G. Flory was read, with which was inclosed a plan of a proposed improvement of the cottages, offering to take down and remove them, with the exception of the front house, for the suns of 475, or, if the Committee would not agree to this, to make an offer. Resolved, That Mr. Flory must himself deal with the property so as to make it habitable, and that he must send in better plans for that purpose.

12—Barn Farm—Mr. Corbett, the tenant of this farm, attended the meeting of the Committee and specified certain repairs and additions to the farm which he thought should be done and made by the Corporation. Resolved, That the following be done, viz., one half of the unpitched portion of the barn floor be pitched; a drain from the old cowshed be made; the window in the boiler house repaired; the barn door re-hung ; and that permission be given to the tenant to divide the large field by a wire fence provided that barbed wire be not used. The question of a new cart shed was deferred for a report thereon from the Borough Surveyor.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 20th day of December, 1895—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)-

13—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received an application from Mr. Jehu Morris, of 20, Sherborne Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That he be registered when the requirements as to the defective drain traps in the yard and provision of a proper ash receptacle have been complied with to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

14 —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, one of Enteric Fever and two of Diphtheria ; that five of the Scarlet Fever cases had been sent into the Delancey Hospital ; that one of the Diphtheria cases had been treated in the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was seven.

15—Carting Refuse in the Hatherley Road—A letter from Col. Theobald, of Bournside, was read, complaining of the nuisance caused by a farmer carting refuse from the Corporation Shed in Hatherley Road. Resolved, To inform Col. Theobald that in future the refuse will be taken to the Destructor.

16—Insufficient Closet Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the closet accommodation at the works of Messrs. Letheren & Co. was defective and insufficient. Resolved, That notice be given to Messrs. Letheren to provide sufficient and suitable accommodation in the way of sanitary conveniences, having regard to the number of persons employed at the works as required by Sec. 35 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895.



17—W.C.'s. at the Trusty Engine Works—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the flushing boxes to the w.c's. at the Trusty Engine Works did not properly flush the closets which were consequently 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 works requiring them to abate the nuisance and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

18—Cleansing and Limewashing—No. 7, St. Mark's Place--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 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.

19—Common Lodging Houses—The Inspector of Nuisances reported the result of a night inspection he had made of the Common Lodging Houses in the town, from which it appeared that the Bye-Laws had been very flagrantly contravened at Cumberland Villa, Cumberland House, and Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, and Nos. 20, 21, and 81, Stanhope Street. Resolved, That proceedings for the penalties be taken in each case.

20- Sewer in front of Gloucester Crescent—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that, the drains having been disconnected, this sewer be examined, and if found to be conveying no sewage be taken out. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to take out the sewer if satisfied that no drains are connected with the houses.

21-Alstone Ditch The Medical Officer of Health reported that this ditch had been found to be badly polluted, beyond the part previously inspected, by an overflow from a cess-pit receiving sewage from the pig styes at Mr. Boots' model cottages. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owner and occupier of the property requiring them to abate the nuisance.

With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 13th ultimo, the Borough Engineer submitted a Plan of what he proposed should be done to put this ditch in a proper condition. Resolved, That the same be approved and that notices be served on the abutting owners requiring them to carry out the work.

22 -Defective Drainage—Clarence Chambers, Clarence Parade, No. 69, High Street, No. 6, Union Street, and The Cedars, Eldon Road—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. 8, Imperial Square, and No. 29, St. George's Place—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating 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.

23—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 therewith proceedings be taken for penalties.

24—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.

25—Enteric Fever Cases—General Hospital—With reference to Minute No. 30 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. F. W. Hayward Butt, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Cheltenham General Hospital was read, informing the Town Clerk that it had been decided by the Board of Governors of the Hospital that cases of Enteric Fever sent in by the Medical Officer of Health will, provided there are vacant beds, be received free of charge, and that the maximum accommodation in the medical wards in which cases of Enteric Fever can be treated had been fixed for the present as follows, viz :—two women, two children, and three men. Resolved, That the Hospital Board be thanked for their offer which will be acted upon.

26- Analyses of Water by the Medical Officer of Health—With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 13th of November last, a letter from the Local Government Board was read in reply to the letter of the Town Clerk and the statement of the Chairman of the Public Health Committee which accompanied it, stating that the Rules and Regulations of the Board are not intended to include the making of quantitative analyses, but that they see no reason when a Medical Officer possesses the necessary qualifications why a Town Council should not make a special arrangement with that Officer to perform the analytical duties referred to, but in such case no part of such special remuneration would be repayable out of the County Fund.

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27 —Delancey Hospital--With reference to Minute No. 29 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney was read, stating that the draft agreement as to treatment of patients sent in by the Corporation had been approved by the Trustees subject to the slight alteration which appeared therein, and stating that at present there is no suitable accommodation in the Hospital for cases of diphtheria, but that a Sub-Committee had been appointed to consider whether it was possible to provide such accommodation in a separate building. Resolved, To approve the draft agreement as altered, and to pay to the Hospital Trustees the amount due to them for treatment of patients sent in by the Corporation from the 25th March, 1893 to the 25th inst., as shown by the account rendered by them amounting to £550.

28—Insurance of Sheds and Ambulances of the Corporation—With reference to the resolution to the latter part of the Minute above referred to, and a letter to them of the Town Clerk of date the 10th instant, a letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney was read, stating that the Sheds and

Ambulances of the Corporation shall be insured as with those of the Delancey Hospital, as follows, viz :-

£50 on the Fever Ambulance Shed,  
£100 on the Ambulance,  
£50 on the Small Pox Ambulance Shed, and  
£40 on the “ Ambulance.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

29—Alleged Incivility of Assistants of the Medical Officer of Health—With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 9th of October last, a letter from Mr. Margrett was read expressing regret that the letter of the Town Clerk had not received attention earlier, but the name and address of the lady who complained to him had been mis-laid but directly it should be found he should have it.

30—Sewage Irrigation—With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 13th ultimo, a Deputation from the Memorialists consisting of Messrs. J. L. Brookes, Arkell, Buckle, and Nunney attended, and the Committee discussed with them the terms upon which it would be fair to supply sewage irrigation to their farms. Resolved, To rescind the resolution to Minute No. 34 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th day of July last, and in lieu of the scale thereby fixed to adopt the following scale of charges, viz :—

January	4s per dressing ....	8d. per week per acre		
February	8s “	1s 4d “	“	“
March	8s “	1s 4d “	“	“
April	8s- “	1s 4d “	“	“
May	12s “	2s “	“	“
June	12s “	2s “	“	“
July	12s “	2s “	“	“
August	7s “	9s “	“	“
September	7s “	1s 2d “	“	“
October	7s “	1s 2d “	“	“
November	4s “	8d. “	“	“
December	4s “	8d. “	“	“

31—Urinal between the Chelt and back of Messrs. Marshall's Workshops—The attention of the Committee having been drawn to the very insanitary condition of this urinal and the unsuitableness of its position, and the Committee having viewed it, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed as soon as possible to bring up a plan and scheme for the erection of a urinal near to the wall on the crown of the arch over the Chelt at the back of Bayshill Terrace, to supersede the one first mentioned, and that the same be removed as soon as the new one is completed.

32—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. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned, with the exception of the plan of the Gloucester Co-operative Society, Gloucester, for stables adjoining the Pilgrim Inn, Rutland Street, No 707 which be disapproved.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

## TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Lawrence, Skillicorne, and Ward-Humphreys (The Mayor in the chair)—

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

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2 —Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported the completion of the purchase of this property.

Tennis and Badminton— A letter from Mr. G. M. Currie was read on behalf of several ladies asking permission to play Badminton in the Winter Garden, and Councillor Lawrence stated he had received a similar application from Capt. Henderson for Tennis and Badminton. Resolved, To inform Mr. Currie and Capt. Henderson that permission will be granted on the following terms : the charge for a court to be 2s per hour and 6d. entrance extra for each player. The Corporation to mark out the Courts and provide the nets ; an extra charge to be made for play by gaslight. Skating, if required, 1s each person, or 6d. each if visitors bring their own skates.

Drill—An application was received from Capt. Griffith for the use of the Winter Garden for drill purposes for the Cheltenham Company of the 2nd Volunteer Brigade Gloucestershire Rifles, on Thursday evenings in each week. Resolved, To grant the application, the Company to pay the out-of-pocket expenses for lighting, &c.

Caretaker—Councillor Lawrence informed the Committee that Mr. Adams the present caretaker would be willing to continue at a salary of 40s a week. Resolved, That he be offered 35s a week to the end of March, with house as at present.

3— Further Business—Resolved, To adjourn the Meeting till Monday afternoon, the 23rd inst., at 3.30 o'clock, to transact the business remaining to be done.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At is Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1895—Present The Mayor; Councillors Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

4—Promenade Improvement, No. 2—A plan of this proposed Improvement was laid before the Committee, and the Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Gregory and Purnell would consent to it as modified. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a revised plan, and that the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to procure the assent of the owners and occupiers to the Improvement.

5—Montpellier Gardens—Athletic Society—A letter from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, was read, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday next, and requesting that the old asphalte court might be removed. Resolved, To inform Mr. Wilks that

the Society can have the use of the Gardens on the same terms as last year, viz., 20 guineas, and if they are prepared to contribute £5 towards the cost thereof, the Corporation will remove the asphalt court referred to and bank up the N.W. corner of the course.

6— Hampton's Garden—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 19th of November last, Resolved, That the Committee consider that they have no power to deal with this matter and are not prepared to make any recommendation thereon.

7—Town Band—A letter from Mr. Joseph Hall, Secretary to the Town Band, was read, complaining of interference with the Band by other unauthorised Bands. Resolved, That the Committee regret their inability to assist them in the matter.

8— Winter Garden—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of September last. Resolved, That the Resolution thereto be varied as follows, viz., the plans to be advertised for be for the Kursaal only, the premium remaining the same, viz., £100, in other respects the resolution referred to, to remain as approved.

W. HEATH,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors LI. Davies, and Lenthall. (Alderman Wethered in the chair.)—

1-Board of Trade Boilers for Domestic Purposes—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter from the Board of Trade was read, stating that they considered it better to leave the actual terms of the warning to be addressed to householders to the discretion of the Local Authorities ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply expressing regret that the Board had not seen their way to issue a circular suggesting the safe guards which should be adopted. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

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2 —Water Supply to the Midland Railway Company at Ashchurch—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th of June last, a letter from Mr. C. H. Jones, of the Locomotive Department of the Company, suggesting that the Corporation should purchase the Company's Main from the Borough of Tewkesbury to their Station at Ashchurch, and a letter from the Town Clerk in reply that he did not see how the ownership of the pipe affected the question of the liability of the Company to pay this Corporation for the water supplied and not the Tewkesbury Corporation, and that this Corporation expect the Company to pay them for the water consumed at Ashchurch, and object to their paying the Tewkesbury Corporation for it, and that this Corporation are prepared to indemnify the Company against any proceedings against them on the part of the Tewkesbury Corporation; a letter from Messrs. Beale & Co., of Birmingham, solicitors to the Company was read, suggesting that the meter should be moved outside the Borough. Resolved, That

the Committee must adhere to their decision as expressed in the Town Clerk's letter in reply to the letter from Mr. Jones.

3—Boddington Manor Estate—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th day of July last, a notice from Messrs. Whitcombe & Haines, solicitors, Gloucester, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Gibbons, was read, requiring the Corporation on or before the 31st of May next, to completely carry out their covenants contained in Indentures of the 28th of September, 1883, and the 16th of August, 1894, with reference to the flow of water in the Chelt at Boddington, and the erection and maintenance of such gauges and other works as shall be necessary to measure the same. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take the necessary steps to erect the gauge.

4 —Water Supply to Northway House and Midland Railway Co.—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had requested the Midland Railway Company to make a formal application in writing for the increased supply of water to the Company at Ashchurch, which had already been made to him verbally, but as yet it had not been received. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter until the Borough Surveyor shall have heard again from the Company.

E. B. WETHERED, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 19th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer and Lenthall (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

5—Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Ll. Davies was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

6—Borough Engineer's Report — The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer, for the previous month, was read:— He reported that on the 14th inst., the supply to Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs was 125 Gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 136 Gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 19,746,961 gallons.

That on the 16th instant, the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 22 feet, and the contents 52,756,542 Gallons, which gave a total of 72,503,503 Gallons or about 96 days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 1,036,391 gallons.

He also reported that he had received a letter from the Charlton Kings District Council stating that they had under consideration the question of supplying water to a cattle trough proposed to be erected in the London Road and enquiring what the cost of water supply would be (a) if supplied by meter (b) if in the ordinary way.

He recommended that the men who had to visit houses for inspection of water fittings, &c. (who would not exceed four at any time, and at first need not exceed three) should be supplied with a uniform cap and coat, as a means of identification, as he had received complaints from some persons that the book with which the men are supplied is not sufficient for that purpose.

Resolved, That the only means of supply to the water trough at Charlton Kings can be by meter at a reduced charge of 9d. per 1000 gallons, and 25s per annum for maintenance; that two uniform coats

and caps be provided for each of the men employed to inspect water fittings, &c. in private houses, one of cloth for the winter and the other of serge for the summer, to be obtained by tender.

7—New Main in Tewkesbury—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter from Mr. Badham WAS read asking the Corporation to extend the 4-inch main in question as soon as they can. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed with the extension as soon as possible.

8—Water Supply to M. & S. W. Junction Railway Engines A letter from Mr. Sam Fay, General Manager of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway was read, enquiring the lowest price per thousand gallons at which the Corporation could supply water for the engines and engine shed of the Company, the consumption of which would be about 30,000 gallons per week Resolved, To inform Mr. Fay that the lowest price would be 1s 3d per 1000 gallons.

9--Water Supply to Hazeldene—Mr. Dawes—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Dawes was two years in arrears in his payments for water supplied to Hazeldene and had refused to pay the amount due. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to recover the same.

10—Appeals--The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted. E. LI. DAVIES,

Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from William Hall, of No. 48, Tivoli Street, and John Patrick, of No. 1, St. Paul's Street, South. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

George Clifford—In accordance with the Resolution to Minute No 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the above-named driver attended, and was cautioned that he would be deprived of his License if convicted again before the next licensing meeting of an offence against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws.

2—Hackney Carriage Licenses---With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 15th of October last, a letter from Mr. Davies, of date the 29th of November, was read, stating that he had re-purchased the carriage in question from Mr. Fryer, to whom he had requested the license might be transferred; but the Inspector reported he had seen the carriage being driven by Mr. Fryer, and that he had seen it in his yard since the date of Mr. Davies's letter- Resolved, To instruct the Inspector to call attention to this matter at the next Licensing Meeting.

3—Cabs outside Croat Western Railway Station. --The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Thomas of the Passenger Department, Great Western Railway Station, Cheltenham, had called on him with reference to non-privileged cabs passing to and fro outside the Great Western Railway Station with a view to picking up passengers, and thereby diverting the custom which should belong to the privileged cabs, and that he had informed Mr. Thomas that this was no doubt due to the drivers of privileged cabs demanding higher fares than the drivers of the licensed cabs, and that he had pointed out to him that under Sec. 87 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, the fares to be charged by the drivers of hackney carriages plying for hire within the Borough are as fully applicable in all respects to hackney carriages conveying passengers to or from any railway station in the Borough as if such railway station were a public stand for hackney carriages. Resolved, To approve the reply of the Town Clerk.

4—Came Dealers' Licenses- -Applications for Licenses to deal in Game were received from Messrs. R. W. & J. Jackson, of No. 91, Winchcomb Street, and from Mr. Joseph Smith, of No. 235, High Street. The Inspector of Nuisances reported the result of visits he had made to the above-named premises. Resolved, That the application of Messrs. R. W. & J. Jackson be refused, their premises not being suitable, and that the application of Mr. Joseph Smith be granted.

5—Allotments—East Ward—With reference to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. John Sawyer was read, stating that Mr. Skillicorne had some land in Whaddon Lane which he was willing to sell to the Corporation for the purposes of Allotments, and that he would consider a suggestion to let it to the Corporation on a long lease. Resolved, That enquiry be made of Mr. Skillicorne upon what terms and for how long he would let the land.

6—Ballot Papers—The Town Clerk reported that he had stored bundles of old Ballot Papers from the years 1884 to 1893 inclusive, which should be destroyed. Resolved, That he be authorised to send them to the Destructor to be destroyed.

7--Town Clock ---Resolved, To call the attention of the Lighting Committee to the insufficiency of the present lighting of the Town Clock.

8—Electric Wire of Messrs. Page & Co. across High Street—Resolved, To call the attention of the Street and Highway Committee to the fact that this wire has not yet been removed, although it is not now required by Messrs. Page & Co., as they have now their current from the Town Supply.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 17th day of December, 1895— Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Cypher, Dighton, Lenthall, Moles, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair).

1---Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor was authorised to erect a light larch and wire fence to protect the newly planted conifers from the sheep.



2—East Ward Recreation Ground—A letter from Mr. A. B. Wall was read, offering to sell to the Corporation five acres of land adjoining the Beaufort Cricket Ground and extending thence to Whaddon Lane for £2,000, the Corporation to build a 6 ft. brick wall extending from the Beaufort Cricket Ground to Whaddon Lane, and the iron fences which divide the fields to belong to him. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the offer to enable the Committee to view the land in question and Hampton's Garden.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors M. Davis, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the door mats at the Cemetery Chapel and at the Lodge were worn very badly, that some portion of the roads in the Cemetery required repair, and that a heap of stone was lying at the entrance of the new portion of the Cemetery and looked very unsightly. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to order an iron and a cocoa mat to replace the mats worn out, to repair the roads where required, and to have the heap of stones removed.

2—Agreement with the Rev. E. L. Roxby as to the Rector's Burial Fees—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Agreement to be entered into with the Rector for payment to him by the Council of the annual sum of £290 in lieu of his burial fees, &c., by quarterly payments on the 1st of May, 1st of August, 1st of November, and 1st of February, the first payment from the 25th ultimo to be made on the 1st of February next. Resolved, That the same be approved.

3—Burials in Church and Chapel Yards—The Borough Surveyor reported that in the case of a burial which had recently taken place in the burial yard of Bethel Chapel there was only a depth of 2 feet of earth over the coffin, but the Town Clerk stated that the Chapel Officials had informed him an application was intended to be made to the Secretary of State for permission to remove the body to the Cemetery. Resolved, That Notice of the Provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and Order in Council of the 1st of May, 1855, with reference to burials in Church and Chapel Yards be sent to the Churchwardens of all the Churches and Officials of all the Chapels in the town.

4—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved: —Headstones to Emma Moody Bell, Arthur William Steel, Elias Brown, Sarah Jane Whitcombe, John Joseph Whitcombe, Mary Ann Stoddart, and Emma Nixon: First-Class Tomb to Janet Alves.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£13 7 0
P. Loveridge, Water Rate ..	£ 1 3 4

E. Bradfield, Poor Rate	£ 7 1 0
Webb Bros., Coal	2 7 3

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 13th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Gas Bill—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee prints of the Corporation Gas Bill. The same was gone through and settled.

2- —Electric Lighting—Thirlestaine House—A letter from T. Fitzroy Fenwick, Esq., of Thirlestaine House was read, with which he enclosed formal application for electric current, enquiring whether the Corporation were prepared to carry the main as far as Thirlestaine House, and if so, whether they intend to impose any special conditions which might cause him to cancel the application. Resolved, To inform Mr. Fenwick that the main will undoubtedly be carried as far as his house and that they have no intention of imposing any special conditions for the supply to his house.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Tethered; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, Waghorne, Ward-Humphreys, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

3---Accident to Employee on the Electrical Engineer's Staff—The Chairman reported that while at work that morning in the Transformer Chamber in the High Street outside the shop of Messrs. Bryant & Co., an employee of the Corporation on the Electrical Engineer's staff, of the name of John Pugh, met with a fatal accident owing to his having sustained an electric shock from his having touched the terminal of the high pressure main running into the chamber, and Mr. Lee, the foreman in charge at the time, and who was at work with the deceased in the chamber, attended the Committee and explained how the accident happened, from which it appeared that the deceased refused to stand upon the rubber mat which had been supplied to guard against connection with the ground, and that he had previously warned him to be careful. Resolved, That the Committee very much deplore the occurrence, and recommend the Council to defray the cost of the funeral and other incidental expenses, and that the Town Clerk and Electrical Engineer be instructed to attend the inquest.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 27th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

4—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows was read:—

ILLUMINATING POWER.

Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.
Nov. 22nd	15.80 candles	16.01 candles
Nov. 29th	17.58 “	15.38 “
Dec. 3rd	17.38 “	15.44 “
Dec. 11th	16.99 “	15.15 “
Dec. 17th	16.89 “	15.52 “
Dec. 23rd	16.83 “	14.28 “

PURITY—SULPHUR.

Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.
Dec. 3rd-4 <sup>th</sup>	Per 100 cubic feet 9.64 grains	Per 100 cubic feet 9.64 grains
11th-12th	8.96 “	9.21 “
17th-18th	8.14 “	8.98 “
19th-20th	9.22 “	9.10 “
21st-22nd	8.60 “	8.98 “
23rd-24th	7.72 “	8.29 “

He directed attention to the great average inferiority of the gas as tested in the town to the gas as tested at the Gas Works, viz., 1.615 candles, and with reference to the tests taken on November 22nd, he remarked as follows :—" The gas as tested in the town appeared to be better than the gas as tested at the Gas Works by .21 candles. To understand how such a result may occasionally occur it is necessary to bear in mind that an interval of at least an hour must always elapse between the times of beginning the two tests, and that, thus, there is always the possibility of an actual change in the quality of the gas occurring in the meantime. But as such changes may count either way they disappear on taking the average, as also do accidental variations in the power of the candles."

5 --Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.1703 cubic feet.

6—Lamp Book —Produced and Examined. Lamps extinguished, 9 metered; 21 unmetered; and 6 burning dimly.

7—Gas Company's Application to Parliament—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd ultimo, a letter from Messrs. F. & W. Griffiths, the Clerks to the Gas Co., of date the 28th ultimo, was read, stating that at a meeting of their Board of Directors the following

resolution had been passed, viz. :—" That the Town Clerk be " informed in reply to his enquiry that the Directors respectfully decline a conference, having avowedly as its object the " acquisition of the undertaking of the Company by the Corporation, and that he be requested to communicate to his " Committee the determination of the Company not to sell, but to oppose to the utmost every effort of the Council to " purchase the undertaking."

A letter from Mr. W. H. Davis, Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, was read, requesting, on behalf of the above Association, that the meeting of ratepayers re purchase of the undertaking of the Gas Company might be held in the evening so that the working classes could attend it. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to convene the statutory meeting of the owners and ratepayers to be held at the Winter Garden, on Monday evening, the 20th of January next, at 7 o'clock.

8—Lighting of the Town Clock- -With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of September last, and the resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the 18th inst., Resolved, To inform the latter that this Committee have under consideration the advisability of lighting the Town Clock by means of the electric light.

9—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that he had protected the high pressure switchboard in the High Street Sub-station with an ebonite lined box ; that he had ordered an additional rubber mat for each of the sub-stations ; and that failing other means of ensuring personal safety he proposed to fix the high pressure boards to the sub-station roofs; that the foundations for the new steam alternator were complete, and the new switchboard was nearly finished; that the Winchcomb Street Sub-station would be completed by the end of the next week, that the high pressure cable to it had been laid, and the remaining lengths of low pressure cable would be laid at the beginning of the next week ; that satisfactory progress continued to be made in connecting new customers ; that the equivalent 5050 eight candle posse: lamps had already been connected, assuming that Mr. Bingham's installation when completed will be equivalent to 600 eight candle power lamps ; that there are, besides, customers who will have the equivalent of some 500 candle power lamps, who will be ready for supply within the next few weeks.

10 -Regulations as to Fuses, &c.—The Town Clerk read the draft of the regulations proposed to be issued to consumers of the electric current, with reference to replacement of fuses, &c. Resolved, That the same be approved and a sufficient number be printed for distribution to customers

11—Current for Power—Resolved, That customers requiring electrical energy for power purposes must hire the necessary meters.

12-Electric Supply to The Grove, Douro Road—A letter from Mr. Henry Chapman was read, alleging that he had discovered a risk existing in his house before the main connects with the transformer and meter. Resolved, To instruct the Electrical Engineer to attend to it

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 31st day of December, 189.5—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair )—

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £4405 0s. 1d. ; leaving outstanding £10,190 19s. 0d.

2-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £3625 13s. 2d. ; leaving outstanding £5832 8s. 4d.

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3—Interest on Loans—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting letters from Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Brydges, on behalf of Mr. G. E. Brydges and the Rev. Coxwell Rogers, and from Mr. E. S. Wood, Solicitor, Winchcomb, on behalf of himself and Co-Trustee, agreeing to accept per cent. interest on the loans outstanding in their names were read; also letters from Mr. E. T. Brydges, Clerk to the Walker Memorial Trustees, and Mr. D. Lewis, Secretary to the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society, declining to accept less than 3 per cent. interest; and one from Mr. F. W. J. Webb agreeing to accept payment off of the loan standing in his name on the 24th proximo.

4-Repayment of loans from Public Works Loan Board—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd of October last a letter from the Secretary of the Public Works Loan Board was read, enclosing a copy of the letter of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury relative to the terms upon which that Board might accept repayments in advance. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the Committee.

5-Private Improvement Works—North Place—A letter from Mrs. Trinder, Cab Proprietress, Northfield Mews, North Place, was read, requesting to be allowed to pay the £15 13s. 11d, balance due from her in respect of her proportion of the cost of carrying out the above works, by instalments of £5 per quarter. Resolved, To accept payment by instalments of £5 down, £5 at the expiration of three months, and the balance with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the amount from time to time due at the expiration of six months.

6—Carriage Accounts with the Midland Railway Co.—A letter from the General Manager of the Midland Railway Co. was read, calling attention to the fact that the accounts of the Company against the Corporation for carriage from July to October last inclusive were still unpaid, and requesting that arrangements might be made for future debits to be paid in proper order. Resolved, To inform the writer that the Council hope to be able to be more punctual in settling the accounts in future.

7—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 £22,244 4s. 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 was the General Statement:—

Overdrawn on the 26th November last.	£ 6,679 0 3
Paid since that date	<u>£16,510 12 3</u>
	£23,189 12 6
Received since that date	<u>£29,167 3 9</u>
	In hand £ 5,977 11 3

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 27th day of December, 1895—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Ll. Davies and Parsonage; The Baron de Ferrieres and Captain Welch (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1 ---Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £10 2s. 10d.

2-Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported that owing to the illness of Mr. Jones, the Librarian, the Sub-Committee had held no meeting.

3—Account—The following Account was examined and allowed:—

	£	s.	d. ..
W. Jones, Wages Account	15	12	0

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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#### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 1st day of January, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Ll Davies, Moles, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

2- Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That Summonses under the Bye-Laws be issued against the responsible parent of Arthur Roebuck, of No. 308, High Street and Frederick Brazil, of No. 15, Vernon Place.

2 —Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 26 schools containing 502 names, these and the balance of 82 left to visit last month made a total of 584. Of this number 37 were accounted for by the teachers, 528 had been visited, leaving a balance to-visit of 19 recently sent in.

3—Bye-Laws—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from the Secretary to the Education Department was read, stating that any alterations in the Bye-Laws must be effected with the same formalities as are required to enact original ones, and that there was no objection to the proposal to omit Section 5 (b) of the Bye-Laws which provides for halt time exemption, and the draft of the proposed Bye-Laws altered accordingly,

was read. Resolved, That the same be approved, and a copy thereof be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk, and returned to the Education Department for approval according to their instructions in that behalf.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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### **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 3rd day of February, 1896.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Feeney, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2--Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that with reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting the sign fixed at Mr. Bletchley's, No. 13, Pittville Street, had been removed; that the lamp at Mr Clare's was over 8ft. in height from the pavement ; that the gas rail at the Dorset Dairy Company, No. 78, High Street, the lamps at Messrs. Cash & Co's., 136, High Street, and Mr. S. J. Dudley's, 137, High Street, all of which were less than 8ft. in height from the pavement, had not been altered as required by the Committee. He also reported that the iron bar in front of the second storey windows at Nelson's Limited, No. 405, High Street, (which the Committee ordered to be removed in January last) had been replaced for use during the Christmas meat show, and although he had several times since required the Manager to have it removed he had not complied.

A letter from Mr. H. Diehl was read, requesting permission to erect a sign over his shop, No. 7, Winchcomb Place, which would project beyond the cornice of the shop above. Also one from Mr. Cole, oh 95a and 96, Winchcomb Street, explaining that the lamp over his shop was only a temporary one which would be removed in a day or so and asking permission to erect either gas or electric lamps outside his premises, and to be informed what distance from the fascia board the lamps might be allowed to project. Also one from Mr. Compton, of No. 203, High Street, applying for permission to fix a non-projecting sign against the house. Also one from Mr. C. Dickins, of 390, High Street, applying for permission to place outside his shop a small figure of a Scotchman. Also a letter from Mr. Brooker complaining of a nuisance caused by two telephone wires attached to his house, No 138, High Street, and requesting the Committee to require their removal. Also a letter from Mr. W. Edwards, requesting permission to fix two advertising lamps outside the Belle Vue Hotel, 8ft. 6in. from the level of the footpath. And also a letter from the National Telephone Co., Limited, applying for permission to erect Public Call Room signs at 243, High Street, 1a High Street, Pittville Mews, and

2, Queen's Buildings, near Lansdown Station, the same to be hung 12ft. above the ground from a bracket projecting 36 inches from the wall.

Resolved, To give notice to the Dorset Dairy Company, Messrs. Cash & Co., Mr. S. J. Dudley, and Nelson's Limited, to forthwith remove the projections at their respective premises, and in default of compliance with such notice within 7 days that proceedings be taken against them for breach of the Byelaws ; that Mr. Diel's application be granted provided the sign

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does not project beyond the cornice of the house above ; that Mr Cole be required forthwith to remove the temporary lamp referred to, and that he be informed that application for permission to erect any others must be made specifically ; that the application of Mr. Compton be granted; that the application of Mr. Dickins be granted subject to the figure being placed at least 8ft. clear from the ground and close against the wall or shop front ; that Mr. Brooker be informed that the remedy appears to be in his own hands ; that the application of Mr. Edwards be granted subject to the lamps being placed at least 8 ft. clear from the pavement not projecting inclusive of the lamps more than 2 feet from the face of the building, and that the lamps be kept alight till so o'clock each night ; and that consideration of the application of the Telephone Co. be adjourned pending the preparation of a Report by the Borough Surveyor as to the general position of the Corporation with the Telephone Company.

2 — Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 28th December last to the 24th inst., inclusive, had been as follows:—Repaired with Ch.,<sup>1</sup> Hill Stone—Gloucester Road near the Gas Works 1211 super yards, Badgworth Road 1202 super yards, Hatherley Road 315 super yards, Tewkesbury Road 792 super yards.

Patching. --Market Street, High Street, Fiddler's Green, Lansdown Road, Back of Lansdown Place, St. Anne's Terrace, King's Road, Cleeve Road, Hales Road, Regent Street, Workman's Lane, London Road, Imperial Square, Old Bath Road, Hewlett Street, Clarence Square, New Street, Douro Road, Lansdown Parade, Winchcomb Street, St. George's Place, St. George's Road, Vernon Place, Malvern Road, St. Luke's Road, Rodney Terrace, Malvern Street, Park Street, Lane near Mills & Sons, Mountpleasant, back of Lansdown Crescent, York Terrace, Lansdown Crescent, Lansdown Terrace, Jersey Street, Post Office Lane, Royal Crescent, Wellington Street, White Hart Street, Albion Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—The cross road leading from Evesham Road to Pittville Lawn 1070 super yards, Western Road 456 super yards.

Kerbing, Crossing, and Flagging—High Street, Leamington Place, Winchcomb Street, Montpellier, St. George's Road, Gloucester Place, back of Lansdown Place, Lansdown Crescent, Hanover Street, Duke Street, Grove Street, Bath Road, Pantile Row, North Street, New Street, Churchyard, Albion Street, Chester Walk, Tewkesbury Road, Overton Road, Carlton Street, Clarence Road.

Gravel Paths (Wickwar)---Lane leading from St. Luke's Road to Sandford Road (proceeding). In Wellington Square.



A new crossing had been put down from Mr. Beard's shop, Montpellier Exchange to the Montpellier Gardens with McDougall's bricks.

New edging and channelling had been put down opposite Oxford Parade.

Surface water drains had been relaid in Old Bath Road from College Road to the Chelt; and on the Pittville Estate from Wellesley Road to the Lake.

New Gullies to replace defective ones-1 in New Street, 1 in Hewlett Road, 1 in St. Anne's Terrace, 2 on the Pittville Estate, 1 near the Fleece Hotel.

Gullies repaired-3 in High Street, 8 on Pittville Estate, 1 in Wellington Square, 1 in Tewkesbury Road, and 1 in New Street.

With reference to Minute No. 22 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of September last he reported that Mr. Cleveley had not altered the houses built by him in Great Western Road as ordered by the Resolution thereto.

He also reported that Mr. James Wall had built a photographic gallery in St. George's Road which was not in accordance with the Building Byelaws, and for which no plans had been approved by the Council.

That he had obtained prices for two vans to be delivered during this year at £47 each, which was less than the amount previously paid for the same size and make.

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 772; Cart loads, 244; consumed at the Destructor 909 tons, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. Resolved, That Notices be given to Mr. Cleveley to carry out the work required within 14 days, and Mr. Wall to remove his Studio within 28 days, and in default of compliance with such notices that proceedings be taken against them respectively for breach of Byelaws.

4—Roads—A letter from Mr. Moody Bell was read, complaining of the state of the roads, and suggesting the relaying of more crossings.

5—Bye-Laws for Back Lanes —A letter from the Local Government Board was read, admitting that a bye-law could if necessary, be made by the Council, under Sec. 44 of the Public Health Act, 1875, but suggesting a doubt whether any such bye-law would be found requisite; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply submitting that the Council considered it well to have such a bye-law, and enclosing draft of one for the approval of the Board. Resolved, To approve the reply of the Town Clerk.

6-Lighting of Sydenham Road, South ---A letter from Mr. R. J. Webb, of Harborne, Sydenham Road, South, was read, suggesting alteration of the present lamps and the addition of one for improving the lighting of this road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this application pending a view by the Committee.

7 - Leighton Road—A letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis, the owner of this road, was read, asking whether having regard to the position of the road, the opening of which he contended would be of immense benefit to the public, the Corporation would be prepared to share the expense of putting the road in repair. Resolved, To inform Mr. Baylis that the ordinary course must be followed in this case which is not one for exceptional treatment.

8-Witcomb Place—A letter from Mr. Thomas Gibbons, of No. 7, All Saints' Road was read, calling the attention of the Committee to the state of this road. Resolved, To give notice to the owners of manure pits abutting on the road to remove the same, and that the lamps which now obstruct the full roadway be removed and fixed up on brackets where practicable.

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9-Roadway at Top of Hermitage Street—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter from Mr. Bendall was read, requesting to be informed of the meaning of the reply that the road being a private one the Corporation have no power to interfere.

10 --Road between All Saints' Road and Victoria Place—The Borough Surveyor having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that Mr. Winstone had proceeded building in this road in contravention of the bye-laws, and in spite of the notices already given hint that his plans had been disapproved. Resolved, That proceedings be forthwith taken against him for breach of the bye-laws.

11-Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses Roadway and Footpath in Royal Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in this street amounted to £42 6s. 3d., which he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises, as directed by Sec. 104 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1559. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

Folly Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the expense of carrying out the private improvement works in this road amounted to £199 13, 9d. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the apportionment between the abutting owners to the next meeting, to enable the Borough Surveyor to report fully as to the benefit to be derived from such works by the respective premises in respect of which such expense is payable.

12--Street Lighting—The following letters referred to this Committee from the Lighting Committee were read, viz :--Secretary of the New Club and Colonel Martin re lighting of Promenade and Imperial Square near the New Club ; G. R. Francis re lighting of St. George's Place ; Weyman & Hitchcock re lighting of Lane leading to Trusty Engine Works ; R. J. Webb re lighting of Sydenham Road, South ; Councillor M. Davis re lighting of St. George's Road; J. C. Pearce re lighting of Whaddon Lane. Resolved, That having regard to the resolution of the Lighting Committee that they are not prepared to recommend any increase of the amount now paid by the Corporation to the Gas Company for the purpose of Street Lighting, consideration of the applications be adjourned.

13—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.
710	W. Humphris	Two Villas in Leckhampton Road
711	J. Caudle & Sons	Workshops, Exmouth Court, Exmouth Street
712	Mr. Watson	Studio at No. 1a Bayshill Villas, St. George's Road
712A	Society of Friends	Mission Church, Grove Street
713	Mr. How	Villa in Western Road

714	Henry Hodgkins	Villa in Eldorado Road
715	Thomas W. Wilkins	Two Villas in Park Drive
716	G. H. Roberts	Four houses in new road, back of All Saints' Road
717	The Gloucester Co-operative Society—	Stables adjoining the Pilgrim Inn, Rutland Street
718	Frederick Newbery	Shed and Loft at rear of No. 17, Grosvenor Place South
719	G. H. Watts	House and Shop at junction of Norwood and Grafton Roads

Resolved, That Nos. 710, 712, 712a, 716 and 719 be disapproved, that No. 710 be approved subject to damp proof walls being put in the basement, that No. 715 be approved subject to the coal cellar being provided with a doorway and the wall between the scullery and pantry being not less than 14 inches to carry the wall shown above on the plan, that No. 717 be approved, subject to the width of the passage over the sewer being 6ft. wide instead of as shown on the plan, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of January, 1896 — Present: Aldermen Norman and Wetland; Councillors M. Davis, 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 two cases of Scarlet Fever, and one of Enteric Fever, that the two cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was two.

2—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 therewith proceedings be taken for penalties.

3 -Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles— The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

4 -Cleansing and Limewashing—No.2, Upper Bath Street & No.43, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5 -Insanitary House—No. 31, St. James' Street, 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 on the owner and occupier, requiring them to abate the nuisance, and do such things as were necessary for that purpose.

6—Weekly Return of Notification of Infectious Disease to the Local Government Board--A letter from the Local Government Board was read, suggesting that on each Monday a Return of the cases of Infectious Disease notified during the preceding week should be sent to them, in order that the figures might be tabulated with those received from other districts in a general statement which is forwarded to the Medical Officers of Health from whom such Returns are received. Resolved, To comply with the suggestion

7— Inspection of Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that all the Bakehouses in the Borough had recently been inspected by him, and that notices to limewash were required. Resolved, That Notices under sec. 46 of the Public Health Act be given to the owners requiring them to cleanse and limewash their respective Bakehouses.

8—Swine Fever and Pig Keeping at Abattoir—The Medical Officer of Health reported that, owing to an outbreak of Swine Fever within the last fortnight, he had caused the notice which was posted last year requiring pigs brought to the Abattoir to be killed within four days of their arrival to be again put up. Resolved, That the proceeding be approved.

9- Alleged Nuisance from Carting Refuse to field near Glenmore—A letter from Col. Allfrey was read, complaining of a nuisance from carting house refuse to a field near his house in the occupation of Mr. Smith, and suggesting that when the hot weather comes the smell will be intolerable, and requesting that what had been taken there should be removed. Resolved, To inform the writer that it has been supplied to the tenant for agricultural purposes, and will be absorbed into the land by the time the hot weather arrives.

10-Certificates as to Sanitary Condition of Houses—With reference to the advisability of the Inspector making a specification of things required to be done before granting a certificate, Resolved, That the Inspector be authorised to give general directions as to what should be done according to the circumstances in each case.

11-Common Lodging House—Cumberland Villa—With reference to Minute No. 19 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mrs. S. A. Rowley, the wife of the proprietor of the Common Lodging House above-mentioned, was read, excusing the breach of the Bye-laws, on the ground that she had been ill herself, and the person who was looking after the lodgers' part of the house for her was ignorant of the requirements, and promising to be more careful in future and not let it occur again. Resolved, That the proceedings ordered in this case be suspended, but that she be informed that if she offends again proceedings will be taken without further notice.

12-Renewal of Slaughter House Licenses— Applications were received from the following persons for renewal of their Slaughter-house Licenses, viz : Messrs. Storr & Co. for Slaughter-house in

Whaddon Lane ; Mr. John Hastings for same in Folly Lane ; and Mr. Edwin C. Davis for same in the Gloucester Road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the applications for the Committee to view.

13— Lease of Slaughter house at Abattoir—Application having been received from Messrs. Waghorne Bros. to rent one of the Slaughter Flosses at the Abattoir. Resolved, That one of them be let to them for £15 a year, subject to the tenants not underletting or permitting the use of such Slaughter House by other Butchers, and subject to their entering into a proper Agreement.

14— Establishment of offensive Trade—A letter from Mr. William Bailey, of Maryville, Bayshill, was read, requesting permission to work a small quantity of sheepskins in a yard situated in Market Street, and undertaking to erect suitable sheds and make a proper connection with the sewer. Resolved, That he be requested to send in plans of what he proposes to do.

15- No. 13, Croat Western Road—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 9th of October last, a letter from Mr. E. H. Daniells was read requesting that some definite conclusion should be come to at once with reference

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to his claim for damage alleged to have been done to his house by the excavation made in connection with the sewer running under it, and stating that unless he received from the Council a satisfactory reply before the 4th proximo, he should instruct a solicitor to take proceedings on his behalf to recover the amount of the damage done. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

16—Urinal between the Chelt and back of Messrs. Marshall's Workshops —With reference to Minute No. 31 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Borough Surveyor brought up a Plan of the proposed New Urinal to supersede the one above mentioned, which he estimated would cost £60, Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the work be carried out by the Corporation workmen under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and that the angle in the wall bounding Messrs. Marshall's workshops occupied by the old one be offered to them to enlarge their own urinal, if they will pull down and rebuild the wall in a straight line.

17—Sewage Carrier, Barn Farm —A letter from Mr. Hewlett, of Elmstone Hardwick, was read, requiring that the sewage carrier at the Barn Farm, opposite his gate, be removed by the 1st January, and the Borough Surveyor reported that it had been removed. Resolved, That a permanent syphon be put, so that the wood carrier need not be refixed.

18—Heyden Farm—Mr. Wood, the tenant of this Farm, having applied for an abatement of rent, Resolved, That an abatement of £30 on the current year be allowed.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of January, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, 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 Emma Pearce. of No. 9, Commercial Street, and Emily E. Baylis, of No. 8, Rotunda Terrace, to be registered as Purveyors of Milk. Resolved, That the application of Mrs. Pearce be refused, the premises requiring sanitary amendments, and that the application of Mrs. Baylis be granted as soon as the renovation of her premises, which was being carried out, should be completed.

20 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, one of Enteric Fever, one of Diphtheria, and five of Small Pox had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, that the cases of Scarlet Fever and Small Pox had been sent into the Delancey Hospital ; and that the number of cases then in that Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 5 of Small Pox and 13 of Scarlet Fever. He further reported that the Small Pox broke out in three separate localities in the town. In two of them it was introduced by domestic servants who had visited Gloucester, and in the other by a woman who had stayed in Gloucester 3 weeks to nurse her daughter. That thorough disinfection had been done. That he had recommended Vaccination of all those in direct contact with the cases, and he had ordered one man to stay from his work and told him he would be compensated by the Corporation. That a close surveillance was being kept upon those others who had been exposed to the infection. Resolved, To apply to the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for permission to re-erect the Corporation temporary Hospital adjoining or close to the Small Pox block, and that on obtaining such consent the Borough Surveyor take immediate steps to re-erect it. That the Town Clerk do write to the Guardians to suggest that the Public Vaccinator be in attendance at the Vaccination Station daily and that public notice be given of such attendance and that the Vaccination be with Calf Lymph only. That the Medical Officer do vaccinate in urgent cases, and that notice be given of the desirability of vaccination and re-vaccination. That compensation be given to any wage-earner who has been exposed to infection, if required to isolate him or herself That the streets where cases of Small Pox have been be watered with disinfecting fluid, and That the Medical Officer be authorised to purchase the Calf-Lymph he may require.

21 - Waggon for Conveyance of Infected Clothing—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the zinc lining of this waggon had become worn out and that the vehicle itself was shaky. Resolved, That it be repaired, and that a new four-wheel waggon be purchased.

22—Nuisances front Drains, &c. at Nos. 4,5 and 6, Townsend Street—Wellington Refreshment Bar, Bath Road, and No. 8, Raymond 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 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, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

23-Overcrowding at Nos. 8 and 9 Cakebridge Terrace—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 the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

24—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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.

25 —Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

26 —Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1 and 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 houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

27--Insanitary Houses—Nos. 1 and 2, St. Paul's Street South—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.

28-No. 13, Great Western Road—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee, Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor.

29--Removal of House Refuse—Resolved, To call the attention of the Street and Highway Committee to the desirability of all the carts for removal of house refuse being covered ones

30—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. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned, except the following which be disapproved, viz.

- No. 711 J. Caudle & Sons, Workshop, Exmouth Court
- 712a Society of Friends, Proposed Mission Church, Grove Street
- 716 G. H. Roberts, 4 houses, new road back of All Saints Road
- 719 G. H. Watts, house and shop at junction of Norwood Road and Grafton Road

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

## TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Heath in the chair:

1-Photographs in the Carriages of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 19th of November last, a letter from Mr. Sam Fay, the General Manager, was read, stating that the terms upon which the Company could place photographs in each third class compartment of the through coach running between Sheffield and Southampton would be £3 per annum. Resolved, To enquire if this means £3 for each compartment or for all of them.

2-Tree opposite Saxham, Pittville—The Town Clerk reported that, having been informed by the Borough Surveyor that a beech tree in the side road leading out of the Evesham Road along the side of Saxham Villas had been very much injured by being unskilfully lopped by direction of Mrs. Parr, he had written to her asking her by what authority she had done this, and a letter from Mrs. Parr in reply was read, stating that Mr. Wilson, of the firm of Messrs. Rainger & Wilson, had undertaken to obtain for her permission to lop the tree, and that she was under the impression he had done so, as he sent his men to do the lopping ; also one from Mr. Wilson, stating that he thought Mrs. Parr had obtained the permission. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Committee.

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3—Winter Garden—Caretaker—With reference to the resolution to the last paragraph of Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 16th of December last, a letter from Mr. Adams was read, accepting the terms offered.

Cycling—A letter from Mr. E. A. Stretton, Managing Director of Strettons Limited, Bath Road Cycle Works, was read, enquiring upon what terms his Company could have the use of the Winter Garden for the purpose of giving cycling lessons to ladies and gentlemen by the hour, and on what days it would be available. Also one from Mr. Adams, the Caretaker, stating that he had had inquiries as to whether the outdoor rink can be available for ladies learning or requiring to practice riding bicycles, and if so upon what terms. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Stretton that the Winter Garden cannot be let to any one in particular for the purpose mentioned, and that Cycling be permitted on the outside rink at a charge of 1s- each person, inclusive of entrance.

Badminton—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 16th of December last, Resolved, To vary the resolution thereto as follows, viz., that the charge for a Badminton Court in the Winter Gardens be 1s per hour and 6d. entrance extra for each player.

Skating—Resolved, That be spent in providing new roller skates and repairing the present ones, and that Councillors Lawrence and Ward-Humphreys be requested to ascertain in what proportions on the new and old skates the expenditure can be most advantageously made.

4-Pittville Pump Room—Badminton—Resolved, That the charge for a Badminton Court in the Pittville Pump Room be 1s per hour.

W. HEATH,  
Chairman.



**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1896—Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Skillicorne, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

5—Tree opposite Saxham, Pittville—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That considering the damage done to public property on the Pittville Estate, no proceedings be taken against Mrs. Parr on condition that she pays £s for the purchase of shrubs to be planted in the Pittville Park

6—Entrance from Evesham Road to Pittville Park—Resolved, That an entrance be made to the Marle Hill portion of Pittville Park by means of a Turn Stile placed on the west side of the Evesham Road.

W. HEATH,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of January, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Ll. Davies and Lenthall, (Alderman Wethered in the chair.)—

1 —Borough Engineer's Report — The Borough Engineer reported that on the 23rd inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 161 Gallons; the average for the last four years being 183 per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 16,141,521 gallons. The depth of water in Dowdeswell was 27 feet 11 inches and the contents 79,285,656 gallons, which gave a total of 95,427,177 gallons or about 126 days' supply exclusive the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 1,043,740 gallons.

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He further reported that the works of construction of additional filters and pure water tanks at Dowdeswell were proceeding in a satisfactory manner, that the whole of the excavation was completed including an extra depth of 1ft. 3in. pure water tanks necessitated by finding the depth of the concrete floor of the existing pure water tanks deeper than anticipated and shown on the drawings.

That the extension of the main at Tewkesbury was in hand and the meter had arrived.

That the recent fire in Leckhampton Road showed that the main supplying that district was too small for the duty and he was preparing a scheme for dealing with the district south of Thirlestaine Road, Suffolk Road, and The Park by increasing the main supplying that part of the Borough. That he had received Tenders for the Uniforms for the Waterworks men as follows, viz.—

	Coats	Caps
Messrs. Bastin & Sons	<u>21s and 35s</u>	<u>16s 6d</u>
Mr. Salisbury.. .	45s	
Messrs. Bryant & Co.	45s- to 58s	10s 6d to 12s 6d

Resolved, That the Report of the Borough Engineer be approved, and that the Tender of Messrs-Bastin & Sons for the supply of the Uniform Coats at 21s each and the Caps at 16s 6d each be accepted.

2-Boundary Wall of Hewlett's Reservoir, Hewlett's Road—A Letter from Mr. W. S. Clutterbuck, Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, was read, calling attention to the dangerous condition of this wall. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to enable the Committee to view the wall.

3— 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 21st day of January, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Report of the Superintendent of Police—The Superintendent of Police reported that there had been several cases of Swine Fever which had been reported to him on the 29th ultimo, of which he had notified the Board of Agriculture, and that the Swine Fever Order had been complied with in every way, that there had been no fresh outbreak, that the premises where it existed had been thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, and that the Town was quiet.

2-- Report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called out to a fire at the Saw Mills of Messrs. Smith Bros., Leckhampton, at one o'clock a.m., December the 24th last, that the Brigade was unable to work upon the fire with much effect owing to the low pressure of water in the main, the absence of pumpers for the Engine which could not be used in consequence, although a plentiful supply of water was near the fire, and the want of proper wood-cutting axes.

3—Carriage Fare Plates—The Street Inspector reported that he had only six fare plates left for Hackney Carriages, and ten for Pony Carriages, but as many of those then in use were very much worn or damaged they would require to be renewed before the issue of the new Licenses in June. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a new supply of Fare Plates.

4-Pony Carriage License No. 104—A letter from Mr. Charles Webb, of No. 4, Hewlett Street was read, applying for permission to use another carriage temporarily until he could get a new one finished, in lieu of the pony carriage for which he held the license, owing to its bad state of repair. Resolved, That the application be granted for two months subject to the substituted carriage being approved by the Chairman.

5—Leckhampton Hill—A letter from Miss Beale was read, protesting against the attempt of the owner of the land on Leckhampton Hill to close it against the Public. Resolved, To inform Miss Beale

that the Council are in full sympathy with the tenour of her letter and will take any steps within their power to keep the continued use of the Hill for the inhabitants of Cheltenham.

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6—Councillor King—A notice dated the 6th instant was read, from Messrs. Henry Clarke and George Poulston, two Burgesses of the Borough addressed to the Mayor, calling attention to the fact of a vacancy having occurred in the Council by reason of Mr. King's seat for the South Ward having become vacant, and requesting the Mayor to hold an election within 54 days from that date; also a letter from Mr. King stating that he was in the Borough from the 8th of August last to the 54th, inclusive. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Clarke and Poulston that Mr. King not having been continuously absent from the Borough for more than six months, he has not become disqualified or ceased to hold office by reason of continuous absence.

7—Type Writer for Town Clerk's and Medical Officer of Health's Departments—Resolved, to authorise the Town Clerk to obtain a Yost Type Writer for use in his department and that of the Medical Officer of Health. S—Allotments—East Ward—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, no answer having been received from Mr. Skillicorne as to whether he would let his land for the purposes of allotments. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a reply.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Thursday, the 23rd day of January, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dighton, Lenthall, Moles and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

5 —East Ward Recreation Ground—A Letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., on behalf of Mr. Skillicorne, was read, offering seven acres of freehold land on the South side of Whaddon Lane for £1,500 for the purpose of a Recreation Ground, no building to be used in connection with the ground as a Recreation Ground to be erected on any part of it on the North side of the stream, the Corporation to fence off the land with iron railings, pay the Vendor's Solicitors' costs, make arrangements with the tenants to obtain possession, and leave a sufficient number of feet on the Whaddon Lane boundary to enable the lane to be widened to 42 feet ; also a Letter from Mr. A. Maisey offering nearly six acres of land in Whaddon Lane for £1,800 for a Recreation Ground. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of these offers to enable the Committee to view the lands in question, the piece of land offered by Mr. Wall as stated in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, and Hampton's Garden.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of January, 1896—Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Cypher, Moles, Lenthall and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

1-- East Ward Recreation Ground—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, and the Committee having viewed Hampton's Garden and the properties offered by Mr. Skillicorne, Mr. Maisey and by Mr. Wall, as stated in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 17th of December last, Resolved, That the Committee recommend the purchase of Hampton's Garden at £3,000, but if this offer be not accepted that an offer be made to Mr. Maisey to purchase his land for £1,500, and that if neither of the above-mentioned offers be accepted an offer be made to Mr. Wall to purchase his land for £1,750, and that the offer of Mr. Skillicorne be declined, his land not being considered suitable.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

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#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 24th day of January, 1896—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Agreement with the Rev. E. L. Roxby as to Rector's Burial Fees—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk reported that the Agreement with the Rector as to his Burial Fees had been approved by the Bishop and duly signed.

2-- Grave Space No. 3440 Section R--With reference to Minute No. s1 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 28th of December, 1894, a Letter from Miss Bullock with which she enclosed the grant to her of the above mentioned grave space was read, requesting the Committee to further the sale thereof at the earliest opportunity.

3—Designs— The following designs were examined and approved:—Headstones to Clara E. Cox, Thomas and Eliza Lowe, and Dorothy Moles.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages.	£12 6 6
Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company—Coke	£ 9 2 11
Brydges, Mellersh, and Brydges, Prestbury Tithe-Rent Charge	£ 6 1 8
Pates & Co., Coal	£ 1 8 4
Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Co., Gas.	6s 1d

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### **LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 10th day of January, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Accident at high St. Electric Sub-Station—A letter from Major Cardew, of the Board of Trade Department was read, stating that he had been appointed to enquire and report as to the cause of the recent fatal accident, and that he proposed to hold the Enquiry at 9.30 on the morning of the 15th inst., if that date would be convenient. Resolved. To inform Major Cardew that the date and time fixed would be convenient and that he could have the use of the Council Chamber.

2— Bill for Purchase of Gas Company's Undertaking—A letter from Mr. Lewis Vizard, Secretary of the Ratepayers' Association, was read, enumerating several points in the Notice of the proposed application to Parliament for the purchase of the Gas Company's Undertaking, to which the Association took objection, and also a draft of the proposed reply thereto by the Town Clerk. Resolved, That the same be approved and forwarded to the Local Government Board.

Sub-Committee—Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys be appointed to assist the Town Clerk in carrying out the details of the promotion of the Corporation Bill and the opposition to the Company's Bill and to take charge of the matters in relation to such promotion and opposition in Parliament.

3--Guildhall lamp in Regent Street—The attention of the Committee having been called to the fact that the Gas Company- had charged in their last account for the supply of gas to this lamp according to the amount of gas consumed, and not according to the Agreement entered into by them with the Council, to supply Guildhall lamps at the rate of £5. 2s. 6d. each per annum. Resolved. That the attention of the Company be called to the overcharge.

GEO. NORMAN,  
Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of January, 1896.—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Wheeler (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 Testing Station.	Date.	Test at Gas Works.
1895.				
Dec. 28th	16.01 candles	14.12 candles	1895.	
1896.			Dec.	Per 100 cubic feet
	Per 100 cubic feet			
Jan. 3rd	17.14 “	15.14 “	28th-29 <sup>th</sup>	9.65 grains
	10.21 grains			
“ 15th	16.88 “	14.98 “	1896.	
“ 18th	17.30 “	14.98 “	Jan.	
“ 21st	15.99 “	14.56 “	15th-19 <sup>th</sup>	14.94 “
	21.70 “			

He called attention to the marked inferiority of the gas as tested in Manchester Street to the gas as tested at the Gas Works.

3---Gas Inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.0453 cubic feet.

6-Lamp Book—Produced and Examined. Lamps extinguished, 1 metered; 4 unmetered; and 1 burning dimly.

7 -- Lighting of St. George's Terrace, Lane to Trusty Engine Works, Sydenham Road, South, St. George's Road, near New Club, and Whaddon Lane -Letters from Messrs. G. R. Francis, Weyman & Hitchcock, M. Davis, Colonel Martin and Captain Fraser, and Mr. J. C. Pearce, calling the attention of the Committee to the insufficient lighting of the above-mentioned localities were read. Resolved, To refer the same to the Street and Highway Committee, but that pending the Application to Parliament by the Corporation for powers which would enable them to undertake themselves all the public lighting in the Borough and to improve the street lighting generally, which is now and has for some time past been deficient in quantity and illuminating power, this Committee are not prepared at present to increase the large amount now annually paid by the Corporation to the Gas Company.

8-Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that he had received applications for supply of current from Mr. C. Fletcher, Colne House, Lansdown, and Colonel Carleton, of No. 34, Lansdown Crescent, that the best way of supplying them and others in Lansdown Crescent and Lansdown Parade would be by a small high pressure loop distributing main from the south end of Lansdown Terrace along Lansdown Crescent and back via Lansdown Parade to the Douro Road, at an estimated cost of about £85; that if this should be decided upon he recommended a high pressure feeder should be laid down from the gap to the Lansdown Hotel, at an estimated cost of about £115 ; that he understood an application for supply of current would be received from the Committee of the Permanent Library in Royal Crescent, which would necessitate 270 yards of low pressure unarmoured cable being drawn into the existing conduit and teeing on to this 75 yards of low pressure armoured main, at a cost of about £35 ; that he had obtained a quotation from Messrs. Siemens, for fixing ebonite insulating panels against the brick sides of the engine room bay in which the new switchboard had been erected at a cost of £16 ; that he had received the 12 Brush-Vienna arc lamps and transformers for street lighting which he proposed to test as soon as possible ; that he required a cable drum trolley which would cost about £20, which would save at least to in labour for every 300 yards of cable laid down; that he required a tool for remedying steam leakage between steam pipes and their flanges, at a cost of £10; and that he had drawn up rules for Jointers as instructed.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read, declining to approve of the proposal of the Council to commence the works for which the loan is required before formal sanction has been granted, and that the Inquiry will take place as soon as the other engagements of the Inspectors permit. Resolved, That until the sanction to the loan has been obtained the Committee regret they are unable to make any further extensions, but that the Electrical Engineer be instructed to bring up at the next meeting a Report of probable extensions and estimated capital expenditure during the next six months, with a view to applying for sanction for a further loan, that the insulating panels for the Switch Board be ordered from Messrs. Siemens, as quoted for by them ; that the Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase the tool for remedying steam leakage from Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox at a cost of £10, and that the rules for the Jointers be approved.

9--Cost of enclosing Transformers of Consumers—Letters from Messrs. Waite & Son and Mr. Rees Jones were read, complaining of the unfairness of consumers connected with the high pressure mains having to bear the expense of bricking in the Transformers which had in such cases to be placed in their premises. Resolved, That the cost be allowed to the consumers.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of January, 1896—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage, Ward-Humphreys and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair).

10—Can Bills—The Sub-Committee reported that at their Meeting of date the 23rd instant, they had passed the Resolution set out in the Minutes, and which Resolution had been forwarded to the Clerks to the Gas Company in time for the Wharnccliffe Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 24th instant, but that no reply beyond an acknowledgment of receipt thereof had yet been received.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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#### **LIGHTING SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee**, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of January, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

11—Gas Bills—Resolved, That if the Gas Co. will undertake to insert in their Bill clauses to the same effect and for attaining the same objects as are sought to be attained by the Corporation Bill, that is to say, To increase the illuminating power to 16 candles as tested in the town in manner prescribed by the Corporation Bill ;

To reduce the maximum impurity from 30 grains of sulphur to 20 grains in every 100 cubic feet ; T

o increase the pressure from 7/10ths of an inch to 8ftoths from midnight to sunset, and tot inch from sunset to midnight ;

To reduce the maximum price in and out of the Borough to 3s per 1000 cubic feet ;

To submit Mortgages and Debentures to auction in the same manner as the Stock ;

To reduce the amount of capital to be raised to £50,000—the Committee will recommend the Council to withdraw the Corporation Bill.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Clerks to the Gas Company with this Resolution in time for the Wharnccliffe Meeting of the Company.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 28th day of January, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew; 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 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read Amount collected, £8,586 0s. 1d. ; leaving outstanding £6,009 19s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £5,732 15s. 1d. ; leaving outstanding £4,243 12s. 9d.

3—Salaries in Borough Accountant's Department -Resolved, That the Salaries of the Clerks in the Borough Accountant's Department be revised as follows, viz :—Mr. Bastin £90 per annum ; Mr. Gummer £28 ton. per annum, and Mr. Morgan 8s. per annum, which is £10 2s. less than the total amount of salaries allowed for this department.

4--Loan for Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Park—Resolved, For the purpose of paying off the overdrafts at the Bank to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £2,500 of the balance of the amount remaining unborrowed which the Corporation, with such sanction, are empowered to raise by the Provisional Order of the 10th of May, 1892.

5—Private Improvement Works, Thirlestaine Road—A Letter from the Rev R. G. Handcock was read, enclosing £5 on account of the amount due from him in respect of the Private Improvement Works in this road, and offering to send another £5 in the course of the next month. Resolved, To inform Mr. Handcock that the Corporation will accept payment as offered, but the balance of £10 8s. 7d. with 5 % interest on the amount from time to time owing must be paid on or before the 25th of March next.

6--Street Improvements Loan—Messrs. Robert Walker, H. J. Dale, and the Rev. W. C. Aston having offered to lend the Corporation £100 at 2  $\frac{7}{8}$  ths per cent. Resolved, That the offer be accepted to partly replace the £500 Debenture paid off to Mr. F. W. J. Webb, and that a debenture be issued and sealed accordingly.

7--Borough Accounts—A letter from the Local Government Board was read suggesting that the Municipal Accounts of the Borough should be made up half-yearly to the 30th of September and 31st of March in each year. Resolved, in pursuance of Sec. 26 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, to appoint the dates above mentioned as the dates to which the Accounts of the Borough Treasurer shall in suture be made up halt-yearly, and that the Local Government Board be furnished with a copy of this Resolution for their approval.

8—Interest on Loans --A letter from the Clerk to the Walker Memorial Trustees was read offering, to continue their loan of £2,500 to the Corporation at 3 % Resolved, That having regard to the circumstances of this case the offer be accepted.



9—Accounts .—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid wov examined and allowed, and the latter, amounting to £5,867 9s. 5d. 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 as the General Statement

	£	s.	d.
In hand on the 31st December last	5,977	11	3
Received since that date	<u>10,229</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
	16,206	14	0
Paid since that date	<u>9,563</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>
In hand	6,643	4	7

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

#### TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of yanuary, 1896— Present: Alderman Wethered Councillors M. Davis, and Feeney (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Technical Education Grant —The Town Clerk reported that a further sum of £250 had been received from the County Council being the balance due for the current year, which with £20, the balance of the last distribution made £270 now distributable.

Letters from the Rev. Mr. Foster and Mr. W. Mullins on behalf of the Cheltenham P.S.A. Ambulance Society; also from the Rev. J. Mugliston and Miss Pidcock on behalf of the Home Arts and Industries Committee were read applying for grants. Resolved, That the Committee regret that they are unable to take into consideration these applications until the next year which commences on the 1st of April next when they shall be considered, and that having regard to the resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of October last, the balance of £270 be adjusted between the Institutions therein mentioned as follows, viz.—

To the Science Department of the Grammar School, and School of Science	£125
To the School of Art	59
To the School of Cookery ..	30
To the Public Library ..	48
To the School of Art, Charlton Kings	8

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1896—Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors Ll. Davies, Moles, Parsonage, and Skillicorne ; Baron de Ferrieres, Mr. H. Neale and Captain Welch (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, 14s. 3d. He also reported that the Lending Library issues showed a decrease of 28 per day, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.—

Baron de Ferrieres	5 Vols.	1 Pamphlet
Mr. S. H. Brookes	1 "	4 "
Mr. J. Hunt	1 "	
Miss Bell	1 "	
Agent-General for Natal	1 "	
Trinity College, London	1 "	
Mr. J. P. Knight	2 "	
Mr. F. H. Cliffe	2 "	
British Museum	2 "	3 "
Miss E. Gibson	3 "	6 "
Mr. J. J. Newton	1 "	
Capt. Welch, R.N...	1 "	1 "
Mr. A. N. Cust	2 "	
Rev. C. Voysey	1 "	
Rev. J. Gamier	1 "	
Messrs. Clift & Ryland		1 "
Borough Accountant	1 "	
Mr. J. Sawyer	2 "	

Annual Reports from several Libraries.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended, That a list of worn-out books submitted by the Librarian be approved and the books replaced at an estimated cost of £29 ; That some books which had been sent on approval be purchased at a cost of £1 10s ; That the sum of £10 be spent on technical books ; and That the Zoological portion of the " Voyage of the Challenger," comprising 17 vols., be purchased for the Buchanan Collection at a cost of £16 15s Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, with the exception of the one last mentioned, be approved and adopted.

3-The Times Newspaper—A Letter from Mr. Gedge was read suggesting that each day the Tizzies of the previous day should be placed on a stand in the reading room. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gedge that there being only one copy of the Times, which is filed, the Committee regret they are unable to comply with the suggestion.

4—Clock in Reference Library—The Librarian reported that Messrs. Martin & Co. had fixed a new line to, and cleaned this clock free of charge. Resolved, That they be thanked for their kindness.

5—Confusion with Cheltenham Library—The Committee having been informed that Books, &c., intended for the Public Library, addressed to the Cheltenham Library, were frequently delivered to the Library in Royal Crescent. Resolved, To give Notice at the Post Office and to the Railway Officials that packages so addressed should be delivered at the Public Library, but that if any so delivered are obviously intended for the Library in Royal Crescent they be immediately forwarded there, and that the Committee of the Cheltenham Library be informed of this resolution.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£19 10 0
Cheltenham Gas Co., Coke ..	£13 16 0
Ditto Gas .. ..	£ 0 15 2
R. E. & C. Marshall, Furniture, Fittings, Repairs, and Cleaning Materials ..	£ 2 9 7
R. E. & C. Marshall, Instalment of Contract for Electric Light Installation and Extra Fittings	£45 15 0
Waterlow Bros & Layton, Stationery .. ..	£ 3 10 0
Shirer & Haddon, Furniture and Fittings	£ 0 7 9
Town Council, Electrical Energy ..	£13 6 8
W. T. Cossens, Stationery ..	£ 0 2 6
John Simmons, Repairs to Clocks	£ 0 6 6
Thornton & Co., Furniture and Fittings ..	£12 8 6
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, Lettering, Stationery and Buchanan Labels..	£10 6 1
Webb Bros., Coal ..	£ 2 8 0
Yost Typewriter Co., Ltd., Stationery ..	£0 8 0
G. F. Poole, Printing Annual Report ..	£2 15 0
Wm. Norton, Books ..	£1 10 0
Ditto ditto	£2 2 0
F. J. Wright, Ironmongery ..	£ 0 2 3
Subscription to the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society	£ 0 10 6
West of England Publishing Co., Commission on Advertisements ..	£ 1 6 3
J. J. Banks, Newspapers ..	£ 1 16 8
Ditto, Papers, Magazines and Books .	£16 12 6
W. Smith & Sons .. • •	£ 1 7 0

E. B. WETHERED, Chairman.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 29th day of January, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, Parsonage and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

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

2 —Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 18 schools containing 338 names ; these and the balance of 19 left to visit last month made a total of 357. Of this number 14 were accounted for by the teachers, 260 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 83.

3—Attendance of Children—A Deputation of School Managers and Teachers consisting of Mr. Clifford E. F. Nash, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Cook, of St. Luke's School, and Mr. Lloyd. of St. James' School, attended the Committee to draw attention to the lowness of the average attendance in the Borough which for the previous year was as follows, viz., Number on books 7149, average attendance 5662.7, being equivalent to 79 per cent, and to suggest that duplicate Registers for extracts of the weekly attendances of each child be supplied by the Committee to be placed before the Local Committees by the Attendance Officers. Resolved, That the Managers of the Schools be requested to have extracts made in the Registers, to be provided for that purpose, from the Attendance Registers of the Schools of the number of attendances made by each child during the week and forward the same to the Municipal Officers every Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, and that the necessary Registers be provided by the Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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### **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 March, 1896.

### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 24th day of February, 1896—Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Feeney, Lawrence, and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Lawrence was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2--The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz.: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Heath, and Lawrence.

3—Street Projections—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Street Inspector reported that the lamps at Messrs. Cash & Co.'s, 136, High Street, and at Mr. J. A. Cole's, 96, Winchcomb Street, and the iron bar at Nelsons Limited, 415, High Street, had been removed; that the gas rail at the Dorset Dairy Co., 78, High Street, and the lamp at Mr. S. J. Dudley's had both been raised to eight feet in height from the ground. He also reported that the figure put up by Mr. C. Dickens at 390, High Street stood only 7 feet 4 inches from the ground.

He further reported that an electric arc lamp had been put up by Mr. James, Butcher, No 82, High Street, in front of his premises in place of an incandescent lamp; that a glazed sign had been put up by Mr. D. Ashwin, Hairdresser, No. 60, St. Paul's Street, North, on the northern side of the entrance and projecting partly beyond the line of the premises.

Letters were read from Messrs. Cash & Co., requesting permission to replace the lamps they had had to take down by one non-advertising lamp, and expressing their willingness to comply with the rules as regards height, distance from building, &c. ; from the Dorset Dairy Co., requesting permission to be allowed to let their gas rail remain; from Mr. S. J. Dudley stating that his lamp was in accordance with the required conditions ; from Mr. W. James, requesting permission to substitute two arc lamps for the two sunbeam lamps, for which he had previously received permission; from Mr. D. Ashwin, asking permission to put out a barber's pole and a small sign; and from Mr. E. B. Terrett, of No. 26, Regent Place, Swindon Road, requesting permission to put out a barber's pole in front of his premises.

Resolved, That Mr. Dickens be required to remove the figure in front of his shop to the prescribed height of 8 feet ; that the applications of Messrs. Cash & Co., the Dorset Dairy Co., Mr. S. J. Dudley, and Mr. James be granted, subject to the lamps being 8 feet high in the clear from the pavement and not projecting more than 2 feet inclusive from the face of the building ; and that the applications of Mr. Ashwin and Mr. Terrett to fix up barbers' poles in front of their premises be granted, subject to their being at least 8 feet in height from the pavement and to the right of the Corporation to order their removal if and when they may think fit ; but that Mr. Ashwin's application to erect a sign other than the pole be refused, and that he be required to forthwith remove the glazed sign referred to in the report of the Street Inspector.

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4—Boarding in Gloucester Road adjoining the King's Arms—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th September last, a letter from Mr. E. C. Davis was read, complaining that this boarding had not been set back in a line with the fencing of the adjacent buildings as required by the Committee ; also a letter from Mr. H. W. Chatters, of Messrs. Knight & Chatters, stating that he had written Messrs. R. W. Miller & Co., the landlords of the premises, respecting the boarding, and they replied asking that the matter should stand over until Mr. R. W. Miller should be in Cheltenham, when he would look at it. Resolved, To comply with Messrs. Miller & Co.'s request.

5—Hoarding, Queen's Road—With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th December last, the Town Clerk reported that the Divisional Superintendent of the G.W. Railway Co. in company with the Agent of Messrs. W. H. Smith & Sons, to whom the hoarding is let by the Company, had been to see him, and after hearing what he had to say, agreed to report thereon to the Company. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter pending a reply from the Company.

6—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done in his Department from the 25th January to the 21st February inst., both inclusive, was as under :—

Repaired with Glee Hill Stone—Cemetery Road, 315 super yards ; Pilley Lane, 630 super yards ; Wellington Grove, 2212 super yards ; Swindon Road, 1855 super yards; Hales Road, 2911 super yards; Dunalley Parade, 467 super yards; Charlton Lane, 3888 super yards; Croft Street, 280 super yards; Lypiatt Street, 350 super yards ; Road at the back of Tivoli Inn, 180 super yards.

Patching—Back of Montpellier Terrace, Malvern Road, Prestbury Road, Arle, Winchcomb Street, St. Paul's Street, South, Fiddler's Green, Carlton Street, Pittville Circus, Six Chimney's Lane, Clarence Parade, Montpellier near Gordon Lamp, Battledown Approach, Montpellier Parade, Bayshill Road, Albion Street, Imperial Square, Road from Lansdown Crescent to Lansdown Place, St. Stephen's Road, St. Paul's Road, The Park, Bennington Street, Montpellier Terrace, Regent Street, Selkirk Street, London Road, High Street, Promenade.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Pittville Estate, Western Road, Queen Street, Roads in the Cemetery.

Patching—Victoria Street, Overton Road, Harp Hill, Larput Place.

Repaired with Local Stone—Merestone Road, 1088 super yards ; Moorend Street, 540 super yards ; Short Street, 555 super yards; Little Norwood Street, 828 super yards ; Croft Street, 370 super yards.

Paving, Crossing, Channelling and Kerbing—New Street, Winchcomb Street, Leamington Place, Colonnade, St. Paul's Street North, Tewkesbury Road, Overton Road, Cleveland Street, Sherborne Street, Queen's Circus, Regent Street, Clarence Street, Clarence Parade, Duke Street, Selkirk Street, Albert Place, Swindon Road, Wellington Street, High Street, Lansdown Crescent, Montpellier Terrace, Promenade, Malvern Road, St. Paul's Road.

Gravel Path—Wellington Square 1291 super yards.

Private Improvements-- College Lawn (edging and channelling 2535 lineal feet), Sydenham Road and Sydenham Road South, proceeding.

Asphalte Paths—Douro Road, London Road.

Gullies and Drains-14 Gullies have been rebuilt on the Pittville Estate ; also a 9-inch surface water drain has been laid from Wellington Square to Marie Hill Lake, a distance of 1,410 feet.

One Gully has been repaired in Cleveland Street.

Trees have been pruned in St. George's Road, Pittville Circus and at Maud's Elm.

Ashes Collected—Van loads collected, 787 ; Cart loads collected, 245 ; consumed at the Destructor 91 tons, 3 cwt. 2 qrs.

7- -Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—St. George's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works in this road amounted to £190 9s. 6d., which he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises, as directed by Sec 104 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act. 1889. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

8- Road from St. George's Road to Overton Park—With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of December last, a specification of the Borough Surveyor of date the 24th of February, 1896, of the works required to be done to the above street was read. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notice under Sec. 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, be given to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days and that if such notice is not complied with the Borough 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 and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

9-College Lawn Road—A letter from Mr. G. W. Sadler was read, protesting against the laying down of new silver grey bordering and channelling on the west side of this road as being unnecessary as no houses could ever be built on that side of the road.

10 - Self-propelling Carriages—A letter from the Editor of the Autocar, with which was enclosed a Petition to the House of Commons, praying that changes in the law may be effected to remedy grievances arising under certain statutory enactments which are inapplicable and obstructive to the user of self-propelling carriages, was read, suggesting that the same should be brought to the notice of the Council and sealed with the Corporation Seal. Resolved, That the Mayor and Town Clerk be requested to sign the Petition on behalf of the Council and that the Corporation seal be affixed thereto.

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Road in front of Elmscourt and Hill Court, Pittville —With reference to Minute No. 17 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of December last, a letter from Mr. Bradfield. Clerk to the Prestbury Parish Council, alleging that the road in question belongs to the Pittville Estate and repudiating any liability on the part of the Prestbury Parish Council to keep it in repair, was read; also one from the Town Clerk in reply, informing Mr. Bradfield that his Council were mistaken in supposing the road to be on the Pittville Estate, as such is not the case. Resolved, To approve the reply of the Town Clerk. and to request the Prestbury Parish Council to attend to the matter.

12--Studio. No. 1a, Bayshill Villas—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting. disapproving Plan No. a letter from Mr. Jas. Wall, Builder, was read, stating that he did not think the building in question was one requiring notice within the meaning of the Act, and appealing to the Committee to re-consider their decision and approve the plan which he enclosed. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a view by the Committee.

13-Naunton Park Road—A letter from Mr. Cornelius Smith. of Smith Bros., Timber Merchants, was read, suggesting that the Corporation should take over this road from him. he being the owner of it, and, in consideration of same, release him from any payment for the late or any future repairs. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to comply with Mr. Smith's suggestion.

14- Maud's Elm—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and estimate for fencing Maud's Elm with an inexpensive fence.

15— Great Western Railway Old Goods Shod—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 27th of January, 1891, Resolved. To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Great Western Railway Company to call their attention to the resolution referred to, and to inform them that the Council must insist upon the removal of their old timber goods shed without delay.

16—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.
720	Stevenson, Esq.,	Additions to Italian Villa, Leckhampton Road.
721	Dr. Bramwell	Additions to Glendearg House, Bayshill.
722	W. Carrington & N. Baker, Esqrs.	Show Rooms, &c., at No. 17, Promenade villas.
723	T. Nelson Foster, Esq.	Stables, Coach House, &c., in Parabola Road, Bayshill.
724	Council of Cheltenham College	Loose Box near College Baths.
725	Mr. Joseph James	Additions to Victoria Coffee Tavern, Gloucester Road, (corner of Stoneville Street).
726	Mrs. Newby	House between Nos. 33 and 35 Moorend Street.
727	Mr. Charles	Cottages in Grove Street.
728	Mr. J. G. Flory	Improvement to Cottages in Harper's Court and Rutland Street.
729	Norton & Co.	Additions to 416, High Street and Bath Road.
730	Mr. Wm. Watts	Two Houses in Whitecross Square.
731	Mr. James Leake	Semi-detached Villa in Gloucester Road.
732	Mr. Richard Evans	Villa in Gloucester Road.
733	Mr. Andrew Page	Two Villas in Gloucester Road.
734	Messrs. Caudle & Sons	Workshops, Exmouth Street.
735	Mr. G. H. Watts	Additions to Premises in Norwood Road.
736	Trustees of St. Gregory's Church	Guild Room, St. Gregory's High School, St. James' Square
737	Mr. George Loveday	House in Gloucester Road.

Resolved. That Nos. 723, 725, 727, 728, and 733 be disapproved, that No. 729 be approved subject to the corner between Bath Road and Bath Street being rounded off as agreed with the Borough Surveyor, and that the other plans be approved as shewn.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 1896 Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors Al. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, and Moles, (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 11 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Small Pox had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, that 6 of the Scarlet Fever cases and the Small Pox case had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the 2 cases of Enteric Fever had been sent into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 6 of Small Pox and 8 of Scarlet Fever. He further reported that the Small Pox case, which had been notified at 10 p.m. the previous night and had at once been sent to the Hospital, occurred in a small house connected with the lodging-house of Mrs. Gapper, Stanhope Street, and in the same family there were a man and four children, two of whom had never been vaccinated, and that the man and his family came from Gloucester a fortnight previously the time of onset of first symptoms, showing that the disease must have been contracted there

2—Closing of St. Philip's Infant School for Measles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this School being very badly affected by measles had been closed for three weeks, and the matter duly reported to the Local Government Board.

3--Cleansing of Market adjoining abattoir—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Police complained that this market was not cleansed and kept as it should be. Resolved, To refer the matter to the General Purposes Committee.

4—insufficient supply of Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that only six Ash receptacles had been supplied by way of compliance with the requirements of this Committee for 25 houses in Stanhope Street, owned or lately owned by Mr. Stroud. Resolved, To require that one should be supplied for each house.

5—Wells requiring to be Closed—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at Ebenezer Cottage, King Street, and Nos. 5, 7, 11, 19, 21, 29, 33, 35, & 41. Russell Street, 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.

6 - Nuisance at Waterloo Vaults—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance owing to the want of a urinal. Resolved, That notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners requiring them to abate the nuisance and do all such things as might be necessary for that purpose.

7—Houses without a proper Water Supply—No. 29, Sun Street—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 6th instant, that the above-mentioned house 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 to obtain such a supply and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

8- Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Ebenezer Court, King Street, No. 7, New Street, Nos. 14 & 15, Pittville Lawn, No. 9, Montpellier Terrace, No. 52, Brighton Road, and No. 29, Hatherley 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

9—Overcrowding of Gipsy Vans in Gas Lane—The Medical Officer of Health reported that two Vans used for human habitation belonging to F. A. Loveridge and W. Buckland respectively, on land in Gas Lane belonging to John Bough, were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates, and the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, Resolved, That by virtue of Sec. 9 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1885, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the Vans requiring them to abate the nuisance.

10 —Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 188g, 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.

11—Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles— The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

12—Alleged Pollution of the Chelt —A Letter from the Clerk to the County Council with which was forwarded a Report made by the County Analyst on samples of water which had been taken in October and December last on behalf of the County Council from the Chelt above and below Cheltenham from which it appeared that the samples taken below Cheltenham were polluted with sewage matter, while those taken above were not so polluted, was read, requesting that the Corporation would give the matter serious consideration and deal with it in a satisfactory manner, and a Report from the Borough Surveyor having been read and considered by the Committee, from which it appeared that sewage had been allowed to flow into the Chelt from farm lands to which sewage, purchased by the tenants from the Corporation, had been supplied, and also that pollution was found from the old claypits near Hester's Way from a large quantity of spent lime from the Gas Works which had been carted there and in which water had accumulated and overflowed into the Chelt, but that in no case

did the pollution arise from sewage from the Corporation Farms. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply that the Corporation are not responsible for the pollution referred to inasmuch as the outlets of the effluent water from the Corporation Farms are below the points at which the samples had been taken, and that with respect to any effluent water from land not belonging to the Corporation that the parties who rent the fluid sewage be informed that they must take proper means to prevent crude or improperly treated sewage from getting into the Chelt, and for this purpose to throw up an embankment at least 2ft. high on their respective farms coextensive with the stream and at least 5ft. from the nearest boundary thereof, or the Corporation will be under the necessity of discontinuing the supply to them. Also that notice be given to the owners of the Hesters Way property to abate the nuisance caused by the deposit of the gas lime in the clay pits and to prevent any pollution of the Chelt therefrom.

13—Small-pox Hospital at Delancey Hospital --With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 20 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a Letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson, Hon. Sec. of the Delancey Hospital, was read, stating the willingness of the Trustees to allow the Council to re-erect the Hut for Small-pox cases on a site to be agreed upon between Mr. Cocks Johnstone and the Medical Officer of Health.

14--Vaccination—With reference to the Resolution above mentioned, a Letter from Mr. F. Ticehurst, Deputy Clerk to the Guardians, was read, stating that the Guardians had given such instructions to Dr. Hogarth, the Public Vaccinator for Cheltenham, in the matter of his attendance at the Vaccination Station as they considered necessary for the present, and had authorised him to procure such a sufficient supply of Calf Lymph as might be required for the vaccination of those persons attending the Station.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of February, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, and Moles, (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

15—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, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Small Pox ; that the cases of Scarlet Fever and Small Pox had been 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 17 of Scarlet Fever and 7 of Small Pox. All possible measures had been taken to prevent the spread of infection from Small Pox.

16—Nuisances from Drains, &c.—No. 15, Marle Hill Road, Nos 48 and 49, Townsend Street, Harborne, Sydenham Road, and No. 2, North 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

17—Overcrowding at No. 17, Stanhope Street—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 the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

18--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 under Section 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 penalties.

19—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

20 —Cleansing and Limewashing- No. 17, Stanhope Street. No. 54, St. George's Place, and Raymond Cottage, Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

21—Overcrowding of Gipsy Van in Gapper's Yard -The Medical Officer of Health reported that a van used for human habitation, situated in Gapper's Yard, was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates, and the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, Resolved, That by virtue of Sec. 9 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1885, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the van requiring them to abate the nuisance.

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22- Insanitary House—Raymond Cottage, Worcester Street —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the house above mentioned 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 on the owner and occupier requiring them to abate the nuisance and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

23—Niagara Cottage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that part of the drainage from this house went into the Chelt. Resolved, To give notice to the owner and occupier that they are liable to penalties under Sec. 37 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and requiring them forthwith to cease such pollution and make proper communication with the sewer to carry off the drainage then running into the Chelt.

24—Insufficient Closet accommodation at King's Head Yard—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that there was only an earth closet in use at the above-named premises which was in such a state as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act

to provide a proper and sufficient water closet, and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as directed by the said section.

25—Wells at Nos. 8, 9, 12, 13, 31, 39, 43, 45, 47, 51, and 53, Russell Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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 these wells to be closed.

26—Establishment of Offensive Trade--With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th ulto. a Memorial from Mr. E. A. Keep and 51 other residents in the neighbourhood, and a letter from Mr. Geo. Ballinger, of Brooklyn, Great Western Road were read, protesting against permission being granted to Mr. Bayley to carry on the business of a Fellmonger in Market Street. Resolved, To adjourn the consideration of the matter pending compliance by Mr. Bayley with the request made to him to send in plans of what he proposes to do.

27—Alstone Ditch—A letter from Mr. H. D. Harrison of the Cottages, Trusty Engine Works, was read, complaining that since the Midland Railway Company had opened the end of this ditch nearest to their line they had made matters worse than before, the stagnant suds, &c., being unbearable and injurious to health. Resolved, To inform Mr. Harrison that steps are being taken to get the nuisance remedied.

28—Alleged Nuisance from Tipping Refuse on Field near Glenmore—With reference to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th ultimo, the Medical Officer of Health reported that Col. Allfrey and Mr. Urquhart of Woodleigh had made further complaints of the above-mentioned nuisance; that he had visited the place and considered that the large heap of house refuse tipped in the field was liable to be a nuisance to the adjacent houses ; that the field is not in the Borough, but that the refuse should be tipped at the other side of it furthest from the houses Resolved, That any refuse hauled by the Corporation at the request of the tenant be tipped at such a distance as not to be a nuisance to the houses, and that Col. Allfrey and Mr. Urquhart be informed that the Corporation have no power otherwise than in manner aforesaid or by refusing to haul any refuse at all on any part of the land to compel abatement of the nuisance complained of, as the field is outside the Borough boundary.

29.—Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1895, and the same having been read, Resolved, That 200 copies thereof be printed.

30—Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings as were intended to come up for approval at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee for approval as regards sanitary matters. Resolved, That No. 720 for Mr. Stevenson for additions to Italian Villa, Leckhampton be approved subject to a ventilation pipe being provided from the head of the drain; that No. 722 for W. Carrington and N. Baker, Esqs., for show rooms at No. 17, Promenade Villas be approved subject to an intercepting trap being provided to the drain and a ventilation pipe being provided from the head of the drain; that No. 723 for T. Nelson Foster, Esq., for stables and coach house, &c., in Overton Road, Bayshill, be approved subject to intercepting traps being provided to the drains ; that No. 727 for Mr. Charles for cottages in Grove Street be approved subject to the drains under the houses being constructed of iron pipes placed in concrete and lead

jointed; that No. 728 for Mr. J. G. Flory for additions to cottages in Harper's Court and to No. 6, Rutland Street be disapproved, and that proceedings be taken to obtain a Magistrate's Order that these cottages be closed; that No. 732 for Mr. Richard Evans for villa in Gloucester Road be approved subject to a ventilation pipe being provided from the head of the drain, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1896 Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence, and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair).

1—Promenade improvement No. 2—Mr. Gregory, of Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co., and Mr. Pearson representing Messrs. Middleton, Prothero, and Phillott and the late Mr. Carrington's Trustees, attended the meeting to discuss the plans of the proposed improvement. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish tracings of the Plan of the proposed improvement and railings to Mr. Pearson for Mr. Carrington's approval, and to Mr. Gregory.

2—Photographs in the Carriages of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Fay was read, stating that the £3 would cover all the compartments in the through coach between Southampton and Sheffield. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that it be left to the Chairman to arrange for the photographs to be taken and to have them placed in the compartments.

3 —Advertisement in book entitled " The Golf Greens of England and Wales."—A letter from Mr. Woodward, author of the above-named publication was read, suggesting that the Town should be advertised therein, and offering a page for the purpose for £5. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the suggestion.

4—Horticultural Society—Letters from General Winson, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the above-named Society were read, and with reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of March last, he requested that a reduction of the £21 charged for the hire of the Montpellier Gardens on the 1st and 3rd of June last might be made, on the ground that the weather on both days was very unfavourable. Resolved, To inform General Winson that in order to meet his request the Society will be allowed the use of the Garden this year free of charge, provided it is not required by them on a Bank Holiday, the Society being responsible for any damage done.

5---Sub-Committees—Pittville Park—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee do consist of the Chairman and Alderman Wethered. Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee do consist of Councillors Lawrence and Skillicorne.

W. HEATH, Chairman.

## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Ll. Davies and Lenthall, (Alderman Wethered in the chair.)—

1—Borough Engineer's Report —The Borough Engineer reported that on the 20th inst. the supply to Hewletts and Leckhampton was 182 Gallons; the average for the last four years being 254 per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 13,600,452 gallons. On the 20th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet 1 inch and the contents 85,006,742 gallons, which gave a total of 98,607,194 gallons or about 131 days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 3,687,925 gallons.

He further reported that on a recent occasion complaint was made that the water pressure was insufficient for fire purposes, and upon testing the pressure near the Railway Bridge in Leckhampton Road it was found that there was equal to 80 feet of head, but that when one tire hydrant was opened the head fell to 20 feet and when two in the same neighbourhood were opened there was practically no head of water available for pressure. At another point in the same district the results were relatively the same and only so feet higher in each case, i.e., 90 feet, 30 feet, and 10 feet.

A careful and detailed examination of the mains showed that South of Thirlestaine Road and Suffolk Road there was no main larger than 4 inches in diameter, and that many were only 2 inches in diameter; that the whole of the district East of St. Stephen's Road, South of Tivoli Place, Suffolk and Thirlestaine Roads, and West of Old Bath Road was supplied by two

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4-in. diameter pipes and one 3-in. diameter pipe. The number of consumers in the area referred to was 1,743, or a population of about 8,715 in addition to which there are a large number of laundresses, especially in Naunton Crescent and neighbourhood. The system is therefore barely sufficient for ordinary domestic water supply and is totally inadequate for dealing with an ordinary outbreak of fire. He recommended that an 8-inch diameter main be laid from the end of the existing 9-inch main near Thirlestaine Road to the Norwood Arms and that the existing 4-inch main be removed; that the 2-inch main in Francis Street and Naunton Crescent be removed and replaced by a 4-inch main in Francis Street and a 3-inch main in Naunton Crescent ; that the mains in Tivoli Road, Park Place, Union Street, Bath Terrace, Hermitage Street, branch to Exmouth Street, and branch to Upper Norwood Street be extended by 3-inch pipes so as to improve the circulation in those parts of the system. He also reported that applications had been received for a supply of water to Fern Lawn, Pittville Crescent, which would involve an extension of 155 yards, and for the supply of one house at Pilley, which would require an extension of the same length ; that further progress had been made with the filter beds at Dowdeswell ; that the floor of the fresh water tank was finished, and the walls were 3 feet 3 inches high ; the floor of the filters was then being laid down; that the main supply from Dowdeswell had been cut through, removed to the outside of the filters and rejointed, with the additional length inserted, and the supply restored; that the floating arm outlet for No. 4 Reservoir at Hewletts was fixed and the Reservoir was then being filled from No. 3 and springs ; that the wall at Hewletts adjoining the road was in a defective condition, and he advised that the upper part be taken down to a height of 4 feet above the footpath, that a new coping be fixed, and a wrought iron

railing 4 feet 6 inches fixed upon it. Resolved, That the report be approved and the recommendations of the Borough Engineer adopted, that an estimate be obtained for the suggested alteration to the wall at Hewletts Reservoir, and that the extension to Fern Lawn be carried out, but not the one for the supply of water to the house at Pilley.

2-Rating of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Works at Tewkesbury -A letter from Mr. Badham, Clerk to the Tewkesbury Poor Law Union, was read, with which he enclosed notice of an Assessment to the Poor Rate of the above property at £640. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to give notice of the intention of the Corporation to appeal against the Assessment.

3—Tewkesbury Water Supply—A letter from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, was read, suggesting that to settle the question as to the user of the mains and pipes in that Borough by this Corporation for distribution of water out of the Borough of Tewkesbury this Corporation should make the Corporation of Tewkesbury an allowance for such user. Resolved, That the Committee considers that the pipes being the property of this Corporation it has a perfect right to use them, and must decline to acknowledge any right of the Corporation of Tewkesbury to any payment or allowance for such use.

4 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 18th day of February, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Feeney, Heath, and Lawrence, (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1---Report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to a fire on the 1st inst., at No. 309, High Street, and that he had forwarded the account of the extinction expenses amounting to £3 3s. to the Queen, Sun and Royal Insurance Offices in which the property, damaged to the extent of about £200, was insured.

2 -Report of the Superintendent of Police re Swine Fever—The Superintendent of Police reported that a suspected case of Swine Fever had been reported to him as having broken out on the premises of Mr. George Bedwell, of No. 11, Naunton Terrace, at his sty in Mr. Holliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, where there were two pigs, one of which was dead, and that the Swine Fever Order had in every way been complied with.

3--Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were received from Newman Gibbard, of No 61, Duke Street, and Henry Dunn, of No. 5, Providence Square. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

4-- Hackney Carriage Licenses--A letter from Mr. Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, Portland Street was read, applying for a License for a Brougham. Resolved, To inform Mr. Jones that at present there



is no vacancy, but that a license will be granted to him when it comes to his turn on the list of applicants.

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5—Hackney Carriage Fare Plates—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee estimates for these plates. Resolved, That 50 for full-licensed and 25 for Pony Carriages be ordered at 1s- each.

6—Appointment of Assistant Overseer--A letter from the Local Government Board was read, forwarding copies of an Order which they had issued, transferring to the Council the power to appoint and to revoke the appointment of an Assistant Overseer for each Parish wholly comprised within the Borough.

7—The Mayor's Parlour—.Resolved, That proper curtains and a couple of easy chairs be provided for this room.

8—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—This Committee presented their Report as follows :—Your Sub-Committee have to report that the Corporation Fire Brigade as at present constituted consists of 18 men, viz :—

1 Superintendent with a salary of	£30 per annum.
3 Captains with retaining salary of	£4 per annum.
13 Firemen “ “ “ “	£3 per annum.
Resident Fireman with a salary of	£10 per annum, in addition to allowances for gas and coal.

The payments made for attendance at fires are as follows, viz.—For fires within the Borough :-

3 Captains, 4s first hour, 2s second hour, and 1s 6d per hour afterwards each.  
13 Firemen, 3s 6d first hour, and 1s 6d per hour afterwards each,

For attendance at fires outside the Borough, the Superintendent receives £1 1s and the men 1s each per hour, the resident fireman receiving 5s for cleaning engine and appliances ; a pair of horses and driver are engaged for the fire engine at a minimum payment of £2 2s., the amount increasing according to distance.

In addition to the Superintendent's uniform the men are each provided with tunic, helmet, pair of high boots, belt, life line, fireman's axe, and undress cap.

The appliances at the Fire Station are as follows :—

IN USE.

( No.1	7-inch Manual Fire Engine • •..	(1832)
"	Hose Cart .	(1884)
"	“ “	(1863)
"	60ft. Fire Escape .. ..	(1887)
"	Tozer's Hand Engine ••	(1884)

500 yards Canvas Hose.

100 yards Leather Hose.  
24 pairs Morris's Patent Couplings.  
9 Gun Metal Stand Pipes.  
12 Gun Metal Branches and Nozzles.

NOT IN USE.

No. 1 6-inch Manual Fire Engine—no date.  
No 1 Hand Fire Engine.  
No 1 Fire Escape.  
No 1 Hose Cart  
About 100 feet Canvass and Leather Hose.  
4 Scaling Ladders.

In order to place the Fire Brigade on a more satisfactory basis, and to avoid calling out more men than are necessary, or in the event of more than one fire occurring at the same time, your Committee recommend that the number of the Brigade be increased to 18, viz :--3 Captains and 15 Firemen, with the regulation that each fireman retires on reaching the age of 45 years, and each captain on reaching the age of 50 years; that the use of the fire bell be abolished, the residence of the Superintendent being connected by telephone, and the residence of each fireman by an electric bell with the central station in order that the Brigade may be called out in sections ; that the appliances now in use be overhauled and put in thorough working order and repair, the following additional appliances being provided, viz. :—

A light Skeleton Hose Reel Cart.  
A set of Jointed Ladders on hand truck for use in narrow passages, back yards, &c.  
18 Firemen's Axes.

That the old Fire Escape and two Engines not in use be disposed of or broken up, the hose cart and hose being disposed of to the Public Health Department for sewer flushing, &c.

There is at present very inadequate provision for drying hose, and none whatever for drying the men's clothes, &c., for this purpose they recommend that the shed now occupied by the old fire escape be adapted, and the whole premises be put into thorough repair, the general condition at present being very unsatisfactory.

There are at present 1802 fire hydrants attached to the mains in use in the Borough, their position being indicated by painted name plates on adjacent railings or walls ; a proper register of these, with the size of the mains to which they are attached, should be kept at the Central Station for reference when a fire occurs.

Your Committee have some reason to believe that the pressure in the water mains is insufficient in some of the higher parts of the town, but they propose to test this again before finally reporting on this branch of the subject.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9—Lighting of Present Offices--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to carry out the resolution of this Committee of the 21st day of December, 1894, so far as regards obtaining an estimate for wiring the present Municipal Buildings for the Electric Light.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 1896—Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Cypher, Dighton, Lenthall, Moles and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

1—East Ward Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing how Hampton's Gardens could be dealt with by the sale of the North and South Frontages, and throwing into Sherborne Terrace to widen the same a strip of land about 15 feet, leaving about 3 acres in the centre with entrances thereto, including the house and curtilage. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the purchase of the whole of the garden at the price asked for it, but that the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Margrett to know if he would be prepared to sell the part on the plan remaining uncoloured and the strip coloured blue, and if so at what price.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 21st day of February, 1896—Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Lenthall and Moles (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

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

2 —Headstone to Mary Pearce—A letter from Mr. Pearce, of No. 17, All Saints Road, was read, requesting permission to erect a headstone at the Cemetery to the memory of his deceased wife. Resolved, To inform Mr. Pearce that he must send in a design of the stone and inscription for the approval of the Committee.

3—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved Memorial Cross to Mary Williama Strick. Fourth Class Tomb to Elizabeth Morgan. First Class Tomb with Iron Fence to John Thomas Cyril Stacey. Headstones to Catherine Saunders Stephens, Agnes Bennett, Giles Samuel Betts, Alfred Goffin Flory, John Raymond Higgins, Ann Williams, Edwin Fred Packer, and Elizabeth Ann Malvern.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£11 0 6
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JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

## LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of February, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Ward-Humphreys, Waghorne, 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.
1896. Jan. 31st Feb. 8th Feb. 11th Feb. 14th	16.06 candles 16.47 “ 16.84 “ 16.14 “	15.30 candles 14.83 “ 15.39 15.27	1896 . Feb. 14th- 15th	Per 100 cubic feet 12.66 grains	Per 100 cubic feet 13.21 grains

2—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.1166 cubic feet.

3—Lamp Book — Produced and Examined. Lamps extinguished, 2 metered and 8 unmetered.

4—Gas Bill—The Town Clerk read the Declaration of the result of the Poll of the Ratepayers as to whether the Town should promote a Bill in Parliament to empower the Corporation to acquire the undertaking of the Cheltenham Gas-Light and Coke Company, the number of votes in favour being 1,433, and the number against 5,936.

5—Lighting of upper part of Bath Road—A memorial from Mr. Albert Dix and others was read, calling attention to the very bad light that was then given by the street lamps in the upper portion of the Bath Road and the streets leading thereto, and stating that on some occasions it was scarcely more than a common candle. Resolved, To adjourn the full consideration of the complaint to the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Electric Lighting Loans--The Town Clerk reported that he had not yet received notice from the Local Government Board of the Enquiry which they intend to hold previous to giving sanction to the loan already determined upon. Resolved, That the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee do ask for an interview with the Local Government Board with a view to urging upon them the great necessity there is for obtaining the sanction of the Board to the loan without further delay.

Estimate for further Loan—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd ulto., the Electrical Engineer laid before the Committee a detailed estimate of the plant and extensions that would be required within the next six months, amounting to £13,500, and advising that in view of a probable increase of Arc Lighting in the streets, the

estimated expenditure be taken at £15,000. The following is the Schedule showing the items of the proposed expenditure of £13,500

Extensions to Electric Works Building	£1,700 0 0	
Galloway Boiler and Green's Economiser	£1,000 0 0	
200 K-W Steam-Alternator	£2,700 0 0	
Separate Steam-Exciter ..	£ 500 0 0	
Alterations to Ash Destructor	£1,500 0 0	
Three New Sub-Stations ..	£ 482 0 0	
Additions to Existing Sub-Stations	£ 189 0 0	
Extensions to Mains as per Schedule	£2,761 0 0	
" " to the Park ..	£ 764 0 0	
House Services: Meters, Cable, Joint Boxes and	£ 900 0 0	
Labour Sub-Station Transformers for Stock ..	£ 117 0 0	
House	£ 150 0 0	
Sundry Goods and Stores.. ..	£ 75 0 0	
Contingencies—say 5 % on Total	£ <u>642 0 0</u>	
	£13,480 0 0	

Resolved, That as there appears to be so much delay in obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary loans, application be now made for sanction to a further loan of £15,000.

7—Electrical Engineer's Report —The Electrical Engineer reported that the capacity of the engine-room plant, when the new 100 Kilowatt set has been erected, would be 170 Kilowatts—i.e., the equivalent of 4,800 eight candle power lamps simultaneously alight, that at that time the equivalent of 6,600 candle power either had been connected or would be connected shortly, and he had in prospect the supply of current to some 70 to 80 arc lamps ; it being therefore certain that additional plant would be required before next winter, he recommended that a 200 Kilowatt Steam Alternator be made the standard size for future extensions, and that one of these sets be obtained before Xmas. The present capacity of the boilers was 170 Kilowatts, and he advised the addition of another similar boiler and the erection of a suitable economiser by which the capacity of the boilers would be brought up to about 340 Kilowatts. He recommended the construction of sub-stations at Belle Vue, Montpellier and the Lower High Street, in order that in the town energy may be supplied as far as possible at low pressure,

and reduce the losses incidental to the use of so many small Transformers. He also recommended the provision of a low pressure main along Lower High Street from the present High Street Sub-station as far as Henrietta Street, the demand for energy along this part being exceedingly good, and the provision of this main would liberate for use in the outlying districts about £170 worth of small transformers. The number of 8 candle-power lamps then connected to the mains was 5,800 approximately, and the number remaining to be connected was about 800. He reported that Mr. Baring Bingham had made a request that his account might be rendered monthly instead of quarterly. He laid before the Committee a letter from Messrs. Webb Bros. stating that they

considered the Corporation should pay for the cost of erecting the brick shed put up to receive the transformer seeing that the Corporation have to supply current at a voltage of 100.

Resolved, That Mr. Bingham's request be acceded to ; and that Messrs. Webb be informed that having regard to the cost incurred by the Corporation in making this connection the Committee regret they are unable to comply with their request.

8--Supply of Current to Trelawne, Lansdown Place—A letter from Mrs. Armstrong, of Trelawne, Lansdown Place, enquiring if the Corporation contemplated laying down the electric light main in Lansdown Place, as she would like to avail herself of it, was read. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Armstrong that the Committee contemplate laying a main in Lansdown Place as soon as the sanction for the expenditure has been received from the Local Government Board.

9--Gas Poll—A letter from General Babbage to the Mayor, complaining of the Town Clerk not having given him and General Thorold forms of claim and having sent forms to certain owners, and a letter from Councillor Feeney on the same subject, were read. Resolved, That the taking of the Poll is not a matter over which this Committee had any power of control, the arrangements being under the direction of the Mayor as Summoning Officer, to whom the Town Clerk was solely responsible; but the Town Clerk having made a statement on the subject and having denied that, to his knowledge, information was refused to any owner or ratepayer, this Committee is of opinion that the Town Clerk acted to the best of his judgment under somewhat difficult circumstances and strictly within his legal obligations in the matters complained of.

10—Parliamentary Sub-Committee—Councillor Ward-Humphreys having tendered his resignation as a Member of this Sub-Committee, Resolved, That the same be accepted with much regret.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of February, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Waghorne, Ward-Humphreys and Wheeler (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

11—Major Cardew's Report on the recent Fatal Accident—A Letter from the Board of Trade, of date the 21st inst., transmitting a copy of the Report made by Major Cardew, R.E., on this accident, and expressing the regret of the Department that by inadvertence the report was communicated to the press before it was forwarded to the Corporation, was read. Also the following observations of the Electrical Engineer on the Report:—

1. Description of Pugh as a mechanic and man of imperfect education untrained to grasp abstract ideas is scarcely correct ; he was a cable-joiner of considerable experience in high pressure work. All the arrangements of the Substation were thoroughly known to Pugh, and, on his entering the Corporation service, the first work witnessed by him was the fixing of the high pressure switchboard with which he made contact.

2.The distance from the hole bored in the wooden batten (1 ¾ inches thick) to the nearest piece of charged metal was between 8 and 9 inches.

3. Pugh's attention was called to the fact that the rubber mat had been moved, and, on the mat being offered him, he refused to use it.
4. It is extremely unlikely that the current left Pugh's body by the arm used for boring the hole, because there was no mark on this hand and because the hole in the batten was not right through the wood.
5. So simple an operation as boring a hole in a wood batten can hardly be fairly described as one which could or should distract the attention of the operator from the known conditions under which he was working.
6. No arrangement has been made for shutting down regularly for two hours every Wednesday a general notice has been issued to our customers stating that supply is liable to be cut off from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, but of course we take advantage of this as seldom as possible. This notice was issued after the date of the accident. Under the Board of Trade Rules (Part II. Regulations as to Supply, Rule 3) we are practically forbidden to cut off supply to the premises of more than 80 customers which, therefore, disallows our shutting down on Wednesdays.

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7. The ebonite covers for the ends of the switch-fuses have now arrived and have been fixed in the High Street Substation. A layer of bitumen about 1} inches thick has been floated over the High Street Substation floor, and on this have been laid wooden mats with rubber mats on the tops of them in that half of the Substation which contains high pressure gear. Bitumen is a good insulator and more rubber mats are on order. A wooden rail has been fixed across the High Street Substation dividing it into two parts containing high and low pressure switchboards respectively.
8. The extensions to mains included in my Report of the 19th instant, will enable us to more readily cut off from high pressure any Substation as desired without interfering with general supply to customers.

Resolved, That the following Letter be sent to the Board of Trade in reply :—

Municipal Offices. Cheltenham,

Sir,

Cheltenham Electric Lighting Order, 1890.

I have laid your letter of date the 21st Feb. before the Council of this Borough and the copy of Major Cardew's Report enclosed therewith, and I am directed to say—

That the Council desire to thank the Board for the copy of Major Cardew's Report on this most regrettable accident and to inform the Board that the suggestions made by Major Cardew's had either been carried out prior to the receipt of his Report or have been now.

I am further to point out that all the Board's Rules and Regulations relating to converting stations had been observed by the Electrical Engineer at the time the stations were built and long before the accident occurred.

The Council thank the Board for the expression of confidence with which Major Cardew's Report concludes, and which the Council fully appreciate and acknowledge.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant, E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

12—Gas Company's Bill —Opposition—The Town Clerk laid before the Meeting draft of the Petition against this Bill, and the same was gone through and settled. Resolved, That the Corporation Seal be affixed thereto.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 25th day of February, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Ll. Davies and Lawrence (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, £12,009 0s. 1d. ; leaving outstanding £2,586 19s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £7,526 7s. 6d.; leaving outstanding £2,547 17s. 8d

3—Parliamentary Registration —The Town Clerk laid before the Meeting an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the Provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1895-6, amounting to £96 16s. 6d. 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 £84 7s. 8d. to Cheltenham, and £12 8s. 10d. to Charlton Kings.

4- Private Improvement Works, Marsh Lane—A letter from Mrs. Jones of No. 186, High Street, was read, requesting to be allowed to pay the £24 17s. 6d. due from her for the Private Improvement Works in Marsh Lane in respect of property of which she is the owner, by very small instalments. Resolved, To allow Mrs. Jones to pay the amount by equal instalments spread over the next twelve months.

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5—Interest on Loans---A letter from Mr. Wm. Forth was read, requesting that the £1,000 trust monies standing in the names of himself and Miss E. G. Atkins might be allowed to remain on at 2 7/8 per cent. until the 24th of June next. Resolved, That the request be granted.

6—Rating of Government Property—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th day of November last, a further letter from the Mayor of Portsmouth on this subject was read. Resolved, That this Council have no reason to be dissatisfied with the present system of Assessment to the Local Rates of Government Property in this Borough.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £2785 2s. 1d. 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 was the General Statement:—	£	s.	d.
In hand on the 28th January last	£ 6,643	4	7
Received since that date	<u>£ 8,297</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
	£14,940	12	6
Paid since that date	<u>£ 6,417</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
In hand	£ 8,523	8	8

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of February, 1896—Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors Ll. Davies and Moles (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £18 17s. 0d. He also reported that the second Supplementary Catalogue was published on the 11th inst. and 242 copies had been sold; that there had been a decrease in the Lending Library issues of 67 per day, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.—

Mr. E. J. Golding ..	5 volumes	
University Correspondence College	1 volume	
Agent-General to New Zealand ..	2 volume	6 pamphlets

Annual Reports from several Libraries.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that books selected by them be purchased for the sum of £3 15s. 0d., and that the wages of Mr. J. P. Askew, an assistant at the Library, be increased from 6s to 7s 6d per week. Resolved, To approve and adopt both recommendations.

3—"Tile Times" Newspaper—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting another letter from Mr. Gedge was read, stating that he could see no reason why the "Times" should not be filed after being two days open to view as after one. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gedge that there is no room for another stand and if allowed to remain on the table for another day the paper would not be in a fit condition to file.

4—Use of Reading Room in Moorend Road for Vaccination—A letter from the Clerk to the Guardians was read, requesting the use of this room for Vaccination by the Public Vaccinator on Saturdays. Resolved, To grant the use of the room as requested on Saturdays till 4 p.m. for one month, the Guardians to be responsible for the expenses of cleaning and heating.

5—Smoking in Reading Room in Moorend Road—A letter from Councillor Griffith was read, suggesting that the Committee should consider the possibility of removing the notice at this reading room "No smoking allowed," and substituting for it "No smoking allowed before 8 p.m." Resolved,

That the Committee cannot recommend the adoption of this suggestion as it would be establishing a precedent which could hardly be refused in the case of the Chief Library.

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

John J. Banks, Books	£37 10 8
G. F. Poole, Printing ..	£16 4 6
W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£15 12 0
Engall, Cox & Co., Safe..	£ 4 0 0
W. H. Smith & Son, Books	£1 3 5
James Webb ditto	£1 0 0

E. B. WETHERED, Chairman.

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#### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 26th day of February, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Cypher, L1. Davies, Moles and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

5—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses under the Bye-Laws be issued against the responsible parents of Daisy Venner, of Whitehart Street, and John Barham, of No. 55, Duke Street.

2—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 33 schools containing 904 names ; these and the balance of 83 left to visit at the end of last month made a total of 987. Of this number 55 were accounted for by the teachers, 808 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 528 recently sent in.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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#### **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 7th day of April, 1896.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-The View —The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz. : The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne. - Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that four advertising lamps had been put up by Messrs. Salmon & Gluckstein. at No. 370, High Street, without permission having been first obtained. Letters were read from Mr. W. H. D. Clee, of No. 5, North Street, Agent for the Stroud Dye Works, who had sent him a sign board to suspend from an iron bracket, and requesting to be informed as to the Corporation regulations respecting signs ; from the Manager of Nelsons Limited, 415, High Street, asking permission to affix a bar 9 feet 7 inches from the ground, 2 inches from the woodwork of front, being 5 inches inside blind box ; from Mr. Geo. Allen, Hairdresser, 369, High Street, asking for permission to remove his advertisement tablet from its present position at the door of No. 369 to his new place of business at No. 370, High Street from Mr. J. Gluckstein, of 41, Clerkenwell Road, London, asking permission to fix four advertising lamps outside the premises of Messrs. Salmon & Gluckstein, Limited, at No. 370, High Street, and agreeing that they should be not less than 8 feet from the pavement, that no part of the lamp should project more than 2 feet from back to front inclusive of lamp and bracket, and to keep them alight until 11 pm. ; from Messrs. Dicks & Sons, applying for permission to fix four outside electric lamps to their windows in St. George's Street adjoining No. 175, High Street ; from Mr. J. A. Cole, of Nos. 95a and 96, Winchcomb Street, applying for permission to erect six electric or gas lamps outside his premises in Winchcomb Street ; and front Messrs. Stroulger & Co., asking for permission to fix one advertising gas lamp outside their shop No. 93, High Street, the lamp being 2 feet square, 4 feet high, and to be fixed 12 feet from the pavement to underside of lamp. Resolved, That having regard to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of December last, Messrs. Salmon & Gluckstein be required to remove their lamps forthwith ; that Mr. Clee be supplied with the information asked for; that the application of Messrs. Nelsons Limited be refused; that the application of Mr. Allen be granted subject to the right of the Corporation to order the removal of the sign if and when they think fit that the application of Messrs. Dicks & Sons, and Mr. Cole be granted, subject to their lamp: being 8 feet clear from the pavement, not projecting from the face of the buildings more than 2 feet inclusive, and if advertising lamps to their being kept alight till to o'clock each night ; and that the application of Messrs. Stroulger be granted, subject in addition to compliance with the conditions mentioned in their letter to the condition that the lamp does not project more than 2 feet (inclusive of the lamp) from the face of the building.

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3—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done in his Department from the 22nd of February to the 27th of March, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with. Clee Hill Stone--High Street, 6066 square yards ; Gloucester Road, 791 square yards ; Malvern Road, 485 square yards.

Patching—Hanover Street, St. George's Place, Fiddler's Green, North Place, St. George's Road, North Street, Hatherley Road, Regent Street, Suffolk Square, Bath Street, Royal Well Place, Manchester Street, Albion Street, Townsend Street, Pittville Circus, Ambrose Street, St. James's Square, Promenade, Six Chimney Lane, Sandford Road, Gas Lane, Crescent Terrace, High Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone -Pittville Estate Roads, Harp Hill.

Repaired with Local Stone—Road back of Cleeve Road, 876 super yards ; Harp Hill, 5451 super yards  
Old Bath Road, Leckhampton Road (proceeding).

Kerbing, Crossing, and Channelling—Duke Street, Bath Road, Church Yard, Priory Street, Sun Street, St. Paul's Road, Promenade, Montpellier Street, Imperial Square, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Crescent, Hermitage Street, Workman's Lane, Trafalgar Street, Crescent Place, St. Paul's Street, North, Albion Street, Carlton Street, Clarence Street, Hanover Street, Cleeve Road, Clarence Square, Wellington Square, Milsom Street, Swindon Road.

Concrete Path—St. George's Place, 57 super yards.

Tariff Paths repaired—Albion Street, All Saints' Road.

Sett Crossings—Two in Gloucester Road re-laid.

Trees Pruned—St. George's Road, Christ Church Road

Gullies re-built—Two in Church Yard.

Private Improvement Works—The works in Sydenham Road were finished, and College Lawn Road was in hand.

High Street and the Colonnade- Many complaints had been made respecting the crossing from Lloyd's Bank to Messrs. Bryant & Co 's, which was formed of Clee Hill Setts, and was very slippery ; he suggested that it be replaced with McDougall's patent bricks, which would give much better foothold for horses.

Ashes Collected—Van loads. 907; Cart loads, 283 ; consumed at the Destructor, 1347 tons, 3 cwt., 2 qrs.

A letter from Mr. H. G. Workman was read, complaining of the crossing by Messrs. Young & Gilling's in the Promenade. Resolved, That the report of the Borough Surveyor be approved and his recommendation adopted, and that the crossing complained of by Mr. Workman be removed.

4—Private Improvement Works, Royal Parade --A letter from Mrs. Siddall, of No. 57, Royal Parade, was read, submitting that she ought to be made an allowance as regards her share of the cost of these works, owing to Mr. Siddall having put his part of the road in repair last year Resolved, To inform Mrs. Siddall that an allowance was made when the apportionment was settled.

5—Private Improvement Works, St. George's Road—A letter from Mr. G. Norman, of Alpha House, was read, submitting that as an Order was made on him ten or eleven years ago to pave in front of his house, and the work was carried out at his cost, he ought to be allowed the amount then paid by him on his present apportionment in accordance with the practice of calling upon owners once only for the execution of such works. Resolved, That an allowance be made to any of the abutting owners who had previously borne the cost of any part of the work recently renewed.

6—Footpaths in the added area, late Leckhampton—With reference to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of December last, a letter from Mr. Moorman as to the complaint of Mr. C. Caines that the new channelling and crossings in Moorend Street and Short

Street had been improperly laid, was read, and the Borough Surveyor having reported that in his opinion the work had been satisfactorily done, Resolved, To inform Mr. Caines that the Committee consider there was no cause for complaint.

7—Leighton Road—A letter from Mr. W. J. Merrett, of Charlcot, Kings Road was read, calling attention to the insanitary condition of this road, and a memorial from Mr. E. Stibbs and other residents in the road also calling attention to its condition, and requesting that the Improvement Works might be proceeded with, and on their completion that the road might be declared a highway. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed with the works at once.

8—Chester Walk—A memorial from Mr. W. C. Channon and other residents in the neighbourhood was read, calling attention to the condition of the road immediately behind the Public Library, and asking that it might be repaired. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that it is intended to proceed with the repairs of this road as soon as the contemplated sewerage works have been completed.

9—Footpath in front of Alconbury and St. Ann's. Albion Street —A memorial from Mr. J. D. West and other Ratepayers in the East Ward was read, calling attention to the disgraceful state of this footpath Resolved, To adjourn consideration thereof to an early date.

10—Alleged Injury to Wall at rear of No. 3, 'Ugh Street, by Cart in employ of the Corporation—A letter from Messrs. Harrison, Bayley & Adams, Agents for Humphreys' Estate, London Road was read, alleging that this wall had been in part demolished by a cart in the employ of the Corporation being backed into it, and claiming that the Council should make good the damage estimated at £2 10s. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending an enquiry by the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor and a report from the former.

11-Studio No. 1a, Bayshill Villas--With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To inform the owner (Mr. Watson) that the existing building is not in accordance with the Byelaw's, but that he is at liberty to send in a new plan showing such intending re-construction as will render it unobjectionable.

12-Old Goods Shed, Croat Western Railway—With reference to Minute No. 55 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Mills, Paddington Terminus, was read, stating that the Engineer had been instructed forthwith to remove the old Goods Shed at Cheltenham.

13-St. George's Place Improvement --With reference to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of September last, Resolved, That consideration of this matter be adjourned pending settlement by the Borough Surveyor of the details of a suggestion which he proposed to make.

14-Lighting of Road near All Saints, proposed to be called Winstonian Terrace, and Oakfield Street, Tivoli - With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Lighting Committee of the 25th inst. referring to this Committee the application of Mr. C. Winstone for a lamp to be placed in the above-mentioned Terrace, and of the Rev. E. L. Jennings and others resident in Oakfield Street for a lamp to be placed in that street, Resolved, That when Mr. Winstone has completed the road in accordance with the Bye-Laws and the plan approved by the Committee his

application will be considered, and that the application of the Rev. E. L. Jennings and others be granted, the lamp to be placed half-way down the street.

15—Mossleigh Terrace, Great Western Road—With reference to Minute No. 22 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of September last, the Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Cleveley had not yet complied with the order of the Council to carry the party walls of these houses above the roofs. Resolved, That proceedings be taken forthwith to compel compliance with the Bye-Laws in this respect.

16-Alstone Grange Estate —A letter from Mr. G. H. Mills, with which he sent a plan (No. 747) of land forming part of this estate, showing how he purposed to develop same, was read, admitting that the frontage to Alstone Lane as shown on the plan left the road at issue with the Bye-Law, but that when Mr. La Terriere's land should come into the market a portion of his land shown on the plan should be acquired and the road made uniform. Resolved, That the plan be disapproved, the Bye-Laws being contravened in several other respects than that mentioned.

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.
738	Mr. T. Steel	Baker's Oven in Cottage at back of No. St. High Street.
739	Mr. C. j, Haward	Bath Room rear of No. 23, Lansdown Crescent.
740	Mr. F. Haslam	Store House at rear of No. 11, Royal Parade.
741	Mr. Godward	Additions to No. 19, Townsend Street.
742	T. Nelson Foster, Esq.	Stables and Coach House, Overton Road, Bayshill.
743	Executors of late Mr. Jesse Holloway	Shop Front to No. 32, Cambray.
744	Mr. E. A. Keep	House in Gloucester Road.
745	Mr. J. D. Taylor	House adjoining Castlemaine, Hewlett Road.
746	Mr. G. B. Dale	Two Houses in Moorend Road.

Resolved, That No. 743 be approved subject to the cellars under the footpath being given up to the Corporation that No. 744 be approved subject to the damp proof courses being put in the proper place; that No. 741 be disapproved, and the remainder of the Plans in the list be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of March, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, and Moles (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 1 case of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria; that

the case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was to of Scarlet Fever and 6 of Small Pox.

2—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 64, St. George's Place, No. 16, North Place, No. 2, Westfield Villas, Alstone, No. 31, Burton Street and Holly Cottage, New 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

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3—Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles— The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 1, Grove Street, No. 12, Bath Terrace and No. 14, King Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was effected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That notice be given to the owners under the said Sec. requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5—Overcrowding at No.54, St. George's Place, and annexe to No. 79, Stanhope Street —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 the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the nuisance, and that notice be given to the proprietor of the said annexe to No. 79, Stanhope Street, that she had rendered herself liable to a penalty under Sec. 128 of the Public Health Act, for having re-let it as lodgings after it had been occupied by people who had had Small Pox without having first obtained a certificate from a legally' qualified Medical Practioner that the premises and contents had been properly disinfected as required by the Section.

6—Closing of Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had recommended that St. Mark's Girls' and Infants' Schools, Christ Church Infants' School, and St. Peter's Infants' School should be closed on account of the prevalence of Measles, and that he had reported the matter to the Local Government Board

7—Insanitary Property —Nos. 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61, Queen Street, No. 75, Stanhope Street, Retford Cottage, Prestbury Road, and Shelburne House, Lansdown Road—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.

8.--Wells at 76 and 79, Stanhope Street, Nos. 24 and 6, Russell Street, No. 1, Dunalley Parade and No. 13, Union Street— The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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 these wells to be closed.

9—Waggon for Conveyance of Infected Clothing- With reference to Minute No 21 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd of January last, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had obtained an estimate for re-lining the old waggon with zinc from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall for £3 5s. 0d. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

10—Urinal between the Chelt and back of Messrs. Marshalls' Workshops—With reference to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th January last, a letter from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshal was read, agreeing to alter the wall as proposed.

11—Style at West end of Elm Hill Orchard, Staverton—A letter from the Clerk to the Staverton Parish Council was read, asking on their behalf if the Corporation would remove this style and replace it with a swing gate. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to inspect and report on the matter at the next meeting.

12—Six Houses behind No. 6, Rutland Street—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 30 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting concerning plan No. 728 a letter from Mr. Flory was read, offering to pull down these houses if the Corporation would pay him £40 as compensation, in default of which he should defend the " very unjust and arbitrary measure " adopted by the Council. Resolved, To decline Mr. Flory's offer, and to proceed with the application for a closing order.

13—Defective Drainage at No. 54, St. George's Place—A letter from Mr. T. Midwinter was read, suggesting that the works of drainage required by the Notice and Specification served on him under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act be carried out by the Corporation men. Resolved, To inform Mr. Midwinter that he must carry out the work himself.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 20th day of March, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

14—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, 3 of Enteric Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Small Pox ; that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and the case of Small Pox had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 8 of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Small Pox.



15—Nuisances from Drains, &c., at Spread Eagle Inn, High Street, Nos 9 and 45, Russell Street, Beehive Inn, Montpellier, No. 4, Hatherley Place, and Nos. 18 and 20, Victoria 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

16—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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.

17—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

18—Cleansing and Limewashing—No. 39, Jersey 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 was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Sec. requiring the house to be cleansed and limewashed.

19—House unfit for Human Habitation—Cottage behind 89, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, Resolved, That proceedings be taken under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, to obtain an Order that it be closed.

20—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order— The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received an application from Mrs. A. Richards, of No. 1, Suffolk Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the same be refused.

21 —Closing of Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting St. James' Infants' Schools had been closed by his advice on account of the prevailing epidemic of measles.

22—Wells at Nos. 17 and 19, Marle Hill Road and Beehive Inn, Montpellier—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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 these wells to be closed.

23—Congress of the Sanitary Institute—Mr. E. White Wallis, F.S.S., Secretary of the Sanitary Institute, attended the meeting, and stated that, if invited, the Institute would hold its biennial Meeting and Exhibition in Cheltenham in the Autumn, and having explained the position and object of the Institute and what would be done, from which it appeared that the expenditure, which would have to be provided for by the locality, would probably amount to about £250. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

24--New Cart Shed at Barn Farm —The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the proposed new Cart Shed for the Barn Farm, the cost of which he estimated at £35. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the shed be erected as shown.

25—Building Plans—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. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Al. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

26—Inspector of Nuisances—A letter was read from the Local Government Board dated the 21st inst., sanctioning the re-appointment of Mr. Hudson, the Chief Inspector of Nuisances, from the 6th of January last, at a Salary of £150 per annum

27—No. 13, Croat Western Road—With reference to Minute No. 28 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd of January last, Resolved, That having regard to the facts stated by the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor, the former be authorised without prejudice to the question of liability to settle Mr. Daniells' claim at a cost not exceeding £25.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

28--Nuisance from Drains—Pemberton House, Albion Street—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 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

29—Sanitary Institute—With reference to the proposed visit to Cheltenham of the Congress of the Sanitary Institute, Resolved, That, having regard to existing circumstances and the numerous calls on the Public this year, the Committee regret that they are unable to invite the Institute to hold their Meeting at Cheltenham this year.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1896 — Present: The Mayor; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Promenade Improvement, No. 2 The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft of the proposed agreement with the owners and occupiers of Nos. 1 to 13, Promenade. Tenders for the ornamental iron railing for the same were received from Messrs. Letheren & Sons at £142, and Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall at £75. Resolved, That the draft agreement be approved, and that the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall be accepted, subject to the agreement being satisfactorily concluded between the Corporation and the owners and occupiers aforesaid.

2—Horse Show at Pittville Park—A letter from Mr. J. G. Villar, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Horse Show Committee was read, asking the Council to grant them the sole use of the Marle Hill Lake and Grounds for the evening of the first day of the Show (which was to be held on the 8th and 9th of July next) for the purpose of holding an Aquatic Fete and Promenade Concert ; also the sole use of the boats belonging to the Corporation at the lake from 5 p.m., the Committee undertaking to make good any damage done to the boats or other property of the Corporation and to pay the sum of 5 guineas. Resolved, To grant Mr. Villar's request upon the terms mentioned.

3—Horticultural Society—A letter from Mr. G. Tovey, the Hon. Sec. of the Horticultural Society, was read, expressing the desire of the Committee of the Society to engage the Montpellier Gardens for their first Flower Show on Saturday and Whit Monday, May the 23rd and 25th. Resolved, To refer Mr. Tovey to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, and to inform him that as the Gardens are required by the Society on a Bank Holiday the terms will be the same as last year, viz., 20 guineas for Whit Monday and free on Saturday, the 23rd, the Subscribers to the Gardens not to be excluded before 1 p.m. on either day, the Council, however, reserving to themselves power to withdraw their permission to use the Gardens for the purpose above-mentioned if on grounds affecting the public health they should see fit to do so.

4--Montpellier Baths—A letter from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co. was read, offering on behalf of the Cheltenham Montpellier Gardens Co. Ltd., to sell this property to the Corporation for £2,500.

5—Plans for Kursaal —Letters from Messrs. Unsworth & Newberry and Mr. E. C. Hanson were read, asking for an extension of the time within which to send in designs for the Kursaal. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to comply with the request.

6—Swings at Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted designs for Swings to be erected in these Gardens at a cost of £15 Resolved, That the same be approved and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the swings erected.

7—Living Herbarium in Pittville Park—A letter from Mr. W. L. Mellersh was read, proposing that a small portion or portions of ground be set aside in Pittville Park for the purpose of making a living herbarium of the more noticeable and rarer wild plants to be found in Gloucestershire, and offering to undertake the formation of it. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted, and that Mr. Mellersh's offer be accepted with thanks.

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8 - Bowling Green at the Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application for the use of part of the lawn of the Winter Garden as a Bowling Green. Resolved, That it be left to the Sub-Committee to settle the terms and make the necessary arrangements.

9—Charges for Admission to Pittville Park —With reference to the Resolution to the last paragraph of Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th day of May, 1894. Resolved, That notice be sent to all residents who are entitled to the use of the Pittville Gardens in right of their property on the estate, that the charge to such residents for admission to the Marle Hill portion of Pittville Park had been reduced to 5s

10—Midland & South Western Junction Railway Co.—A letter from Mr. S. Fay, General Manager of the Midland & South Western Junction Railway Co., was read, informing the Council that the Company proposed to construct an independent line between Marlborough and Grafton so as to facilitate the through traffic between Cheltenham and Southampton. Resolved, That this Committee hears with much satisfaction that such railway is proposed to be made, and if necessary the Council be requested to seal a Petition in favour thereof in view of the vexatious delays which now take place on that part of the line of the Great Western Railway, Co. over which this Company have running powers, causing so much inconvenience to passengers between Cheltenham and the South coast.

W. HEATH,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; and Councillor Ll. Davies (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Borough Engineer's Report —The Borough Engineer reported that on the 25th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 137 gallons; the average for the last four years being 163 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 15,379,593 gallons. On the 25th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 28 feet 1 inch and the contents 80,092,942 gallons, which gave a total of 95,472,535 gallons or about 124 days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 2,270,152 gallons.

He further reported that an application had been received from Mr. G. H. Pritchard for a supply of water to two cottages to be built in Prestbury near the Congregational Chapel, which would involve an extension of the main for 250 yards at a cost of about £60, and the minimum charge would be £4 per annum for a period of seven years. but Mr. Pritchard declined to sign the Agreement to pay this ; that the north wall of No. 3 Reservoir had moved in for a distance of about 2 inches, and it was necessary to re-build a length of about 90 yards at a cost of about £500 ; that to remedy the insufficient pressure of water in Malvern Road, near Drake House, it would be desirable to lay a feeder 6 inches in diameter from St. George's Road up Bayshill and Parabola Road into Malvern Road at a cost of about £225 ; that it was necessary for the purposes of the Bath Road extension and for general purposes to obtain about 100 tons of pipes of various sizes ; that he had had a meter fixed at Dean Close School, which showed an average consumption of 3,000 gallons per day, including the Christmas Holidays, representing a cost of £66 per annum, the fixed charge to the School, however, being only £30 per annum ; and that he had received tenders for the fencing for the East Boundary of Hewletts Reservoir as follows :—

Messrs. Letheren & Sons	6s 7d per yard.
Messrs. Such & Larter	7s 3d “
Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall	7s 8d “

Resolved, That the extension to Prestbury be carried out if Mr. Pritchard can obtain sufficient consumers to pay a minimum of £4 per annum for seven years ; that as much as is necessary of the North Wall of No. 3 Reservoir be re-built ; that the Borough Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders from the same firms as had tendered before for the 100 tons of pipes required; that the water supply to Dean Close School be by meter, and charged accordingly ; and that the tender of Messrs. Letheren & Sons for the fencing be accepted.

2—Water Supply to Dean Close School—A deputation from the Committee of Dean Close School, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Flecker, the Rev. G. P. Griffiths, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Griffith, attended the meeting to represent that the water supplied to the school had recently been in a very bad condition as regarded colour and purity. Resolved, That every effort be made to ascertain the cause of the complaint in order that the same may be remedied.

3—Further Business—The Mayor having to leave and a quorum not being obtainable, Resolved, That the business remaining to be transacted be dealt with at 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 24th day of March, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Wheeler (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1--Report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out on the 7th inst. to a fire at Dorset Mews, used as a grannery and stores by Mr. Bloodworth, Corn Dealer; that the account of the extinction expenses, amounting to £12 15s., would be forwarded to the Insurance Offices in which the building and contents were insured; also on the 11th inst to Montague House, Cambray, but the property being uninsured the account of the extinction expenses, amounting to £2 19s., remained unpaid. Resolved, That the account last mentioned be sent in to the owner of the premises on which the fire occurred with a request for payment.

2—Accident to the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade complained that he had received an injury to his knee cap on the occasion of the fire at Montague House while engaged on his duties with the Brigade in helping to extinguish the fire, and had since been unable to attend to his business in consequence. Resolved, That he be authorised to make a claim on the Ocean Accident Insurance Co., through their Local Agent, under the Insurance effected by the Corporation in that Company for the benefit of the Members of the Brigade.

3-Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from Henry Mansell, of the Swan Hotel, Alfred Middlecote, of Charlton Cottage, London Road, and Ernest Coxhead, of No. 12, Rutland Street. Resolved, That the same be granted.

4 —Bath Chair License—An application from Robert Charles Marsh, of 5, Grosvenor Terrace, was received for a Bath Chair License. Resolved, That the same be granted, subject to the chair being approved by the Chairman.

5 Hackney Carriage Licenses—An application from Josiah Jones, junior, of Clarence Mews, for a Hackney Carriage License, was received. Resolved. That the applicant be informed that there is no vacancy, but that his name will be entered on the list of Applicants. A letter from Mr. C. Fowles, of the British Mews, was read, applying for permission to substitute a new carriage in the place of his old one for which he held license No. 5A. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the new carriage being approved by the chairman.

6—Fare Plates—Resolved, That the price of Hackney Carriage Fare Plates be in future reduced to 1s 6d.

7—Collecting Boxes for Voting Papers—A letter from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Guardians, was read, offering to dispose of these Collecting Boxes to the Corporation. Resolved, To thank Mr. Ticehurst for the offer but the Council have no use for them

8---Canteen, Yeomanry Drill Ground—A letter from Mr. W. Taylor of No. 23, North Place, was read, asking to be allowed to negotiate for the contract for the hiring of the Canteen and for supply of Refreshments on the Yeomanry Drill Ground this year.

9—Petroleum License —An application from Mr. Joseph E. Bendall for a license to store Petroleum at Westall Buildings, Bath Road, was received. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application pending a report of the Borough Surveyor as to the suitability of the premises.

10—Corporation Insurances--A letter from the Fine Art and General Insurance Company, Limited, was read, proposing that the Corporation should become their own Insurers by becoming Policy-

holders in their Company, which would give them the security of the Capital and Funds of the Company, the profits of the Company to be divided annually as follows, viz. : The Company to retain one half and the remaining half to be distributed pro rata amongst the Policy-holders or applied in reduction of future premiums as desired. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter, pending a report by the Town Clerk as to the Insurances at present effected by the Council on Corporation property.

11—Electric lighting of Municipal Offices --With reference to Minute No 9 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To vary the resolution to the same, as follows, viz., that the Electrical Engineer be instructed to proceed with the work of wiring the Council Chamber, Mayor's Room, Committee Room, and the Rate and Water Offices at such times as the men under him are not actively engaged on more important work elsewhere, so far as the same can be done at a cost not exceeding £50.

12—Gas Poll—With reference to the letter of the Local Government Board of date the 20th ulto., referred to this Committee by the Council, enclosing a copy of a letter and enclosure received by the Board on the subject of making up the list of Owners and Ratepayers of the Borough for the purpose of obtaining their consent to the promotion of the Corporation Gas Bill, the Town Clerk read the draft of a letter which he intended to write in reply.

13-Cleansing of the Market —With reference to the resolutions to Minute No.3 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of the 5th ulto., Resolved, To instruct the Street Inspector that when he finds the Market improperly cleansed he must report the matter to the Borough Surveyor.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

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#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1896 — Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Cypher, Heath, Moles and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

1-East Ward Recreation Ground—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Margrett was read asking what the Council proposed to do as regards fencing, paving, &c. Resolved, To inform Mr. Margrett that the Committee will be prepared to recommend the Council in the event of their becoming the purchasers of the pieces of land left uncoloured and coloured blue on the plan, to build a brick wall, 6ft. in height along the rear of the two pieces of land coloured pink, and to relieve the owner or owners of the same from the expense of flagging, paving, and channelling in respect of the frontages to Sherborne Terrace and Albion Street, and to grant permission to build on the frontage to Sherborne Terrace in a line with the houses on the East of the land coloured blue on the plan.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1896—Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Dighton and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

2 —Alstone Swimming Bath— Resolved, That this Bath be re-opened on the 2nd of April next, and that 2 gross of Towels, and 10 dozen large. 5 dozen medium and to dozen small sized Bathing Drawers be ordered for use at the Baths.

A letter from Mr. F. A. Burr, of St. Paul's College, was read, enquiring whether, in view of the College taking a considerable number of Bath Tickets (about 60 dozen) the charge would be reduced from 4d to 3d. Resolved, To supply St. Paul's College with not less than 60 dozen tickets at a time at 3d. each.

3—East Ward Recreation Ground—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, in reply to the letter of the Town Clerk enquiring at what price he would be prepared to sell the interior portion of Hampton's Garden of about 3 acres (exclusive of the building frontages) and the strip of land about 15 feet deep on the North boundary, a letter was read from Mr. Margrett, offering to sell the same for £3,000 upon the condition as to fencing, paving, channelling, and building stated in the letter of the Town Clerk, with the addition that a railing of a kind to be agreed upon by the Borough Surveyor and himself be erected by the Council along Sherborne Terrace. Resolved, That having regard to the price asked the Committee are not prepared to recommend the purchase of Hampton's Garden or any part thereof, and that the Town Clerk do communicate with the owners mentioned in Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of January last, who had offered to sell land to the Council for the purpose of a Recreation Ground with a view to ascertaining the lowest price at which each one respectively would sell the land so offered.

4—Agg-Gardiner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That an additional giant stride be provided for this ground.

Horse Show—A letter from Mr. J. G. Villar, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Horse Show Committee, was read, applying to the Council to grant them the sole use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for the purpose of holding a Horse Show on the 8th and 9th of July. Resolved, That the application be granted.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 27th day of March, 1896—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Ll. Davie, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage' in the chair)—

1---Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that he required another new mat for one of the chapels and that the gates at the entrance required painting. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to order another cocoa mat and repaint the gates where required.



2-- Land in tenancy of Mr. C. W. Pratley—A letter from Mr. Pratley was read, giving notice of his intention to give up possession of the land adjoining the Cemetery, leased by him of the Burial Board, on the 25th of March, 1897.

3— Rector's Fees for 1895--The statements of the receipts and expenditure for the year 1895, under the arrangement with the Rector, was laid before the Committee, showing a credit balance of £76.

4---Designs— The following designs were examined and approved:—First Class Tomb to Clara Georgina Redhead and Septimus Redhead; Third Class Tomb to Samuel Franklin and Anne Douglas Franklin; Headstones to Joseph Baker and Bridget Baker, Frederick William Leay, Sophia James, Mary Pearce, and Colonel Daniel Beere.

5—Accounts--The following Account was examined and allowed:—

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages .. £14 14 0

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1896--Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, and Parsonage (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.
1896.			1896.		
Feb. 22nd	16.54 candles	15.51 candles	Mar.	Grains per 100 cubic feet	Grains per 100 cubic feet
Feb.28th	16.36 “	15 45 “	6-7	8.12	8.96
Mar. 6th	15.85 “	15.36 “	20-21	8.39	8.68
Mar. 20th	16.26 “	15.68			

2- Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.1516 cubic feet.

3 --Lamp Book -Produced and Examined. Lamps extinguished, 5 metered and 8 unmetered, and 4 burning dimly. Resolved, That the Police be requested to report in the same way as to the Electric Lamps.

4-Guildhall Lamp in Regent Street--With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 10th of January last, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read with which they forwarded a Resolution of their Directors to the effect that the agreement adverted to by the Council had no reference to this lamp but only to the lamps in the Promenade and the High Street, which do not burn at their full capacity beyond 10 o'clock at night it being upon this basis that the charge of £5 2s. 6d. was based. Resolved, To inform the Gas Company that it is the desire of the Council that the consumption of this Lamp and any other Guildhall Lamps which in future may be supplied with gas for them shall be identical with the consumption of those now in the Promenade and High Street.

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5—Lighting of Oakfield Street, Tivoli, and Winstonian Terrace—A Memorial from the Rev. E. L. Jennings and others applying for a lamp to be placed in Oakfield Street, Tivoli, was read, also a letter from Mr. C. Winstone suggesting that a lamp should be placed in a Terrace near All Saints, called by him, or intended to be called " Winstonian " Terrace. Resolved, To refer the applications to the Street and Highway Committee and to grant the same if they think necessary.

6-Gas Poll—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of the Committee of the 19th of February last, a letter from General Babbage was read, characterising the attitude and language of the Town Council as a body, and of the Committee in particular, as being unbecoming and unsuitable to their position.

7—Lighting of South Ward—A report of the Borough Surveyor on the lighting of the South Ward was read, from which it appeared that the lamps were not further apart than in other districts, but he suggested that the 12 lamps now standing between Thirlestaine Road and the Norwood Arms, should be replaced by Electric Incandescent lamps as an experiment, and the Electrical Engineer having reported that this could be done at a charge of £3 per lamp so as to return a small profit to the Electric Light Department and secure a large increase in the illuminating power. Resolved, That as soon as the consent of the Local Government Board has been received to the extension to Thirlestaine House, this suggestion be carried out.

8—Electric Inspector's Report --The report of the Electric Inspector of the result of his tests of the supply of Electricity during the past months as follows was read, viz.—

Low Pressure Cables.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
February 22	100 Volts	103 Volts.
February 28	"	102 "
March 6	"	103 "
March 20	"	103 "

9-- Electrical Engineer's Report— The Electrical Engineer reported that he had obtained quotations for the supply of Service Cable during the remainder of the year, and recommended that all Service Cable required be obtained from Callenders, as those supplied by them hitherto had been very satisfactory, and the price is also the lowest. That he would be obliged for permission to purchase a Yost Type-Writer at a cost of £22 6s. 6d. That he awaited instructions as to proceeding with the

London Road and Bath Road extensions. That the number of 8 candle power lamps then connected to the mains was about 6150 and the number waiting to be connected about 700. That the Thompson Houston Co. we're pressing for payment on account of meters supplied; and that he recommended that the salaries of three of his Assistants, Messrs. Soper, Duncan and Hartnell be increased.

Resolved, That the supply of Service Cable required during the remainder of the year be obtained from Messrs. Callender at the price quoted by them ; that the Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain a Yost Type-Writer at the price mentioned; that the London Road Extension be proceeded with ; that the account of the Thompson Houston Co. be paid in the first week in April ; and that the salaries of Messrs. Duncan and Hartnell be increased from 30s to 35s per week, and of Mr. Soper from 30s to 40s per week to date from the 6th proximo.

10--Regulations of the Board of Trade—A letter from the Board of Trade was read, with which they enclosed their Regulations made in place of those which accompanied their letter of the 13th of March, 1894. Resolved, That they be referred to the Electrical Engineer to report as to how far they affect this Committee.

A further letter from the Board of Trade was read, enquiring how the provisions of Nos. 12, 37, and 40 of the Board's Regulations had been carried out, also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, with which he forwarded the information asked for as supplied to him by the Electrical Engineer.

11 --Insurance against Claims wider the Employers Liability Acts—Resolved, To insure against claims under the Employers Liability Acts by the workmen employed on the Electric Works in the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Society, Limited. at a premium of 5s per cent. on the wages paid.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 1896—Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Ll. Davies and Lawrence (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Borough Rate—The Committee, assisted by the Borough Accountant, went through the Borough Fund Account with the view of estimating the amount which will be required for the Borough Rate for the ensuing year. Resolved, That as far as the Committee are able to judge at present, the year not being ended, the probable amount required by the Corporation from the Overseers will be £9,500, and that the Assistant Overseer be so informed.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer. Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

2 General District Rate The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £13,518 0s. 1d. ; leaving outstanding £1,077 19s. 0d.

3--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £8,412 18s. 6d.; leaving outstanding £1,662 6s. 8d.

4—Private Improvement Works, Malvern Road--Apportionment in respect of No. 4, Christ Church Villas—A letter from Mr. Horsley, on behalf of Miss Sheriff, was read, asking that she might be relieved from payment of the balance of £4 7s. 2d. due for principal and interest in respect of the above-mentioned apportionment on the ground that she became a purchaser of the house without being aware at the time that it was charged with this liability. Resolved, That the Committee quite appreciate the hardship of Miss Sheriff's position, which appears to have arisen from the usual enquiry not having been made on her behalf prior to her purchase being completed, but regret they are unable to accede to the request.

5—Private Improvement Works, Marsh Lane—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a further letter from Mrs. Jones was read, stating that she was unable to pay the £24 17s. 6d. by instalments of more than 10s a month or 30s a quarter. Resolved, To vary the resolution above referred to, as follows, viz., to allow Mrs. Jones to pay the amount by 24 equal monthly instalments of £1 and a final one of the residue of the principal and interest.

6 Borough accounts—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 28th of January last, a letter from the Local Government Board was read, formally approving the same.

7—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 £13,494 9s. 3d. 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 was the General Statement:—

In hand on the 25th February last	£ 8,523 8 8
Received since that date	£ <u>4,081 5 8</u>
	£12,604 14 4
Paid since that date	£ <u>9,039 18 0</u>
In hand	£ 3,564 16 4

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1896—Present Alderman Wethered Councillors Ll. Davies, Moles, and Skillicorne; The Baron de Ferrieres, Mr. C. Hall, and cap. Welch (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £12 1s. Od.. He also reported that the Lending Library issues showed a decrease of 48 per day; that there had been a decrease in the Lending Library issues each month since March, 1895, and from observations and enquiries he had made he was of opinion the decreases were mainly due to the want of new books and the dirty state of the books in Classes Fiction and Juvenile; and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

	Vols.	Pamphlets
Agent-General for New Zealand	1	
Mrs. Pierce	9	
Mr. F. A. Hyett	5	12
Baron de Ferrieres	3	1
Board of Trade	1	
Messrs. T. N. Browne & Co	1	
Trustees of the British Museum	1	5
Lady Meux	1	
Irish Unionist Alliance	2	
Mr. A. Hill		1
Durham University	1	
Rev. J. Evans	1	
Librarian		10
Dr. E. T. Wilson		1

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Clapham, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Hove, Baltimore, Watford.

2-- Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they had interviewed four out of the sixteen applicants for the post of Junior Assistant, to fill the place of J. P. Askew, who is leaving, and they recommended the appointment of Frederic Walter Smith, at 6s per week ; that the Librarian reported that the Strand Magazine and Cassell's Family Magazine for the months of February and March respectively had been stolen from the Reference Reading Room ; that they recommended that the proposed transfer of the Abridgements of Patent Specifications from the Cheltenham Library, 5, Royal Crescent, to the Public Library, and the offer of the Comptroller General to supply the future publications, be accepted; that the offer of Mrs. R. Mills to present the Inquirer for use in the Reading Room be not accepted, as the tables are already overcrowded; and that the consideration of the question of smoking at the Leckhampton Branch Reading Room be deferred until next winter. Resolved, That the Report of the Sub-Committee be approved and their recommendations adopted.

3—Confusion with Cheltenham Library—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 21st of January last, letters from the Postmaster were read, from which it appeared that he had received notice from Dr. Wilson, President of the Cheltenham Subscription

Library, claiming all postal matter addressed The Cheltenham Library," and demanding its delivery at the premises in the Royal Crescent, the effect of which would be that such matter when ambiguously addressed will be returned to the senders; also letters from the Local Managers of the Midland and Great Western Railway Companies that such parcels would be held pending instructions from the senders. Resolved, To request the Chairman to meet the President of the Cheltenham Subscription Library with a view to coming to an understanding with him on the matter.

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

A. C. & S. Billings	£46 15 10
W. Jones, Wages Account	£15 16 0
Cheltenham Gas-Light and Coke Company, Gas	£ 8 8 0
W. Jones, Petty Cash	£ 5 5 0
Norman & Sawyer, Stationery and Printing	£ 3 11 8
John J. Banks, Magazines	£ 3 3 4 ½
John J. Banks, Magazines, Periodicals and Newspapers	£12 15 3 ½
John J. Banks, Books	£ 2 19 10 ½
Manchester Edison Swan Company, Limited, Electric Lamps	£ 2 17 0
H. A. Gwinnell & Co., Coal	£ 1 19 0
J. Tinkler, Cleaning Materials	£ 1 3 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Electric Lamps and Repairs	£ 1 0 6
The London Supply Company, Cleaning Materials	£ 0 10 0

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 1st day of April, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors LI. Davies, Moles and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses under the Bye-Laws be ordered in the following cases, viz. :— Charles Court, John Pulham, Frederick Leeson, and Florence Richardson, and a summons for an attendance order under Sec.11 of the Act of 1876 in the case of Albert Wilson.

2 —Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 32 schools containing 1179 names; these and the balance of 128 left to visit at the end of last month made a total of 1,307. Of this number 78 were accounted for by the teachers, 1,113 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 116 recently sent in.

3--Bye-Laws—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 1st of January last, a letter from the Secretary to the Education Department, with which was transmitted an Order of Her Majesty in Council approving the new Bye-Laws, was read.

4— Investigation of Returns made by the Teachers--A letter from Mr. J. P. Cook, of St. Luke's Schools, was read, stating that he had been informed that Mr. Irving, one of the Attendance Officers, had only received the weekly returns from the Municipal Offices once a fortnight, and Mr. Wigley having explained that this had happened during the time Mr. Irving had been ill, owing to his not having been able to come down to the Office each week as usual to obtain them, Resolved, That this explanation appears to be satisfactory.

5-Attendance of Children—A letter from the Rev. R. G. Fairbairn, on behalf of the Managers of the British School., Henrietta Street, was read, calling attention to representations of their Head Mistress as to the bad attendance of children in her school, and to an allegation by her that the Attendance Officer had informed the parents that " the Head Mistress had sent him, and that she ought or ought not to have sent him," whereas he would appear to have been sent by the Attendance Committee and to have no warrant for using the name of their Head Mistress; also a letter from Mr. W. H. Wigley, the Attendance Officer, in reply, from which it appeared that there had been a considerable amount of illness since Christmas, which had affected the attendance, and denying the allegation above referred to. Resolved, That the Committee trust that with the new duplicate registers the evil will be mitigated.

6—Special Examination for Proficiency Certificates—A letter from Mr. W. H. Bulley, on behalf of Mr. de Sausmarez, H.M. Inspector, was read, suggesting that the next special examination for Proficiency Certificates should be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at 10 o'clock, and the Committee should obtain the use of a schoolroom for the purpose.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

MINUTES of the Public Health Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Friday, the 27th day of March, 1896

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of March, 1896—Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, and Moles (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—County Council Meetings and Quarter Sessions --Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee be requested to represent to the Chairmen of the County Council and Quarter Sessions. that having regard to the epidemic of Small Pox in Gloucester 6. it is most essential to the Public Health of the County that during its continuance the Meetings of the Committees of the County. Council and the holding of the Quarter Sessions should loot some convenient place in the County in which the epidemic does not exist.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 20th day of March, 1896—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Wethered ; Councillors M. Doris. Griffith. Lenthall, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

2—Athletic Sports at Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday -Mr. Wilks, the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, having, at the request of the Committee attended this Meeting. it was Resolved. That in order to take every possible precaution against the introduction of Small Pox into the town the Council will reimburse to the Society their out of pocket expenses if they will agree to abandon the holding of their Sports on Easter Monday next.

3-Small Pox Epidemic at Gloucester--Letters from the Principals of the Boys' and Ladies' Colleges were read, pointing out how serious it would be, both to the Town and Colleges, if the epidemic should be introduced into the Town, and suggesting that the Committee should take steps to encourage Vaccination by every means in their power. Resolved, That having regard to the alarming increase of Small Pox at Gloucester the Guardians be respectfully but strongly urged to carry out the law relating to Vaccination and to afford greater facilities than at present exist for the Vaccination of the poorer classes. That a circular be issued to large employers of labour calling attention to the great desirability of inducing their employees to take advantage of the facilities that are and will be afforded for Vaccination. That Bills be issued giving notice of the Medical men who are prepared to vaccinate and the times and places of their attendance for the purpose: and that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to ascertain what Medical men are willing to Vaccinate with Calf Lymph any persons applying to them and upon what terms they will be prepared to do so, and report to an adjourned Meeting of the Committee to be held on the following Monday morning, at 11 o'clock.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday. the 23rd day of March, 1896 —Present : The Mayor ; Alderman, Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)

4-Small Pox—With reference to the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting the Medical Officer of Health read a Report of the replies he had received from the Medical men to his circular letter to them, enquiring whether they would be willing to Vaccinate either at their own residences or at places to be provided for the purpose, or at the patient's own residences for a fee of 2s 6d in each case to be paid by the Council, and the draft of the proposed public notice having been settled, Resolved. That the same be printed and circulated. That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to address a circular letter to the large employers of Labour in the Town to urge upon their employees the necessity of Vaccination and re-vaccination. That the Committee ask for a conference with the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital with a view to co-operate with the Council in the provision of additional accommodation for the treatment of Small Pox cases if necessary ; and that the Guardians be requested to receive a deputation from this Committee, consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman, Alderman Wethered and Councillor Lenthall, with a view to the provision in the Town of greater facilities for Vaccination of the poorer classes.



5-Vaccination of Corporation Employees—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to require the Employees of the Corporation to be Vaccinated. and to make arrangements for their attendance for this purpose at the Station of the Public Vaccinator.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1896—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Wethered ; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)

6 - Small Pox—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had telegraphed to the Local Government Board for their sanction, under Section 133 of the Public Health Act, to the provision by the Council of gratuitous vaccination, to which he had received a reply that the Guardians having full power under the Vaccination Acts the Board were not prepared to sanction under Section 133. He also read letters he had written to the Local Government Board and to Colonel Russell. M.P., on the same subject He also submitted a draft of a Notice to be circulated and delivered at all the houses in the town, calling attention to the expediency of vaccination and re-vaccination, and giving information of the places in the town at - which and hours of attendance when the medical men mentioned therein would vaccinate free of charge all persons who might present themselves for that purpose. Resolved, That the letters of the Town Clerk and the draft notice be approved, and that the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to fix upon and hire vaccination Stations and make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the above-mentioned notice.

7-- Cotswold Hunt Point-to-Point Races—Resolved, That the Committee being of opinion that all large gatherings of people in the neighbourhood of Cheltenham, at which persons from Gloucester are likely to attend, are to be deprecated, they trust the promoters of the Cotswold Hunt Point-to-Point Races will see their way to postponing them pending the abatement of the epidemic of Small Pox at Gloucester.

8 —Delancey Hospital—The Deputation who attended the Meeting of the Delancey Trustees reported that the latter would be willing to allow the erection of tents on their land adjoining the Delancey Hospital, where patients could be attended to by the Hospital Staff. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the tenant as to his compensation, to prepare the ground and arrange for purchase of the tents, whenever the Medical Officer and the Chairman consider it necessary that they should be provided.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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### **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 day of May, 1896.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Feeney, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz. : The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Feeney and Parsonage.

2 -- Street Projections--The Street Inspector reported that projections had been put up as stated below without the sanction of the Council having been first obtained, viz., by Mr. T. L. Neale, Duke of York Inn, Oxford Passage, a sign between wall and public lamp at south side of entrance, by Mr Cole, 351, High Street, name in large gilt letters fixed to upper part of balcony outside second storey windows. He also reported that at Messrs. Dicks & Sons, No. 175, High Street, the four electric lamps fixed at these premises in St. George's Street had been placed about seven feet from the pavement instead of the required height of eight feet.

A letter from Mr. A. N. Cole, No 351, High Street, was read, requesting permission to erect a sign on the top of his shop front of only four letters, viz., " Cole," and not projecting in the least, also one from Mr. A. Fryer, Park Mews, Park Place, requesting permission to fix an ornamental lamp at his address, also one from Mr Crouch, No. 7, New Street, asking permission to hang out a hairdresser's pole for his shop about two feet from the wall, also one from Mr. G. Stibbs, No 3, North Street, requesting permission to erect a lamp over his shop the lowest part of which would be at least ten feet. Resolved, That Mr. Neale be required to remove his sign; that Mr. Cole having erected his sign before asking permission be required to remove it ; that Messrs. Dicks & Sons be required to shift their lamps to a height of not less than 8 ft. or remove them ; and that the applications of Mr. Fryer and Mr. Crouch be granted upon the usual terms.

3-Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done in his Department from the 28th of March to the 24th instant, both inclusive, had been as follows

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Queen's Road 416 super yards ; Rodney Road 181 yards ; Lansdown Road, proceeding.

Patching—Hatherley Road, Dunalley Parade, Western Road, Promenade, Warwick Place. Fairview Road, Albion Street, and Gloucester Place.

Local Stone—Pittville Estate, Leckhampton Road (finished).

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Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling—Duke Street, Princes Street, Wellington Square, Mountpleasant, County Court Road, Church Yard, Rotunda Terrace, Sun Street, St. George's Street, King's Road, Montpellier Street, Lansdown Crescent, Park Street, Manchester Street, Promenade, Tangent Alley, Gloucester Place, Clarence Street, Rodney Road. The tariff footpath on the West side of Bath Road, opposite Norwood Terrace, is being relaid with concrete flags.

Private Improvements—Sydenham Road, College Lawn Road, Orchard Place, and Leighton Road in hand. One new gully put in Market Street in place of defective one.

Asphalte Footpaths Repaired--Lansdown Terrace, Gloucester Road, Queen's Road, Malvern Road, Rotunda Terrace, Imperial Square.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 660. Cart Loads 214. Consumed at Destructor 903 tons 6 cwt. 2 qrs.

4—Billposting Station at Belle Vue—A Memorial from Frances Janet Wells and 33 other residents in the neighbourhood of the Belle Vue Hotel, was read, calling attention to the serious injury caused to property in the neighbourhood by the Bill-posting Station which had been erected against the railings of the garden of the Belle Vue Hotel facing the High Street, and requesting that immediate steps may be taken to have the nuisance removed. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the Council very much regret that as yet they have no power to interfere.

5-Cabmen's Shelter Belle Vue—Resolved, To recommend to the General Purposes Committee the desirability of removing this Shelter from its present inconvenient position.

6 - Crossing in Promenade by Messrs. Young & Gilling's —With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, letters from Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co., and from Mr. J. Hill, of Saxony House, were read, protesting against the removal of this crossing, and requesting that the Council would reconsider their decision. Resolved, That the Council having received so many complaints as to injuries to carriages, &c., from the number of crossings in the Promenade between the Queen's Hotel and the Colonnade, and the Committee having carefully considered the desirability of removing some of them, that the 3rd, 4th, and 7th crossings, counting from the Queen's Hotel, be removed at an early date, the one by Messrs Young & Gilling's being allowed to remain, and that the resolution referred to be varied accordingly.

7-- -Road in Front of St. Margaret's Terrace —A Memorial from Mr. J. C. Cooper and other residents in St. Margaret's Terrace was read, calling attention to the disrepair of this road, and asking that it might be made good. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Specification of the works required to be done to this road by the abutting owners.

8-College Lawn Road—A letter from Mr. G. Oakley Trower of Meldon Lodge, was read, complaining of the bad condition of this road. Resolved, To inform Mr. Trower that the Borough Surveyor had assured them that the repairs to the road would be completed by the end of the week,

9—Naunton Park Road—A letter from Mr. W. J. Crawford of No. 7, Naunton Park Terrace, was read, complaining that there was no proper scavenging, cleansing and watering in this road, and requesting that the residents in it might be favoured in this respect equally with other ratepayers resident in highways. Resolved, To inform Mr. Crawford that as soon as the Private Improvement Expenses have all been paid his application will be acceded to.

10 - Damage by Traction Engines—The Borough Surveyor reported that a crossing in Christ Church Road had been seriously damaged by a Traction Engine belonging to a Mr. Butcher of Gloucester, and that within a week of the damage being repaired, similar damage was again done to the crossing by another Traction Engine belonging to a Mr. Curtis of Mitcheldean. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to require Messrs. Butcher and Curtis to pay for the damage done, and if necessary that the Town Clerk do take the necessary proceedings to enforce the demand.

11-St. George's Place Improvement—With reference to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of September last, the Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the proposed widening of the footpath by the setting back of the premises recently occupied by the Cheltenham Omnibus Company, as in the resolution to the said Minute is mentioned. Resolved, That the same be approved.

12— Buildings at King's Arms, Gloucester Road—The Committee being informed that some new buildings which did not comply with the requirements of the Bye Laws had been erected on the premises above-mentioned without Plans thereof having been submitted for approval, Resolved, That the attention of the Owners, Messrs. R. W. Miller & Co., of Stoke's Croft Brewery, Bristol, be called to the infringement of the Bye Laws, and that they be required to remove the buildings forthwith.

13—Roads--Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Lawrence and Skillicorne be constituted a Sub-Committee to consider and report to this Committee if and thing can be done to improve the surface of the roads in the town.

14-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.
748	Messrs. Bick Bros.	Additions to their premises in Montpellier Walk
749	Mr. C. Haward	Proposed room at rear of No. 23, Lansdown Crescent
750	Mr. Godward	Additions to No. 19, Townsend Street
751	Dr. Cottle	Additions to Elmfield, Swindon Road
752	Mr. F. Jenkins	Two houses in Carlton Street
753	The Committee of the Cheltenham Training College	Additions to the College
754	The Committee of St. Luke's National Schools	Additions to St. Luke's Schools

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No. Plan.	Name.	Description.
755	The Committee of the Parish Church National Schools	Additions to the Parish Church Girls and Infants' Schools
756	The Committee of Christ Church Schools	Additions to Christ Church Higher Grade Schools
757	Mr. Geo. Haywood	Rearrangement of drains at North Villa, Gloucester Road

Resolved, That No. 748 having been disapproved by the Public Health Committee be disapproved by this Committee, that the remainder of the Plans mentioned above be approved subject to any conditions imposed by the Public Health Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 10th day of April, 1896— Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors 31. 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 1 case of Scarlet Fever, 5 of Small Pox, and 4 of Diphtheria ; that the one case of Scarlet Fever and 5 of Small Pox had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 6 of Scarlet Fever and 6 of Small Pox.

2 -Houses without a proper Water Supply—Wharfdale, London Road—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 10th instant, 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 or owners, requiring him, her, or them, to obtain such a supply and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3-- Nuisance from Drains. &c.—At No. 15, Tivoli Street, Phoenix Passage, No. 19, Swindon Street, Northwick Cottage, King Street. Regent Inn, Regent Street, No. 30, Brunswick Street, Nos. 5 and 14, Grafton Street, Wharfdale, London Road, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Ebenezer Cottages, Rehobeth Cottage, Larput Place, and No. 17, Columbia 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

4-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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.

5-House without Proper Ash Receptacles The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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. 117 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.

6-Cleansing and Limewashing—No. 5, Barnard's Row.—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 was affected or endangered thereby.

Resolved, That notice be given to the owner or owners under the said Sec. requiring the house to be cleansed and limewashed.

7-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order. —An application to be registered as a purveyor of milk was received from Joseph Whittle, of Sandfield, Leckhampton Road. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

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8—Insanitary Houses—Regent Inn, Regent Street, No. 40, Queen Street, and No. 5, Barnard's Row.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses above-mentioned 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, requiring them to abate the nuisance and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

9 —Wells at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, Marsh Lane; No. 34, Sun Street, and Eton House, Prestbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these Wells 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 these Wells to be closed.

10 - 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 to enforce compliance.

11—Want of Manure Receptacles at Tivoli Place, and No. 44, Upper Norwood Street. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that Notices had been served requiring the provision of proper manure receptacles at the premises above-mentioned, but they had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings for the penalties.

12—Vaccination —A letter from the Town Clerk to the Clerk to the Board of Guardians, of date the 8th inst., asking the Board to adopt the Vaccination Machinery set in operation by the Council to recoup the Council the expenditure they have incurred and are incurring was read; also a reply thereto from Mr. Ticehurst, of date the 10th inst., asking for fuller information on the subject. Resolved, That having regard to the fact that the Parliamentary Secretary of the Local Government Board has informed Colonel Russell, the member for the Borough, that the Guardians can, with the consent of the Local Government Board, establish Vaccination Stations all over the Town, and that if application is made to the Local Government Board by the Guardians for additional powers, such application will be at once favourably considered without delay, the Committee ask the Guardians to adopt the arrangements for free vaccination made by the Council, as set forth in the public notice issued by the Council, so that the expenditure for which the Council has made itself liable, viz., a fee of 2s 6d for each case vaccinated including the use and cost of Calf Lymph) may be so far as it is possible to do so be defrayed by the Guardians.

13-Ambulance Driver—A letter from William Ursell, the driver of the Ambulance, was read, stating that it was impossible for him to live and keep a horse on the sum allowed him which had averaged

less than £1 a week for the last three years, and asking for regular employment to be found him. Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to ascertain if some arrangement cannot be made with the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital whereby the spare time of the Ambulance Driver might be utilised by them. and that if that can be done, £1 a week be paid to him in addition to what he may receive from the Trustees, in lieu of the present fee of 5s for each journey, he finding the horse as heretofore.

14 -- Removal of Patients to the Delancey Hospital — Resolved. That as a temporary measure a competent man be engaged by the Medical Officer of Health to assist in the removal of Patients to the Delancey Hospital, at a salary not exceeding £1 per week.

15 — Fencing of Land at the Delancey hospital occupied by the Council—Resolved, That the Council join with the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital in erecting a fence on two sides of the land of the Trustees occupied by the Council similar to the fence now being erected by the Trustees.

16- Claim by Mrs. Gapper—A claim by Mrs. Gapper for compensation for the destruction of infected clothing, bedding, &c., ordered by the Medical Officer of Health, was considered. Resolved, That she be paid £1.

17-Heyden Farm—A letter from Mr Wood, tenant of the Heyden Farm was read, giving notice to quit and deliver up possession of the Heyden Sewage Farm, at Lady Day, 1897. Resolved, That he be offered a permanent reduction of £30 per annum, if he will withdraw his notice.

18— No. 13. Great Western Road—With reference to Minute No. 27 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd day of March last, the Town Clerk reported that he had settled this claim for the sum of £25 and £7 9s. 6d. for costs. Resolved, That the same be approved.

19-Renewal of Slaughter House Licenses—With reference to Minute Mo. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th of January last, Resolved, That the applications from Messrs. Storr & Co., Mr. John Hastings and Mr. Edwin C. Davis, for renewal of their licenses be granted for the current year.

20-Claims for Compensation were received from the Wesleyan Methodist Choir Union; the Committee of the Cheltenham Athletic Society ; the Football Club ; and the Committee of the Foresters' Ball, for abandoning on account of the epidemic of Small Pox at Gloucester, entertainments which had been prepared for. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to apply to the applicants for particulars of their claims,

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, 1896—Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

21—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order — An application from Mr. Edward H. Cook, of No. 5, Winchcomb Street, to be registered as a Dairyman was considered. Resolved, That the same be granted.

22—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, 5 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Small Pox; that the cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria had all been sent to the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in that Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 7 of Scarlet Fever and 5 of Small Pox, one of the latter, being a doubtful case, being there in quarantine.

23—New Vehicle for conveying Infected Clothing-- -The Medical Officer of Health submitted estimates of the cost and drawings of a conveyance for removing infected clothing received from Messrs. Mills, Doxey, and Atkinson & Philipson. Resolved, That the design No. 2, of Messrs. Atkinson & Philipson be adopted, and that an order be given to them to supply the same at a cost of £65.

24—House without proper Water Supply—No. 6, Hereford Place—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 22nd inst., that the above-mentioned house 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 to obtain such a supply and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

25—Wells requiring to be closed—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the Wells at Nos. 12 to 19, 21, 22, 23, and 24, Marsh Lane, Nos 11 and 30, Brunswick Street, and No. 1, Newest Place, 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.

26-Cleansing and Limewashing—No. 2.5, Grove Street, No. 56, Rutland Street, No. 14, Queen Street, Nos. 11 & 12, Upper Bath Street, No. 5, Weston Cottages, and No. 10, Burton Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

27— Defective Drainage at Harwood Cottage, Swindon Road, No. 4, St. Ann's Terrace, Golden Hart, Lower High Street, No. 12, Selkirk Parade, No. 328, High Street. and No 8, Bennington Street—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 houses 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, examine the drains, and if necessary give the notices, and act as provided by the said section.

28--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 under Section 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 penalties.

29-- Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

30--Flushing Boxes and Ash Receptacles at Nos. 5 to 10, Devonshire Street and Steel's Cottage—A letter from Mr. J. D. Steel, senr. was read, asking to be excused having to provide Flushing Boxes and Ash Receptacles at the property above-named of which he was the owner, on the ground that he did not consider the work required, that the property is leasehold determinable at his decease, that he would be 51 years of age on the 3rd of May, and that consequently neither he or his family could expect to derive benefit from the property much longer. Resolved, That the Committee regret that Mr. Steel being the owner within the meaning of the Act, the Corporation have no power to compel the Reversioners to do the work which is considered necessary, and must be done.

31—Vaccination—Resolved, That the Guardians be only asked to pay the fee of 2s 6d to the Medical Practitioners, and that the Council will pay all the other expenses incurred in connection with the free Vaccination

32—Abandonment of Entertainments—A letter from Mr. W. Sawyer, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Football Club was read, furnishing particulars of the expenses incurred over the Easter Monday Match, which was cancelled at the request of the Medical Officer of Health, amounting to £2 13s., and asking the Council to grant a slight addition to recoup the Club the loss occasioned to them by the abandonment of the match, which left them £8 to the bad instead of £15 or £16 to the good as they had expected to be if the match had been held; also a letter from Mr. H. Harris, Hon. Sec. of the Committee of the Foresters' Ball, claiming £15 16s. 2d. for the out of pocket expenses incurred in respect of the Ball which had been abandoned. Resolved, That £5 be granted to the Football Club, and that Mr. Harris be requested to attend the next meeting of the Committee to give further information with a view to coming to an arrangement as to the amount to be paid to his Committee.

33 -- Sewerage of No. 1 District—Resolved, That tenders be advertised for, for carrying out the intended sewerage works for No. 1 District.

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34 Building Plans—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. Resolved, That No. 757 of Mr. G. Haywood, for rearrangement of drains at North Villa be approved subject to the drains under the houses being constructed of 4 inch cast iron pipes and lead jointed; that No. 748 of Messrs. Bick Bros. for additions to their premises in Montpellier Walk be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans so far as drainage is concerned be approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

## **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1896— Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Kursaal—The Town Clerk reported that 17 packages of Plans had been sent in, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do communicate with the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects on the subject of the nomination of the assessor.

2—Winter Garden—Resolved, That it be an instruction to the Sub-Committee in future not to let the Winter Garden for a Circus or similar amusement.

With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Sub-Committee reported that they had agreed to let one of the lawns to the Bowling Club, at 10s a week, determinable by either party at four weeks' notice.

3—Sub-Committee, Pittville Park—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 17th of February last. Resolved, That the first Resolution thereto be varied by the substitution of Councillor Griffith for Alderman blethered on this Sub-Committee.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 20th day of April, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew: Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

4- Winter Carded—A letter from Mr. F. Gordon Allen, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham and West of England Canary Breeders' Association, was read, enquiring if the Concert Room at the Winter Garden would be available on the 18th and 19th of November next for his Association to hold their Annual Show Resolved, That the Council cannot undertake to let the Winter Garden so far in advance, having regard to the contemplated conversion of the building.

5—Town Band—Resolved, That it be left to the Band Sub-Committee to give permission for Sunday music in the Public Parks and Grounds.

WILLIAM HEATH, Chairman.

## **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of April, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; and Councillor Ll. Davies and Dimmer (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1— Tenders for Pipes—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee, the following tenders for the supply of the 100 tons of pipes required delivered at the

Midland or Great Western Railway Stations, Cheltenham, being the only ones received, were opened and found to be as follows, viz :—

		Straight Pipes.			Special, with Joints	Special, with flanges
		per Ton.			per Ton.	per Ton.
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Messrs. Cochrane & Co., Woodside Iron Works, Dudley.	3 inch	4	12	6	8 5 0	10 5 0
	4 inch	4	7	6		
	6 inch	4	5	0		
	8 inch	4	2	6		
Stanton Iron Works Co., Ltd., Stanton by Dale.	3 inch	4	4	9	8 0 0	
	4 inch	4	12	6		
	6 inch	4	9	9		
	8 inch	4	9	9		
Clay Cross Co., Clay Cross. Staveley Coal & Iron Co., Ltd Staveley Works, Near Chesterfield.		4	11	8	8 7 6	10 0 0
		4	10	0	8 10 0	

Resolved, That the Tender of [Stanton Co. for 3 & 4 inch pipes & Cochrane & Co. for 6 & 8 inch pipes] being the lowest be accepted. Borough Engineer's Report --The Borough Engineer reported that on the 23rd inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 111 gallons; the average for the last four years being 127 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 16,280,620 gallons. On the 22nd inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 28 feet 10 ½ inches and the contents 83,770,810 gallons, which gave a total of 100,051,430 gallons or about 125 days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 1,073,328 gallons.

That he had received a letter from the Locomotive Superintendent of the Midland Railway asking for a substantial reduction in the price of the water supplied to the Company at Cheltenham at 1s 3d per 1,000 gals. on the ground of the consumption having so much increased. That he had received a plan of a piece of land adjoining that belonging to the Waterworks at Sandford Mead which it was proposed to lay out in several roads, which to be done satisfactorily the roads should be made through land belonging to the Corporation, and he had suggested to Mr. McIlquham, the owner, that if he required to make a road through the property of the Corporation into Keynsham Road he should pay for the same at his own value of £500 per acre. That he had received an application from Mr. Caudle, of No. 4, Bath Road, and the Rev. W. Clifford Aston, for a supply of water for a proposed Parish Room and house in a lane forming the boundary of the Borough between Leckhampton Road and Leckhampton Village for building purposes and for domestic supply afterwards, and he reported that the main could be extended at a cost of about £100, but there would not be the statutory return at the outset.

Resolved, That if the Midland Railway Co. will defray the cost of the extension of the main along the Gloucester Road to the Midland Station at an estimated cost of about £[missing], the Corporation will supply the Company with Severn Water at 1s per 1,000 gallons. That the Corporation will sell a

site for the road above referred to at the rate of £500 an acre, reserving a right to use the road; and that Mr. Caudle and the Rev. W. Clifford Aston be informed that if they will secure a sufficient number of customers to enable the statutory return of 10 per cent. on the outlay to be realised the Corporation will extend the main.

3-Assessment of Water Works in Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Unions—The Town Clerk read a Notice which had been received from the Assessment Committee of the Cheltenham Union that the rateable value to the Poor Rate of the Waterworks property of the Corporation in Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, and Leckhampton parishes had been set down in the Valuation Lists and raised as follows, viz.

Cheltenham from	£2,963 0 0 to £4,500 0 0
Charlton Kings "	£2,010 0 0 to £2,500 0 0
Leckhampton..."	£ 232 5 0 to £ 300 0 0
Prestbury "	£ 56 0 0 to £ 100 0 0

being a total addition in Cheltenham Union of £2,139. Also a Notice from the Assessment Committee of Tewkesbury Union that the rateable value to the Poor Rate of the Waterworks property of the Corporation in the parish of Ashchurch had been set down in the Valuation List at £200. Resolved, That Notices of Appeal be given against the amount of the Valuations both in Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Unions.

4-Land at the Mythe —With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 17th October last, a letter from Mr. W. Smith was read, offering to become the tenant of this land at a rental of £20 per annum, and the Borough Surveyor reported that on the 28th of December last he had written to Mr. Smith accepting his offer. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

5-Tewkesbury Water Supply—A letter from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, was read, with which he enclosed a cheque for £160 on account of the amount due from the Corporation of Tewkesbury for water supplied to Christmas last, stating that the accuracy of the account delivered was not in any way admitted; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply that he would

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lay the letter before this Committee as he considered it likely they would decline to receive any more payments on account. Resolved, That the Committee must insist upon settlement and payment in full, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to compel such settlement and payment.

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 21st day of April, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Hackney Carriage Driver's License—An application was received from John Brown, of 26, York Street, for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License. Resolved, That the same be granted.

2—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages -Resolved, That the Inspection do take place at the Central Depot on Tuesday, the 2nd June next, at 9.30 a.m. and the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday, the 10th June next, at 11 a.m.

3-- Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter from Josiah Jones, Senior, was read, applying for a Hackney Carriage License. Resolved, That the applicant be informed that there is at present no vacancy, but that his name will be entered on the List of Applicants.

A letter was read from T. Taylor of 34, Montpellier Villas, applying for the transfer to him of the licenses now held by R. Fowles, of the College Mews, Suffolk Road, applicant having just taken these premises. Resolved, That the consideration of the application be adjourned.

4—Wheel Chair License—An application from George H. Bendy, of No. 1, Painswick Parade, for a Wheel Chair License, was read. Resolved, That the same be granted.

5---Obstructions by Butchers in Front of their Shops—The Street Inspector reported that in consequence of complaints made as to obstructions caused by Butchers placing meat at their shops so as to project over the footway, he had requested those doing so to discontinue the practise, but although there had been some improvement the encroachment still continued and he had almost daily to caution one or more of these tradesmen. He therefore requested the instructions of the Committee on the matter. Resolved, That the Street Inspector do take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance with the Law.

6—Riot (Damages) Act, 1886—Letters were read from the Clerk to the County Council, stating that certain premises and property at Oakridge, near Stroud, having been destroyed by riot in January last, the Stroud Joint Hospital Board, the owners of the property destroyed, had forwarded a claim to the County Council for the payment of £186 17s. 0d., and that the claim had been considered by the Finance Committee of the County Council, and the County Council, and that the latter had on the recommendation of the Finance Committee directed payment of £178 2s. 0d. to the Hospital Board. He also stated that the County Council were of opinion that the payment should be borne by the County Council and the Town Councils of Gloucester and Cheltenham in the proportions which the County Rate basis (exclusive of Cheltenham) and the respective rateable values of Cheltenham and Gloucester bear to each other. In the event of the Town Councils not agreeing to this proposal, the matter would be placed before the Home Secretary for his determination. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gardom that this Borough is prepared to join in an agreement spreading the payment of the claim allowed for the damage done by the rioting at Stroud and all future riots over the whole of the County of Gloucester, including the City of Gloucester.

7—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported as follows :—A Meeting of this Sub-Committee was held at the Municipal Offices on the 10th instant Present: The Mayor, in the Chair; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, and Parsonage.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to order a light Hose Cart with detachable ladders ; also 18 Axes and Frogs ; 2 new Belts, a Canvas Cistern for the Fire Engine, and a Jumping Sheet ; all according to patterns chosen by the Committee.

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The Fire Brigade Superintendent reported that the men who would have to retire under the age regulation would leave at the end of the present term, and their places be filled by new men; he was directed to send in a list of the names and addresses of the revised Brigade as soon as possible, in order that the homes of the Members of it, and the Superintendent, might be connected with electric bells and a telephone respectively, when so revised; and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to prepare an estimate for this work.

The Borough Surveyor was further instructed to draw up plans and prepare estimate for the repairs and alterations at the Fire Station.

The Superintendent's New Rules were approved of generally by the Committee, and he was directed to carry them out for six months with a view to testing them, prior to their formal adoption.

It was Resolved that the Borough Surveyor, when laying a new main or when repairing one, should have a general authority to place a hydrant wherever there should be need of one.

Attention having been called to the fact that there is a lack of sufficient hydrants on Battledown, where there are many important houses, it was Resolved that the Town Clerk do write to the Charlton Kings District Council calling attention to the same, and asking for the same to be remedied as soon as possible.

The Superintendent reported that he considered that there was sufficient hose at his disposal to deal with any fire likely to arise in the Borough.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the water mains of insufficient size in the Bayshill and Leckhampton Districts were being dealt with, and that these Districts were as much as could be undertaken at present.

Resolved, That the Report be approved.

FREDERICK FEENEY, Chairman.

**BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of April, 1896 Present: Alderman Drew and Councillor Dighton.

There being no quorum, no business was transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

## BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 24th day of April, 1896 — Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors LI. Davies, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

1-- Superintendent's Report— The Superintendent reported that the four watering pots at the Cemetery were still in good condition, but the roses were missing from them within a month of their being brought to the Cemetery. Resolved, That four galvanised iron watering pots with fixed roses be purchased for the Cemetery.

2-Land in tenancy of Mr. Pratley—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Thomas Pleydell. of South View, Prestbury was read, offering to become the tenant of this land at the expiration of Mr. Pratley's tenancy, at a rental of £20 per annum, free of tithe and all rates and taxes. Resolved, To decline Mr Pleydell's offer.

3-Designs—The following designs were examined and approved:—Kerbing with inscription to George Lawrence. Headstones to Crosby Rowbotham and Hannah Benton Rowbotham, Jane Hebden, Ann Smith, Edwin Jones and Caroline Jones, James Holtam and Thomas Henry Cottrell.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£9 19 0
J. Tinkler, Brooms	£0 11 0
J. Fisher, Mats ..	£1 5 0
Gas Co., Coke ..	£2 16 0
Pates & Co., Coal	£2 2 6

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

## LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1896—Present : Alderman Norman Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Lamp Standards for Electric Arc Lamps—Resolved, That the pattern in wood of these standards, which was recently on view at Municipal Offices, be approved. Tenders for the supply of from 20 to 30 tons of standards, according to pattern, were received from the following Firms, viz.—

Messrs. Mc Dowall, Stevens & Co., Limited 25 delivered at Cheltenham at £9 15s. 0d. each, less of per cent. for cash.

Worcester Foundry delivered as above at £9 18s. 6d. each, nett.

Messrs. George Smith & Co. delivered as above at £13 0s. 0d. each, nett.

Messrs. Jas. Allan, Sen., & Son delivered as above at £18 9s. 6d. each, nett.

Messrs. J. & A. Law delivered as above, 20 at £16 12s.. 6d., 30 at £16 6s. 9d. each, nett.

Messrs. Walter Macfarlane & Co delivered at Leicester Station for cash on completion of Order, 23 at £18 5s. 0d., 30 at £18 0s. 0d., 50 at £17 15s. 0d.

Coalbrookdale Co. delivered at Cheltenham at £21 10s. 0d., less 2 ½ per cent. discount for cash.

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Mc Dowall, Stevens & Co., Limited, be accepted.

2—Electrical Engineer's Report —The Electrical Engineer reported that he had sufficient cable for street lighting to lay between the Bath Road and Belle Vue. That while men were jointing in Winchcomb Street on the 28th ulto., a Van, belonging to Mr. Hitch, of Shurdington, collided with the Tent, the damage done being estimated at about £2; and that he was about to prepare the Specification for the new 200 K. W. Steam Alternator, and that it would soon be ready to issue to such firms as the Committee may decide upon to tender. Resolved, That the Cable for street lighting from the Bath Road to Belle Vue be laid at the same time as the cables for the extension along the London Road for private supply, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Hitch to demand compensation for the damage done by his Van.

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3-Accident to John Pugh—A letter from Thomas Pugh, father of John Pugh, was read, requesting to know what further compensation the Council intended to make to him in respect of the loss occasioned to him by the death of his son in December last. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, Said on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, 1896— Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Wethered ; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Waghorne, and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Norman in the choir)

4-Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read :—

ILLUMINATING POWER.

Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Test at Corporation Testing Station
1896		
April 4th	16.92 candles	16.88 candles
" 20th	15.81 "	16.196 "

PURITY—SULPHUR.

Date.	Test at Gas Works.	Test at Corporation Testing Station
1896.	Grains per 100 cubic feet	Grains per 100 cubic feet
April 17-18	7.28	7.30

5—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp dosing the month was 4.2423 cubic feet.

6—Lamp Book—Produced and Examined. Lamps extinguished, 3 metered and 1 unmetered, and 1 burning dimly.

7—Gas Testing—The Gas Examiner having applied for instructions as to whether he should continue to make duplicate tests at the Gas Works and at the Corporation Testing Station, having regard to



the fact that on the 1st of January next the legal test will be taken in the centre of the Town, and having applied for remuneration on account of the extra tests taken by him up to the present time, Resolved, That for the present, tests be taken only at the Corporation Testing Station, and that the Gas Examiner be granted a bonus of £10 for the double set of tests made by him hitherto.

8—Electric Inspector's Report—The report of the Electric Inspector of the result of his tests of the supply of Electricity during the past month as follows was read, viz

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
April 4th	100 Volts	103 Volts
" 20th	"	98-5 "

9-- Electrical Engineer's Report--The Electrical Engineer reported that all the cables for the London Road extension had been tested at Messrs. Callenders with very satisfactory results, and that day the first 500 yards from Cambray Sub-station was being laid that the cables for Bath Road extension should be ordered as soon as possible as they would take from six to eight weeks to manufacture and deliver and the installation at Thirlestaine House was complete and waiting for supply of current ; that the cables for the street lighting of the Promenade and High Street should also be ordered; and that with regard to the pressure of supply he recommended the desirability of reserving the right to supply customers in outlying districts at a pressure of 200 volts instead of can volts as heretofore; and that with reference to the recommendation made by him to the Committee at their meeting on the 19th of February last that an additional boiler should be added to the plant he would be glad to receive instructions. Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer be authorized to order the cable required for the Bath Road extension and street lighting of the Promenade and High Street, and an additional Galloway boiler, contingent upon the sanction of the Local Government Board being received to borrow the money required, and that consideration of the question of increasing the pressure of supply be adjourned.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, Me 29th day of April, 1896—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors LI. Davies, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Replacement of Loans—Resolved, To borrow from Messrs. Wilkins & Sons £1,500 at 2 7/8 per cent. for one year certain and afterwards to remain at 6 months' notice, to replace amounts recently paid off, to be divided as follows, viz.: £900 on account of the Street Improvements Loan, and £ 600 on account of the Water Loan.

2—Water Supply to Tewkesbury Corporation and the Midland Railway Co.--Resolved, That the attention of the Water Committee be called to the arrears due from the Tewkesbury Corporation and the Midland Railway Company for water supplied.

3—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 £6,536 5s. 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 was the General Statement :—

	£	s.	d.
In hand on the 31st March last	3,564	16	4
Received since that date	<u>2,665</u>	9	5
	6,230	5	9
Paid since that date	6,444	9	8
Overdrawn	214	3	11

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 1896—Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors Ll. Davies and Moles,; The Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. Neale (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £8 1s. 9d. He also reported that the issues from the two departments showed a decrease of 84 volumes per day, viz. :—Reference Library 6 and Lending Library 78. The decreases had been chiefly in Classes Fiction and Juvenile. That the Library had been open 51 days less than the corresponding month last year; and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Crown Agents for the Colonies	1 Vol.	Pamphlets.
Mr. F. A. Hyett		2 "
Baron de Ferrieres	2 "	1 "
Trustees of the British Museum	5 "	6 "
Messrs. S. Low & Co.	2 "	
Messrs. Harrison, Bayley & Adams	7 "	
Mr. S. Herbert		2 "
The Representatives of the late Miss Farmer	some hundreds of books	
Rev. E. Cornford	1 Vol.	
Stubbs & Co.	1 "	

Transferred from the Cheltenham Library, No. 5, Royal Crescent, by the consent of the Comptroller, Patent Office, London, 354 abridgements of Specifications of Patents.

2--**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee recommended that water for drinking purposes be laid on to the Library from the mains. That the selection of books from the list presented be approved, and purchased for about £13, viz.—about £6 10s. for the General Library, and about £6 10s. for the Buchanan Collection. That two Newspaper Holders be procured at a cost of one guinea ; and that the Librarian had reported that he had received a letter from the Executors of the late Miss Farmer, offering to present some hundreds of books from her Library on the understanding that the Library Committee are at liberty to sell any of the volumes which may not be of use to the Library, and that he had accepted them on the conditions named, that he had been carefully through the whole of the books and drawn out those of any use, and the Sub Committee recommended that the remainder be sold and new books purchased with the money be credited to the gift. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—The late Mr. Charles Wilson—Having regard to the interest taken by the late Mr. Charles Wilson in the Library, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to his Executors, asking them for a photograph of the deceased to hang up in the Library.

4-Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed

W. Jones, Wages Account	£19 15 0
J. J. Banks, Newspapers for Leckhampton Reading Room	£ 1 15 0
Cheltenham Town Council, Electric Current Supply ....	£10 0 0
William Ridler, Books	£ 0 12 0
Accounts under 10s each	£ 0 15 0

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

#### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, Moles, Parsonage and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Local committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That the parents of the following children be summoned, viz. :—Rose Major, Alstone ; William Evans, 30, New Street ; George Clifford, 7, Park View; and that attendance orders be applied for in the cases of Albert Averiss and William Hopkins.

2-Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 32 schools containing 772 names; these and the balance left to visit last month, 116, made a total of 888. Of this number the teachers accounted for 62, 604 had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 222 recently sent in.

3—Duplicate Registers—A form of Duplicate Register to be used in obtaining the names of Absentees from Schools having been submitted, Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and ordered to come into use at once.

4—North Ward Local Committee—A letter was read from the Rev. Ernest Clapton resigning his membership of the North Ward Local Committee and hoping that it would be found possible to elect another representative of St. Peter's in his place. Resolved, That this Committee accept the resignation with regret, and that the North Ward Local Committee be asked to nominate some gentleman for the vacancy.

5—Government Education Bill—Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Sir John Gorst, Vice-President of the Committee of the Council on Education, and to Colonel Russell, the Member for the Borough, expressing the earnest hope of this Committee that the Bill will be so amended as to place all corporate Boroughs on an equality with County Boroughs under the Bill.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

### **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 June, 1896.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 22nd day of May, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported with reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, that the sign at Mr. T. L. Neale's, Duke of York Inn, Oxford Passage, had been removed, and that Messrs. Dicks & Son, 175, High Street, and Mr. A. N. Cole, No 351, High Street, had not complied with the requirements of the Council regarding the alteration and removal of the projections at their respective premises.

Letters from Mr. A. Cole were read. stating that his sign had been erected in ignorance that the permission of the Council was necessary, and as it did not project requesting that it might be allowed to remain; also letters from Mr. G. Stibbs, of No. 3, North Street, asking permission to erect over his shop a lamp, sketch of which he enclosed, but which showed a projection of considerably more than 2 ft.; a letter from Mr. Allen, of No. 370. High Street, apologising for not having first obtained the permission of the Council to erect the four inch tablet over the sign which he had been allowed to remove from No. 369, High Street and erect at No. 370, High Street, and requesting permission to allow it to remain; a letter from Mr. E. J. Knight, asking permission, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, of No. 34. Montpellier Villas, to erect a sign board on the premises of the late Mrs. Fowles, College Mews, Suffolk Road, the same to stand on the private road leading to the stables, to ft. by 2

ft. and 9 ft. from the ground; a letter from Messrs. Stephens and Finch, applying for permission to erect a sign over shop in Sherborne Place next to Messrs. Niblett and Sons, to project 3 ft. 6 inches and be about 14 ft. from the road level; and a letter from Messrs. Ellis, Monday and Clarke, of No. 23, College Hill, London, Solicitors for Messrs. Salmon and Gluckstein, submitting that the Council should not press their clients to remove their lamps at No. 370, High Street, as the only objection is the technical and formal one that the consent of the Council was not obtained to their erection beforehand, and offering to make a formal application for permission for the lamps to remain as erected. Resolved, That the application of Mr. Cole be acceded to ; that consideration of the Street Inspector's Report as to Messrs. Dicks and Sons lamps be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee ; that Mr. Stibbs be informed that the Council can make no exception in his favour to allow him to erect a lamp projecting more than 2 ft. from the face of the building ; that the application of Mr. Allen be acceded to ; that the application of Mr. Knight be granted subject to the sign being set back to the building line of the adjacent properties ; that the application of Messrs. Stephens and Finch be refused; and that Messrs. Ellis, Monday and Clarke be informed that on formal application being made to allow the lamps at No. 370, High Street to remain, the same will be granted on the usual terms.

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3—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done in his Department from the 25th of April last to the 22nd instant, both inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Lansdown Road proceeding ; and Suffolk Square proceeding.

Patching—Malvern Road, Russell Place, Lansdown Place, Tewkesbury Road. St. James's Parade, St. James's Square, High Street, Promenade, Swindon Road, London Road, St. Luke's Road.

Local Stone— Old Bath Road proceeding:

Paving Crossing and Channelling—High Street, Royal Well Lane, Spa Buildings, Malvern Road, Ambrose Street, Manchester Street, Workman's Lane, Bath Road, Lansdown Crescent, Albert Street, Keynsham Road, Sandford Road, Townsend Street, Burton Street, Christ Church Road, Sandfield Road, Sydenham Villas, Gloucester Road, St. George's Road, back of Suffolk Lawn, Granville Street, College Road, Promenade, Hatherley Road, St. Luke's Road, Douro Road.

Tariff Path—Monson Parade, Monson Avenue, Oxford Passage, Millbrook Street, Swindon Road.

A New Crossing formed of McDougall's patent bricks had been laid down at the High Street end of the Colonnade.

A New Ordinary Crossing had been laid down in Lansdown Road, at the end of Christ Church Road, damaged by traction engines.

Private Improvements—Orchard Place and Leighton Road.

New Gullies—One in the High Street near the Fleece Hotel, and one in Portland Street.

The asphalt crossing had been repaired near All Saints' Church.

The footpath in the Cleeve Path Drive had been repaired with Wickwar gravel.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 712. Cart Loads 229. Consumed at Destructor 875 tons 15 cwt. 2 qrs.

4-Lighting of West End of Gloucester Road, and re Footpath at back entrance to Midland Railway Horse and Carriage Way—A Memorial from Richard Birt and 34 other Ratepayers of St. Marks was read, calling attention to the inadequate number of gas lamps on the Gloucester Road, especially at the West or Gloucester end, and drawing a comparison between the lighting there and that in the Shelburne or Dean Close Road, also pointing out the dangerous state of the footpath at the back entrance to the Midland Railway Horse and Carriage way abutting on the road. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the Committee have viewed the locus in quo and are of opinion that the lighting is sufficient, and are obliged to them for having called attention to the excessive amount of lighting in the Shelburne Road, which shall receive attention; also that the Midland Railway Company be required to put in a crossing in the footpath at the entrance to their Horse and Carriage Way, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of what is required to be done.

5—Tree in front of No. 2, College Villas—A letter from Mr. J. Lusty, of No 2, College Villas, was read, asking that a sycamore tree in front of the house above-mentioned might be removed. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned till later on when the proper time for dealing with trees arrives.

6-Barking of Trees—A letter from Mr. W. Moody Bell was read, calling attention to the fact that someone had been barking the trees on the left hand side of the road going to the Midland Railway Station. Resolved, That the attention of the Superintendent of Police be called to the matter, and that he be furnished with a copy of Mr. Moody Bell's letter, and that bills offering a reward of 40s for such information as will lead to the conviction of offenders be printed and posted.

7— Carriage Entrance to Riding School in Spa Buildings—A letter from Messrs. C. H. Channon & Son was read, asking permission to remove the paving stones and lay down a crossing to form a carriage entrance to a portion of the Riding School property which they had purchased. Resolved. That the application be granted, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction and according to the plans of the Borough Surveyor.

8-Footpath south side of London Road—A letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council was read, enclosing a copy of a resolution of that Council, calling the attention of the Town Council to the unsatisfactory condition of the foot-path on the south side of the London Road from Hayward's Road to Raymond Terrace. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending a view by the Committee.

9-Road in front of St. Margaret's Terrace —With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a specification from the Borough Surveyor, of date the 22nd day of May, inst., of the Works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved Resolved, That the necessary Plans, Sections and Estimates be prepared, and, notices be given strider Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works

mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

10-St. Anne's Road—With reference to the resolution to Minute No 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of December last, a specification from the Borough Surveyor, of date the 22nd day of May instant, of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

11-Corner of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Road—A letter from Miss Draper, was read, stating that she was prepared (the owners having sanctioned the same) to give up a corner of the garden of Roderic House to round off the corner above-mentioned. Resolved, That the offer of Miss Draper be gratefully accepted, and that she be informed that the Corporation will under-

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take, at their own expense, to carry out the whole of the necessary works including the road, and if necessary, the pathway and a crossing, and at such time as will be convenient to her.

12-Shop Front at No. 32, Cambray—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 17 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th March last, concerning building plan No. 743, a letter from Mrs. C. Holloway, the occupier of No. 32, Cambray, was read, asking the Council to reconsider their decision to require the cellars under the footpath to be given up to the Corporation as a condition precedent to the approval of the plans of the Executors of Mr. Jesse Holloway for a new shop front to the said premises. Resolved. That the Council cannot depart from their previous decision.

13-Proposed Mission and Reading Room to be erected on the Friends' Burial Ground. Grove Street—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 40 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee at their Meeting of the 20th instant, concerning the plans No. 764, for the above room. a letter from Mr. S. H. Deane, on behalf of the Grove Street Mission, addressed to the Chairman of this Committee. was read. asking for his support by allowing the plans to be reinstated before the Street and Highway Committee, and stating the willingness of the Society to agree to any compromise in reason that would lead to the sanctioning of the erection of an iron room. Resolved. To inform Mr. Deane, that under Sec. 3 of the Disused Burial Grounds Act, 1884, as amended by the Open Spaces Act, 1887, they are prohibited from erecting any building upon the site proposed.

14-Building at King's Arms, Gloucester Road—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 12th of April last. the Chairman reported that the Notice given to Messrs. R. W. Miller & Co., to remove the buildings had not been complied with. Resolved, That proceedings be taken to compel compliance with the resolution referred to.

15-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.
758	James Wood	Two cottages in Arle Road, adjoining Arle Cottages
759	A. Smith	House in Gloucester Road
760	Capt. Stacey	Additions to rear of No. 27 Promenade.
761	Trustees of Wesleyan Day Schools	Additions to Wesleyan Day Schools, Great Norwood Street.
762	Mr. Pinnock	Portable Studio in Hewlett Street.
763	Sidney Smith	House in Gloucester Road
764	Society of Friends	Proposed Mission Room in Grove Street
765	E. Beard	Additions to House in Thirlestaine Place, Bath Road
766	G. H. Roberts	Four Houses in Winstonian Terrace.
767	Alfred Miles	Carriage Show Rooms in Winchcomb Street, adjoining Mr. Felton's.
768	G. H. Mills	Plans and Sections for laying out Alstone Grange Estate, Gloucester Road.
769	Benjamin Broadhurst	House in Gloucester Road.
770	James Page	House in Prestbury Road on land facing Windsor Street.
771	E. L. Baylis	House in Leighton Road.
772	Bick Bros.	Additions to their premises, Montpellier Avenue.
773	W. Clarke	Additions to No. 66, Winchcomb Street.

Resolved, That Nos. 762, 764, 766, and 767 be disapproved; That No. 765 be approved subject to the walls being not less than 9 inches thick; and That the remainder of the plans mentioned above be approved subject to any conditions imposed by the Public Health Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE,  
Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 6th day of May, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors 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 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever and 1 of Small Pox ; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and the case of Small Pox had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 7 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Small Pox.



2—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Queen's Retreat, No. 5, St. Ann's Terrace and Cottage behind, No. 4, Oxford Buildings, Brunswick Cottage, Brunswick Street, Nos. 13 and 14, Tivoli Street, No. 5, Marle Hill Road, No. 229, High Street, Marsh Cottage, Marsh Lane, and No. 3, Vernon Place, Bath Road.—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 houses 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, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

3—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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.

4--Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles — The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

5 -Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 5, Hanover Parade, Nos. 40 and 42, Stanhope Street, No. 53, Burton Street, and No. 8, Swindon Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6 - Insanitary Property—No. 4, Queen's Retreat and Marsh Cottage, Marsh Lane—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses above-mentioned were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, 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.

7—Wells at No. 6, Marsh Lane, No. 4, Newent Place, Marsh Cottage, Cottage at back of No. 9, St. Pouts Street, North, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 15, Sun Street. —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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 these wells to be closed.

8-Insufficient Closet Accommodation at Mr. Lane's Timber Yard, Regent Place—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the premises above-mentioned were without a sufficient water closet. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner, under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, to provide a sufficient water closet, and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as directed by the said Section.

9—Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Mission —Correspondence between the Medical Officer of Health and Mr. Ley Wood with reference to a recommendation by the former that having regard to the epidemic of Small Pox in Gloucester and neighbourhood it would be advisable that the holding of this mission should be abandoned, was read; also a resolution of a meeting of Clergy and Non-conformist Ministers, forwarded by Mr. Ley Wood, which seas as follows: —"That the Meeting having heard the letters of " the Medical Officer of Health, and understanding that the proposed Mission is not prohibited by himself or the Health " Authorities, Resolves that the Mission be carried out as originally proposed, every precaution being taken to confine it to "townspeople." Resolved, That the Committee have read this correspondence and the resolution forwarded with Mr Ley Wood's letter of the 5th inst. with great regret, for although this Committee have not absolutely prohibited the meeting of the Mission, not having any power to do so, they consider that in face of the advice of the Medical Officer of Health and the known action of this Committee in other similar cases the Mission should not be held, and they accordingly protest against its being held, and the responsibility and consequences of holding it must rest with the Committee of the Associations ; and, further, that if the Mission be held in spite of this protest the publication of this resolution be left to the discretion of the Chairman.

10-Vaccination—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that they had assented to the appointment of Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Pruen as additional Deputies to the Public Vaccinator for Charlton Rings District of the Union.

11-Water Supply at No. 2, Courtenay Villas—A letter from Mr. George Henderson was read, protesting against having to lay on a supply of water to the flushing box of the w.c. at the house above mentioned, which had been provided by his landlord. Resolved, That Mr. Henderson be informed that it is his duty to provide the flushing box with a proper supply of water.

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12-Sewerage of Houses near Leckhampton Schools —A letter from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, was read, stating that that Council had received an application from Mr. T. Jackson, Builder, of Tel-el-Kebir, Leckhampton, to connect the drainage of two houses recently erected in the Parish of Cheltenham with the sewer situate in the district of that Council near the Leckhampton Schools, and as there was no sewer belonging to the Town Council to which Mr. Jackson might have connected the drainage of the houses in question, the Rural District Council had given permission for the drainage of the property into their sewer, and they trusted that when the question of the readjustment of the future rental of the sewers is considered, that this matter will be borne in mind by the Town Council.

13-Abandonment of Entertainments—With reference to the Resolution to No. 32 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Mr. Harris, the Secretary of the Foresters' Ball Committee, attended, and having shown that the claim of £15 16s. 2d. made for the expenses incurred in connection with the proposed Ball, which had been abandoned on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health, was reasonable, Resolved, That the amount claimed be paid.

A claim for £13 4s. 6d. from Mr. W. H. Brigden, Hon Sec. of the Wesleyan Methodist Choir Union, for expenses incurred in connection with a Festival which they had intended to hold, but which had been abandoned on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health, was considered. Resolved, That Mr.

Brigden be requested to attend the next meeting of the Committee to consider with them if the amount of the claim cannot reasonably be reduced.

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J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 9th day of May. 1896—Present The Mayor: Aldermen Norman and Wethered Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

14—Nuisance from Drains at No. 7, Cambray, No. 59, St. George's Place, and Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Cooper's Cottages, Tivoli Lane—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., in 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and if necessary give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

15—Sewer in Tivoli Lane—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to extend the sewer in Tivoli Lane for a distance of about 100 ft. to connect the drainage of Nos. 1 to 4, Cooper's Cottages and four houses in Tivoli, as part of a more perfect scheme intended to be subsequently formulated.

16-Vaccination—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a letter from Mr Ticehurst, Clerk to the Guardians, enclosing copy correspondence between him and the Local Government Board, on the subject of the repayment to the Council of the liability incurred by it for Vaccination fees, from which it appeared that the Local Government Board declined to sanction payment by the Guardians of the fees in question. Resolved, That the President of the Local Government Board be asked to receive a Deputation from this Committee on the subject, such Deputation to consist of the Chairman, Aldermen Norman and Wethered, and the Mayor if he can attend.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1896—Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered; 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 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Small Pox ; that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and the 2 of Small Pox had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 2 of Enteric Fever into the General Hospital and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was so of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Small Pox.

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18-Houses without a proper Wafer Supply—No. 8, Burton Street, and No. 2, Alpha Villas—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 20th instant, 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 owners, requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

19-Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 46, 46, 47, and 48, Worcester Street, No. 3, Townsend Place, Nos. 22 and 23, Moorend Street, and No. 8, Carlton 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

20 - Overcrowding at No. 6, Cox's Cottages, Alstone—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 91. of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

21-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 under Section 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 penalties.

22 -Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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, 188g, 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.

23 -Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 8, Burton Street, No. 48, Worcester Street, No. 12, Selkirk Parade, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Wakefield Court, No. 22, Moorend Street, and No. 13, Victoria Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Sec. requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed

24 —Insufficient W.C. Accommodation at Nos. 1 to 14, King Street Gardens—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there were only 5 w.c's. for the accommodation of the inmates of the 14 houses above-mentioned. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act be given to the owners to provide a sufficient w.c. for each house, and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as directed by the said section

23 — Insanitary Houses--Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Wakefield Court, and No. 7, Union Street, Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses above-mentioned were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and the Committee being satisfied of the existence of nuisances at the said houses, Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers requiring them to abate the nuisances and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

26-Vaccination Stations—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that a donation be given to the Girls' Club, Queen Street, for the use of a room there for seven weeks which had been used as a Vaccination Station. Resolved, That £3 10s be paid for the accommodation.

27-Infected Library Books—Resolved, That compensation be paid by the Corporation for Library books which have been confiscated owing to their having been in contact with cases of infectious disease.

28—Pig Market— The Medical Officer of Health reported that he did not consider it necessary to close this market on account of the Small Pox epidemic at Gloucester.

29-- Weighing Tickets at Abattoir—Resolved, That a charge of 1d. per ticket or £1 per annum, at the option of the butchers, be made for weighing and supplying weight tickets.

30—Alstone Ditch —With reference to the Resolution to the second paragraph of Minute No. 21 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th of December last, the Medical Officer of Health reported that nothing had been done by the abutting owners to carry out the work required to be done by them to this ditch Resolved, That such proceedings as the Town Clerk may deem necessary be taken by him to enforce compliance by the abutting owners with the notices which had been served on them.

A Letter from Mr. H. D. Harrison, of the Trusty Engine Works, St. Mark's, was read, enquiring if anything was being done to compel the carrying out of the works required to be done to the ditch; also a Letter from the Town Clerk in reply informing him that the notices which had been served upon the abutting owners to do the work had expired and that steps would now be taken to obtain a Justices' Order to compel compliance therewith. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

31—Vaccination—The Chairman reported that the Deputation appointed by the Committee at the last meeting had had an interview with Mr. T. W. Russell, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Local Government Board with reference to the power of the Guardians to defray the expense incurred by the Council in establishing free vaccination, and Mr. Russell had informed them that if the medical men who had been acting under the arrangement made by the Committee were nominated as deputy or additional Vaccinators by the Board of Guardians their nomination would under the exceptional circumstances be recognised as such without regard to the fact that the work had been chiefly done prior to their appointment.

32--Heyden Farm—A letter from Mr. Wood was read, withdrawing his notice to quit and agreeing to continue his tenancy at £420 per annum.

33—Sanitary requirements at Bee Hive Inn—A letter from Mr. B. Combe was read, asking to be allowed three months within which to carry out the Sanitary arrangements required at the Bee Hive Inn, Montpellier, as there were various other works to be carried out. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to allow such time as he may consider necessary and reasonable.

34—Slaughter House Licenses—Resolved, That the charge to be made for Slaughter House Licenses be 5s

35—Relief of Distress from Small Pox—A letter from Mrs. Ann Sparkes, of Hamilton Cottage, Queen Street, was read, asking for pecuniary assistance from the Committee owing to her having for seven weeks lost her work as a Laundress through her son, who lived with her, having taken the Small Pox, and on account of the expense and loss occasioned by the necessary disinfection, and the Medical Officer of Health having reported that he had allowed her £3 during the time her son was in the Hospital, Resolved, That she be paid an additional £2.

36- -Mission of Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A - letter from the Rev. E. L. Roxby was read, stating that in deference to the expressed wish of the Committee this Mission had been postponed; also a letter from Mr. Ley Wood to the same effect, and requesting payment of the expenses incurred amounting to £28 17s. 6d. Resolved, That Mr. Ley Wood having applied to the Medical Officer of Health for his opinion as to the advisability of holding the Mission and he having, as Mr. Ley Wood admits, protested against its being held, but his protest having been ignored, the Committee regret they are unable to advise the Council to contribute anything towards the expenses.

37—Recruiting Sergeant from Gloucester---A letter from Admiral Christian was read, with which he forwarded one he had received from Lieut.-Col. W. H. McCheane, Recruiting Staff Officer of the Royal Marines, Bristol, who wished to know if there would be any objection to a Recruiting Sergeant at Gloucester, whose wife had had the Small Pox, but was completely recovered, and whose household effects had been thoroughly disinfected, being removed to Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Council would be glad if the removal could be deferred for 2 months.

38 -Parade of the Friendly and Trade Societies—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That this Committee strongly deprecates the assembly and parade of the Friendly and Trade Societies on Whit-Sunday as being a danger to the public health and opposed to the policy of this Committee and the advice of the Medical Officer of Health in accordance with which several associations have given up the holding of meetings, and the danger has not yet passed; and further that a copy of this resolution be sent to Messrs. G. E. Fisher and W. H. Davis.

39 — Building Plans--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. Resolved, That the following be disapproved:

No.

758. James Wood, two Cottages in Arle Road, adjoining Arle Cottages.

764. Society of Friends, Mission Room in Grove Street.

766. G. H. Roberts, four houses in Winstonian Terrace.

767. Alfred Miles, Carriage Show Rooms in Winchcomb Street, adjoining Mr. Felton's.

That No. 771, plan of house in Leighton Road for Mr. E. L. Baylis, be approved subject to the drain under the house being constructed of cast iron pipes and lead-jointed, and that the remaining Plans be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 18th day of May, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Griffith, Heath, Lawrence and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1-- Promenade Improvement No. 2—Letters from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co. were read, stating that they would give up the 8 ft. of land from the front of the lawn in front of their premises in return for the erection of the new plinth and ornamental railings as per plan and design submitted, but that they must retain full control over the lawn; but to meet the views of the Committee they would try to persuade the Trustees to forego the right to put up notice boards on the railings, and in case they yielded on that point, as to which they were doubtful, they should have the boards fixed to stands just inside the railings. Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that the proposal to fix up notice boards just inside the railings will be hardly less objectionable than if fixed on the railings themselves, and regret to say that if the reservation in question is insisted on the Committee will be unable to recommend the improvement to be proceeded with.

2- Parade of Friendly and Trade Societies--A letter from Mr. W. H. Davis, Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, was read, applying for permission for a combined parade of the Friendly and Trade Societies to assemble in the Montpellier Gardens on Whit-Sunday, and from thence to proceed to Pittville Park, where the Town Band would give a Sacred Concert, the object being to collect a fund for the distressed Small Pox patients of the City of Gloucester; and, further, in the event of bad weather, asking permission to hold the Concert in the Winter Garden. Resolved, That as the applicants must be aware, the policy of the Council has been to discourage all public gatherings of large numbers of people in Cheltenham during the existence of the Small Pox epidemic at Gloucester, but the Committee do not propose to close the Pittville Gardens on Whit-Sunday, and if the Societies go there the Committee hope that due notice will be given to exclude all members and friends from infected Districts, and that under the present circumstances it is undesirable to grant the use of the Winter Garden as requested.

3—Kursaal--A letter from the Secretary of the Royal Institute of British Architects was read, informing the Committee that the President of the Institute, who was abroad, had deputed Mr. A. M. Graham, a Vice-President, to act in his stead in appointing an assessor for the competition, and the latter had appointed Mr. J. M. Brydon, of No. 77, Newman Street, London, W., a member of the Council of the Royal Institute, to act as assessor; also a letter from Mr. Brydon, stating his willingness to act.

4- Botanical Demonstration Plot— A letter from Mr. J. B. Winterbotham, Chairman of the Governors of the Grammar School, was read, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the Governors, asking the Council to grant a suitable space in the Pittville hardens, free of charge, for a Demonstration Plot of ground in connection with the Botany Classes of the Grammar School under the conduct of Mr. Winter, the Governors undertaking to provide the necessary labour, seeds and plants ; also a letter from Mr. Winter, submitting a list of requirements. Resolved, To grant to the Governors, for the use above-mentioned, a strip of ground in the field on the East side of the Evesham Road, adjoining St. Aryans, rent free, on the understanding that the Governors pay all the expenses, both of construction and maintenance.

5 —Fishing—Pittville Park—A letter from Mr. Powell, of No. 39, Leighton Road, was read, asking to be informed of the date on which the Coarse Fishing in the Marle Hill Lake would commence, and suggesting that Notice Boards should be fixed at the Stations and in the chief thoroughfares directing the way to Pittville Park. Resolved, To fix from the 16th of June to the 15th March as the period in each year during which Coarse Fishing will be permitted in the Pittville Park Lakes, and that the Borough Surveyor be requested to consider the suggestion of Mr Powell, as to the Notice Boards.

6-Town Band—Resolved, To arrange with the Town Band to play for the Corporation during the month of June, at such times and places as the Sub-Committee shall fix, for the sum of £25.

7-String Band—A letter from Messrs. J. Boyce and E. Waite was read, offering to tender for a good String Band to play under the direction of the Council. Resolved, That having entered into an arrangement with the Town Band, the Council do not require to engage a String Band as well.

8—Advertisement in " The World "—A letter from Mr. H. Freeman was read, soliciting an advertisement of the town for " The World " paper. Resolved, That the Council do not at present contemplate advertising.

9— Wellington Square Carded—The attention of the Committee having been called to the fact that a notice put up by the Corporation in the garden of Wellington Square had been torn down, that unauthorised games are played in the garden, and the grass very much injured thereby. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Superintendent of the Police requesting him to instruct the Police to see that the Regulations are not infringed.

10 --Stone Throwing, Pittville Park—A Letter from the Superintendent of Police was read giving information that 3 boys named respectively Frederick Craddock. of 43, Montpellier Villas, Edward Chorley, of No. 2, Norwood Place, Suffolk Road, and Jesse Houghton, of Suffolk Road, who had been caught throwing stones at the ducks in Pittville Park by Constable Downer. Resolved, That the boys be prosecuted under the Bye-Laws.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.



**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Saturday, the 23rd day of May, 1896— Present The Mayor; Councillors Dimmer and Skillicorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

11—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, the Mayor was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

12—Kursaal—Mr. Brydon, F.R.I.B.A., the duly appointed Assessor, attended this Meeting of the Committee, and explained his views on the plans and designs sent in, and it was arranged that he should make a written report on the subject.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 21st day of May, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Dimmer, Lenthall, and Waghorne (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Borough Engineer's Report —The Borough Engineer reported that on the 14th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 93 gallons; the average for the last four years being 119 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 10,656,508 gallons. That on the 20th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 27 feet 5 inches and the contents 77,292,524 gallons, which gave a total of 87,949,032 gallons or about 97 days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 338,514 gallons.

That an application had been received from Mr. H. A Badham, Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, asking for terms for a supply of water to an Isolation Hospital intended to be erected in the parish of Elmstone Hardwick.

That the Gloucester Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals proposed fixing a cattle trough at Coombe Hill, and desired to know upon what terms the Corporation would grant a supply of water.

That letters had been received from Mr. Caudle and Mr. H. A. Webb, requesting the Committee to reconsider the terms for laying a main along the road opposite the Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road, as they could not guarantee the 10 per cent. return on the outlay.

That on the 11th inst., a large Pike was found in the Reservoir at Dowdeswell which he had had stuffed. That Plans having been submitted for laying out a street at Alstone, he suggested that a main should be laid before the road is made at an estimated cost of about £30.

That the consumption of water in the Borough last week had been greater than at any previous time, the quantity on Wednesday, the 13th inst. being 1,217,000 gallons, and the pressure at the Municipal Offices fell 20lbs. the deficiency being felt most at Pittville, near the Pump Room, and that it will be probably necessary to increase the size of some of the mains there in the immediate future.

That at Sandford Mead the bearings of the pump engines had been worn down so much that he found it necessary to renew them and to do part of the overhauling which was decided should be done this year.

Resolved, That the Corporation will supply water to the Isolation Hospital at Elmstone Hardwick by meter at a cost per 1,000 gallons as paid in the Borough of Tewkesbury on condition that the Rural District Council pay two-thirds of the cost of laying down the main which would be the property of the Corporation solely ; That water for the cattle trough at Coombe Hill be supplied by the Corporation gratuitously provided the use of the water is strictly confined to the purpose for which it is intended to be supplied; That the main along the road opposite the Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road, be in this particular case laid without insisting upon a guarantee; That the cost of stuffing the pike taken from Dowdeswell Reservoir be defrayed by the Council and that it be mounted in a glass case and placed temporarily in the Public Library ; and That the main at Alstone be laid as suggested by the Water Engineer.

2—Water Supply at Dean Close School—A Letter from Mr. D. T. Woodward, on behalf of the Committee of Dean Close School, was read, complaining that there had been no improvement in the quality of the water supplied to the school, and with

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reference to an alteration which his Committee understood the Council proposed to make as to the method of payment for the water supplied to the School, and he would be glad to know what the rate of charge is proposed to be. Resolved, To inform Mr. Woodward that the Committee anticipate there will be a considerable improvement in the quality of the water as soon as the new filter beds at Dowdeswell are completed which will be in about a month's time, and that the pro-posed supply of water to the school is by meter at the usual rate of 1s 3d per 1000 gallons.

3---Water Pillar opposite Cedar Lodge, London Road--A Letter from Mr. R. Milieu was read, complaining of the unsightliness of the delivery pipe fixed to the top of this water pillar and requesting its removal. Resolved, That consideration of this com-plaint be adjourned pending a view by the Committee.

4 —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 19th day of May, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Report of the Superintendent of Police—The Superintendent of Police reported that on the 2nd inst. he received information that a case of Swine Fever had broken out on the premises of Thomas Hayward, of No. 10, Marsh Lane, that an Officer of the Board of Agriculture had had the pigs killed

and others on adjoining premises at Nos. 9, 15, 17 and 18, Marsh Lane. and the carcasses had been cremated at the Ash Destructor, the premises had been thoroughly disinfected and the Swine Fever Order in every way complied with. He further reported that on the 6th inst. Swine Fever had broken out on the premises of Mr. John Lloyd, of No. 13, Francis Street, that two pigs died and four more were killed, and the carcasses cremated at the Ash Destructor, the premises had been thoroughly disinfected and the Swine Fever Order had been in every way complied with.

2 —Report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 9th inst. the Brigade was called to a fire at No. 3, Westal Buildings, Bath Road, that the Buildings and contents being insured the account for the extinction expenses, amounting to £2 19s. 0d., would in due course be sent to the Insurance Offices.

3--Street Inspector's Report—In accordance with the resolution of the Council of 3rd June, 1889, the Street Inspector reported that John Smith, William Smith, William Harvey, and Charles Hitchman, Hackney Carriage Drivers, had been twice convicted of offences against the hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months. Resolved, That the cases be noted for consideration at the Annual Licensing Meeting.

4—Drivers' License—An application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License was received from Frederick Paish, of No. 2, Providence Square, Fairview. Resolved, That the same be granted.

5-Hackney Carriage License—An application from Mr. T. A. Huband, on behalf of the Omnibus Co., was received for a transfer of License No. 87 (the Omnibus for which it was granted having been disposed of) to a new Char-a-banc Applications were received from Mr. W. T. Smith, of Montpellier Mews, for a Hackney Carriage License for a Char-a-banc. which he proposed to run from the Ladies' College to Cooper's Hill via Shurdington; Tewkesbury via Coombe Hill and Wainload's Hill via Gloucester Road, on certain days, to enable him to take up passengers within the Borough; and from John Morgan, of No. 28, Mountpleasant, for a Hackney Carriage License. Letters from C. W. Greenslade, renewing an application for a Hackney Carriage License made by him in May, 1892 ; from Mr. Robert Fowles, living with his son, George Fowles of Lansdown Mews, applying for the return of one of the Hackney Carriage Licenses Nos. 31, 34 and 40, formerly held by him ; and from Charles Arundell, of the Midland Hotel, stating his intention to discontinue to use the Hackney Carriage License granted to him, and that he had caused the number 33 to be removed from the carriage. Resolved, That Mr. Huband's application be granted; that the application of Mr. W. T. Smith be granted for the routes mentioned on the understanding that only through fares are charged and accepted, and subject to his submitting to the Chairman a programme of the drives and fares to be charged; that the consideration of the application of Mr. R. Fowles be adjourned till after the Annual Licensing Meeting, and that the other applicants be informed that at present there are no vacancies.

6—Wheel Chair License—An application was received from James Pigram, of No. 12, St. George's Parade, for a Wheel Chair License. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned until the Annual Licensing Meeting.

7—Salary of Chief Assistant, Town Clerk's Department—A letter from Mr. Jenkins, the Chief Assistant in the Town Clerk's Department, was read, asking that an increase of his salary might be considered.

Resolved, That his salary be increased to £100 a year, that being the amount at which Mr. Thomas, the late chief assistant, commenced.

8--Riot (Damages) Act, 1886—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council was read, enquiring if the agreement which the Borough was prepared to enter into would include the payment of the present and future claims in the proportions suggested in his previous letter, and a letter from the Town Clerk in reply that the resolution was, he believed, intended to apply to future claims. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

9- Corporation Insurances—With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of the 24th of March last, and the letter from the Fine Art and General Insurance Company, Limited, proposing that the Corporation should become Policy-holders in that Company, the Town Clerk reported that the following properties were insured in the offices and for the amounts and at the premiums named:—

CORPORATION INSURANCES AGAINST FIRE.

Description of Property Insured. Premium. Office.		Amount Insured.	Yearly
New Cemetery--Chapels and Lodge Phoenix	Fire	2,000 0 0	1 10 0
Houses and Buildings, &c., Tewkesbury County	"	5,000 0 0	1 5 0
Pittville Boat House "	"	250 0 0	0 6 3
Winter Garden "	"	4,800 0 0	6 0 0
Caretaker's Lodge and Pay Office, Winter Garden "	"	250 0 0	0 4 0
Boilers at Tewkesbury £450. Cheltenham £900. and) Boiler and Steam	Boiler	1,350 0 0	4 12 6
Alstone Baths £400 Power	"	400 0 0	2 7 6
Refuse Destructor Boiler "	"	1,000 0 0	2 10 0
Steam Roller, Central Depot National Boiler	Roller	800 0 0	2 0 0
Steam Roller No. 2 ditto "	"	500 0 0	1 10 0
Electric Lighting Works Destructor Alliance	Fire	1,500 0 0	3 15 0
" " " Law Union & Crown	"	1,500 0 0	3 15 0
Buildings at Heyden Farm Phoenix	"	45 0 0	1 1 6

Buildings at Heyden Knoll Farm Norwich Union	“	2,860 0 0	3 0 9
1, Bath Street	“	800 0 0	0 12 0
Alstone Baths County	“	2,000 0 0	2 0 0
Lodge at Dowdeswell	“	800 0 0	0 12 0
313, High Street, 6, 28 and 32, Ambrose Street.	“	930 0 0	1 2 9
Lodge £250, Shelter £150, Agg-Gardner Rec. Ground Sun	“	400 0 0	0 11 3
Pump Room, &c., Pittville Union	“	2,000 0 0	1 10 0
Late Leckhampton Board Room Westminster	“	400 0 0	0 7 6
House and Buildings, Dowdeswell Phoenix	“	600 0 0	0 13 9
Roseville Cottage, Central Depot	“	200 0 0	0 3 0
Buildings, Stock, Furniture, &c., Central Depot.	“	2,900 0 0	3 4 0
Municipal Offices	“	950 0 0	1 10 9
Barrett's Cottage	“	100 0 0	0 3 0
Day Library County	“	750 0 0	0 11 3
Buildings, &c., Public Library	“	10,300 0 0	7 14 6
" Barn Farm Phoenix	“	1,450 0 0	1 19 3

The Town Clerk also reported that the following properties belonging to the Corporation were uninsured:—Gas Testing Station, Manchester Street, Mortuary, Fire Brigade Cottage and Buildings, Abattoir, Fire Escape, &c., Cottage at Hewletts, Market Buildings, Sandford Stores, Cottage and Buildings, Weighing Machine Building, Lodge and Studio, Montpellier Gardens, Shelter, &c., Naunton Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider it advisable to insure with Fine Art and General Co. or necessary to insure any of the properties now uninsured.

10—Cabmen's Shelter at Belle Vue—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee at their last Meeting, Resolved, That the Cabmen's Shelter at Belle Vue be removed and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take charge of it for the present.

11 -Sandford Street—Resolved, That this Street be re-numbered with as little alteration as possible.

12 Borough Surveyor's Annual Report—The Borough Surveyor presented his Annual Report. Resolved, That a proof be sent to each Member of Committee, and that subject to any alterations that may be made therein, 50 copies of the Report be printed.

13-Men's Outing—Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to make arrangements for the Men's Outing on the 20th of June next, and that Alderman Norman, Councillors Lawrence, Moles and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange the necessary details.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 21st day of May, 1896 — Present: Alderman Drew; Councillor Dighton, Heath, Lenthall, Moles and Wheeler (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1-- Alstone Swimming Bath—The Borough Engineer reported that these Baths were opened for Bathing on the 2nd of April last, and that up to that time the number of bathers was 2,412 and that £31 18s. 10d. had been received for bathing.

Letters from Mdlle. Nicodemi, of the Ladies' College, were read, suggesting that the Swimming Bath should be reserved for the exclusive use of ladies two days at least in each week, and the writer having attended and explained that a considerable number of ladies from the College would regularly avail themselves of the opportunities if certain specified conditions were acceded to, Resolved, That the Committee regret that consistently with granting facilities necessary for other classes, and having regard to the conditions required on behalf of the ladies from the College, it is impossible to reserve the Bath for ladies twice in each week.

2-Old Cemetery—A letter from Mr C. Marshall was read, asking for a renewal of the donation of £10 previously given by the Corporation to the Kyrie Society towards the expense of keeping open the Old Cemetery for the use of parents and children living in the locality. Resolved, That the same be granted.

3—East Ward Recreation Ground—A letter from Mr. Wall was read, offering to meet the case liberally if the Council would make him a firm offer for his land; also a letter from Mr. Maisey, stating that £1,750 was the lowest price he was willing to accept for his land or for a smaller piece at the rate of £300 per acre; also a letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., that their client was not prepared to take less than the sum previously asked, viz., £1,500

4 —Band Stand-- Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Committee being informed that Mrs. St. Clair Ford had kindly offered to erect a Band Stand at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground as contemplated by her late husband Capt. St. Clair Ford. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be accorded to Mrs. St. Clair Ford for the gift, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put in the foundations and prepare the ground for its erection.

5—Use of Alstone Swimming Bath by Schools—A letter from the Rev Chris. V. Childe, Vicar of Christ Church, was read, reminding the Committee that some six years ago the use of the Baths was

reserved for the boys of the Elementary Schools of the town upon Wednesday afternoons between 4 and 6 p.m. upon payment of rd. instead of the then ordinary price of ad., and that owing to the overcrowding of the Baths on Wednesday afternoons he had had the use of the Baths for the Christ Church School on another afternoon at 1 ½ d. instead of 2d. on a guarantee of 60 tickets on each occasion, and as he understood this arrangement had been called in question, he suggested that as 3d. per ticket is charged to the Students of St. Paul's College on condition of not less than 60 doz. tickets being taken, a similar privilege should be granted to the boys of any School in the town, receiving Government Grant, at 2d. per ticket, between the hours of 4.30 and 5.30 on other afternoons upon condition that not less than 60 dozen tickets be taken by such School Resolved, That the suggestion of Dr. Childe be adopted for Thursday and Friday afternoons between the hours of 4.30 and 6 o'clock.

6— Uniform for Caretaker at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the Chairman be authorised to procure by tender the usual summer suit of Uniform for the Caretaker at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground

7—Meetings of this Committee—Resolved, To recommend to the General Purposes Committee that the meetings of this Committee be held at 4.30 o'clock on the afternoon of the Friday but one before the meeting of the Council in each month instead of as at present.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

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#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 22nd day of May, 1896 — Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that it was time for Bedding-out Plants to be put in; that the long Shears and Edging Iron were quite worn out, and that five Hay Rakes were also required; that the boxes used to put in the rubble when opening Vaults were gone to pieces ; and that the boarding in the Archway under the Tower of the Chapel was out of repair, and part of it was blown down during the gale on the previous Tuesday night. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor do supply the necessary Bedding-out Plants from the greenhouses at Pittville, and be instructed to obtain new Shears and Edging Iron and the five Hay Rakes required, and attend to the other matters mentioned above and do what is necessary.

2—Burials in existing Burying Grounds in the Borough--The question of burials in existing burial grounds within the Borough, under the Order in Council of the 1st May, 1855, was considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do bring up a Report on the matter at the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Medical Officer of Health be also requested to advise the Committee on the subject.

3--Designs--The following designs were examined and approved--First-class Tombs to James Bloodworth and Mary Ann Marriott Bennett. Headstones to William Hurcombe and Mary, his wife,

James Horner, Sergt.-Maj. B. Roseland, Henry Slatter, Anne Ormsby, and Phyllis Helen Hattersley-Smith.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages                      £14 3 0

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, and Parsonage (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 Corporation Testing Station.	Date.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.
1896. May 4th May 16th	15.52 candles 15.60 “	1896. May 16-17	Grains per 100 cubic feet 13.72

2 -Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.2463 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Book—Produced and Examined. Lamps extinguished, 3 metered and 3 unmetered, and 2 burning dimly.

1 --Guildhall Lamp in Regent Street --With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of March last, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed by the Directors as follows - That the Company is prepared to comply with the desire of the Council as expressed in their Resolution at a charge per lamp per annum for the provision and maintenance of plant, supply of gas, and lighting and extinguishing each limp to be mutually agreed upon by the Council and the Company," and a further letter from the Town Clerk and reply thereto were read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write in reply that the Committee desire that this and any other Guildhall Lamps which may be erected shall be supplied with gas and maintained on the same terms and conditions as to hours of lighting, supply of gas and cost, as those already erected in the Promenade.

5--Electric Lighting loan--A letter from the Local Government Board was read, forwarding sanction to a loan of £23,355, repayable in 25 years, being exclusive of £70 representing the estimated cost of



the Cable laid outside the Borough to Rosehill, and £1,575 the estimated cost of alterations to the Refuse Destructor, the further consideration of so much of the application as related to the last mentioned item being deferred until the Hoard had been furnished with plans and estimates of the proposed works.

6—Electric Inspector's Report—The report of the Electric Inspector of the result of his tests of the supply of Electricity during the past month as follows was read, viz

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
May 4th	100 Volts	102.25 Volts
May 16th	"	102.75 "

7 -Electrical Engineer's Report--The Electrical Engineer reported that the Cables of the London Road extension were laid, temporarily connected, and satisfactorily tested by the 25th ulto., and current was supplied to Mr. Waghorne's premises on that day ; that the Belle Vue Sub-station was nearly finished; that the result of the steam trials of the New 100 K.W. Steam Alternator were very satisfactory and the Contractors had earned a Bonus of about £37 10s. ; That the Steam Alternator had been delivered and erected at the Works ; that he had received a tender from Messrs. Green for a Fuel Economiser of 160 tubes at £225 less 5 per cent. which he recommended should be accepted on condition of delivery within four months ; that he recommended three live steam injectors be obtained for feeding the three boilers at about £35 ; that the cables, &c., for the extension from Manchester Street Sub-station to High Street and Cambray Sub-stations should be ordered, so as to liberate for use in outlying districts a number of small Transformers then working in lower High Street, the total cost of this extension being about £810, but if the section between High Street Sub-station and Cambray be omitted for the present the necessary work could be done for about £600 ; that the Cables for the Lansdown Place extension should be ordered, as Mrs. Armstrong, of Trelawne, was very anxious to have the current available in three or four weeks time, the cost of the whole of this extension would be about £690, but a section of it, so as to supply Trelawne, could be done for about £310 without prejudice to a satisfactory completion of the whole afterwards ; that with the Chairman's authority he had laid 300 yards length of Cable which he had in stock along Lansdown Crescent to supply Col. Carleton, and that to complete the loop of the Lansdown Crescent and Parade extension about 300 to 400 yards more Cable would have to be laid, and he recommended this extension should be completed so as to supply Mr. Fletcher who was waiting for supply of current ; that with reference to the extension to Thirlestaine House he had agreed with Mr. Fenwick, subject to the approval of the Committee, to pay two-thirds of the cost of his Transformer Chamber, this two-thirds not to exceed £6, and that within the next few months about £14,200 will be required to defray all actual expenditure contemplated and incurred up to the present time Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Green be accepted if the Electrical Engineer is unable to obtain a reduction in the price on seeing the Principals of the Firm ; that the three live Steam Injectors be obtained as recommended; that the whole extension from Manchester Street Sub-station to High Street and Cambray Sub-stations be proceeded with at the estimated cost of £310 ; that the extension to Lansdown Place sufficient to supply Trelawne be proceeded with at the estimated cost of £310 ; that the 300 to 400 yards more Cable for the Lansdown Crescent and

Parade extension be laid so as to supply Mr. Fletcher, and that the agreement with Mr Fenwick be approved.

8—Pillar for Incandescent Street Lighting—The Borough Engineer submitted a design of a pillar for the Incandescent Electric Lamps for Street Lighting. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for a supply according to the design for as many as will be required for the Bath Road.

9-Salary of Electrical Engineer—An application from the Electrical Engineer for an increase of his salary was considered. Resolved, to increase his salary to £260 per annum from June next, to increase each year by £20 up to £300 per annum, and that his Department be independent of any other Department, and that he alone be absolutely and directly responsible to the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, 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 £562 12s. 6d., leaving outstanding £16,356 2s. 5d.

2--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected £984 9s. 3d., leaving outstanding £8,519 16s. 11d.

3—Appeal by Midland Railway Company against General District Rate—The Town Clerk reported that he had been served with notice from the Midland Railway Company of their intention to appeal at the next Quarter Sessions against the Assessment to the General District Rate of their property; and a further letter in reply to one from the Town Clerk that the Poor Rate was then under appeal to the Assessment Committee, and if no satisfaction be obtained would be carried to the Quarter Sessions, and that they proposed to respite the appeal against the General District Rate until the appeal against the Poor Rate had been disposed of.

4- Winter Garden Loan Inquiry Expenses—An Order from the Local Government Board was read, requiring the Council to pay to them the sum of £6 8s., the expenses incurred by them in relation to the above-mentioned Inquiry.

5 —Voluntary Church Rate—An application for a donation from the Council of three guineas to the Voluntary Church Rate towards expenses in connection with the Parish Church having been received, Resolved, That a donation of three guineas be made towards the expenses of keeping the Parish Church Yard in good order.

6—Electric Lighting Loan—Resolved. to borrow £5,000 on account of this Loan.

7—Montpellier Gardens Loan—Resolved, To Borrow £2,000 to replace amounts to be paid off on account of this Loan.

8—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 £4,460 5s. 9d. 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 was the General Statement:—

Overdrawn on the 29th day of April last	£ 214 3 11
Paid since that date	<u>£3,403 19 3</u>
	£3,618 3 2
Received since that date	<u>£3,578 17 7</u>
Overdrawn	£ 39 5 7

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of May, 1896—Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors Ll. Davies, Moles, Parsonage and Skillicorne and Mr Neale (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Librarians Report--The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £6 9s. 11d. He also reported that there had been a decrease in the issues from the Lending Library of 22 per day, and 8 per day from the Reference Library as compared with the corresponding month last year; and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Trustees of the British Museum,	5 Vols.
F. A. Hyett,	4 Pamphlets
S H. Preston,	1 Pamphlet
Publishers of the Insurance Blue Book,	1 Vol.
G. A. Williams & Son,	1 Pamphlet
Annual Reports from several Libraries	

Sub-Committee's Report The Sub-Committee reported that the elbow in the fall-pipe in St. George's Place required repairs and the Librarian had been instructed to have it replaced with one of lead, and they recommended that the Reference and Lending Departments be closed on the day of the Corporation Outing; That the annual stock-taking be done as usual without calling in the books ; That the list of worn out books submitted by the Librarian be approved and the books replaced in Chivers' duro-flexile binding at a cost of about £10 10s; That new books selected by them from lists produced to the Committee be purchased for about £9 9s; and That the " Book of Public Arms" be purchased

for the Buchanan Collection for £3 3s Resolved, That the proceedings and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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

	£	s.	d.
W. Jones, Wages Account	15	16	0
H. Sotheran & Co., Books	3	3	0
Bryant & Co., Janitor's Uniform	1	7	0
George Cotton & Co., Limited, Furniture and Fittings	1	5	1
Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Co., Coke	1	4	0
S. Denison & Son, Furniture and Fittings	1	0	0
James Webb, Books	0	16	0
A. Wakefield, Furniture and Fittings	0	10	6
A. C. & S. Billings, Repairs	0	10	0
F. W. Mitchell, Cleaning Materials	0	6	9
J. Whitaker & Sons, Books	0	5	0
W. H. Smith & Son, Books	0	3	6

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

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#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 27th day of May, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Moles and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That the parents of the Wowing children he summoned, viz. :—Albert Averiss, 3, Millbrook Terrace (for breach of Attendance Order) ; Henry Woodland, Barnard's Row; Ernest Morton, No. 12, Folly Lane ; William Hopkins, 49, Duke Street (for breach of Attendance Order) ; Charles Skinner, York Cottages, Sherborne Street ; Florence Snow, Rodway House, Cemetery Road; Charles and Frederick West, Crown Inn, London Road (in respect of Frederick) ; Aubrey Prothero, 19, Rosehill Street.

2-Delivery of Duplicate Registers at Schools—Resolved, That two Gordon Boys be engaged to deliver the Duplicate Registers at the Schools, on the Thursday in each week.

3-Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read from which it appeared that Absentee Returns had been received from 40 schools containing 928 names ; these and the balance of 222 left to visit last month, made a total of 1,150. Of this number 27 were accounted for by the teachers ; 324 names had been extracted from the Registers sent in up to the 16th May, and all the cases had been visited.

4—Government Education Grant —With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had written to Sir John Gorst and Col. Russell, as directed; that the former had merely written acknowledging the receipt of the letter; that he had had a further correspondence with Col. Russell on the subject and from which it appeared that the Government would strongly oppose any attempt to place Corporate Boroughs on an equality with County Boroughs, and that the best way of getting over the difficulty was to get the Borough converted into a County Borough.

5-Dumb Child--A letter from Miss C. W. Dent, of No 1, Berkeley Villas, Pittville, was read, informing the Committee that there was a dumb child (Snelus) at No 2, Orchard Place, who was more than seven years old, and was not being educated, but that the parents were too poor to contribute anything towards its education.

6—Special Examination—The Town Clerk reported that a Special Examination of Children was held on the 2nd instant, with the following results :—

Number of Boys Examined-86.

Number passed in Standard	IV.	2
“ “ “	V. ..	37
“ failed		47

Number of Girls Examined-39.

Number passed in Standard	V.	30
“ f ailed		9

The total number of Children examined was 125, of this number 69 passed and 56 failed.

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RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th day of July, 1896.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 29th day of June, 1896—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that five fixed Electric Light Lamps had been substituted for four moveable Gas Window Lamps at tit, High Street, Mr. A. Beckingsale's Shop,

without the consent of the Council. He also reported that a slight alteration had been made in the height of Messrs. Dicks & Sons' lamps at 174, High Street, but they are still only about 7 feet 2 inches from the pavement. Applications were read from the following:—Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, on behalf of Mr. A Beckingsale, for leave to change his existing gas lamps at 111, High Street, for five Electric Incandescent Lamps, carried on five ornamental wrought iron brackets ; Messrs. Ellis Munday & Clarke, on behalf of Messrs. Salmon & Gluckstein, for permission to allow the lamps at 370, High Street to remain as erected, Mr. T. J. Lipton for permission to affix two outside Incandescent Electric Lamps at No 386, High Street, ; Mr. C. Dickins for permission to fix outside No. 390, High Street two modern Incandescent Gas Lamps in place of the lamp now there. Resolved, That Messrs. Dicks & Sons be informed that they must comply with the previous resolution of this Committee and raise their lamps to a height') of not less than 8 feet in the clear or remove the same; That the applications of A. Beckingsale, Ellis Munday & Clarke, C. Dickins, and T. J. Lipton, be granted on the usual conditions.

It being reported to this Committee that the iron bar in front of the second storey windows at No. 415, High Street, ordered by this Committee to be removed in January, 1895, is occasionally put up. Resolved, That Messrs. Nelsons Ltd. be given notice to remove bar and hooks to support them forthwith.

Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 23rd May last, to the 26th instant, both inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repairs with Clee Hill Stone—Old Bath Road, 4,006 super yards ; Suffolk Square, 370 super yards ; Suffolk Square (Tar) 2,411  $\frac{1}{3}$  super yards ; Lansdown Road (proceeding).

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Patching with Clee Hill Stone—York Passage, Arle Road, Promenade, London Road, Queen's Parade, Lansdown Place, Winchcomb Street, St George's Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Crescent, Montpellier Street, Pittville Parade, Sandfield Road, Ambrose Street, St. James's Square, Rodney Road, New Street, Hewlett Street, Carlton Street, Gloucester Road, Townsend Street. Oriel Road, Great Western Road, Market Street, Malvern Road, Regent Street, Christ Church Road, Hale's Road.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling—Bath Road (opposite Norwood Terrace), Spa Buildings, Suffolk Parade, Lansdown Parade, College Road, Albion Street, Winchcomb Street, Christ Church Road, Shurdington Road, Western Road, Sun Street, Park Street, St. George's Road, Clarence Street, High Street (Messrs. MacDougall's Bricks) Cleeve Road, Alstone Lane, Ambrose Street. Leckhampton Footpaths proceeding.

Repaired with Local Stone—Old Bath Road, 1,050 super yards.

Gullies and Drain.-1 in Hewlett Street ; 1 in Rose and Crown Passage ; one in Marsh Lane, and 1 in Worcester Street to replace defective ones. 1 each in Selkirk Street and Clarence Square have been repaired.

A new surface water drain has been put down from Mr. Wood's farm to the Chelt at Arle Village.

Private Improvements—Orchard Place, Leighton Road, and St. Stephen's Road (proceeding).

Trees have been pruned in Hewlett Road, Priory Street, Battledown Approach, and Lansdown Road.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 847. Consumed at Destructor 947 tons 12 cwt. 1 qr.

In connection with the Ash collection, I desire to report that on three separate occasions loaded cartridges have been found among the ashes collected, and one man was disabled for three weeks. Probably if public attention is called to the danger caused by such methods of disposing of unused ammunition, it may prevent accidents in the future.

Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a Bye-law prohibiting, under heavy penalties, the placing or deposit of cartridges or other explosive materials in or on ashbins or rubbish heaps.

4—Building at Kings Arms, Gloucester Road --With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter was read from the Manager to R. W. Miller & Co., stating that he had written to the tenant of the King's Arms instructing her to have the objectionable structures removed at once, and that when at Cheltenham last he was promised that this should be done. Resolved, That Messrs. R. W. Miller & Co. be informed that the building has not yet been properly removed and that this must be done forthwith.

5--Footpath on South Side of London Road —With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Committee have viewed this footpath and adjourned the further consideration of the matter for information as to what part of the footpath is meant.

6—Proposed Electrical Tramway from Leckhampton to Cleeve Common—Letters from Mr. H. Lumley, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Nevins, of Nevins Park, Gorey, Ireland, to the Borough Surveyor, with respect to the construction of an electrical tramway proposed to be made by Mr. Nevins from a point on the Leckhampton Road, to be agreed upon, to the Rising Sun on Cleeve Hill. Resolved, That the route through the town via Leckhampton Road, Bath Road, Grosvenor Street, Albion Street, Hewlett Road and Cemetery Road, or All Saints Road to the Prestbury Road, be proposed to the Promoters as the route to be followed, and that the draft of a Provisional Agreement between the Corporation and the Promoters be prepared by the Town Clerk and submitted to Mr. H. Lumley for their approval.

7—Private Improvement Expenses—Sydenham Villas Road, Sydenham Road, North, Sydenham Road, South, and College Lawn Road--- The Borough Surveyor reported that the works of private improvements ordered to be executed in the above streets had been completed, and that the cost of carrying them out amounted to £99 10s. 6d., £294 11s. 11d., £211 5s. 6d. and £135 4s. 6d. respectively, which expenses he had apportioned according to the frontage of the respective premises in respect of which such expenses are payable. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that notice of them and of demand be served on the abutting owners in each case.

8-Trees opposite Thornbrook Cottage, Hewlett Road, and Gilthorne House. Hale's Road. A letter was read from Mrs. E. Walker, stating that the trees now growing opposite her property, Thornbrook Cottage, Hewlett Road, and Gilthorne House, Hale's Road, obstructed the light and air, and asking

that they should be removed. Resolved, That one of the trees complained of be lopped and trimmed at the proper time, and one tree be removed.

9---Tree near Saxham—A letter from Mrs. Parr, asking that some of the branches of a tree which overhangs the edge of the roof of " Saxham " should be cut off Resolved, That Mrs. Parr be informed that the tree will be pruned at the proper time.

10-Corner of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Road—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, letters were read from Miss Draper, stating that the Committee must have misunderstood her letter as the owners had not even been approached, so far as she knew, on the matter, and asking what compensation would be paid to her if the corner was given up. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting.

11-Railings in Suffolk Parade—Major A. C. Cunningham wrote, asking if the Council would endeavour to get the railings of the houses in Suffolk Parade set back, there being a great deal of traffic down Suffolk Parade, and the narrowing of the footpath by the railings is a constant trial to those whose business takes them that way. Resolved, That application be made to the owners, asking upon what terms they will consent to set back their railings.

12-Surface Water in Market Street— A letter from Mr A. Salter was read, calling attention to the condition of the surface drainage of Market Street, and more particularly the surface water from nearly the entire length of Lower Park Street, which passes through a drain running through his land in Market Street, which is not of sufficient capacity to take it, and the water bursts up through the ground destroying Isis crops. Resolved, That Mr. Salter be informed that the remedy appears to be in his own hands

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13-Porch at No. 6, Andover Terrace--A letter was read from Miss Teakle, the owner and occupier of No. 6, Andover Terrace, stating that she had erected a glass porch in front of her house because the people residing next door had erected a very high wooden fence, which was a great eyesore and nuisance, and the porch shut out the view of this fence. Resolved, That Miss Teakle be informed that the porch must be reduced in size so as not to project beyond the line of the verandahs, &c. in front of the remaining houses in Andover Terrace.

14—Obstructions in Leckhampton Road —Resolved, That Notice be given to Messrs. Barton Bros., to forthwith remove the obstructions erected by them near the site of the Old Tramway in Leckhampton Road.

15—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.
774	Major Abbott	Additions to No. 5, Suffolk Square
775	J. McLachlan	Additions to Stables, Holland House
776	G. R. Francis	3 Cottages, Victoria Street, Fairview



777	Mr. Palmer	House in Leckhampton Road
778	Edward Toms	Bedroom to Linton Villa, Great Western Road
779	Miss Bowlby	Additions to 28, Lansdown Crescent
780	W. Cleeveley	House adjoining Lulworth, Great Western Road
781	Mrs. Connor	Room at rear of Belle Vue Hotel
782	F. Maunder	Additions to Old Sarum, Great Western Terrace
783	Mrs. Jenkins	Bay Window at Woodstock Cottage, Croft Street
784	A. C. & S. Billings	Additions to 6, Winchcomb Place
785	G. H. Roberts	4 Cottages, Winstonian Terrace
786	E. A. Godwin	House in Charlton Lane
787	George Powell	2 Houses, Brighton Road
788	Col. Holland	Room at back of No. 5, Pittville Villas
789	G. E. Fisher	House in Gloucester Road
790	G. H. Mills	Two Villas in Gloucester Road
791	Rev. W. D. Challice	Stables at rear of Hatherley Lawn
792	Alfred Miles	Carriage Show Rooms in Winchcomb Street
793	Alfred Pike	Storehouse adjoining Lansdown Castle House
794	Dr. Gregory	Additions to 43, Montpellier Terrace
795	Wm. Woodman	2 Houses in Leckhampton Road
796	F. Wilkins	Additions to Sunnyside, Moorend
797	J. Kitching	Additions to Exmouth Arms, Bath Road
798	James Wood	2 Houses in Arle Road
799	Mrs. Gretton	Room in field opposite Church, Hatherley
800	Ride & Co.	Hay and Corn Stores, Stabling, &c., back of 31, Winchcomb Street

Resolved, That Nos. 779, 788, and 774 be disapproved, the Borough Surveyor having reported that the intended raising of the walls on the existing substructure would be unsafe; that Nos. 793 and 800 be disapproved; that No. 795 be approved, assuming the boundary shewn to be the hedge next to the Leckhampton Road; and that the remaining plans be approved.

A letter was read from Mr. D. W. Channon, enclosing plans of a tricycle house and the enlargement of an existing ladder shed in Oxford Passage and Bennington Street, and stating that he had done the work not knowing that plans were required. Resolved, That Mr. Channon be informed that the wood Tricycle house must be taken down and removed forthwith.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, 1896—Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Mules 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 Scarlet Fever, and four of Diphtheria ; that the case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was nine of Scarlet Fever and two of Small Pox.

2-Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 65 and 67, Union Street, Fairview; No. 3, Westbourne Terrace; No. 24, Albert Street, St. Paul's; No. 9, Oxford Place; and Selby Villa—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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

3-Overcrowding at No. 7, Union Street, and No. 10, Northfield Passage—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 the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said Premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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.

5-Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

6 -- Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 19, White Hart 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 was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the house to be cleansed and limewashed.

7-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Applications from Henry William Williams, of Jersey Villa, Hewlett Road, to be registered as a Cowkeeper, and from Mrs. K. Lovesey, of Paragon Dairy to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk were considered. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

8-Wells at Houses on the Estate of Mr. Butt, Hatherley Lane, Gloucester Road, Brighton Villa, and Hill View, Gloucester Road; No 8, Carlton Place, No. 19, White Hart Street, No. 14, St. Paul's Street South, Nos. 14 and 1.5, Queen Street, Nos. 26 to 23, Nos. 25 to 31, and No 33, Sun Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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 these wells to be closed.

9-Insufficient W.C. accommodation at Great Western Railway Locomotive Depot—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the w.c. accommodation at the premises above-mentioned was of a primitive kind, and a nuisance. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, be given to the owners to provide a sufficient w.c. and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as directed by the said section.

10-Report as to recent epidemic of Measles—The Medical Officer of Health informed the Committee that the Local Government board had asked for a report as to the recent epidemic of Measles in the Borough, which was being prepared and would be ready for him to read at the next Meeting.

11 -Abandonment of Wesleyan Methodist Choir Union Festival—With reference to the Resolution to the second part of Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 6th of May last, Mr. Brigden, the Hon. Sec. of the Union, attended the Meeting, and the particulars of the claim having been considered, Resolved, to pay towards the expenses incurred by the Union.

12-Manure Receptacles—A letter from the Town Clerk to the Local Government Board was read, asking it there would be any objection to amending the Bye-laws in force in the Borough so as to impose the duty of providing manure receptacles on the owners of premises instead of on the occupiers as at present. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

13-Bye-laves as to Nuisances in Private Streets from Deposit of Refuse—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that they still thought a bye-law unnecessary, but they would not refuse assent to one in the terms shown in the draft which was enclosed, and which were as follows:

1. " A person shall not throw any filth, dust, ashes or rubbish in or upon any street; provided that this bye-law shall " not apply to any street within the meaning of Sec. 3 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847."

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2. " Every person who shall offend against the foregoing Bye-law shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of " forty shillings; provided nevertheless that the Justices or Court before whom any complaint may be made or " any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as " a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this Bye-law."

and the same having been read and considered. Resolved, That a Bye-law be made accordingly as shown in the draft referred to.

14-Misrepresentation as to Small-Pox in Cheltenham—With reference to a letter in the Gloucestershire Echo of the 22nd ult., signed Ernest W. Fear, alleging that misrepresentations had

been made at Gloucester Railway Stations and elsewhere, that Small Pox was rife in Cheltenham ; a letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Fear was read, asking for particulars of the alleged misrepresentations ; also a letter from Mr. Fear in reply from which it appeared that he could not personally vouch for the statements in his letter being absolutely correct as he had received them from others.

15—Mission of Y.M.C.A. & Y.W.C.A.—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 36 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Ley Wood was read, submitting that his Committee had done nothing which disentitled them to be treated in the same fair manner as other bodies under similar circumstances had been, and that the Corporation should pay his Committee the amount asked for. Resolved, To pay £10 towards the expenses incurred by the Committee of the Mission.

16—Removal of Patients to the Delancey hospital—With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 10th of April last, Resolved, That Driscoll, the man engaged temporarily by the Medical Officer of Health to assist in the removal of patients to the Delancey Hospital, be given a week's notice to terminate his engagement.

17—Application for Increase of Salary by Clerk in Health Department—An application for an increase of salary was received from H. J. Morgan. the Clerk in the Health Department. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, 1896—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Griffith, 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 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 6 of Diphtheria; that the 3 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 3 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Small Pox.

19—House without a proper Water Supply —No. 42, Duke Street—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 24th instant, 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 to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

20— Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 8, Hanover Street, 24 & 25, Sidney Street, 40, Worcester Street, and 139, High 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the section.

21- 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 under Section 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.

22- Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

23—Wells requiring to be closed at Battledown Inn, 40, Duke Street, Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 56, 57, and 58. Sun Street, Kington Cottage, 1 and 2. St. John's Cottages, and Cottage at back—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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, 1875, be taken to obtain Orders for these wells to be closed.

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24-Nuisance from Smoke at Grafton Brewery-The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the smoke emitted from the chimney at the Grafton Brewery was a nuisance, and that the chimney ought to be made higher and carried well above the eaves and spouting. Resolved. That notice be given under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the occupier requiring him to abate the nuisance.

25-Sanitary Institute Congress and Exhibition-A letter was read from Mr. E. White Wallis Secretary to the Sanitary Institute, stating that the next Autumn Congress and Exhibition of the Institute would be held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, from September 2nd to September 9th, 1896, and that the Council of the Institute would be glad if the Town Council would appoint two delegates to attend the Congress, and give facilities for the Sanitary Officers to attend. Resolved, That the Chairman or Alderman Norman be appointed a delegate to attend the Congress with the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Inspector of Nuisances.

26-Alleged Pollution of Chelt-A letter from the Clerk to the County Council of date the 23rd instant, forwarding copy of a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, and of a letter from the Staverton Parish Council both complaining of the pollution of the River Chelt from the sewage farms of the Corporation and other sources, and asking for the observations of this Council thereon in time for the meeting of the County Council on the 6th proximo. Resolved, That Mr. Gardom be informed that the Borough Surveyor has been directed to bring up a Report on the matter, and that the Committee also purpose personally inspecting the localities and alleged sources of pollution with a view as far as possible, preventing the same if caused by any act or omission of the Council of this Borough.

27-Workshops requiring to be Cleansed and limewashed-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the workshops at No. 155, High Street, 320, High Street, and Nos. 6 and 12, Bennington Street, required to be cleansed and limewashed, Resolved, That notices under Sec. 4 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1891, be given to the occupiers of the work-shops to limewash, cleanse or purify the same.

28-Tenders for Sewerage Works -With reference to Minute No. 33 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 22nd of April last, the tenders received in response to the advertisement were as follows:-

Mark Williams (Cheltenham)	£4836 1 8
\W. L. Meredith (Gloucester)	£6,196 5 6
John Phoenix (Wrexham)	£5,982 19 5
George Law (Kidderminster)	£6,111
John Mackay (Hereford)	£5,129
John Jackson (Plaistow, London, E.)	£5,400
'W. Thomas and A. Webb (Bristol)	£4,448
Thos. Vale (Stourport)	£5,983
George Rutter (Barry)	£4,954 3 2
A. Krauss (Bristol)	£5,900

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Thomas & Webb be accepted, subject to replies to enquiries being satisfactory.

29-Epidemic of Measles-The Medical Officer of Health read a Report he had prepared in compliance with the request of the Local Government Board on the Measles Epidemic which existed from November to April last. Resolved, That the Report be approved and forwarded to the Local Government Board, and that application be made to the Board under Sec. 7 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, for an Order declaring measles to be an infectious disease within and subject to the provisions of this Act and notifiable accordingly, this being strongly recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

30-Common Lodging House at 85, Stanhope Street-An application was read from Joseph Jordan to be registered as the keeper of a Common Lodging House at No. 85, Stanhope Street, in place of his father now deceased. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the place is not fit for a Common Lodging House. Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

31-New Buildings-The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That they be approved with the exception of No. 793, plan of proposed storehouse adjoining Lansdown Castle House for Mr. Alfred Pike, which is disapproved, the height of the upper room being insufficient.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

## **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 0th day of June, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Heath in the chair)-

1--Kursaal Plans—The Report of Mr. J. M. Brydon, F.R.I.B.A., the appointed Assessor on these Plans, was read, as follows:

77. Newman Street, London, 26th May, 1896.

### **To the Town Improvement Committee of the Corporation of Cheltenham.**

Gentlemen,—I have made a very careful examination of the designs submitted in competition for the proposed new Kursaal in Imperial Square. As by the conditions it was optional on the part of the competitors to provide a new Building or adapt the existing one, the designs naturally divide themselves into two classes, each having one of these objects in view. After much consideration and a survey of the present Winter Garden, it seems clear that an entirely new building will most satisfactorily fulfil the objects the Corporation have in view, an opinion in which I am confirmed by the competitors themselves: the best designs coming under this class. The proposed expenditure is hardly adequate for either purpose, but taking it as an instalment towards a complete scheme, I have endeavoured to select the design that will best provide what is necessary in the first instance.

I therefore recommend that the premium of £100 be awarded to the author of the design bearing the motto " Vandyke" as meriting the first place. It provides a Pump Room for drinking the waters, a Room for Music, a Drawing Room for Ladies, a Smoking Room for Gentlemen, together with the necessary Cloak Rooms, with space for Refreshments in part of the existing building. At the same time the latter is reserved for present use and future alteration or re-building, as circumstance, may require. The Organ also is placed so that it can be used either for the new Music Room or the Winter Garden. The proposed building is designed in a simple yet dignified manner, depending for its effect on the grouping of its several parts rather on any meretricious ornament.

As in the event,—which I trust may be the case,—of the author of " Vandyke " being commissioned to carry the work, the premium is to be equally divided between the authors of the next three designs in point of merit, I have to recommend the following " Prodesse civibus," " Zoe," and " Keynote."

I am, Gentlemen, yours obediently, (Signed) J. M. BRYDON, F.R.I.B.A.

Resolved. That the award of the assessor to " Vandyke " as meriting the 1st place, and to " Prodesse civibus" " Zoe " and Keynote " as being equally next in point of merit be approved

Resolved, That the Plans be open to inspection by Members of the Council on Wednesday afternoon next, from 4 to 5 p.m. and that the Meeting be adjourned to Friday the 19th inst. at 3 p.m.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 13th day of June, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Griffith, Dimmer, Heath, Lawrence, and Skillicorne (Councillor Heath in the chair )-

2--- Open-air concert—Councillor Lawrence read letters he had received from the Secretary of the Concert Agency Society stating that as the band of the 1st Life Guards seas passing near Cheltenham during the first week in August and could give an afternoon and evening concert on terms of receiving 50 guineas or taking 70 per cent. of the gross receipts, they providing special posters and the Corporation paying all other local expenses. Resolved, That the offer be accepted for Wednesday, the 5th day of August next on the terms of sharing receipts as proposed; an afternoon concert to be given in the Marle Hill portion of Pittville Park from 3 to 5, and an evening concert in the Montpellier Gardens from 6.30 to 8.30. The charge for entrance 1s., Subscribers half-price.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Friday, the 26th day of June, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Lawrence, Skillicorne, Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

3— Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Ward-Humphreys was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

4—Kursaal and Municipal Buildings—Resolved, (1) That in the opinion of this Committee none of the plans sent in, in the Kursaal Competition, are suitable, and that the amount of the premium be paid to the author of the design marked " Vandyke " in accordance with the conditions of the competition and the award. (2) That an expert be called in to advise the Committee on the best course to be pursued by them under these circumstances, and that Mr. J. M. Brydon be asked to undertake that duty if he will accept a fee of 25 guineas for so doing.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 25th day of June, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors L. Davies, Dimmer, and H. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, the Mayor was appointed Chairman of this Meeting.

2—Borough Engineer's Report —The Borough Engineer reported that on the 24th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 78 gallons; the average for the last four years being 92 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 7,002,823 gallons. That on the 21st inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 24 feet 7 inches and the contents 70,850,433 gallons, about 88 days supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, now



about 232,632 gallons. That the deficiency in pressure at Pittville had been remedied by the substitution of a 4 inch main for the existing 2 inch main along the Cleeve Road, but that there were no Fire Hydrants in the East and West approach roads and the Cleeve Path Drive, That on the 20th inst., the 9 inch main from Tewkesbury had burst near the Gas Works, the defect probably having been caused during the opening of the ground for the Electric Light Cable. That the Filters are finished building, and that the Contractors had promised to complete the whole of the works the week after next. That the depth of water in the Chelt had now reached the minimum, and that advantage be taken of this fact to clean out the residuum lodge at the Dowdeswell Reservoir. Resolved, That the attention of the Rural Sanitary Authority and the Prestbury Parish Council be called to the want of Fire Hydrants in the East and West Approach Roads and the Cleeve Path Drive, and that the residuum lodge be cleaned out.

3--Joyner—A letter from Mr. Joyner, of No. 408, High Street, photographer, complaining that he had written on two occasions to this Committee complaining of the water rate for Bayshill Chapel, and on his own premises, No. 408, High Street, and had received no reply. Resolved, That it appears that the Committee had considered the charge on Mr. Joyner's own premises in March last and their decision was communicated to him, and from that decision they see no reason to depart, but that if he is not satisfied the Committee are prepared to reconsider the matter from the point of view of a charge for domestic supply, and for trade purposes. With respect to the charge for Bayshill Chapel that was reduced to £1 1s. 0d. and the rate for that amount has been sent in.

4—Cattle Trough at Coombe Hill—A letter from Mr. W. Davies Clanking the Corporation for their generous help to this public benefit was read.

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Rogers—A letter from Colonel Beale Browne to the Town Clerk, complaining of the conduct of the caretaker, Mr. King, in locking the gates on the drift way to Dowdeswell wood, of his rudeness to members of the family and their friends, and of his interference with him in connection with the insertion of a tap in the pipe from the spring supplying the house, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to Colonel Browne giving King's version of the occurrences and his explanations of his conduct in the matter complained of, and assuring him that the Committee will not countenance any discourtesy or rudeness on the part of King in the discharge of what may be at times necessary but unpleasant duties. Resolved further, That as appears from this and previous occurrences considerable friction arises and will probably in spite of the best understandings continue to arise in the exercise of the dual rights for fishing and fowling in the Reservoir, the Council will be prepared to favourably consider any proposition that may be made to them for the purchase by them of the reserved rights.

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

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Griffith, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wheeler (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the chairman, Councillor Griffith was appointed chairman of this meeting.

2 —Swine Fever—Superintendent McRae reported that on the 27th May last a case of swine fever broke out on the premises of Mr. Charles Isher, of 27, Naunton Crescent, that four of the five pigs on the premises, which had been purchased at Andoversford sale yard on the 17th of April, were slaughtered, the other having died; that Form B had been served on all persons keeping pigs in the neighbourhood, and the Swine Fever Order in every way complied with. On the 25th May last a suspected case occurred on the premises of Mr. Cornelius Smith, Arolf Cottage, Naunton Lane, amongst pigs purchased at the Cheltenham Market on the 21st May, subsequently five of the pigs died and seven others were found to be ill; the entrails of one were sent to the Board of Agriculture who declared the pig to have been infected with swine fever; another pig died, and the remaining six were slaughtered. The carcasses of the pigs slaughtered were cremated at the Destructor, and the Swine Fever Order in every way complied with.

A letter from the Board of Agriculture was read, calling attention to the fact that outbreaks of Swine Fever have on several occasions been traced to swine purchased at the Cheltenham Market, and stating that the Board thought it very desirable that regulations should be made under Article 15 of the Swine Fever Order of 1894 enabling them to prohibit or regulate the exposure or sale of swine in the market, and making certain suggestions as to the regulations to be made.

Resolved, That a regulation be made closing the Market for the sale of swine from this date to the end of July next, and that the Town Clerk do write to the Board of Agriculture informing them of such regulation, and calling the Board's attention to the fact that two outbreaks of swine fever in this Borough in May last were traced to pigs purchased at the sale yard at Andoversford, and, as the Committee are informed, two other outbreaks occurring in the neighbourhood of this Borough were traced to the same yard, and asking if a similar representation to that made by the Board as to Cheltenham Market has been made to the persons responsible at the Andoversford sale yard.

3-Fire Brigade Report—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out during the month as follows :—

On the 30th ultimo to a fire at Mr. A. W. Smith's Rickyard, Kingsditch bane. which resulted in the destruction of three ricks. Damage, £200. Cause unknown The property destroyed was insured in the County Fire Office to whom the account for extinction expenses, amounting to £7 3s. 6d., had been sent.

On the 7th instant to a fire at the rear of No. 78, High Street, occupied by Mr. H. Gould, Butter Merchant. Damage, £150. Cause not known. The offices interested in the property destroyed were the Sun, Royal and County Fire Offices, to whom the account of the extinction expenses, amounting to £3 6s. 0d, had been sent.

On the 22nd instant to a fire at No 3, Mitre Street, occupied by Mr. Bassett. Fire caused by Mineral Oil Lamp exploding and resulted in a lodger being seriously burnt. Damage, £30. The buildings (but not the contents) are insured, and the account for extinction expenses, amounting to £2 15s. 6d., will in due course be sent to the offices interested. Some difficulty and delay was caused through the Brigade being unable to get the Fire Escape under the trees in Imperial Square.

The Superintendent submitted a list of extinction expenses, accounts for which had been sent in, which were not fully paid. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the parties in question requesting payment of the amounts due. The Superintendent also reported that in consequence of the increase in the personnel of the Brigade, the following clothing, &c., would be necessary, viz :-3 Tunics, 3 helmets, 1 Belt, 2 pairs of Boots, 2 Caps ; that the services of a tailor were required for some alterations to existing tunics, and that certain articles were needed for cleaning purposes at the Station.

Resolved, That the Superintendent do obtain two or three prices for the tunics, helmets, belt, boots, and caps required, and that the Tailor whose Tender is accepted for the tunics be given the alterations to the other tunics to do also; the Borough . Surveyor to supply the articles required at the Station.

4-Game Licenses—Applications for the renewal of Licenses to deal in game were received from the following :—

Arthur Loveday, 142, High Street  
T. B. Woodard, 1 & 2, Montpellier Avenue  
W. Hall, 92, High Street  
Executors of the late John Woore, 25, Montpellier Walk  
L. A. Morris, Columbia House, Winchcomb Street  
E. H. Harris, 1, Winchcomb Street  
N. W. Olive, No. 4, Colonnade  
S. A. Wilks, 372, High Street  
C. Barnett, 86, High Street

Resolved, That the applications be granted.

5-Provisional Order—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, enclosing four prints of the Provisional Order they had issued on the application of the Town Council for partially repealing and amending the Local Improvements Acts and the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1878.

6---Hackney Carriage Licenses—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th December last, Messrs. Davies and Fryer attended before this Committee, and the matter having been considered, Resolved, That the application of Mr. Davies for the renewal of the license in question be granted.

A letter from W. T. Smith was read, stating that he could not yet submit a programme as to the Char-a-banc license he had been granted, and asking also, as he had a new Pony Carriage with Warner

wheels, rubber tyres, and Cee springs, the Council to grant him a Full License in place of No. 106. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were read from Elizabeth Martin, C. A. Hill, Richard Staite, R. Fowles, F. Jones and Joseph Williams. Resolved, That the Committee consider that there are already more than enough pony carriages plying for hire, but that licenses for one landau each be granted to the first two applicants on the Register (Greenslade and Martin), subject to the Landaus and Horses being passed by the Chairman, and that the other applications be not granted.

7-Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses—Two drivers, J. Cook and C. Collier, who failed to take up their licenses at the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council, appeared before the Committee, and after due explanations and apologies, Resolved, That that their licenses be issued to them.

8—Mitre Street--The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing how he proposed to renumber this street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the houses in Mitre Street be renumbered accordingly.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 17th day of June, 1896 — Present: The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Moles and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

1—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—A letter from Mr. H. A. Palmer was read, applying on behalf of the Rev. J. Mugliston, for permission to hold an open-air Concert in the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, similar to those inaugurated by the late Capt. St. Clair Ford last year, in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 1st July. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given.

2--Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Colonel Rogers, Commandant 1st Gloucestershire Volunteers Royal Engineers, applied for the exclusive use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Monday, the 29th instant, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the purposes of the inspection of his Battalion by Colonel Bell, V.C., C. B. Resolved, That the application be granted, and that the Town Clerk do give the necessary notice that the ground will be closed to the public on the 29th instant between 3 and 7 p.m.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 25th day of June, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Moles and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

3--Alstone Swimming Bath—The Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor as follows was read. Number of bathers for the season up to and including the 20th instant, 7,014. Fees received £73 12s. 8d.

" For some time provision of Washing Baths has been discussed, but without any definite conclusion being arrived at. That preliminary washing would be a distinct gain there can be no doubt. Recently baths have been erected at Cardiff upon a

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new arrangement which is a considerable improvement upon anything hitherto done, and I suggest the desirability of your Committee visiting Cardiff for the purpose of seeing the Baths there. The washing baths are arranged in groups of bath and 2 dressing rooms each of about the size of the ordinary dressing room. By such an arrangement it would be possible to keep the Baths open throughout the winter, and make them of much more value from a sanitary point of view as well as more fully developing the earning power of the property." Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor's suggestion as to visiting Cardiff be adopted, and that the Chairman with the Borough Surveyor and any other members of the Committee who would like to accompany them, do visit and inspect the Baths at that place.

4—Day of Meeting of this Committee—With reference to Minute No, 7 of the proceedings of the Committee of the 21st May last, Resolved, That the General Purposes Committee be requested to alter the day of meeting of this Committee to the Monday before the Council Meeting at 12 noon instead of to Friday at 4.30 p.m.

5-Naunton Park Recreation Ground—A Letter was read from Councillor Ward-Humphreys asking to be allowed to offer a supply of plants and fosters for the large vases in the garden portion of the Naunton Park Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the offer be thankfully accepted.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 26th day of June, 1896 - Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors M. Davis, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Flowers in the Cemetery—A report from Supt. McRae was read, that Constable Hodgetts caught two boys and two girls stealing flowers from the Graves in the Cemetery, on Sunday the 21st instant. Resolved, That the parents of the children be written to informing them, with a request that they should correct and caution their children on the subject: and that a Regulation be made excluding all children under the age of 14 years from the Cemetery, unless accompanied by and under the care of their parents or some responsible adult person.

2 — Land adjoining Cemetery —A letter was read from Mr. Edward Minett, offering £22 per annum, inclusive of all rates, for the land adjoining the Cemetery, now in the occupation of Mr. Pratley. Resolved, That further consideration of the offer be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

3—Superintendent of Cemetery—A letter from Mr. William Gregory, Superintendent of the Cemetery, was read, asking the permission of the Committee to resign his office at the end of September next, on account of advancing years and bodily ailments, by which time he will have been

Superintendent for 18 years. Resolved, That this Committee accept Mr Gregory's resignation with great regret, and desire to express their satisfaction with the way in which he has discharged his duties. Also Resolved, That this Committee do consider the question of the appointment of Mr. Gregory's successor and his duties, salary, &c., at their next Meeting, and report thereon to the next Meeting of the Council thereafter.

4 — Burying Grounds in the Borough—As directed by the Committee at their last Meeting, the Town Clerk presented the following Report upon the Acts and Orders regulating the Burials in existing Burying Grounds in the Borough :—

**To the Burial Board Committee.**

As directed by the Burial Board Committee at their last Meeting, I beg to report on the subject of Burials within the Borough, as follows :—

By Section 97 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, it was enacted that it should not be lawful after the passing of the Act to bury any Corpse in any Church or Churchyard in the Borough, other than the Churches and Churchyards of St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, and St. Peter's, and in those Churches and Churchyards only in Catacombs not to be afterwards opened or interfered with, and interments in the Parish Church and Churchyards are to be subject to the following restrictions:—

No new Vault or grave to be made.

In existing Vaults or graves only members of the families to which they belong can be interred.

Existing Vaults or graves are to be altered or adapted to burials in the form of Catacombs, so that each body may be isolated from bodies previously buried and bodies to be buried. This restriction, so far as the mode of execution of the work to be done is concerned is not very clearly worded, but as the work is to be done to the satisfaction of the " Commissioners " (now the Council) that is not perhaps of much consequence.

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It will be observed that this section only applies to Churches and Churchyards, and does not cover other places of worship, burial grounds or graveyards. This omission was to some extent supplied by an Order in Council dated 1st May, 1855, made under the Burial Act, 1853.

By this Order no new Burial Ground could or can be opened in the Parish of Cheltenham (now as extended) without the previous approval of a Secretary of State, and Burials in the Parish were to be discontinued with certain modifications, viz. :—

In the Parish Church, St. Peter's Church, Trinity Church, Cheltenham Chapel, Wesleyan Bethel Chapel, Friends' Meeting House, Jews' Synagogue, Unitarian Chapel, and the Mormonite Chapel ; but in the Burial Grounds of the Cheltenham Chapel, Wesleyan Chapel, Bethel Chapel, Unitarian Chapel, and Mormonite Chapel, only one body is to be buried in a grave, and no graves previously used are to be re-opened, except a walled grave in which each coffin is to be separately entombed in an air-tight manner. In the Parish Cemetery one body only is to be buried in a grave, and no grave is to be re-opened except to bury another person of the same family.

Under Section 98 of the Improvement Act, 1852, the Council can make Rules and Regulations in reference to all interments in the Borough which do not affect any lawful rights as to Burial fees and payments existing in 1852; and any person offending against them is liable to a penalty not exceeding £5. By section 99, the Council, through their Surveyor, have a general superintendance of all places of Interment within the Parish, and notice is to be given to the Surveyor of any intended interment, and the Surveyor, or in his absence any person appointed by the Surveyor, is to inspect and superintend the progress and completion of such interment.

By Section 100, if the Council by resolution, the Local Government Board concurring therein, resolve that future interments in any place of interment within the Borough, would or might be prejudicial to the public health, then all further interment in such place as such Resolution prohibits to be so used shall cease. Section 100 imposes a penalty not exceeding £20 on any person burying or permitting to be buried any corpse or coffin contrary to the Act.

By Section 103 the Council are empowered with the consent of the Churchwardens of the Parish to prevent the escape of gases from such of the Vaults or Brick Graves in the Churches and Churchyards as can no longer be lawfully used for interments under the Act, and fill up, arch over, and cement, or in some other effectual way seal the same up and level and improve the Churchyards so as not to disturb the remains of persons buried, restoring and replacing all tomb and grave stones and defray the expenses out of the General District Rate There are several provisions in the Improvement Act of 1852 for providing and regulating a new Cemetery, but as the new Cemetery was provided under the Burial Acts it is unnecessary here to further allude to them.

It will be for the Committee to consider whether it is necessary or desirable to make any Rules and Regulations under Section 98, or take any action under Section 100.

The Medical Officer of Health also submitted the following report on the same subject:—

**To the Burial Board Committee.**

Gentlemen, —I have to report with regard to the Public Health aspects of interments being allowed to take place in certain ancient burial grounds in the Borough of Cheltenham.

Under the Order in Council dated 1st May, 1855, it appears that further burials were forbidden in all Churches and Chapels where burials had previously been allowed This, however, appears to apply to the buildings themselves and not to their graveyards.

By the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, burials in all Churches and Churchyards were forbidden excepting the graveyards of the three Churches, St. Mary's, St. Peter's, and Holy Trinity, and further burials in these three graveyards could only take place in built catacombs not afterwards to be disturbed.

The Order of 1855 above referred to also left the right of burial under certain restrictions in six other places, viz.:

1. The Mormonite Chapel Burial Ground Whether this was a Chapel in St. George's Place, or one in Clare Street seems uncertain; both places lay claim to the distinction, but no burials have taken place

in either of them for very many years, the one now being built over, and the other being now used in connection with St. Luke's Mission Room.

2. The Unitarian Chapel Burial Ground, Royal Well Place. This has been closed and built over.
3. The Bethel Chapel Burial Ground, St. James's Square.
4. The Wesleyan Chapel Burial Ground, St. George's Street.
5. The Cheltenham Chapel Burial Ground, off High Street (the last burial took place here in 1887 as I am informed by Mr. Bowd sometime sexton).
6. The Parish Cemetery, Market Street.

Having visited each of the places mentioned, I am of opinion that further burials in either of the above burial grounds would be likely to prove detrimental to the Public Health and ought not to be permitted.

Yours faithfully,

9th June, 1896.

J. H. GARRETT, Medical Officer of Health.

Resolved, That a regulation be made that no new graves or vaults be opened in any Burial Ground within the Borough ; that no further interments be allowed in existing earth graves; that interments in existing vaults not being under any

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place of worship of members of the same family as those previously interred therein only be allowed, such vaults to be immediately after any such interment hermetically sealed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor for the time being ; one clear day's notice to be given to such Surveyor of any intended interment.

Also Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board under Section 100 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, for their concurrence in the above Resolution.

5--Designs—The following designs were examined and approved—Headstones to Sarah Ann Stroud, George Emms, George Hoddy, Eliza Ursell, George Stothert Penny, John Wood, Sarah Ann Walter, Willis Probyn-Nevins, Frederick and Elizabeth Stephenson, Pet Terrett ; Tomb to Annie Hough.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages . . .	£17 2 6
Accounts under 10s. each	£0 17 4

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.



## LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**It a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Lawrence, Parsonage and Ward-Humphreys (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 Corporation Testing Station.	Date.		Test at Corporation Testing Station.
1896. June 9th " 18th	15.55 candles 15.87	1896. June 10-11		Grains per 100 cubic feet 9.99

2--Gas inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.279 cubic feet. 3 -lamp Book—The Lamp Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished 9, 6 unmetered, and 3 metered. Burning dimly 1 (unmetered).

3—Electric Inspector's Report—The report of the Electric Inspector on the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month was as follows :—

### LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
June 9th	100 Volts	100.66 Volts

4 --Electrical Engineer's Report —The report of the Borough Electrical Engineer, as follows, was read;—

The new 100 Kilowatt Steam Alternator has been erected and coupled up to the steam and exhaust pipes. As soon as Mr. Franklin returns the remaining tests can be made without delay, and the plant set to work.

The loop main round Lansdown Crescent and Parade has been completed and Col. Carleton's house has been supplied with the electric current, and Mr. Fletcher's house will be connected within the next few days.

At the beginning of last week I visited Messrs. Callenders' Works and tested the whole of the cables for the Lansdown and Bath Road extensions with very satisfactory results; the whole of this cable has now been delivered, and the first length of the Lansdown extension is now being laid.

I hope to have completed laying the Lansdown cables by the end of this week and to connect " Trelawne " to our mains on the 1st prox. I hope to have the cables for the Bath Road extension laid by the 6th prox., and to connect Thirlestaine House on the 11th prox,

The cable for the High Street extension will be delivered this week, and we shall be ready to commence this work at any time on or after July 13th.

I ask for instructions to order the remainder of the arc lighting gear required for the preliminary street lighting, i.e., 55 additional arc lamps and transformers from the Brush Co, at a cost of about £835, switches, fuses, &c., after obtaining prices from different companies, and remainder of cable required from Callenders.

I strongly recommend that you allow me to issue specifications for additional alternator now, so that you may have the plant at work by Christmas, if possible. I anticipate that by the end of the year our maximum load will be about the full capacity of all the machines at present in the works, without any allowance for spares.

In the scheme laid before the Local Government Board Inspector, I provided for a 200 Kilowatt steam alternator at a cost of £2,700. In view of certain changed conditions I recommend that the steam alternator now required be of the 100 Kilowatt size ; the cost will be from £1,550 to £1,900, according to the type of engine decided upon. Messrs. Siemens are, I understand, to supply this.

I recommend that specifications for the supply of a suitable engine for the steam alternator be issued to Willans & Robinson, Messrs Belliss and the Brush Co.

The specifications for the Steam Exciter are ready, and with your approval I propose to issue them to the following Companies :—Siemens Bros. & Co., Ltd.; The Brush Electrical Engineering co., Ltd. ; Thomas Parker, Ltd. ; The Electrical Construction Corporation, Ltd. ; Mather & Platt, Ltd. ; Crompton & Co., Ltd. ; and to ask in each case for alternative quotations with Willans, Belliss, and Universal (Brush Co.) Engines.

I submit for your approval Statutory notice of mains laid and pressure to be sent to residents along the route of our new mains.

With the Chairman's authority I have ordered short lengths of low pressure cable for supplying Dr. Pruen and Mr. Bloodworth and obtained a small number of simple fittings, &c., for wiring 5, Ambrose Street (corporation property), which is inhabited by my out-door foreman, Lee. He is quite willing to pay for energy by meter in the ordinary way.

The number of 8 c. p. lamps connected is now rather over 6,500, and there are about 300 lamps practically ready for connection. I know of other intending customers for quite 300 more.

Resolved, That the recommendations and action of the Electrical Engineer be approved, and the Form of Statutory notice of mains laid and pressure, submitted by him, be approved as now settled.

6--Accident to John Pugh—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 15th April last, a letter from the father of John Pugh was read, claiming £100 for compensation for his son's death, and correspondence between his solicitors, Messrs. Thorne & Haslam, Wolverhampton, and the Town Clerk, in which was contained an offer of a further payment

to Pugh of £20 in addition to what he already had received. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman and the letters of the Town Clerk be approved, and that the Committee are not prepared to recommend any increase of the offer made,

7- Electric Lighting Central Station—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plan of proposed extension of the Electric Lighting Central Station, the extension being necessary to accommodate the additional plant ordered. Resolved, That the plan be approved, and tenders for the execution of the work advertised for in the " Examiner and "Mercury."

8—Municipal Electrical Association—Resolved, That this Committee be authorised to become a member of this Association at the annual subscription of one guinea,

9-Insurance of Electric Lighting Station and Plant—Letters were read from the Law Union and Crown Fire and Life Insurance company and the Alliance Assurance Co., stating that the experience of the Fire Offices upon Insurances of Electric Lighting Works has been most disastrous, and that they regretted that they could not insure at a lower premium rate than 10s 6d per cent., and enclosing form of endorsement giving effect to this in addition to the following clause to be endorsed on the policies :—

" The Company will not be liable for any damage or destruction occurring to any dynamos, motor, or other working machine or " apparatus for generating, liberating or utilising electricity if such damage or destruction be caused through over-running, " excessive pressure, short circuit or self-heating."

The Boroughs Electrical Engineer having stated that the causes mentioned were almost the only ones from which damage or destruction by fire would occur, Resolved, That the insurances be not renewed at the expiration of the period for which premiums have been already paid.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew : Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £4,920 12s. 10d., leaving outstanding £11,998 2s. 1d.

2-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected and paid, £3,607 12s. 4d. leaving outstanding £5,934 6s. 4d. The meter charges for the quarter ending 24th June, 1896, to come in.

3—Telephone Poles and Company's Charges --Resolved, That in consideration of the continuance of the exchange Telephone connection to the Fire Brigade Station being continued free of charge, the

charge for the Telephone Poles on the Highways in the Borough and on the properties of the Corporation be reduced to 1s per pole per annum.

4—Loan of £10,000 - Resolved, That an offer of the Bank of England to lend 410,000 to the Corporation of this Borough at 2 ¼ per cent. for 12 months certain, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice on either side, be accepted, and that the necessary expenses, including stamp duty, not exceeding 10s per cent., be paid.

5--Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary—A letter was read from William Adlard, Vice-Chairman of the Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary, asking if they could not be granted some relief from the Water and General District Rates. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Water Committee with a recommendation to them to give a free supply of water to the Institution in question.

6 -- Barn Farm Loan Mortgage for £3,000—Resolved, That notice be given to the mortgagees to pay off this loan at the end of six months from the date of the notice, the interest now paid being 3 ½ per cent.

7-Appeal by the M.R. Co. against General District Rate—The Town Clerk reported that this appeal had, on the application of the company, Counsel on behalf of the Corporation assenting, been respited until the next Quarter Sessions.

8—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to 47,419 14s. od. 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 was the General Statement:—

Overdrawn on the 26th day of May last	£ 39 5 7
Paid since that date	<u>£8,063 17 7</u>
	£8,103 3 2
Received since that date	<u>£7,680 8 1</u>
Overdrawn	£ 422 15

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, 1896—Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors LI Davies, Moles, Parsonage and Skillicorne the Baron de Ferrieres and Capt. Welch, R.N. (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1-- Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £8 12s. 10d. He also reported that there had been an increase of 25 per day, in the Lending Library issues, and of 1 per day in the issues from the Reference Library as compared with the corresponding month last year; and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

F. Beckingsale	1 Pamphlet
H. M. Gilbert..	1 Vol.

Mrs. Kew .. 13 Vols.  
 G. A. Williams & Son 2 Engravings  
 A. W. Hutton .. 1 Vol.  
 Annual Reports from various Public Libraries.

2-Financial position of the Library—The Chairman presented the following Statement of the financial position of the Library for the year ending 31st March last:—

Income and Expenditure from 25th March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1896.									
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Balance against the Library 25th March, 1895				16	8	5	105	15	2
Rates, Taxes and Insurance ..				387	17	9			
Salaries and Wages ex Leckhampton Room (see below)				99	18	10			
Books ..				27	0	10			
Binding and Numbering Books ..									
Magazines, Newspapers, &c.				65	6	9			
Printing and Stationery ..				37	7	1			
Alterations and Repairs ..				42	9	7			
Furniture and Fittings ..				21	1	5			
Installation of Electric Lighting-1st Instalment				33	10	6			
Fittings and Lamps re Do.				25	4	9			
Electric Energy				23	6	8			
Coal, Coke and Gas				26	12	7			
Sundries ..				11	15	0			
				817	19	8			
LECKHAMPTON Room—Caretaker's Wages	15		12 0						
Periodicals ..	5		9 2						
Fuel and Gas .	2		17 0						
				23	18	2			
							841	17	10
Instalment and Interest on Loans including new £1350 Loan							578	18	4
							1526	11	4
Library Rate ..				1126	6	1			
Catalogues, Cards, Fines, &c.				140	2	6			
Technical Education Grant				113	0	0			
Rent of Leckhampton Room				8	0	0			

School of Science	45	0					
School of Art . .	70	0					
			115	0	0		
Old Gas Fittings sold to Messrs. Marshall			5	0	0		
						1507	8 7
Balance against the Library on Revenue Account -						£19	2 9

3--Drinking Fountain—It having been reported to the Committee that a drinking fountain had been placed at the corner of the Library buildings opposite the Electric Light Sub-Station in Manchester Street. Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that the position in which it is placed is unsuitable for a fountain of that character and that it be removed to a more suitable spot in the town.

Also Resolved, That the Iron Railing be continued round to the above-mentioned corner of the building.

4—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported and recommended as follows :—

The Librarian reported that at the annual stocktaking no books were missing.

That they had received the following tenders from Messrs. Banks, Westley, and Cossens & Knight, for the supply of literature for one year :--

	Banks.	RATES OF DISCOUNT. Westley. Cossens & Knight.	
Miscellaneous Literature	£27 1s 2d	£27 1s 2d	£27 1s 2d*
Magazines and Periodicals	25s	25s	25s
Newspapers Second Hand Books (Catalogue Prices)	10s	10s 10s	10s

\*Books and Magazines published at nett prices—nett.

And they recommended that the Tenders of Mr. C. Westley be accepted.

That only one Tender for the binding of books, viz :—that of Messrs. Norman & Sawyer, at the same prices as last year, had been received, and the Sub-Committee recommended that it be accepted.

They also recommended:--That four local books sent on approval from Mr. J. Pink, be purchased for £1.

That Mr. Reay be asked to give an estimate for the painting of the News Room on the specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor.

That the Caretaker of the late Leckhampton Board Room be paid £1 by the Town Council for his services there when used as a vaccination station.

That "Harper's Magazine " be supplied monthly. That a selection of new books from the lists submitted be purchased at a cost of about £8 10s.

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That the list of worn-out books submitted by the Librarian be replaced at a cost of about £20.

That two volumes of " Archaeologia " be purchased for the Buchanan Collection for 30s to complete the set.

Resolved. That the account for £1 for the services rendered by the Caretaker of the late Leckhampton Board Room, when used as a vaccination station, be sent in to the Public Health Committee; that the other recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved, the Chairman and Councillor Parsonage to deal with Mr. Reay's estimate when sent in.

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

J. J. Banks, Magazines	£ 3 4 6
Ditto Papers	£12 17 0
Ditto Books, &c.	£21 5 6
J. W. Pink, Books	£ 1 0 0
W. P. W. Phillimore, Books	£ 0 10 6
A C. & S. Billings, Repairs	£ 0 14 6
Mackie & Co., Binding	£ 2 10 8
R. E. & C. Marshall, Fittings, &c.	£ 0 13 10
J. J. Banks, Newspapers, &c. (Leckhampton)	£ 1 16 8
H. A. Gwinnell, Coal	£ 1 11 0
W. Jones, Wages Account	£15 16 0
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, &c	£16 12 4
Accounts under 10s each	£ 0 5 3

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

#### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 1st day of July, 1896 — Present: Councillors Ll. Davies, Parsonage and Wheeler (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Ll. Davies was appointed Chairman at this meeting. ---Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read from which it appeared that Duplicate Registers had been received from 46 schools, from which 750 names of absentee children had been extracted and all of which had been visited. The parents of 32 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees. Six parents had been prosecuted and fined 5s each.

3—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, viz.:— Walter Davis, York Street; William Hunt, Providence Cottages; George Clifford, 7, Park view; and Alice Higgs, Alstone.

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

### **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 4th day of August, 1896.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 6th day of July, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Cheltenham Order, 1896—The Town Clerk reported that the Great Western Railway Company had lodged a petition against the confirming Bill praying to be heard by Counsel against the Cheltenham Order. He read a correspondence he had had with the Solicitor to the Company, from which it appeared that they objected to Articles 1 and 4 and part of Article 6 of the Order, and that their opposition would cease if an undertaking were given for the insertion of an article similar to Sec. 55 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, “ exempting any building or new building (not being a dwelling house) situate on or forming part of any railway from the operation of the Order.” The matter was fully discussed and it was arranged that the Chairman and the Town Clerk should go to Town and interview the Local Government Board and the Solicitor to the Company, as time pressed, with full power to act.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Feeney, Dimmer, Parsonage, and Lawrence (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

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3-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that with reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, no alteration had been made in the lamps at Messrs. Dicks & Sons, No. 174, High Street, and that the bar at Messrs. Nelsons' Limited, No. 415, High Street, had been removed, but the hooks or bearings still remained. A letter from Messrs. Dicks & Sons was read, requesting the Committee to view their lamps, as the structure of



the building was such that the windows were low, and to raise the lamps to 8 feet clear from the ground would render them useless, and being in a quiet side street they did not interfere with anyone. Resolved, That consideration of the report as to the lamps at Messrs. Dicks & Sons be adjourned, pending a view by the Committee, and that Messrs. Nelsons' Limited be required to remove the hooks within 7 days after the next meeting of the Council, and that in default of compliance proceedings be taken to enforce the order.

4 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 27th June last, to the 24th July, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Highways Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Lansdown Road, 7902 super yards ; The Hall Road, 408 super yards.

Patching—Tewkesbury Road, Old Bath Road, Leckhampton Road, Suffolk Road, Moorend Road, Pilley Lane, Bath Road, Andover Road, Grafton Road, New Street, St. George's Place, St. James' Square, Hatherley Road, High Street, Lansdown Place and Crescent, Promenade.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Pittville Estate, St. Stephen's Road (proceeding). Patching—Well Place, Back of Leamington Place.

Repaired with Local Stone —The Hall Road, 340 super yards.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing, and Channelling—Lansdown Place and Terrace, Bath Road, Western Road, High Street, Roman Road, St. James' Street, Promenade, Royal Well Place, College Road, Portland Street, Montpellier, St. George's Road, Russell Street, Hewlett Road. Portland Street.

Crossings had been backed up with Asphalte in the following Roads :—Bath Road, North Street, High Street, Clarence Street, Prestbury Road, Winchcomb Street, St. George's Road.

Asphalte Footpaths Repaired—Back of Montpellier Terrace, Side of Lansdown Hotel. Leckhampton Concrete Footpaths are being proceeded with. St. Stephen's Road Private Improvement Work is in hand, and the London Road footpath will be finished during the week.

One new Gulley put in at Arle Village.

Several of the men who have been employed by the Council for many years as sweepers, having become so infirm, and lost the activity necessary for avoiding accidents in the streets, he had removed them to the Depot, and arranged for them to be employed in making Kerbing, and Channel of cement concrete. The result of the experiment had proved highly satisfactory in every way ; he would in this way probably be able to provide suitable work for men who are otherwise past work and at the same time obtain full value for the expenditure. The cost was as follows :—•

Cement (6 cwts)	£ 0 11 0
Wickwar	£ 0 5 5
Labour	£ <u>0 7 3</u>
	£ 1 3 8

66 feet of Kerb—cost per foot, 4 ¼ d. Cost of Forest Stone, 5 ½ d. per foot.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads, 686. Consumed at Destructor, 738 tons, 15 cwt.

5 —Opening of Roads—A letter from Alderman Norman, Chairman of the Lighting Committee, was read, stating that a workman in the employment of Mr. Cowley', in opening the footway in 'Montpellier Street, struck his pick through the concrete covering of the Electric Light high pressure main, and into the main itself. causing an interruption of the supply, and the cost of making good the damage, and requesting the Committee to consider the possibility of preventing the opening of the streets in that way without notice being given to the Electric Light Department in cases where the streets contained lighting mains. Fortunately the current was of what the incident referred to occurred or the labourer might have had an alarming experience. Resolved, That the Boroughs Surveyor do prepare draft Regulations, under Sec. 21 of the Public Health Act, in respect to laying gas and water pipes, and as to opening any highway for any purpose whatsoever.

6—Seat near Lowmandale—A Memorial from Mrs. Mills, of Lowmandale, and 11 other residents in the neighbourhood, was read, also a letter from Mrs. Mills, requesting that this seat might be moved a few yards lower down the road, and placed on the opposite side. Resolved, To inform Mrs Mills that the Committee gave careful attention to the matter in the first instance and considered the position the very best that could be found for the seat.

7-Footpath South-side of London Road—A letter from the Deputy Clerk to the Urban District Council of Charlton Kings, was read, informing the Town Clerk that his Council had resolved to ask this Committee to authorise the Borough Surveyor to meet the Surveyor of his Council, in order that the latter might point out in what respects they suggested the footpath needed repair. Resolved, To inform the Urban District Council of Charlton Kings that this road being a main road the County Surveyor would be communicated with on the subject.

8-Corner of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk goad—With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co., on behalf of the owners of Roderic House, was read, enquiring how much the Council would be prepared to pay for the land they desired to take over for the widening of the road, and stating that what Miss Draper, the tenant, suggested should be given up, subject to arrangement, was about 44 feet from the corner carried to a point along the Suffolk Parade Road, and about 36 feet along the back road, and about 20 feet deep from the angle. Resolved, That £25 be offered for the owner's interest, provided an arrangement is come to with Miss Draper for immediate possession.

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9 —Urinal Back of Montpellier Terrace—With reference to Minute No. 35 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee at their last Meeting, the letter of Councillor Ward-Humphreys was read, with which he enclosed a letter from Mr. B. Combe, of Grafton Brewery, offering a site for a urinal at the back of No. 8, Montpellier Terrace, situate at the East end of his property where it adjoins Montpellier Grove, for a nominal rent of 10s 6d per quarter. Resolved, That the Committee approve the site, leaving it to the Public Health Committee to arrange all necessary details.

10—Additions to Front of No. 98, High Street—A letter from Mr. Arthur Hill, Chemist, was read, enquiring if he might be allowed to bring forward the frontage of No. 98, High Street, beyond its present line, level with the frontage of the Royal Hotel, in consideration of his doing away with the

present steps ; also letters from Mr. Russell, Solicitor for Mrs. Potter of the Royal Hotel; Mrs. R. Mills, the owner of No. 100, High Street, and No. 3, Liverpool Place, and Mr. Hawkins, the Lessee of No. 100, High Street, petitioning the Council to refuse the application as being detrimental to their respective interests. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

11-George's Place Improvement—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 4th of May last, a letter from Mr. John A. Wilson, Builder, Promenade, the owner of the old Omnibus Yard and Dwelling House, was read, stating that he had considered the proposal that he should give up a piece of land to widen the roadway, the necessary work in putting back and re-building the frontage and other work in connection with the alteration of the house drainage, &c., and the reduced rental value of the dwelling house, and that he was willing to do the whole of the work and set back the frontage in a line with the other buildings for £150, the Council to make good the pathway, channelling and crossing to entrance of yard. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the offer in the absence of Councillor Heath.

12 -Watering of Thirlestaine Road—A letter from Col. Miles, of Park House, was read, complaining of the insufficient watering of this road, and requesting that the water main might be lowered, as had been done in more favoured parts of the town. Resolved, To inform Col. Miles that the Committee find on enquiry that this road is as sufficiently watered as other roads in the Borough similarly situated, and that the water main was lowered more than a year ago.

13—Water Pillar opposite Cedar Lodge, London Road— Letters from Mr. Minett, of Cedar Lodge, Georges Limited owners of No. 8, High Street, and Mr. R. T. J. Price, owner of property in Keynsham Parade, were read, requesting that the water pillar opposite Cedar Lodge might be removed, and suggesting that it be placed in Keynsham Road. Resolved, That if the applicants can obtain the consent of the owners of the property adjoining and near to the site to which it is suggested the Pillar should be moved the Committee will recommend its removal to the position referred to.

14—Widening Footpath south-side of London Road opposite Ashling Villas— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a plan showing to what extent it is desirable this footpath should be widened.

15-Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses— Roadway at Orchard Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the private improvement works in this street amounted to £15 15s. 11 ½ d., which he had apportioned between the abutting owners, according to the frontage of their respective premises, as directed by Sec. 104 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

16—Proposed Electrical Tramway from Leckhampton to Cleeve Common--With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had submitted a draft of a Provisional Agreement to Mr. H. Lumley for approval, as instructed, and had received a letter from him, in which he stated, that Mr. Nevins had expressed his willingness to sign the Agreement, but submitting that the Corporation should undertake the expense of an Act of Parliament, if it be necessary ; that they should consent to the gauge between the tracks being 4ft. 8in., as he would require to put in 60 horse power motors to go up the hills, and he would not have room for them in cars of smaller gauge ; and that he would prefer not to bind himself to take

permanent power from the Corporation, except the rate be as low as that at which he could furnish power himself ; to which he had replied, that an Act of Parliament would not be necessary unless Mr. Nevins required to purchase land compulsorily, but that in any case the Corporation could not undertake to obtain an Act of Parliament; that the Borough Surveyor was very much against a wider gauge, but probably a 3ft. 6in. gauge would not be objected to ; and That the Corporation did not make it a *sine qua non* that he should take power from them if they could not supply him as cheaply as he could supply it for himself, though the fact that he would be taking a day load was a considerable factor in inducing the Council to give their consent to overhead wires Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that consideration of the questions of route and overhead wire be adjourned pending a visit to Coventry or other places where Electric Trams are established, to inspect the same.

17--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.
800	Ride & Co.	Hay and Corn Stores, Stabling, &c., back of 31, Winchcomb Street
801	David Broom	Villa in Eldon Road
802	Mrs A. G. White	Bath Room, &c., to No. 6, Malvern Place
803	E. H. Parsonage	New Living Room adjoining Stables at Bayshill Court.
804	Frederick Wight	Galvanised Iron Shed in Gloucester Road
805	Selim Smith	New Harness Room rear of 67, High Street
806	Mr. Osborne	New Bath and w.c. at No.37, Lansdown Crescent
807	Alfred Pike	Store House adjoining Lansdown Castle
808	Colonel Holland	Additions to No. 5, Pittville Villas.
809	Miss Bowlby	New Bath Room to No. 28, Lansdown Crescent
810	E. L. Baylis	Two New Houses in Leighton Road.
811	Charles Winstone	Two New Villas in All Saints Road.
812	Mr. Barrett	Two New Houses in Old Bath Road, Pilley

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813	Trustees of Delancey Fever Hospital	New Diphtheria Block.
814	Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co.	Additions to Shop in Bath Road.
815	Mr. Barnett White	Two Houses in Naunton Park Road.

Resolved, That No. 802 be disapproved, that No. 815 be approved subject to same being approved by the Public Health Committee, that No. 814 be approved subject to certain requirements and alterations which the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor would point out to them being carried out by Messrs. Norton & Co., and that the remainder of the Plans as shewn be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,  
Chairman.

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of July, 1896—Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered Councillors M. Davis, 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 Scarlet Fever, and five of Diphtheria ; that one case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was three.

2- -Houses without a proper Water Supply—Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Orchard Place—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 8th instant. 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 owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3- Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 37,5 and 308, High Street, Ellesmere House, Cambray, Normandie House, Cambray, No. 1, Great Western Terrace, No. 14, King Street, Nos. 36, 37, 38, and 39, Upper Park 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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the section.

4 -Overcrowding at Nos. 2 & 3, Wakefield Court — 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 the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said Premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same. Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus --The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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 handed in a list of houses which had no 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 ire approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may he constructed that form may be permitted.

7—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 2, Wakefield Court, Bath Street, and No. 1, Barnard's Row, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

8—Workshop requiring to be Cleansed &c. at No. 27, Birth Street — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 4 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, that the above-named Workshop was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to require limewashing and cleansing. Resolved, That Notice under the said section be given to the owner and occupiers of the said Workshop to limewash, cleanse, and purify the same.

9- September Shows and Fairs—The Medical Officer of Health reported that applications had been received by the Street Inspector for permission to occupy ground at the Fairs, &c., held in Cheltenham during September for standings for Shows, &c. Resolved, That as it appears that some passage of these Shows to and from Gloucester takes place, no ground belonging to the Corporation be let for such purpose this year.

10—Vaccination—The Medical Officer of Health having applied for instructions as to whether the public Vaccination commenced by the Corporation should then cease. Resolved, That this is now a matter for the decision of the Guardians, and that all Certificate Counterfoils recording name, address, age, &c., of the persons vaccinated be handed over to the Clerk to the Guardians.

11—Insanitary Property—Nos. 15 and 16, Tivoli Street, Nos. 42 and 44, Stanhope Street, and Nos. 1 to 4, St. Peter's Place—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, in accordance with Specifications to be made.

12 - Wells at Nos. 51, 52, 53, and 73, Queen Street, No. 25, Swindon Street, Nos. 6, 7, 13, and 13a, Russell Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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 these wells to be closed.

13—Epidemic of Measles—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 29 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, referred back to the Committee by the Council for further consideration, Resolved, to adjourn consideration thereof to the next Meeting of the Committee, by which time copies of the Report of the Medical Officer of Health will have been furnished to the Members

14--Sewering of Road leading from Malvern Inn to the Schools—A letter from Mr. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council was read, calling attention to the need that existed for a public sewer in this road, one side of which is in the Parish of Leckhampton and the other in the Parish of Cheltenham, and suggesting that the Surveyor or Medical Officer of Health of the Rural

District Council should confer with the Borough Surveyor on the subject of laying down a sewer in the road in question at the joint expense of the two Councils. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to confer with the Surveyor or Medical Officer of Health of the Rural District Council as suggested.

15- Heydon Knoll Farm—A letter from Mr R. C. Smith, tenant of the Heydon Knoll Farm, was read, requesting the Council to put in a new range and boiler in the kitchen of the house as the grate was out of repair and the boiler ran out. Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that this is the work of the Lessee.

16—Visit to Sewage Farms--Resolved, To fix Monday, the 13th inst., for the Committee to visit the Sewage Farms.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Weltered; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair,)-

17- View Meeting—The following members attended at the meeting to view the Sewage Tanks and Farms on the 13th instant, with reference to the alleged pollution of the Chelt, viz., Alderman Norman, Councillors Davis, Griffith and Parsonage.

18-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order -An application to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk was received from Eleanor Nelmes, 26, Bath Street, Cambray. Resolved, That the same be refused, there being serious defects to be remedied.

19-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 of Enteric Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Small-Pox ; that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and the one of Small-Pox had been sent into the Delancey Hospital and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 6 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Small Pox.

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20—Houses without a Proper Water Supply, viz., Shelburne Cottage, Hatherley Road, and No. 12, Hereford Place—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 22nd 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 owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

21 -.Nuisance from Drains, &c., No. 7, Hanover Street, No. 41, Swindon Street, Nos. 2 to 7 and 7a St. James's Place, and St. Clair, The Park—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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

22—Overcrowding at Nos. 6 and 7, Leighton's Row—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, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said Premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

23 -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 under Section 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.

24-- Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

25—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 4 and 6, Leighton's Row, New Street --The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 Owners under the said section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

26-Destruction of Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 2 large boxes of pollock, the property of a local fishmonger, but which were not exposed for sale, were destroyed on July 11th as unfit for human food.

27 - Byelaws as to Houses let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that Byelaws for regulating houses let in lodgings should be made and advised the adoption of the Model Byelaws of the Local Government Board with such additions and modifications as might seem advisable to the Town Clerk and himself. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending further enquiry.

28-Vaccination—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Vaccination Certificate Counterfoils had been collected and were about to be sent to the Clerk to the Guardians, and that the Accounts of the medical men had been sent to him. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to furnish the Guardians with a Summary to be sent to him with the Counterfoils.

29 - Offensive Smell from Hampton Gardens--The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received complaints of an offensive smell from Hampton Gardens arising from decaying vegetables. Resolved, That, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owner requiring him to abate the same.



30-Wells requiring to be Closed at No. 7, Union Street, No. 1, Orchard Place, Nos. 11 and 12, Greville Terrace, Nos. 2, 8, 219 and 220, High Street, Nos. 1 and 2, Kear's Court, Nos. 1 and 2, Hereford Passage, Horwood Cottage, No. 21, Marle Hill Road, and Alma Cottage, Alma Road, Hatherley Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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, 1875, be taken to obtain Orders for these wells to be closed.

31-Insufficient W.C. Accommodation at No. 12, Hereford Place—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that this house was without a water closet. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act be given to the owner to provide a sufficient w.c. earth closet or privy, and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as directed by the said section.

32-- Notification of Measles—A Letter from the Local Government Board in reply to a Letter from the Town Clerk was read enclosing a list of Sanitary Districts in which compulsory notification of measles either is or had been in force, there being 62 such places in which it is in force and 28 in which it had been in force but the Sanitary Authorities of which had revoked their resolutions.

With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 29 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th ult., referred back to the Committee by the Council, Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter or vary the said resolution and that the same be readopted as follows : That application be made to the Local Government Board under Section 7 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, for an Order declaring measles to be an infectious disease within and subject to the provisions of that Act, and notifiable accordingly.

33- Choir Union Festival—A Letter from Mr. Brigden was read, expressing regret that the Council had not been more generous, as the offer of £5 towards the loss involved in the abandonment of the Choir Union Festival left them with an absolute loss of £8.

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34-Barn Farm—A Letter was read from Mr. Corbett was read appealing for a reduction of his rent of the Barn Farm on account of the bad times. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending enquiry into the statements made by him in support of his application.

35-Urinal at back of 8, Montpellier Terrace—A Letter from Councillor Ward Humphreys was read with which he enclosed a letter from Mr. B. Combe, offering a site for a Public Urinal at the back of No. 8, Montpellier Terrace at the east end of his property where it joins Montpellier Grove for a nominal rent of 10s 6d per quarter. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a view by the Street and Highway Committee.

36-Drains at No. 7, Cambray ----A Letter from Mr. Ruck was read, acknowledging receipt of a Notice from the Council to put the drains in order at No. 7, Cambray, and alleging that the defect was from the sewer, and that the Council should pay the £3 it cost him to have the sewer concreted round and the damage made good which he alleged was caused by rats. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend compliance with Mr. Ruck's application.

37-Sewage Farms —The Chairman reported the result of the inspection by the Committee of the Sewage Farms and Irrigation Lands on the 13th inst. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Report as to the works he recommended should be carried out.

38-Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved subject as to Plan No. 810 for two new houses in Leighton Road for Mr. E. L. Baylis to the sewer under the houses being constructed of 4-inch iron pipes and lead-jointed.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 17th day of July, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Lawrence, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

1---Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Ward-Humphreys was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Kursaal and Municipal Buildings -The Chairman submitted to the Meeting for approval, a scheme which had been worked out by himself and the Borough Surveyor, and of which sketch plans, prepared by the latter, were laid before the Committee, for erecting Kursaal Buildings and Baths at the south end of the Winter Garden, and for conversion of the existing Building into Municipal Offices, utilising the existing roof for a Winter Garden in connection with the Pump Room of the Kursaal, and the same having been considered, the Committee settled the points to be submitted to Mr. Brydon for his Opinion and advice.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee**, had on Monday, the 20th day of June, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Lawrence, and Ward-Humphreys. (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

3-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Ward-Humphreys was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

4—Kursaal and Municipal Buildings---Mr. Brydon attended this Meeting of the Committee, and having heard and considered the several propositions before the Committee, and the points submitted to him, it was arranged that he should make a written report thereon.

G. H. WARD—HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Heath in the chair)-

5—Kursaal Competition Plans—Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to the Directors of the Assembly Rooms Company for the use of the room for the Plans, and that the Plans be open to view by the public for one week in the room they are now in, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Directors for their exhibition there, or in such other place as the Committee may decide on.

6 -Kursaal and Municipal Buildings—Mr. Brydon's Report was read and considered. Resolved, That the ground floor of the Winter Garden be converted into Municipal Buildings ; That the upper part of the Winter Garden be converted into a Palm House and Orangery ; and That a Kursaal and Baths be erected at the south end of the Winter Garden, the whole at an estimated cost of £18,000, and that this Committee do take the necessary steps to give effect to this resolution, reporting to the Council as occasion may require.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of July, 1896—Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors Lenthall and Waghorne (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1—Borough Engineer's Report —The usual Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer as follows was read:—

" On the 22nd inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 68 gallons; the average for the last four years being 82 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 4,954,866 gallons, most of which is Severn water.

On the 22nd inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 20 feet 8 inches and the contents 47,350,429 gallons, which together with Hewletts and Leckhampton gives a total storage of 52,305,295 gallons or about 50 days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, &c., which is now about 212,000 gallons.

Owing to the long-continued drought (which may be calculated as commencing about the end of March) the consumption of water has been much larger than during an average season and the supply to the reservoir smaller.

Between the 31st March, 1896, and the 21st instant there has been a nett loss of 40 ½ millions of gallons and the whole of the available water from Hewletts is now used.

In addition, over 15 million gallons have been pumped from Tewkesbury for compensation, street watering, trade purposes, &c. The quantity of water in store at the present time is only sufficient for about 50 days. I think it essential that immediate steps should be taken to utilise the Severn supply,

or to take measures to diminish the present consumption, which is more than 30o per cent. in excess of the ordinary quantity.

Early last month (on the 2nd June) a pipe burst on the Gloucester Road near Benhall Wood. The ground was opened, the pipe repaired and all made good. During the night a wagon laden with hay passed along the road and cut down into the newly disturbed ground. I present herewith a claim I have received in the matter.

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Night testing for leakages has been continued vigorously during the past month, resulting in the discovery of 104 defects, 25 of which were in such positions that they could not have been discovered otherwise than by the Deacon Meter.

The pipes for the new service in the Bath Road are now arriving, and I shall probably have sufficient delivered to warrant the work being commenced next week.

Dowdeswell—The filtered water tank is finished and ready for use. One of the filters will be put into work to-day and a second one is ready for receiving the sand, the stone and shingle being in place. The Contractors are proceeding with washing the sand as rapidly as possible.

Hewletts—About one-half the length of the wall which was condemned has been taken down, the lower part made good, and the coping re-fixed. The remainder is being proceeded with.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the time has now arrived at which the Severn water should be used for the supply of the town generally, and that the claim referred to in the Report be left to the Borough Engineer to settle.

2—Wall at Hewletts Reservoir—Tenders for the reconstruction of the North Wall of No. 3 Reservoir at Hewletts, sent in in response to the advertisement, were opened as follows:— Chas. Malvern & Sons £1097 0 0 Smith Brothers £1136 18 6

Resolved, That the Committee consider it inadvisable to accept any Tender for the work at the present moment.

3 --Eye and Ear Infirmary—A Letter was read from Mr. W. Adlard, Vice-chairman of the Eye and Ear Infirmary, asking to be granted some relief from the General District and Water Rates on the institution in question, and which letter had been, so far as relates to the Water Rate, referred to this Committee by the Finance Committee with a recommendation that the institution should be given a free supply of water. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

4-Water Pillar opposite Cedar Lodge, London Road—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 2sst May last, a further Letter from Mr. R. Minett was read, and also a Letter from Mr. R. T. J. Price, the owner of property on the other side of London Road opposite the pillar in question, asking that the pillar should be removed as soon as possible. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

5 ---Tewkesbury Union Appeals—The Town Clerk reported that he had attended at Tewkesbury on the 15th instant, the day to which the hearing of these Appeals had been adjourned, and was then informed that the Assessment Committee had decided to take professional opinion on the question of the valuation, and that he had arranged that some payment should be made in respect of the amounts now due subject to readjustment when the Assessments were settled.

6-Hydrants at Battledown —A Letter was received from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council stating that the attention of his Council having been called by the Town Council to the lack of fire hydrants on Battledown, they had resolved to call upon the Town Council to fix 6 fire plugs, 3 in the Ashley Road and 3 in the Oakley Road in the positions stated in the letter upon the terms of the agreement existing with the Town Council, viz., an annual payment by the District Council of £6 per cent. on the cost of laying down, providing and fixing, and an annual payment of 1s in respect of the maintenance of each plug. Resolved, That the hydrants asked for be fixed.

7 -Tewkesbury Water Supply—The Town Clerk read the correspondence which had passed between him and the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, and draft of the reply which he proposed to make to a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury enclosing a cheque for £199 7s. 10d. in discharge of the account against the Tewkesbury Corporation to the 24th June last, the amount actually due to that date being £222 8s, informing him that unless the amount claimed to be due was not immediately paid proceedings would be taken to enforce payment. Resolved, That the Letters of the Town Clerk and the draft Letter now submitted be approved.

8- Water Supply to Midland Railway Company at Ashchurch—Resolved, That the Town Clerk do apply to the Midland Railway Company for immediate payment of the amount due for the water supplied to them at Ashchurch. and inform them that proceedings will be taken to compel payment if it is not made at once.

9- Dowdeswell Reservoir—Fishing, &c., Rights—Letters of date the 11th and 17th instant from Colonel Beale Browne in reply to King's statements and stating that they could not now entertain any proposal to sell the reserved rights to the Corporation and the Town Clerk's replies thereto, were read. Resolved, That Colonel Beale Browne be informed that no orders have been given, as he supposes, to the Caretaker to follow his family about or interfere with anyone exercising lawful rights ; that the Committee consider casual invitations to persons to visit the Court with a view to their fishing in the reservoir would be a colourable exercise of the reserved rights and trust that no occasion will in future arise for complaint on this score ; that with respect to the locking of the gates at the road over the bridge at the upper end of the reservoir a suggestion of the Borough Engineer to fence off the access to the reservoir from the East side of the bridge be adopted so as to render it unnecessary for the Corporation to keep the gates locked; that a light gate be put up at the entrance to the bridge to the tower so as to prevent anyone tampering with the depth indicator; that the boat be kept locked; and that Colonel Beale Browne and the family at the Court when exercising their rights be permitted ingress or egress at the lodge wicket gate.

10--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 Friday, the 10th day of July, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Griffith and Parsonage (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

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

2 --Swine Fever—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Letter from the Clerk to the County Council with Order intended to be made by the County Local Authority prohibiting the holding of markets and sales of swine until the 1st of November except under certain conditions, and asking this Committee as the Executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts to make a similar Order as regards this Borough. Resolved, That a similar Order be made except that as already ordered no sale at all of any swine shall be held in the Market until after the present month.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of July, 1896—Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

3—Swine Fever—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Order made by the County Authority and the Order made by this Committee.

4-Report of Superintendent of Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that a portion of the extinguishing expenses of the several fires (as per account hereafter stated) still remained unpaid or promised, and excepting as regards Westall Buildings, it did not appear likely any more would be obtained.

The Account mentioned was as follows :—

1. Dorset Mews, March 7th, 1896—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Account	12 12 0	
Promised by " Royal Insurance"	10 9 0	
Balance		2 3 0
2. Montague House, Cambray, March 11th, 1896—Account	2 19 0	1 18 2
Paid by London Assurance	1 0 10	
Balance		
3. Westall Buildings, Bath Road, May 9th, 1896—		
Account	3 0 6	

	£ s d	£ s d
Paid by Insurance Company	1 12 3	
Balance		1 8 3
4. Kingsditch Lane, May 28th, 1896—		
Account	7 3 6	
Paid by " Royal "	3 11 9	
Balance		3 11 9
5. 78, High Street, June 7th, 1896—		
Account	3 6 0	
Promised by " Royal "	2 10 0	0 16 0
Balance		
6. 3, Mitre Street, June 22nd, 1896—		
Account	2 19 0	
Paid by " Royal "	1 9 6	
Balance		1 9 6
Total		£11 6 8
Unpaid		

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed with reference to the unpaid balance of the claim in the matter of No. 3, Mitre Street to write to the Royal Insurance Co. that the Committee considered that the full amount of the claim should have been paid by the Office in this case ; and that consideration of the claim in the matter of Westall Buildings be adjourned.

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5--Tenders for Uniforms for Three Officers of Fire Brigade—The following Tenders were opened, viz.—

Messrs. Bryant & Co., for Tunics of material similar to existing Uniform Tunic at 42s with 2s extra for Waterproofing.

Mr. Joseph Salisbury for Tunics as per samples of cloth enclosed at 38s, 39s and 40s

Mr. W. Austin for Caps as now in use at 3s 9d each.

Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co. for Helmets Metropolitan Brigade pattern in brass at 25s and 20s

Messrs. T. Steel & Son for prime Jack Boots at 30s per pair.

That the Tender of Mr. Salisbury for Tunics according to sample at 40s be accepted subject to same being water-proofed without extra charge ; and that the Tenders of Mr. Austin, Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co. at 20s. and Messrs. T. Steel & Son be accepted.

6-- Speech of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade at Dinner given to Retiring Members—The Committee having had under consideration the conduct of the Superintendent in having in a speech at a dinner given to retiring Resolved the members of the Fire Brigade reflected on the conduct of

this Committee, Resolved, That the Committee consider Mr. Such's conduct most reprehensible and deserving of censure, and although, as he denied the verbal accuracy of the report, the Committee do not recommend his suspension, they consider he should be severely reprimanded.

7—Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from James Twine, Myrtle Cottage, Naunton Crescent, Henry Osborne, No. 2, Tinkler's Passage, and Charles W. Martin, Midland Temperance Hotel, Queen's Road. Resolved, That the same be granted. The Inspector reported that the Hackney Carriage Driver named John Jones had been twice convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within 12 months.

8—Char-a-Banc License—An application from Josiah Jones, junior, Clarence Mews, North Place, for a License for a Char-a-banc to convey passengers between Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Birdlip, Evesham, and other places of interest around Cheltenham, was received. Resolved, That the application be refused.

9—Memorial from Proprietors and Drivers re Pony Carriage Licenses—A Memorial from W. P. Jones and 45 other proprietors and drivers of pony carriages was received requesting that the small licensed pony carriages be placed upon the same footing, or that some similar arrangements be made as regards numbers of passengers, &c., as the larger ones Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend any alteration of the present system.

10—Cabmen's Shelter, Belle Vue—A Letter from Messrs. Arthur Spreadbury and Charles Mackay was read, protesting against the removal of this shelter, alleging that it was placed in their custody and demanding that it be returned to them for safe keeping. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Spreadbury and Mackay that the Committee are not aware of any such Trustee-ship as is claimed by them.

11—Corporation Clocks—Resolved, That Mr. Holder be given the option of continuing his contract for the winding of the Corporation clocks for another year upon the same terms.

12—Baby Farming--A circular Letter from the Secretary of State was read, calling attention to the Infant Life Protection Act, 1872, which requires the registration of all houses in which two or more infants are received for hire and requesting to be furnished with a return showing the number of houses registered in the Borough under the Act, and other information relating thereto ; also a Letter from the Town Clerk in reply that there had been no applications in the Borough to register such houses ; that no doubt public notice had been given at the time of the requirements of the Act ; and he submitted for the approval of the Committee the draft of a further notice which he proposed to issue. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk and the draft of the proposed Notice be approved.

13—Borough Arms as a Trade Mark—The Town Clerk read a Letter which he had written to the Comptroller of Patents enquiring if a Tradesman had any right to register the Borough Arms as his Trade Mark ; also a Letter from the Comptroller in reply to the effect that if the Corporation are prepared to raise formal objection to the registration of the Arms of the Borough as a Trade Mark he would be prepared to leave it to any particular applicant to assert his claim before a Court of Law. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply that the Council do object to such registration.

14—Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee —With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee of the 25th of June last,



requesting this Committee to alter the day of meeting of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee to the Monday before the Council Meeting at 12 noon instead of to Friday at 4.30 p.m., Resolved, That the application be granted for the remainder of the year.

15—Town Clerk's holiday—The Town Clerk applied for a month's leave of absence at such time after the next meeting of the Council as would be most convenient, having regard to the work of his department. Resolved, That the same be granted.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

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#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of July, 1896 — Present Councillor Wheeler. The number of Members present not being sufficient to form a quorum no business could be transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 24th day of July, 1896— Present ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors M. Davis, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that two scythes and two short shears were required for use in the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do order the same Land adjoining Cemetery —With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That the offer contained in Mr. Minett's letter be accepted, and that the Town Clerk do prepare an agreement accordingly, the tenancy to be a yearly one.

3 —Superintendent of Cemetery—The question of the appointment of Mr. Gregory's successor was considered. Resolved, That the draft of the advertisement for applications for the appointment of Superintendent and Sexton at the Cemetery, as now settled, be approved, the salary to be £80 per annum, with house rent free, coals, and gas, and that the appointment be made at the October meeting of the Council, Mr. Gregory having signified his willingness to continue his services until his successor is appointed and enters upon his duties.

4—Designs--The following designs were examined and approved—Headstones to Ann Sims, William Candy, John Bradbury, Arthur Crouch, Catherine Alice Sims, Mary O'Callaghan, Henry Jeanneret

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages £16 7 0

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

**LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July, 1896— Present Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage and Ward-Humphreys (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 Corporation Testing Station.	Date	Test at Corporation Testing Station.
1896.		1896	Grains per 100 cubic feet
July 3rd	15.66 candles	July 3-4	7.49

2--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.301 cubic feet.

3 Lamp Book—The Lamp Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished—1 metered.

4 - Guildhall Lamps—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, with which they forwarded a copy of a minute and resolution of the Directors of the Gas Company as follows:—The Resolution of the Town Council of date the 1st instant, was read, desiring that the Guildhall Lamp in Regent Street and any other Guildhall Lamps which may be erected in future shall be supplied with gas and maintained on the same terms and conditions as to hours of lighting, supply of gas and cost, as those already erected in the Promenade.

Resolved, That the Council be informed that the annual charge of £5 3s. 6d. made for the provision and maintenance of plant, supply of gas, and lighting and extinguishing the Guildhall lamps in the High Street and Promenade is based upon an estimate of the number of hours during which those lamps burn (1) at the rate of 15 feet per hour from lighting up to 11 o'clock, and (2) at 5 feet per hour from 11 o'clock up to the time of extinguishing in the morning, and the cost of employing extra labour each night throughout the year to turn on the midnight arrangement, in addition to the usual costs for lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairs, &c. ; and that as the hours of burning at the different rates of consumption, and the extra cost of labour to operate the midnight supply of the additional or existing Guildhall lamps in their new or altered positions will be dependent upon whether the lamps are placed close together or widely apart, the Company is unable to name an inclusive price for them until a plan is supplied by the Council shewing where it is intended to place each additional or altered lamps. Resolved, To inform the Directors of the Gas Company that the Council desire the present application to be confined to the lamp in Regent Street.

5— Electric Inspector's Report—The report of the Electric Inspector on the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month was as follows :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
July 3rd	100 Volts	101.75 Volts

6- Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that tenders for the 15 Kilowatt Steam-Exciter had been received as follows:—

	PRICE WITH ENGINE.	
	Universal.	Belliss
Siemens Bros. & Co., Ltd.	£339 0 0	£348 0 0
Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd.	£347 5 0	—
Electrical Construction Corporation, Ltd.	£330 0 0	£386 0 0
Thomas Parker, Ltd.	—	£329 0 0
	(Crompton Brush)	(Crompton Belliss)
Crompton & Co., Ltd.	£335 0 0	£379 0 0
Mather & Platt, Ltd	(with unnamed engine) £425 0 0	

He reported as regards the tender of the Electrical Construction Corporation, Ltd. that the Steam-Exciter with the Belliss

Engine would not comply with the specification in respect to steam consumption; and with regard to the tender of Messrs. Parker, Ltd. that the Steam-Exciter would not comply with either the steam consumption clause or the variation of pressure with the load clause in the specification; but that Messrs. Siemens had included in their tender a resistance and switch for the shunt circuit of the Exciter; and he recommended acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Siemens Bros. & Co., Ltd. for a Steam-Exciter comprising one of their H.B. 12/20 ½ dynamos coupled direct to a Universal engine, and complete with shunt switch and resistance for £339 subject to their taking entire responsibility for the complete Steam-Exciter.

He also recommended that the specification for the complete Steam Alternator be issued at once to Messrs. Siemens, with a request to quote alternatively for the two engines. On testing the cable laid along Lansdown Place, it became evident that a fault had made its appearance, which had been remedied and the cable connected up again. He laid before the Committee a document purporting to be an agreement between the late Mr. Henry Chapman and the Corporation relative to the charge for electric supply to the Grove, and asked for instructions in respect to the rendered but unpaid invoice for energy supplied. He submitted an estimate of the cost of providing mains and transformers for giving supply to Suffolk Square (N.) as he understood that the order for wiring St. James' Church had practically been placed, and that two residents on the north side of Suffolk Square were likely to become customers ; and he suggested that the district bounded on the north by Montpellier Terrace, on the south by Suffolk Road, on the east by the Bath Road, and on the west by the west side of Suffolk Square is well adapted for supply by low pressure network, fed by a comparatively small number of street transformers, and could be easily dealt with on this system,

especially if the lots pressure is fixed at 200 volts, and that the work necessary for supplying St. James's Church would cost about £182 ; a larger part of the work which will be required ere long and which it would probably pay to do then comprising mains for low pressure supply along the north side of Suffolk Square, the whole of Suffolk Parade, and so much of Suffolk Road as lies between the Bath Road and Suffolk Parade would cost about £340. If the pressure of supply is made 100 volts these costs would be about £215 and £415 respectively. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Siemens Bros. & Co., for the Steam-Exciter, be accepted, the type of engine to be decided upon later on. That selection of a tender for the 170 B.H Engine be made later on. That the matter of the claim against the estate of the late Mr. Chapman be referred to the Town Clerk to deal with ; and That consideration of that part of the report dealing with the extension to Suffolk Square, and the increase of pressure to 200 volts, be adjourned to the next meeting.

7- Extension of Central Station—A tender from Messrs. Charles Malvern & Sons for the extension of the Central Electric Station, according to plan and specification, for 41,183, being the only one received, was opened. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

8—Accident to John Pugh—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Messrs. Thorne & Haslam, offering to accept the £20 offered by the Corporation, and £3 3s. for costs. Resolved, That the same be paid.

9— Standards for Bath Road Street Lamps —A tender from the St. Pancras Iron Co. for the Lamp Standards required for Bath Road Street Lighting, at £1 17s. 6d. each, was (inter alia) received. Resolved, That this tender, being the lowest, be received.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1896—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Dimmer, Lawrence and Parsonage. (Alderman Norman in the chair).

10---Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that the Tenders for the Steam Alternator had not yet arrived, so that he was unable to make any recommendation thereon. Resolved, That the Universal Engine be the engine for the Alternator, provided the Tender for same is approved at an adjourned meeting ; and the Belliss Engine for the Exciter, subject to the same condition. Resolved, That arrangements be made for lighting the Town Clock with the Electric Light, and that the Borough Surveyor and the Engineer prepare for the Street Lighting for a practical run early in October.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 30th day of July, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Dimmer and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

11-Additional Plant —With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 10 of the 27th inst., the Electrical Engineer having reported that Messrs. Siemens had stated their inability to conform to the specifications as to testing at the engine works if the Universal engine were accepted, and it appearing that there was a difference only of £5 in the two tenders in favour of the Universal engine,

he recommended that the tender for the Bellis engine with the alternator at £1,590 be accepted, and that the Universal engine be adopted for the exciter. Resolved, That this course be approved.

GEORGE NORMAN, Chairman.

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of July, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer, 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 £9,311 5s. 4d. leaving outstanding £7,607 9s. 7d.

2--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected £5,898 18s. 8d., leaving outstanding £4,324 18s. 1d.

3 -Loan of £10,000—A letter from the Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank to the Borough Accountant, stating that the rate of interest,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent., proposed to be given by the Corporation is so low that he was unable to advise his Directors to make the advances required, was read.

With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, correspondence with the Solicitors to the Bank of England, was read, and an offer from Lloyds Bank, Limited, to lend to the Corporation any sums required by them up to £100,000 at  $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. for one year certain was considered. Resolved, That the offer of the Bank of England being clogged with conditions that the Corporation cannot accede to, the offer of Lloyds Bank be accepted, subject after the expiration of six months to repayment on the expiration of six months' notice to be given on either side, and that £10,000 be now borrowed from them on account of the Electric Lighting Loan.

4—Corporation Advertisements—Resolved, To enquire of the Proprietors of all the local newspapers, at how much per inch of the columns of their respective papers they are each prepared to insert advertisements of the Corporation.

5-Water Loans—The Town Clerk read a circular letter which he had sent to holders of certain Corporation Water Debentures, informing them that the 10 years for which the money was lent to the Corporation expired on the 23rd inst., that money was now being offered to the Corporation at  $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent, and enquiring if they were willing to continue their respective loans at that rate of interest, and if not, what is the lowest rate of interest they were each prepared to accept, and for what term.

Letters were read from Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Brydges, on behalf of Dodson's Trustees, offering to continue their loan of £5,000 at  $2\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. From Mr. A. C. Mitchell, on behalf of himself and the Rev. E. G. Sellman, offering to continue their loan of £1,000 at 3 per cent. From Mr. Alfred Brunson, on behalf of Mr. James Walmsley, declining to accept a lower rate of interest than was then being paid on his loan of £500, and that he would prefer to receive six months notice of intention to pay it off, From General Cardew, one of the executors of his late brother-in-law, stating that he was not in favour of accepting a reduced rate of interest on their loan of £1,600, but he

would communicate with his co-executors. From Mr. E. C. Sewell, Cirencester, on behalf of the holders of a debenture for £600 offering to accept interest at 3 per cent. or to accept repayment of the principal in 6 months time. From Mrs. Southwood, declining to accept less than 3 per cent. on her debenture of £1,600, and requesting that the principal money with the quarter's interest might be forwarded at once to the Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank to place to her Executors' Deposit account, and from Rev. C. F. Garratt accepting notice of repayment of his loan of £3,000 in January next.

Resolved, That Notice of Repayment be given to all holders of Debentures who will not accept 2 ¼ per cent. interest, and that the Debentures for £1,600 due to Mrs. Southwood's Trustees be paid off.

6 ---Poor Rates on Recreation Grounds--Resolved, to appeal to the Assessment Committee against assessments to the Poor Rate being made on the Recreation Grounds.

7 —District Rate on Tivoli Gardens —A Letter from Mr. H. Moorman was read, calling attention to the fact that he was charged the full rate on his whole assessment of £36, whereas on £16 of it he ought to be charged only one-fourth in respect of land used for trade purposes, Resolved, To refer the matter to the Borough Accountant to deal with.

8 —Accounts —The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £4,913 4s. 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 was the General Statement:—

Overdrawn on the 30th day of June last	£ 422 15 1
Paid since that date	<u>£7,916 1 8</u>
	£8,338 16 9
Received since that date	<u>£11,090 18 11</u>
In hand	£ 2,752 2 2

EDWIN LAWRENCE,  
Chairman.

**TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Dighton and Feeny (Councillor Feeny in the chair)—  
1-Technical Education Grant—The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Treasurer had received from the County Council on account of this Grant the sum of £750. The applications on behalf of the Cheltenham P.S.A. Ambulance Society and the Home Arts and Industries Committee were considered. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to grant anything to this particular Ambulance Society in preference to others ; that £10 on account be granted to the Home Arts and Industries Committee ; and That the amount of the present Grant be divided as follows :—

Science Department of the Grammar School and School of Science	£375
School of Art ..	£165
School of Cookery..	£ 85

Public Library ..	£ 90
School of Art, Charlton Kings ..	£ 25
Home Arts and Industries ..	£ <u>10</u>
	£750

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council on the subject of the payment of the balance of the Grant.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of July, 1896--Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors Moles and Parsonage ; and Capt. Welch, R.N.(Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £6 14s. 11d. He also reported that there had been an increase in the issues from the Lending Library of 58 per day ; and an increase of 8 per day in the issues from the Reference Library as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

2 Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that the estimate of Mr. Reay, to paint and decorate the News Room in accordance with the specification of the Borough Surveyor, for the sum of £25, be accepted; and that his offer to do the Reference Library in a similar manner, for the further sum of £15 (if the work is done at the same time) and to take payment for the same in twelve months time, one year's interest at 5 per cent. being paid, be also accepted. Resolved, To adopt the recommendation of the Sub-Committee with reference to the painting and decoration of the News Room, to which the work this year be confined.

3-Iron Railing South-west Corner—A Tender was received from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall for the continuation of the present iron railing on the south-west corner of the Library, including cost of stone curbing and one coat of paint at £6 5s. Resolved, To accept same if Messrs. Marshall will include two coats of paint instead of one.

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

John J. Banks, books	£21 17 1
W. Jones, Wages Account	£19 10 0
Corporation Electric Works, supply of Current	£10 10 0
J. Banting & Son, books ..	£ 5 18 7
B. T. Batsford, books .	£ 1 10 0
S. E. Hodgson, books .. •••	£ 2 0 6
The British Record Society. Limited, books ••	£ 1 14 0
William Norton, books .	£ 0 9 3

E. B. WETHERED, Chairman.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1 -Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read from which it appeared that Duplicate Registers had been received from 45 schools, from which 822 names of absentee children had been extracted and all of which had been visited. They also reported that an Industrial School at Stockport had been found for the two boys Albert Averiss and William Hopkins on payment of 4s each per week which Lumb's Trustees were willing to pay.

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, viz.:— William Meddings, Arle, Walter Harris, No. 7, Whitehart Street, Rose Weeks, No. 84, Stanhope Street, Ellen Page, No. 55, Stanhope Street, Ann Lawrence, No. 10, Carlton Place, Fred Webb, No. 12, Swindon Place, Alice Surman (if reported again) William Smith, No 8, Union Street and Hubert Cooper, 48, Queen Street ; and that Attendance Orders be applied for in the following cases, viz. :— William Jackson, No. 78, Duke Street, and Aubrey Prothero, No. 19, Rosehill Street.

3—Attendance of Children—A Letter from Councillor Wheeler was read, bringing to the notice of the Committee the lamentable state of the attendance of children in the borough, and expressing a hope that the Attendance Officers would formulate some plan for more systematic visiting and reporting. Resolved, That in the absence of Mr. Wheeler, and the midsummer holidays being about to commence, consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

4--Attendance of Members of Local Committees—A Letter from Mr. Cook, of St. Luke's School, was read, stating that on the 24th ult. he attended the meeting of the South Ward School Attendance Local Committee when only one member was present. At the following meeting held on the 8th inst. not a single member of the Committee attended although several parents had been notified to attend to answer charges of irregularity of attendance of their children, and suggesting that as this is conducive of contempt of the whole machinery and a serious discouragement to the Attendance Officers, something should be done to reorganise the Sub-Committees with a view to electing members who would attend. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending preparation by the Attendance Officers of a list of the present members of the Local Committees.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**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 hold on Monday, the 7th day of September, 1896.



## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 31st day of August, 1896— Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz.: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne  
Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that at Messrs. Pitcher and Son's, Boot Makers, 154, High Street, three electric incandescent lamps had been put up in front of the shop window without the consent of the Council having been first obtained; and with reference to the resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, that the hooks in front of the shop of Messrs. Nelsons Limited, No. 415, High Street. had been removed. A letter from Mr. Robert Organ, on behalf of Messrs. Pitcher and Son, of date the 7th inst. applying for leave to erect three 50 c. p. Incandescent Electric Lamps on the outside of No. 154, High Street, 8 ft. or upwards above the pavement and projecting not more than 2 ft. from the shop front, was read; also one from Messrs. S. B. Dix & Co.. applying for leave to hang out three Incandescent Gas Lamps at their Bath Road Branch. and six at their North Street premises. Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. Organ and S. B. Dix & Co. be granted on the usual terms as to height, projection, and time to which the lamps must remain alight, if advertising lamps.

3-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the by the Highways Department from 25th July to 26th August, both inclusive, had been as follows:—  
Repaired with Glee Hill Stone—St. George's Road, 250 super yard.; Pittville Parade. 1344 super yards; St. Stephen's Road, 1204 super yards ; Sandfield Road, 3600 super yards ; Tewkesbury Road, 352 super yards ; Albion Street, 624 super yards ; Bennington Street, 460 super yards.

Patching—St. Luke's Road, Old Bath Road. Royal Well Place, Bayshill Road, Montpellier Street. Christ Church Road, Worcester Street, North Place, Rookery Lane, Sherborne Place, Winchcomb Street, Ambrose Street, Hewlett Street, St. George's Place, St. James' Square, Duke Street, Lansdown Place, Pittville Street, 140 Street, Promenade, Portland Street, Clarence Parade, Bath Road, Queen's Road

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Repaired with Wickwar Stone—St. Stephen's Road, 201 super yards.

Repaired with Local Stone—St. Stephen's Road, 1437 super yards.

Repaired with Old Stone—Witcombe Place, 1125 yards.

Paving, Crossing, Kerb and Channelling—High Street, Spa Buildings, Oriel Road, Rodney Terrace, Trinity Lane, Market Street, Hewlett Street, St. George's Place, Douro Road, Clarence Street, Painswick Road, St. Paul's Road, Sandford Road, Carlton Street, Hayward's Lane, Bath Road, Lansdown Crescent, Parabola Road, Queen's Circus, Grafton Road.

1464 feet of Kerb and 873 feet of Channelling had been refixed in St. Stephen's Road, London Road, and Bath Road, and 29 feet of new Kerb and 41 feet of new Channelling fixed in St. Stephen's Road.

In London Road 2300 feet, and in Bath Road 3950 feet of Concrete Slab Paving had been laid.

A new Asphalte Crossing had been laid in London Road, at the end of Hayward's Lane, and the Crossings in Sandford, Bath Road, and Oriel Road, repaired with Asphalte.

New Kerb and Channelling was being put down, and the Paving relaid in the road between "Eamont" and "Ashfield House" Bayshill.

Trees had been pruned in Cemetery Road.

Private Improvements—Overton Park Roads, St. Anne's Road (proceeding), and St. Stephen's Road.

Gullies rebuilt to replace defective ones—2 Market Street, 1 Sherborne Terrace, 1 Montpellier Terrace, 1 St. James' Place, (Andover Road), 1 Worcester Street, 1 Whaddon Lane, 1 Bloomsbury Street, 1 Courtenay Street, 1 Malvern Road.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads, 829. Consumed at Destructor, 893 tons, 19 cwt. .

1—College Laws Road-- A letter from Mr. G. W. Sadler, was read, giving notice that he intended to dispute the apportionment of the expenses of the private improvement works in this road, on the grounds that the work charged for was unnecessary, uncalled for, and not in character with the other similar roads in the district, and therefore, that the amount charged to him was excessive ; also from General McCallum, of Linden House, repudiating any liability on his part to bear any portion of the expenses of the private improvement works in this road, on the ground that Mr. Sadler was the person responsible for the repair of the road, as he had been paid a yearly road rate by himself and former owners for 30 years or more, to keep the road in repair, and also submitting that the apportionment of £14 7s. 10d. in respect of his property was excessive. Resolved. To inform General McCallum that the abutting owners are the persons who are liable to the Town Council for the cost of the private improvement works, and that the remedy of the abutting owners is against the person to whom the road rate is payable.

5-Approach Road to Paragon Parade—A letter from General Jones, was read, calling attention to the untidy state of the approach road to Paragon Parade, and suggesting that the opening in front of the centre of the row of houses should be closed by the railing being continued, a few trees planted, and the four old dilapidated pillars removed. Resolved, That General Jones be informed that the Committee entirely approve of his suggestion, but that it is one for the owners of the property to carry out themselves, but the Borough Surveyor has been authorised to afford them any assistance that they may require in preparing a plan of the improvement.

6-Trees in London Road—A letter from Mr. Edwin J. Cooke, on behalf of himself and other residents, was read, asking that the line of trees on either side of the High Street to that part of the London Road recently added to the Borough, from Hale's Road to Holy Apostles Church, should be continued. Resolved, That as soon as the proper time for planting arrives, the line of trees on the south side be continued along the London Road from Hale's Road to the Holy Apostles Church.

7-Damage to Trees in Primrose lawn--The Superintendent of Police reported that two boys, viz. :- George Hopkins, of No. 20, St. Paul's Parade, and William Edwards, of No 1, Dunalley Street, had been caught breaking the branches of trees in Primrose Lawn. Resolved, That the parents be written to inform them that if they will undertake to administer proper correction to the boys themselves, the Council will not consider it necessary to prosecute them.

8—Additions to front of No. 98, High Street—With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Hill was read, with which he enclosed a plan of the proposed addition to the frontage of No 98, High Street. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until Mr. Hill can satisfy the Committee that he has obtained the consent of the adjoining owners.

9--- Footpath South Side of High Street, opposite Ashling Villas - With reference to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th of April, 1895, and Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the amount of land which would be required from the abutting owners in order to carry into effect the suggested widening of this footpath.

10-Damage to Meat Cart of Eastman's Limited—A letter from Eastman's Limited was read, making a claim for £5 10s 0d. for damage alleged to be done to one of their meat carts through the horse in it being frightened by the Steam Roller, which they stated was started before the horse was well clear of it. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Eastman's Limited that they have not been correctly informed as to the facts of the case.

11-Lighting of Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That, as promised, two lamps, in addition to the two now there, be placed in Whaddon Lane at the positions indicated to the Borough Surveyor by the Committee.

12-Lighting of Central Depot—Resolved, To place two Electric Arc Lamps in the yard of the Central Depot at the positions indicated to the Borough Surveyor by the Committee, and also to light the office and, if necessary, the stables with Incandescent Electric Lamps.

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13- Obstructions in Leckhampton Road —With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th June last, the Committee being informed that Messrs. Barton Bros. had not removed the obstructions erected by them near the site of the old Tramway in Leckhampton Road, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to remove the obstructions.

14—Porch at No. 6, Andover Terrace—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th of June last, the Committee being informed that Miss Teakle had not complied with the requirement of the Committee to reduce the size of this Porch so as not to project beyond the line of the Verandahs, &c., in front of the remaining houses in Andover Terrace, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to remove the Porch.

15-Opening of Roads—With reference to the resolution of Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee replies he had received from a number of Local Authorities to a list of questions he had addressed to them, as to what regulations they had as to opening the roads in their respective districts. Resolved, That he be instructed to summarise the replies, and report thereon to the Committee.

16--Arc Lighting. Promenade and High Street--The Borough Surveyor submitted Plans showing the proposed positions of the lamp posts in the Promenade and High Street for the Electric Arc Lamps. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

17.--Building Line in Portland Street- -Resolved, That the building line on the West side of Portland Street be as follows, viz :—a straight line drawn from the corner of Warwick Villa to the front of the Masonic Hall -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
815	Mr. Barnett White	Two Houses in Naunton Park Road.
816	Gloucester Co-operative Society, Gloucester	Four Houses, Stabling and Van Shed in Market Street
817	Committee of the Cheltenham Training Colleges	Addition to St. Paul's Training College
818	C. M. Haward	Workshops at rear of No. 5 Paragon Buildings
819	Mrs. E. White	New Bath Room at No. 6 Malvern Place.
820	Committee of the Cheltenham Training Colleges	Additions to St Mary's Hall
821	Josiah Lane	New Sheds at Saw Mills, Swindon Road
822	William Rodway	Additions to Workshop at house next Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, Portland Street
823	J. Style	Cricket Pavilion in Battledown Approach Road
824	Charles Caines	Bay Window at No. 28, Moorend Crescent.
825	Executors of the late John Woore	Additions to No. 25, Montpellier Walk
826	Alfred Matthews	Two Houses in Hayward's Lane, London Road.
827	Samuel Adams	Bath Room and w.c. to No. 44, Montpellier Terrace
828	Slader & Sons	New Shop Front to premises in Bath Road, adjoining Vernon Place
829	Andrew Page	Two Villas in Gloucester Road near Rowanfield
830	Arthur Hill	Proposed new line of Frontage for No. 98, High Street
831	Capital & Counties Bank	Additions to Capital & Counties Bank, High Street
832	Slader & Sons	Additions to back of premises in Bath Road, abutting on Vernon Place
833	H. Dutton and T.	Bolton Alterations to Beaufort House, Montpellier Terrace
834	Walter Toms	Alterations to No. 1, St George's Parade

Resolved, That No. 816 be disapproved, the position of the main sewer not being shown. That No. 822 be approved, subject to the erection being set back to the line of frontage established by the Committee, as mentioned in the preceding Minute. That No. 825 be approved, subject to the sewer under the buildings being constructed of cast iron pipes and lead jointed, and to the approach to the cellar under the Rotunda being closed by a door to be fixed facially with the line of the building. That No. 830 be disapproved; and that No. 834, the alterations shown in which had been already carried out, be approved this time, but that Mr. Wall be informed, as this is not the first time he has proceeded with buildings before the plans have been approved by the Council, that the next time he offends in this respect the Council will not hesitate to exact the full penalty; and That the other plans specified be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Heath, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Electric Tramway—The Resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th June, referred back to the Committee by the Council as to the question of the route, was further considered. Resolved, That the route be from the Midland Station, along Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Bayshill Road, St. George's Parade, St George's Place, St. James' Parade, St. James' Square, Ambrose Street, St. George's Street, St. Margaret's Road to North Place, North Street to Gas Offices, Albion Street to Portland Street, Portland Street to Evesham House, thence to Prestbury Road, and along Prestbury Road to the Borough Boundary ; also that the gauge of the Tram lines be the standard gauge of 4 ft. 8 ½ ins.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 5th day of August, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered: Councillor Griffith, (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 of Diphtheria ; that the three cases of Scarlet Fever 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 of Scarlet Fever, and one of small pox.

2- Nuisance from Drains, &c.—No. 7, Rutland Street, Everton Cottage, Bath Road, and Nos. 29, 33, 34, and 35, Rose and Crown Passage—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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the section.

No 3, Spa 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 No. 3, Spa Buildings, 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.

3-Overcrowding at No. 13, Grove Street — 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 the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said Premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 23 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.

5-Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles ---- The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

6 -Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 9 & 11, Northfield Passage, and No. 7, Rutland Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleaned and limewashed.

7—Workshops requiring to be Cleansed and Limewashed—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 4 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, that the workshops of Messrs. Bick Bros., Montpellier Walk, and Messrs. Burns & Co., No. 21, Montpellier Street, were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to require limewashing and cleansing. Resolved, That Notices under the said Section be given to the respective owners and occupiers of the said workshops to limewash, cleanse and purify the same.

8—Wells at Nos. 122, 123, High Street, Regent Cottage, Regentville, and Nos 9, 10, 11, 13, 15 & 16, Granville Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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 these wells to be closed.

9--Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order— An application to be registered as a dairyman was received from Mr. G. H. Cook, No. 27, Great Norwood Street. Resolved, That the same be granted.

10-Water Supply to Houses on Gloucester Road, near Arle Court — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the chief owner of these houses wished to know what facilities the Corporation would give to supply the District round about these houses with water from the mains. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up an estimate of the cost of extending the main.

11-Smoke Nuisance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the boiler chimney of the Original Brewery emitted black smoke from 9-5 to 9-13 p.m. on July 30th, and that the furnace chimney also emitted black smoke for five minutes on August 1st, and on each occasion in such quantity as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be given to the owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance, and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

A letter from Messrs. Olive & Olive, Colonnade, was read, complaining that the smoke nuisance from the chimney of Messrs. Georges Limited, was as bad if not worse than when they complained before in November last. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to take particular notice of the condition of the smoke issuing at any time from this chimney, and report if he observes any black smoke being emitted.

12-Nuisance from Pigstyes—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received complaints of a nuisance arising from pig-styes at the back of Pittville Crescent, which required to be properly drained into the sewer. Resolved, That Notice be given to the occupier to abate the nuisance, and in default of compliance therewith, that proceedings under Sec. 47 of the Public Health Act be taken for the penalties, and to abate the nuisance in the manner provided by the said Section.

13-Inspectors' Holidays—Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to make the most convenient arrangements for a holiday for each Inspector.

14-Y M.C.A. and Y.W.C A. Mission—A letter from Mr. Ley Wood was read, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision to grant only £10 towards the expenses occasioned by the abandonment of this Mission, on the ground that the actual liabilities, in addition to £10 paid to the Missioner as compensation, amounted to £26 17s. Resolved, To increase the amount to be paid by the Council from £10 to £15.

15- Vaccination of Corporation Employees—With reference to Minute No 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd day of March last, an account from Dr. Hogarth, charging 2s 6d for each Employee of the Corporation vaccinated by him, was considered. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to see Dr. Hogarth, to inform him that it was the intention of the Committee that the vaccination should be done by him in his capacity as Public Vaccinator.

16-- Urinal back of Montpellier Terrace—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That the Borough

Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan of a urinal to be erected on the site proposed by Mr. Combe.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At Meeting' of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 26th day of August, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors-M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, and Moles (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, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Typhoid; that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever 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.

18-Houses without a Proper Water Supply, viz., Mill House, Lower Alstone, and Nos. 56 and 57, Sun Street—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 26th 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 Corporations Water Acts Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

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19--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at The Priory, Lansdown Road, No. 6, Princes Terrace, No. 21, Albert Street, St. Paul's, No. 3, Ells View Collages, Cottage behind No, 29, Hungerford Street, No. 22, Queen's Retreat, No. 13, Brunswick Street, No. 5, Swindon Terrace, No. 13, King Street, and Citizen Office, St. George's Place—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 houses 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, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

20-Overcrowding at Nos. 17 and 20, Fairfield Place—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, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said Premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

21--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 under Section 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.

22-Houses w:th)ut proper Asti Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

23-Wells at Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Swindon Terrace, Nos. 6, 26, 29, 30, 31, 34, 39, and 47, Granville Street, No. 47, Marle Hill Road, No. 13, Brunswick Street, No. 13, King Street, Cottage behind No. 29, Hungerford Street, and Portland Mews-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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, 1875, be taken to obtain Orders for these wells to be closed.

24-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

25-Insanitary Property, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Norwood Road, No. 10, Princes Terrace, and No. 58, Sun 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 Section 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 in accordance with specifications to be made.

26--Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-The Medical Officer of Health reported that a Cowkeeper at Oakley Farm, Battledown, Mr. John Cheketts, had for some time been carrying on business without being registered, and, having visited the premises, he recommended that he be registered. Resolved, To adopt the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health.

27-Defective Private Sewer behind Princes Terrace, Tivoli-The Medical Officer reported that the sewer receiving sewage from Nos. 9 to 17, Princes Terrace was in a very defective condition, and required to be relaid. Resolved, That pending the carrying out of the intended sewerage scheme No. 3, this sewer be rendered as effective as possible by cleansing and flushing.

28 --Vaccination of Corporation Employees- --With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had been unable to have an interview with Dr Hogarth as he had been out of town, but he had written to him on the subject. A letter from Dr. Hogarth in reply was read, Resolved, Though the Committee are of opinion that there has been no misunderstanding on their part, that as an act of concession the full amount claimed be paid.

29-Sewerage Loan-The Toss's Clerk reported that the contractors for carrying out the work of the No. 1 sewerage scheme had set up a claim for an increase of £5 per cent. on the Contract if the order to proceed with the work should be delayed beyond the 8th proximo, but that the sanction to the Loan had not yet been received from the Local Government Board. Resolved, That the Local Government Board be written to, informing them that the Council would assume the Loan would be sanctioned, and the order would be given to the Contractors to proceed with the work forthwith, unless on receipt of the letter the Board should telegraph that such a course might not be adopted,

in which event the Borough Surveyor be instructed to go to London as soon as possible to have a personal interview with the Chief Engineer of the Board on the matter.

30--Nuisance from Drain at Nos. 15 and 16, Tivoli Street- Correspondence between the Town Clerk and Mr. Badham, the owner of these houses, was read, the latter contending that as the drain received the drainage from two houses in the same ownership it was a sewer and consequently repairable by the Council. Resolved. To leave the matter in the hands of the Town Clerk to deal with.

31--- Smoke Nuisance from Pottery near Delancey Hospital-A letter from Dr. Wilson, on behalf of the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital, was read, complaining of a nuisance caused by dense and poisonous smoke issuing from some new Pottery Works which had been opened across the road to the N.E. of the Delancey Hospital, which if not abated would render the treatment of Diphtheria cases in the new block quite impossible with the wind from the N.E. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending investigation by the Inspector.

32-Well at Hill View, Gloucester Road-A letter from Mr. A. H. Taylor, the owner of this property, was read, stating that the water this Well was only used for garden purposes, and requesting that it 'night be allowed to remain open for this purpose,

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and stating that if the Corporation water main should be extended in that direction he would be glad to have the Corporation water laid on to the property. Resolved, To adjourn the matter for further consideration.

33—Barn Farm—A letter from Mr. Corbett, tenant of the Barn Farm, was read, expressing disappointment that the Committee had not visited the farm, and requesting the Committee to pay an early visit. Resolved, To comply with Mr. Corbett's request at an early date

34—Sewage Farms—A report of the Borough Surveyor on the disposal of the sewage at the Sewage Farms was read. Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned pending the preparation by the Borough Surveyor of some further additions to the report.

35—Urinal at Beehive Inn, back of Montpellier Terrace—The Borough Surveyor brought up a plan of the proposed Urinal to adjoin the premises of the Beehive Inn at the back of Montpellier Terrace, the cost of which he estimated at £90. Resolved, To refer the same to the Street and Highway Committee with an expression of opinion from this Committee that the necessity for its provision is not sufficient to justify the cost.

36—Holiday of Medical Officer of health—Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be given permission to take his usual annual holiday, and that it be left to him to arrange with the Chairman for a Medical man to look after his work during his absence.

37—Abandonment of Cheltenham Athletic Society Sports—A letter from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, was read, with which he enclosed an account of the expenses incurred by the Society in preparation for the Easter Monday Sports, which had been abandoned at the request of the Committee, amounting to £46 19s. 3d. Resolved, To refer the account to the Finance Committee to deal with.

38—Small Pox Epidemic -Resolved, That an honorarium of 50 guineas, with the thanks of the Council, be presented to the Medical Officer of Health in recognition of his zeal and success in protecting the health of the town during the recent epidemic of Small Pox at Gloucester.

39—Building Plans---The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That so far as the drainage is concerned the same be approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 13th day of August, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Dimmer, Heath, and Lawrence (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Kursaal acid Municipal Buildings—With reference to the resolutions to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That the Chairman be requested with the Borough Surveyor to see Mr. Robson, the Architect now engaged upon the new buildings at the Ladies' College, to ascertain whether he would undertake the work referred to in the said resolution, and, if he will do so upon terms not exceeding a commission of 5 per cent. inclusive of taking out the quantities, if necessary, to instruct him to proceed with the preparation of the Plans.

2--Exhibition of Plans for Competition - Resolved, That the Plans sent in for the recent competition be publicly exhibited.

3-Montpellier Gardens—Messrs. Wilder & Sons having applied for permission to give an exhibition of Fireworks in the Montpellier Gardens, on the Wednesday in Cricket Week, Resolved. That the application be granted.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 24th day of August, 1896 — Present: The Mayor; Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, and Skillicorne. (Councillor Heath in the chair);—

4— Shed, &c., South side of Montpellier Gardens—A memorial from H. A. Dutton and 18 other residents in Montpellier Terrace was read, drawing the attention of the Committee to the unsightly wooden structure standing close to the railing on the South side of Montpellier Gardens, and suggesting its removal Resolved, That the sides of the Shelter and the Closets be removed,

5----Town Committee—A letter from Mr. G. H. Williams forwarding a copy of the balance sheet of this Committee for the last year, from which it appeared that there was a deficit of £67 13s. 7d., and hoping that the Improvement Committee would recommend a liberal grant this year towards helping them to reduce the deficiency and towards meeting the current year's expenses. Resolved,

That Mr. Williams be requested to furnish the Committee with information as to what work has been carried out by his Committee during the past year, and that consideration of his application for a grant be adjourned pending the receipt of such information.

6---Band at Pittville Gardens on Sundays—A letter from Mr. J. Hall, Secretary of the Town Band, was read, applying for permission for the Town Band to give Sacred Concerts in Pittville Gardens every other Sunday commencing on Sunday next. Resolved, To authorise the Band Sub-Committee to grant such permission as they may think fit.

7- -Electric Lighting—Letters from Messrs. Taylor and Field. Consulting Electrical Engineers, 14, Victoria Street, Westminster, were read, enquiring if they could be of service in the matter of Electric Lighting or power in connection with the contemplated alterations at the Winter Gardens.

8 --Cheltenham Fine Art Gallery—A letter from Mr. A. Whitcombe was read, offering to place this gallery at the disposal of the Corporation, free of cost, for the purpose of exhibiting any pictures, designs, or works of art connected with the town during times when he is not holding any special exhibitions himself. Resolved, That the Committee very much appreciate Mr. Whitcombe's kind offer.

9—Kursaal—The Chairman reported with reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, that he had seen Mr. Robson who had agreed to carry out the work required on the terms offered by the Committee, and he had accordingly authorised him to proceed at once with the preparation of the Plans and Elevations.

A letter from Mr Robson was read, confirming the report of the Chairman, and agreeing to do the work on the terms offered by the Committee, but stating that it was a case in which it would be best for the builders to take out their own quantities in their own way, and that it is contrary to the usage of London Architects to take out quantities.

A letter from the Baron de Ferrieres to the Mayor criticising the proposed scheme for a Kursaal and Municipal Buildings, and offering suggestions, was read. Resolved, To refer the same to Mr. Robson, the appointed Architect, for his consideration.

Exhibition of Plans for Competition—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, Resolved, That these Plans be on exhibition to the Public at the Assembly Rooms for one week from Monday next between the hours of eleven and one in the morning, and three and five in the afternoon each day.

10—Police at Montpellier and Pittville Gardens on Sundays—Resolved, to call the attention of the Superintendent of the Police to the irregularity of the attendance of the Police at Montpellier and Pittville Gardens on Sundays, and to request that a sufficient number of Constables to maintain order may be sent to these gardens on Sundays.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

## **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 27th day of August, 1896-Present: The Mayor; Councillors L. Davies and Dimmer (The Mayor in the chair)-

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

2--Borough Engineer's Report -The Borough Engineer reported that-" On the 26th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 59 gallons; the average for the last four years being 65 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 4,959,365 gallons."

" On the 26th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 16 feet 1 inch and the contents 30,631,769 gallons, which gave a total of 35,591,132 gallons or about 48 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, &c., which was about 274,549 gallons."

He reported that a Stoker in the employment of the M. & S. W. Junction Railway Co. wishing one day to close the valve in the Company's Service pipe, closed the main valve on the Tewkesbury pumping main stopping the pump at Tewkesbury, and, except in so far as there was a supply in the pipes, the supply to the consumers along the line, including the Electric Supply Station, was stopped. The pumping station at Tewkesbury being on the Telephone Exchange, he recommended that the one at Sandford Mead be also connected. That the Filters and Tank at Dowdeswell were finished and were in regular use, That the residuum lodge had been cleared and was then filling, and the pipes at the ford leading into Dowdeswell wood were being laid. That during the month 8,671,000 gallons had been pumped from Tewkesbury to assist the town supply. That the eight-inch main in Bath Road had been laid, and all the hydrants connected directly to the main. That terms on the usual scale had been quoted to Mr. Butt, of Arle Court, for an extension of the main to his cottages at Grovefield, and he anticipated an order to proceed. That for some time past a large proportion of the water in the Chelt had been impounded and taken for irrigation purposes by one of the riparian owners, and during the last week the whole quantity was taken most days.

Resolved, That the Telephone be laid on from the Sandford Mead pumping station to the Exchange ; that the Town Clerk do write to the M. & S. \V. Junction Railway Co., calling their attention to the serious risk, inconvenience, and damage caused by their servant interfering with the valve of the water main, there having been a very narrow escape from serious injury to the machinery at Tewkesbury and to the main itself, and to request them to give instructions that in future note of their employees are to interfere in any way with the mains, but that if it should be necessary to cut off the water at any time, the Waterworks Department should be communicated with ; and that the Town Clerk be instructed to report upon the legality of the abstraction by the riparian owners of water from the Chelt for irrigation purposes.

3--Dowdeswell Reservoir Fishing Rights-With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Col Beale Browne was read, stating that he much objected to the paragraph of the resolution commencing " that the Committee consider," &c., and complaining that the caretaker had interfered with his son shooting rabbits. Resolved, To inform Col. Beale Browne that the caretaker has been instructed that he must not

interfere with him or his family in the exercise of their lawful rights, which the Council desire to strictly observe.

4-Water Trough, London Road -A letter from Capt. Ryves. Secretary of the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A., was read, applying to the Council, as the undertakers of the water supply in the district, to grant a supply of water, free of charge, for a cattle trough, which the Society proposed to have placed near the Duke of York Inn on the London Road. Resolved, That the application be granted, the cost of connection with the main to be borne by the Society.

5--Water Supply to isolation Hospital-A letter from Mr. Badham, Clerk to the Rural District Council of Tewkesbury, was read, with which he enclosed draft agreement for the supply of water to the proposed Isolation Hospital at Tewkesbury. Resolved, To leave it in the hands of the Town Clerk to settle the agreement.

6- Fire hydrants at Prestbury and Pittville-With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of June last, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council was read, asking if the Corporation would give permission to the Council to fix the Hydrants; also, one from the Clerk to the Prestbury Parish Council, that they did not see their way clear to take any action in the matter of providing fire hydrants in Pittville. Resolved, To inform the Clerk to the Rural District Council that the Corporation cannot give permission to the Council to fix the hydrants, but that the Corporation will do so for them at a charge of £6 per cent. per annum on the cost of laying down, providing, and fixing, and an annual payment of 1s- in respect of the maintenance of each plug.

7-Midland Railway, Ashchurch--Water Supply-Letters from Messrs. Beale & Co., Solicitors to the Midland Railway Co., were read, requesting to be furnished with a detailed statement showing the amount claimed to be due to the Corporation from the Company, and stating that they would take the matter up with the Tewkesbury Corporation.

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

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of August, 1896—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Heath, and Lawrence (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1--Swine Fever—Superintendent McRae reported that on the 6th instant a suspected case of Swine Fever broke out on the premises of Mr. John Lloyd, jun., Allans Field, Shurdington Road; also on the 4th instant a suspected case had broken out on the premises of Mr. E. Jordan in the occupation of Mr. Charles Woolen, at Maud's Elm Allotments, and that the Swine Fever Order had been in every way complied with.

2-- Report of Superintendent of Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out as follows, viz.:—

On July 26th to an alarm at No. 13, St. Paul's Street, South, occupied by Mr. Thos. Turberfield; damage, none. This call being sent by the Police he enclosed the account of expenses—£2 17s. 6d.

On July 26th also, to a Fire at Nos. 8 and 9, Henrietta Street, occupied by Mr. J. N. Bellamy, Furniture Broker, and Mr. Guppy, Tailor; damage, £400; cause unknown. These buildings were uninsured, and the contents partly. The account of extinction expenses, £6 16s. 6d., he had sent to the offices interested.

On the 27th July to a Fire at Lower Alstone Mill, Messrs. Ride and Co's. Grain Stores; damage, £500; cause not apparent. The buildings and contents were insured in the phoenix Fire office, to which he had sent the account of extinguishing expenses, amounting to £10 12s. 0d.

As regarded the unpaid extinguishing expenses mentioned in his last report, he had since received the sum promised on account of Dorset Mews Fire March 7th, viz., £10 9s. 0d. ; and, also 7s. 2d. on account of Westal Buildings Fire, May 9th, leaving the sum of £1 1s. 1d., then unpaid, instead of £1 8s 3d. as shewn.

The amount awarded on account of 78, High Street Fire, £2 10s. 0d., he had not as yet received, and a sum of £10 1s. 6d. was then due to the firemen for last half year, which he had been unable to obtain from the Insurance Offices.

A letter from the Royal Insurance Co. was read. stating that as the occupant of No. 3, Mitre Street was not insured they considered he ought to pay the moiety which they had not paid of the expenses of turning out the Brigade to the fire at those premises, as if he had been insured his Office would have had to pay them. Resolved, That the £10 19s. 6d, due to the firemen be paid, and that further application be made to the Offices with a view to recovering the amount from them, and that application be made to the occupant of No. 3, Mitre Street for payment of the moiety of the expenses of extinguishing the fire at those premises remaining unpaid.

3- Driver's License Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License was received from William Plaisted, No. 2, Bloomsbury Street. Resolved, That the same be granted.

4--Hackney Carriage Licenses —Applications were received from G. H. Fowles, of Lansdown Mews, for permission to use another carriage (a Victoria) in place of No. 79, for three weeks, while it was being painted; from John Morgan. of No. 28, Mount Pleasant, calling attention to his application of the 19th of May last, for a pony carriage license, and forwarding a copy of an application made by him on the 9th June, 1891, since which, he stated, several licenses had been granted; from Newman Gibbard, of 61, Duke Street, for consideration of his application for a Hackney Carriage License ; from Josiah Jones, of Clarence Mews, stating he had purchased a Landau for Licence No. 56 in lieu of the one rejected at the inspection, also that he had purchased a Victoria, and requesting permission, if necessary, to use it for a short time if he sends the other in for a little " rectifying process " ; and from C. Piff. of High Street, stating he had agreed to purchase the whole of .Mr. Albert Smith's business at No. 1, Swindon Street, providing the Carriage Licenses would be transferred to him, and asking that this might be done. Resolved. To grant the application of Mr. Fowles; that Mr. Morgan be informed that as other names are in front of him on the list his application cannot be granted;

that Mr. Gibbard he informed that as his name is first on the list he will be granted a license when a vacancy occurs; that consideration of the application of Mr. Jones be adjourned pending approval of the carriages; and that the application of Mr Piff be refused.

5-Annoyance from noise from Engine Shed, G.W. Railway —A memorial from Mr. E. H. Parsonage and 29 other residents on Bayshill, was read, complaining of the annoyance caused by the blowing off of steam, and unnecessary whistling of the engines on the G.W. Railway when entering and leaving the Engine Shed, and trusting that the Council would make such representations to the Directors of the Company as would lead to a permanent improvement. Resolved, That the memorial be sent on to the Directors of the Company by the Borough Surveyor, with a letter from him pointing out the danger to the bridge should the shed take fire.

6-- Corporation Clocks—A letter from Mr. Holder, was read, accepting the same terms as last year for winding and keeping in ordinary repair, for the current year, the clocks of the Corporation.

7-Weighing of Coal at Central Depot under the Weights & Measures Act, 1889 — A letter from Mr. D. Stangoe, Inspector of weights and measures, was read, applying for permission to have coal re-weighed, under the provisions of Sec. 27 of the Act, at the Weighing Machine in the yard at the Central Depot. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to payment of the ordinary fees.

8 Telephone Poles —With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the Finance Committee. of the 30th of June last, the Boroughs Surveyor reported that the number of Telephone wire supports in public roads and upon Corporation property was 78, and that they were in the following places:— 1 in the Cattle Market, 1 in the Abattoir; 6 in the Montpellier Gardens; 1 in the Central Depot; 1 upon Maud's Elm; 10 in the Swindon Road, between Maud's Elm and the Borough Boundary 8 in the Gloucester Road, between the Lansdown

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Castle and the Midland Railway Station; 42 in the Gloucester Road, between the Lansdown Castle and the Borough Boundary; 7 between the Midland Railway Station and St. George's Road; 1 in the Lane adjoining the Central Depot ; and that there were also 19 poles in the streets belonging to the General Post Office.

9— Infant Life Protection Act—A letter from the Town Clerk to the Home Office was read, stating that the Council would probably wish to appoint the Superintendent of Police the Inspector under this Act. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the suggestion until the return of the Town Clerk.

10--Cheltenham Order, 1896—A notice from the Local Government Board was read, of the confirmation by Parliament of this Order as amended in red ink in the accompanying print of the order, and that the title of the confirming Act was "The Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 20) Act, 1896."

11—Allotments—The Chairman reported that Mr. Skillicorne had informed hint that he was willing to let to the Corporation some of his land in the East Ward for Allotments at £7 an acre. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending the receipt from Mr. Skillicorne of more precise information as to the situation of the land referred to, and the length of term upon which he would let it,



12—Borough Surveyor's Holiday —The Borough Surveyor applied for leave of absence between the conclusion of the present sittings of the Committees and the commencement of the sittings next month. Resolved, That the same be granted.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 31st day of August, 1896 — Present: Councillors Dighton, Moles, and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of bathers up to and including the 27th inst. was 16,569. Fees received, £151 6s. 8d.

2--International Quoit Match—Letters from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Quoit Club were read, asking for the exclusive use of a portion of Barrett's Mill ground for Saturday, September 5th, for a Quoit Match which had been arranged between teams of players representing England and Wales respectively, and to be allowed to charge an admission fee. Resolved, To grant to the Cheltenham Quoit Club the exclusive use of the whole of the Barrett's Mill Ground for Friday and Saturday, September the 4th and 5th, they being responsible for any damage, and that they be permitted to charge a fee for admission during the progress of the match.

3—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter from Mr. John Reade, on behalf of the Cheltenham Town Association Football Club, was read, asking permission for the Club to play football on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoons for about hours. Resolved, To grant the application.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

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#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday., the 28th day of August, 1896 — Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors M. Davis, Moles, Waghorne, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Land adjoining Cemetery--With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from the Secretary of State was read, stating that his sanction is required for letting of land belonging to the Cheltenham Burial Board, and pointing out that Sec. 17 of 18 and 19 Vict. cap. 128 requires that the tenancy should be determinable at any time on the expiration of a six months' notice, and that subject to an alteration of the draft agreement embodying the proviso required by the statute, Sir Matthew Ridley approves of the proposed letting.

2--Burying Grounds in the Borough—With reference to the second resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th of June last, a letter from the Local Government Board

was read, stating that their concurrence was not required to the resolution of this Committee regulating the burials in existing Burying Grounds in the Borough.

3—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved—Headstones to Joseph Nicholls and Hannah Nicholls, Elizabeth Hobson, Joseph Owen, Mary Lea, John Hill Nicholson, and Annie Brickwell.

4-Superintendent of Cemetery -Applications for the appointment of Superintendent and Sexton at the Cemetery (38 in number), received in answer to the advertisement, were considered by the Committee, and 22 of them rejected as being manifestly unsuitable. Resolved, That a list of the remaining 16, giving particulars of the ages, condition, family, occupation, and testimonials of the applicants, be furnished to each member of the Committee, and that a Special Meeting of the Committee, with a view to recommending two or three of the most suitable for the Council to choose from, be held on Friday afternoon, the 18th proximo, at 3 30 o'clock.

5—Accounts—

The following Accounts were examined and allowed:—

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages ..	£21 8 0
Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges, Prestbury Tithe Rent Charge ..	£ 5 18 1
The Town Improvement Committee, Plants from Pittville ..	£ 4 0 0
Pates & Co., Coal ..	£ 1 8 4
Wm. Holder, Repairs to Clock	£ 1 7 6
J. Fisher, Shears and Scythes	£ 0 15 6

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of August, 1896— Present: Alderman Norman Councillors Dimmer and Lawrence (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 Corporation Testing Station.

1896.

July 29th 15.83 candles

Date. Test at Corporation Testing Station.

1896.

July 29-30 10.21

Grains per 100 cubic feet

2-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month 4.2753 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Book -The Lamp Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished—one metered and two unmetered, one burning dimly.

4-Guildhall Lamp, Regent Street—The Gas Company not having charged for this Lamp upon the same terms as the Guildhall Lamps in the Promenade as requested, Resolved, To inform the Gas Company that if they are unable to comply with the request, the Council must ask them to remove the Lamp.

5-Electric Inspector's Report—The report of the Electric Inspector on the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month was as follows :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
July 29th	100 Volts	101.75 Volts

6— Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported—That it was necessary to provide a second water storage tank of capacity equal to that of the tank already fixed, and suggested that—in view of the very serious consequences possibly contingent on want of water at the Electric Works—the Water Committee be requested to consider the advisability of connecting the Sandford Mead Pumping Station with the Telephone Exchange, so as the Electric Works could be advised whenever there is likely to be a temporary cessation of the water supply.

That the order for wiring Cambray Chapel had been placed, and the Chapel authorities were extremely anxious to have Electric energy available as early as possible ; hence, with the Chairman's authority, he had ordered the cable necessary for laying a suitable low pressure distributing main along Cambray Place at a cost of £54 0s. 0d.

That Mr. A. Nash, of 269, High Street, had made application for supply of Electric energy to one of his shops, and that he had addressed a letter in reference to his application requesting to be supplied with current without delay, and that the cost of the necessary works to do this would be about £130; and he recommended that in the next application for a loan provision be made for complying with Mr. Nash's application.

That during the past few months there had been an extremely short supply of circulating water for the condenser in consequence of the suction well yielding very little and the Chelt level having been very low.

As a temporary measure, he recommended clearing the Chelt channel between the two bridges at the back of the Destructor, and the construction of a new and higher dam immediately above the lower of these two bridges.

That a Feed Water Filter, which was necessary, he recommended should be obtained at a cost not exceeding £100.

That he recommended insurance of the economiser for a sum of £500 at an annual premium of 35s, and that the new boiler be insured on the same terms as the two now working at the Station in the Boiler Insurance and Steam Power Co., Ltd.

That he recommended the purchase of a bicycle for the Electric Works.

That in view of the works already authorized and also those therein recommended and required in the immediate future (as per schedule attached), he recommended that application at once be made for sanction to raise a new loan of £2150.

SCHEDULE.

Extension to Suffolk Square (authorized) ..	£380 0 0
"    Dr. Pruen	£ 50 0 0
"    Mr. Bloodworth	£180 0 0
"    Cambray	£105 0 0
"    Mr. Nash	£130 0 0
Cable for Stock ..	£200 0 0
Bicycle .. .	£ 10 0 0
Tools, &c.	£100 0 0
Alterations to Sewer at Electric Works ..	£200 0 0
Filters, Water Storage Tanks and Cooling Pool.. ...	£250 0 0
Cost of substituting Arches for Pillars in Promenade and for side Lighting .	£355 0 0
Contingencies ... ..	<u>£190 0 0</u>
	£2,150 0 0

Resolved, That the report be approved, and the recommendations and suggestions contained therein be adopted; and that Mr. Nash be informed that application will be at once made for a loan to include the expenses of making the necessary, extension to comply with his application.

7-Report of the Borough Surveyor—The Borough Surveyor reported that in consequence of the Foundations of the Engine House Extension at the Electric Station interfering with an existing sewer (24" in diameter) from Tewkesbury Road, it would be necessary to divert it at a cost, in addition to the contract, of about £200.

He submitted plans showing two alternative arrangements for lighting the Promenade and High Street with Arc Lamps, one

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requiring 56 lamps and the other 62; also a design for suspending the lamps in the Promenade by means of pairs of Pillars, 37 feet high, of steel tube with ornamental cast iron base, and a chain or wire rope at any desired height between 16 ft. and 22 ft., the cost of which would be about £25 per lamp; and that eleven lamps would be required in the Promenade if ordinary lighting was adopted.

Resolved, That the necessary diversion of the sewer be carried out ; and that for a commencement the number of Arc Lamps for the Promenade and High Street be 58, to be fixed in the positions settled upon by the Committee and shown on the plans, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a pattern of the Arch Pillars for the Promenade

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew 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 1st instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £13,784 15s. 4d., leaving outstanding £3,133 19s. 7d.

2 Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected £7,999 11s. 4d., leaving outstanding £2,224 5s. 5d.

3- Rate Collector—The Rate Collector informed the Committee that Mr. Thomas Cross, of Gloucester, one of his sureties, had recently died, and he proposed in his place the name of Mr. George Tovey, of Westbourne Villa, St. Mark's, Cheltenham, Surveyor. Resolved, That Mr. Tovey be accepted as one of the sureties for the Rate Collector, and that the Town Clerk do what is necessary in the matter.

4 -Corporation Advertisements —With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of the Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk laid before the Committee the replies he had received, as follows :—

" Looker-On," single column, 3s per inch ; double column, 5s per inch per insertion.

" Chronicle " and " Echo," 2s 6d per inch per insertion.

" Citizen," 2s 6d per inch for 1 insertion

" Citizen," 3s 6d per inch for 2 insertions

" Citizen," 4s 6d per inch for 3 insertions

" Citizen," 5s per inch for 4 insertions

" Citizen," 6s per inch for 5 or 6 insertions

" Mercury," 2s per inch per insertion

5-Water Loans—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. E. C. Sewell (on behalf of himself and Messrs. T. J. Cottle and H. C. Newmarch), stating that they did not wish to continue the Loan of £600 at 2 ¼ per cent., and that they would accept repayment according to notice given. Letters were also read from Mr. James Walmsley, Mr. A. C. Mitchell (on behalf of himself and the Rev. E. G. Sellman), and Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges (for Messrs. Brydges and Dodson), to the same effect as Mr. Sewell's letter in respect of loans of £500, £1000, and £5000 respectively.

6-Assessment of Cricket and Lawn Tennis Grounds to General District Rate—The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with the Town Clerk of Oxford, from which it appeared that the Corporation Assessment Committees at Oxford and Cambridge had resolved to assess all cricket and lawn tennis grounds and all land other than land used as arable, meadow or pasture ground only to the District Rate on the full rateable value as not being entitled to the deduction of 75 per cent. under Sec. 211 S.S. 1 (b) of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved, That in ulnae all land not used as

arable, meadow or pasture ground only and not otherwise conning within s. s. 1 (b) of Sec. 211 he assessed to the General District Rate on the full rateable value of such land.

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7—Accounts — The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £10,253 9s. 1d. 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 was the General Statement:—

In hand on the 28th of July last	£2,752 2 2
Received since that date	<u>£7,690 12 1</u>
	£10,442 14 3
Paid since that date	<u>£5,384 0 7</u>
In hand ....	£5,058 13 8

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of August, 1896 — Present: Councillors LI. Davies, and Moles; and Capt. Welch, R.N. (Councillor LI. Davies in the chair)—

1--Chairman--In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor LI Davies was appointed Chairman at this meeting. Librarians Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £7 13s. 5d. He also reported that increases in the issues per day, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, were :—Reference Library 3, and Lending Library 22 ; and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz :—

	Volumes	Pamphlets
Trustees of the British Museum	1	3
F. H. Cliffe	1	
E. LI. Davies	2	
Irish Unionist Alliance	1	
Sir Brook Kay	3	
E. E. Williams	1	
Institution of Civil Engineers	1	

Annual Reports from the Libraries at St. Giles, Folkestone, Lewisham, Ayr, Kensington, Chester, Hammersmith and Dewsbury.

3— Sub- Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that the Librarian be authorized to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association at Buxton, on September 1st to the 4th. Resolved, To approve and adopt the recommendation.

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

R. E. & C. Marshall (2nd instalment of Electric Light Installation)	£15 6 0	
W. Jones, Wages Account	£15 12 0	
John J. Banks, books	£14 4 3	
Ditto ditto	£ 8 1 5	
Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank, Cheltenham (books)	£ 1 0 0	
The British Record Society, Limited (Books)..	£ 0 15 0	
The London Supply Co. (Cleaning Materials)	£ 0 3 6	

E. LL. DAVIES,  
Chairman.

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#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of September, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors LI. Davies and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

1 —Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that Duplicate Registers had been received from 29 schools, from which 301 names of absentee children had been extracted, 269 of whom had been visited, leaving a balance to visit of 32

2--- Local Committees—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a list of members of the local Committees, which had been prepared by the Chief Attendance Officer, was revised. A letter from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths was read, proposing that Mr. George Tovey, of Westbourne, St. Mark's, should be appointed a member of the North Ward Local Committee in the place of the late Mr. Nicholson, and stating that Mr. Tovey was prepared to accept the office Resolved, That the South and Middle Ward Committee be asked to recommend two more residents who would be willing to act as members of that Committee ; that Mr. Tovey be appointed a member of the North Ward Committee with the thanks of this Committee ; that the North Ward Committee be asked to recommend two or more residents who would be willing to act as members of that Committee, this Committee suggesting that Mr. Sawyer might be willing to do so, and that it be ascertained if Mr. Clifford Nash would be willing to serve as a member of the East Ward Committee.

3- -Attendance of Children With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the letter from Councillor Wheeler, on the subject of the bad attendance at school of the children in the Borough, also one from Mr. Clifford Nash on the same subject, were considered. Resolved, That further assistance be obtained in connection with the work of the School Attendance Officers at a cost not exceeding £40 per annum.

RICHARD ROGERS,  
Chairman.

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## **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 5th day of October, 1896.

### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1896 — Present: Alderman Haddon Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Feeney, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2--Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that at the back of No. 11, Royal Parade Mr. F. Haslam had put up a Sign Board projecting over the footpath. Letters from Mr. R. Organ were read, applying for leave to erect three Incandescent Electric Lamps of 50 candle power each, suspended outside Mr. E. J. Couzens' shop, No. 385, High Street, 8 feet above the pavement and projecting not more than 2 ft. from the shop front; also for leave to fix one Incandescent Electric Lamp outside Mr. T. W. Stephens' shop, No. 84, Winchcomb Street, 8 feet above the pavement and protecting not more than 2 feet. A letter from Mr. F. Gordon Allen, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham and West of England Canary Breeders' Association was read, stating that the Annual Show of the Association was to be held in the Fine Art Rooms on the 18th and 19th of November, and asking permission to hang a banner across the street. Resolved, That Mr. Haslam be required to remove his sign board; that the applications of Mr. Organ be granted on the usual conditions, and that the application of Mr. Gordon Allen be granted subject to the Banner being not less than 30 feet above the roadway.

3 --Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 29th August to 25th September, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Regent Street (proceeding)

Patching—St. Margaret's Road, Promenade, Hatherley Road, High Street, Clarence Street, St. James' Square, Bayshill Road, Montpellier Street, Hale's Road, Queen's Road, Albion Street, Hewlett Street, Carlton Street, College Road, Winchcomb Street, St. Paul's Road, Lansdown Parade, All Saints Road, Oriel Road, Gloucester Road, St. Philip's Terrace, Royal Well Place, Millbrook Street, Portland Street, Evesham Road, Sandford Road, Prestbury Road, Townsend Street, Bath Road, Great Norwood Street, Henrietta Street, Dunalley Street, Suffolk Square.

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Wickwar Stone—Swindon Road (Proceeding).

Local Stone—Edward Street 570 super yards; Road by Eamont, Bayshill Road, 666 super yards.

During the gale of Friday and Saturday, seven trees were blown down in the streets, and had been removed.



Paving, Crossing, Kerbing, and Channelling—Grafton Road, Road by " Eamont " Bayshill, Witcombe Place, Ambrose Street. Parabola Road, Brunswick Street, Albion Street, Clarence Street, Promenade, High Street.

Private Improvements— Overton Park, Fairfield Road and St. Stephen's Road (all proceeding).

Gullies rebuilt to replace defective ones—1 Witcombe Place, 1 Grove Street, 1 Overton Park, 1 Sherborne Street.

The Contracts for Coal, Fodder, and Manure, expire on the 29th September.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads collected 674. Consumed at Destructor, 734 tons 14 cwt.

Resolved, That Tenders be advertised for the Manure made at the Central Depot during the ensuing twelve months, and for a twelve months' supply of Coal and Fodder.

4—Scavenging, &c., Sydenham Road South—A letter from Mr. R. J. Webb, of Harborne, Sydenham Road, South, was read, complaining of the want of scavenging, &c., in Sydenham Road, South. Resolved, To inform Mr. Webb that instructions have been given to have the road properly scavenged.

5—Road at Back of Royal Parade- --A letter from Mr. C. S. Holliday was read, enquiring if this road had been declared a Highway. Resolved, To declare this road a Highway for the whole length, and that Mr. Holliday be so informed.

6—All Saints' Alley ---A letter from Mr. Thos. Gibbons was read, calling the attention of the Committee to the bad state of repair of the Alley running from Pittville Circus Road to the South West end of Whaddon Lane, and to the want of a gully to carry off the surface water. Resolved, That the existing tariff be removed and asphalte substituted, without prejudice to the right of the Corporation to require the abutting owners to pave and channel at any future time, and also to inform Mr. Gibbons that the question of providing a gully is one for the owners of the road.

7—College Lawn Road—A letter from Mr. Sadler was read, stating that he had recently expended, under an order of the Council, £113 19s. 5d. on the half of this road next the College playground, and submitting that as he had no beneficial occupation of the strip of land running the full length of the road on the West boundary thereof such expenditure was one of great hardship to him, and requesting the Council under Sec. 110 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 (which Section he suggested was intended to meet cases of this kind) to relieve him of half the amount under the very trying circumstances. Resolved. That upon his consenting to the road being declared a highway', a fourth part of the amount paid by Mr. Sadler be allowed to him.

S—Urinal Back of Montpellier Terrace—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 35 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee at their meeting of date the 26th of August last, referred to this Committee, that the necessity for the provision of the urinal is not sufficient to justify the estimated cost of ego. Resolved, That the said Resolution be concurred in.

9 --Electric Tramway—A letter from Mr. Lumley, on behalf of Mr Nevins, was read, raising objection to a clause in the agreement prepared by the Town Clerk that the Provisional Order to be obtained under the Light Railways Act, should contain a clause of the same character as Sec. 43 of the

Tramways Act, empowering the Corporation to purchase the undertaking at the end of a specified period; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply that he understood Mr. Nevins' objection was not so much to the time limit as to the basis upon which, under Sec. 43, the purchase is to be made, and that the Council consider there should be a clause enabling the Corporation to purchase at such time and at such a fair price (having regard to the circumstances existing at the time of the purchase) as may be agreed upon. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved; also that if a 4 foot 8 ½ inch gauge is made use of instead of a 3-ft. 6-in gauge, provision must be made prohibiting the conveyance of Goods Traffic through the Borough between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.; but the Council prefer that a 3 foot 6-inch gauge should be adopted.

10—Trees in front of Easton Grey, the Park—A letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis, Solicitor, on behalf of Mrs. Birch, was read, requesting that the Chestnut trees in front of Easton Grey might be cut back. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the trees lopped.

11—Trees in London Road —With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, referred back from the Council, Resolved, That trees be planted on the North side of the road from Hale's Road to Hayward's Road at a distance of 20 yards apart.

12 —Claim by Mr. C. B. Dale—A Letter from Mr. R. E. Steel, Solicitor, was read behalf of Mr. G. B. Dale, Timber Merchant of Leckhampton, claiming compensation for serious injuries alleged to have been sustained by him by his being precipitated in a most violent manner by reason of certain timber, &c., being left by the Corporation servants in Edward Street, Leckhampton in an unprotected position on the pavement on the night of Saturday, the 12th of September, to which, as alleged, no guard lights were placed. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk to deal with.

13-Additions to Front of No. 98, High Street—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr Hill was read, asking the Council to reconsider his application for permission to bring forward the shop front of No. 98, High Street, as the consent or non-consent of the owners or occupiers of the adjoining properties is a smatter concerning him and them, and not the Council. Resolved, That the Council adhere to their former resolution.

14—Lighting of Exmouth Street, Francis Street, Naunton Crescent. and Commercial Street— Resolved, That an additional Lamp be fixed in each of the above-mentioned streets, at the positions indicated to the Borough Surveyor by the Committee.

15-Footpath North side of Albion Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put this footpath in a proper state of repair.

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16-Glenfall Street and Back of Glenfall Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up specifications of the works required to be done in these streets by the abutting owners, to put the same in a proper state of repair.

17-Appointment of Private Improvement Expenses—Leighton Road —The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the Private Improvement Works in this street amounted to £411 1s. 7d.,

which he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice hereof, and of demand, be served on the owners.

18-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.
835	Mrs. Woodman	New House in Gloucester Road.
836	H. A. Dutton	Alterations to Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road.
837	Messrs. Dutton & Boulton	Alterations of portion of Riding School, Montpellier Spa Road.
838	G. E. Chick	House in Leckhampton Lane, near Post Office.
839	G. H. Mills	Two Houses in Gloucester Road.

Resolved, That No. 837 be approved subject to the other entrance across the footpath being done away with, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,  
Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 9th day of September, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Griffith, and Moles (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, six cases of Scarlet Fever, and one of Enteric Fever; that five cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and the one of Enteric Fever into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was eleven.

2—House without a Proper Water Supply, viz., No. 6, Magenta Place, St. Luke's—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 or owners, requiring him, her or them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3—Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 15, 16, 21 & 24, Queen's Retreat, and No. 15, Albion Parade—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 of Nuisances to

open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

4—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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.

5--Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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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6—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 4, Magenta Place, St. Luke's—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 was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner or owners under the said Section requiring the house to be cleansed and limewashed.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—An application to be registered as a purveyor of milk was received from T. A. Martin, Western Coffee Tavern, Manchester Street. Resolved, That the same be granted.

8—Defective Drainage at Nos. 1 and 2, Tivoli Inn Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the drains at these cottages were blocked and defective, and were in such a state as to be a nuisance, and as they required immediate attention notice was served upon the owner under Sec. 9 of the Public Health Act, to abate the nuisance. Resolved, That this proceeding be approved and confirmed.

9 - Drainage in the Lansdown Road—A letter was read from Mr. Samuel Long, the owner of six houses in the Lansdown road, suggesting that a sewer should be put in in the road.

10—Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a sketch of an enclosure for burning pigs in, estimated to cost about £30. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting.

11—Staff in Health Department—Resolved, That the salary of Mr. Hudson, the Chief Inspector, viz. £150, be increased to £170, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board; and that a gratuity of £10 be given to Sub-Inspector Jones in recognition of his services during the recent epidemic of small pox at Gloucester.

12-Sewerage Loan—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that until the Board can be satisfied that the riparian owners of property along the Chelt below the town have formally

consented to the execution of the proposed works the Board will not be in a position to proceed further with the application of the Town Council.

J. C. GRIFFITH,  
Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, 1896—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair,)—

13 --Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria; that the 9 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 17.

14—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 9, St. Philip's Street, Dunalley Cottage, No. 318, High Street, No. 16, Bennington Street, No. 2, Cottage Place, Paragon Dairy, Bath Road, and the Charity Organisation Office, Clarence Parade.—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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

5—Overcrowding at No. 9, King Street Gardens.— 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, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said Premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6--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 under Section 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.

17-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

18-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 31, Rose and Crown Passage, No.9, St. Philip's Street, No. 7, Bloomsbury Street, and House at back of No. 47, Sherborne Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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19—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order— Applications to be registered as Dairy men were received from Charles Herbert Newth, of 317, High Street, and Joseph H. Wiggall, of Holly Cottage, New Street. Resolved, That the application of Mr. Wiggall be granted, and that the application of Mr. Newth be granted when he has complied with the notice which has been served on him to carry out certain requirements to put the premises in a proper condition.

20—Workshops requiring to be Cleansed and Limewashed at No. 16, North Place, No. 6, Great Norwood Street, Swiss Cottage, Portland Street, and No. 21, Victoria Place.— The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 4 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, that the Workshops at the places above-mentioned were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to require limewashing and cleansing. Resolved, That Notices under the said section be given to the respective owners and occupiers of the said Workshops to limewash, cleanse, and purify the same.

21—Insanitary and Defective Houses—No. 9, Philip's Street, No. 31, Rose and Crown Passage, No. 4, Bon Marche Buildings, and No. 58, Sun Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses above-mentioned 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 respective owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

22 —Sanitary Requirements at Tivoli Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Luce, the owner of Tivoli cottages, on whom notice was served to re-drain and amend the condition of the cottages, yard, &c. informed him that he intended to close the cottages. Resolved, To inform Mr. Luce that the work required by the notice served upon him must be carried out, unless the cottages are removed altogether.

23—Sewer to Tivoli Cottages -A letter from Mr. Luce, was read, calling upon the Corporation to provide a sewer in the public street in which his cottages are situated, into which his drainage could be carried. Resolved, To inform Mr. Luce that as his cottages are within 100 feet of the sewer in Tivoli street, he must drain them into that sewer at his own expense; also Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 23 of the Public Health Act be served upon him to make a proper covered drain from the cottages emptying into the said sewer.

24—Smoke Nuisance at the Original Brewery—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 5th of August last, a letter from Mr. J. S. Ballard, on behalf of the Company, was read, stating that three of their furnaces were shortly to be re-constructed, the plans having already been accepted by the Directors. Resolved, That the proceedings authorised be delayed, the Council relying upon the Company to lose no time in effecting the necessary alterations.

25 --Burning Shed for Pigs at Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of a Burning Shed for Pigs at the Abattoir, the cost of which he estimated at £40. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the shed be built in accordance with the plan.

26—Heyden Farm Insurance—Resolved, That the new Shedding at Heyden Farm be included in the Insurance Policy, No. 1,780,206 in the Phoenix Fire Office, and that the amount to be covered thereby be increased by £300 in respect of the said shedding.

27—Sewerage Scheme No. 1—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of drainage into the Chelt for storm water at the Upper Alstone Mill to satisfy and meet the objections of the Local Government Board, at an estimated additional cost of £5,500. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that application be made for sanction to an increased loan accordingly.

28—Sewerage Tank and Outfalls—A report from the Borough Surveyor on this subject was read, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

29—Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That, so far as the drainage is concerned, the same be approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH,  
Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 21st day of September, 1896—Present: Councillors Dimmer, Griffith, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Kursaal and Municipal Buildings—A letter from Mr. Robson was read, stating that in his opinion the idea of the Borough Surveyor was an entirely suitable one, and in point of economical and practical fitness it holds the field the more certainly the more it is considered.

The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans which had been prepared by Mr. Robson in pencil to indicate how he proposed to adopt and alter on the lines indicated by the said scheme the present building and add others for Municipal Offices and the Kursaal, also a plan of the elevation; and the same were discussed and certain modifications suggested.

2—Kursaal Competition—A letter from Mr. H. W. Wills, one of the competitors, was read, finding fault with the Council for not having employed one of the competitors, and requesting the Council to fulfil the expectation of every competitor by placing any work to be done in the hands of some one of them.

3—Band—A letter from Messrs. Boyce & Waite was read, asking for assistance from the Council to support their band, and suggesting a guarantee of £1 per man per week, with liberty for them to

accept their usual engagements. Resolved, That the Council is not in a position at present to make any arrangement for a Town Band

4—Telephone Poles in Montpellier and Winter Gardens —A letter from the Local Manager of the National Telephone Company, Limited, was read, asking permission to erect four poles across the Winter Garden at the back, and four poles across Montpellier Garden, also at the back. Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the request.

WILLIAM HEATH,  
Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 24th day of September, 1896— Present Alderman Wethered; Councillors Dimmer and Lenthall (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1— Borough Engineer's Report —The Borough Engineer reported that—" On the 24th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 54 gallons per minute; the average for the last four years being 57 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 5,515,313 gallons."

" On the 21st inst. the depths of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 14 feet 5 inches and the contents 25,389,132 gallons, which gave a total of 30,904,445 gallons or about 36 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 213,112 gallons."

He also reported that Mr. R. R. Skemp had written to him on the 3rd inst requesting him to take away the meter from a house in the Lansdown Road which Mr. Skemp had been building, Mr. Skemp having himself previously disconnected and removed the meter contrary to the regulations. Also that the mains were being extended to The Park and Naunton crescent in connection with the relaying scheme for the South Ward. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Skemp to point out to him the serious nature of the offence, and to enquire if he has any reason to give why proceedings should not be taken against him to enforce the penalty which he had incurred.

2-Water Gauge at Boddington—A letter from Mr. F. Treasure, solicitor for Mr. E. W. Cooke, of Slad Mill, Boddington, was read, complaining on behalf of his client that, owing to the water gauge which had been fixed at Boddington, he had sustained damage by the water in the stream being thrown back against his mill wheel, and thereby preventing him from using the regular amount of power he had been accustomed to use, and stating that his client would seek to recover from the Corporation the damage he has and was likely to sustain by the fixing of the gauge; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply informing Mr. Treasure that the gauge had been fixed in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, and at the express request of Mr. Gibbons, and that it was entirely a matter for his consideration. Also a letter from Mr. Gibbons declining to admit that such was the case, but that he was anxious to do anything he could towards a satisfactory arrangement of the matter, and the Borough Surveyor reported the result of an interview he had had with Mr. Gibbons. Resolved, That the gauge be altered as suggested to Mr. Gibbons and agreed to by him.



3—Water Pillar at and of East End Lane, Charlton Kings—A letter from the Deputy Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council was read, stating that he had been instructed by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council to ask the Town Council to fix a water pillar on the London Road at the end of East End Lane. Resolved, To comply with the request upon the terms of the existing agreement.

4—Connection of Sandford Mead Pumping Station with the Telephone Exchange—A letter from the local Manager to the National Telephone Co., Limited, was read, stating that the charge for this connection would be £7 13s. per annum. Resolved, That the Company be requested to make the connection accordingly.

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 22nd day of September, 1896—Present: Councillors Feeney, Griffith, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Report of Superintendent of tile Fire Brigade --The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out on the 7th inst. by a false alarm. The book of the Superintendent showing the expenses incurred for extinguishing fires was gone through, and the account thereof amounting to 16s. 8d. passed for payment by the Council.

2-- Periodical Inspection of Brigade and Fire Drill—A letter from Messrs. Merryweather & Sons, Limited, was read, calling attention to their system of periodical Fire Inspection and Drill, and offering to arrange for one of their representatives to visit the Brigade station when in the district, charging merely out of pocket expenses.

1—Drivers' Licenses---Applications for Drivers' Licenses were received from Frederick Hunt, of No. 40, Tivoli Street; William Wigett, of No. 30, Fairview Street; Howard Hunt, of No. 40, Tivoli Street; and Arthur Jackson, of No. 12, St. James's Place, Painswick Road. Resolved, That the same be granted.

William Jackson, of 27, Swindon Place, and John Elvis, of Providence Square, appeared to make personal application for permission to take up Drivers' Licenses which had not been taken up by them at the last licensing meeting. Resolved, That the Chairman be empowered to grant the applications, if satisfied with their recommendations.

4 — Wheel Chair License—An application for a wheel chair license was received from George Stevens, of No. 23, All Saints' Road, but as he did not appear to support it, Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned.

5--Charles Arter —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 Byelaws within twelve months. Hackney Carriage Licenses— With reference to the resolution to the third paragraph of Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of June last, a letter from C. W. Greenslade, was read, stating that he did not want a license for a Landau, and would prefer that his name should remain on the list for the first vacancy for a pony carriage. A letter from Josiah Jones, junr., of the Clarence Mews, was read, renewing an application which had been previously made by him for a license for a Hansom Cab. Resolved, That Greenslade's name be allowed to remain first on the list for a Pony Carriage license, and that the license for the Landau be offered to Newman Gibbard, the second on the list, and that Jones be informed that his application cannot be granted, there being several others before him on the list.

7—Belle Vue Shelter—A letter from Mrs. Bannerman, was read, submitting that if the Council take possession of this Shelter and keep it where it now is, they ought to purchase it, and that if they do not do so, it ought to be handed over to Mr. Spreadbury till another site is agreed upon. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mrs. Bannerman to inform her why the Shelter was removed, and that every care would be taken of it so that it will be in good condition to be used for its original purpose as soon as a convenient site has been fixed upon.

8-Infant Life Protection Act — With reference to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, To appoint Supt. McRae the Inspector under this Act.

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9—Allotments, East Ward—A letter from Mr. Sawyer, of Glevum Lodge, Battledown Approach, was read, stating that Mr. Skillicorne had some land in Whaddon Lane which he was willing to let to the Corporation for Allotments at £7 per acre, which the Applicants for the Allotments considered suitable, and that it might be let to them at a rent not exceeding 16s per chain, and thanking the Council for the steps being taken to endeavour to provide Allotments for the Ward. Also a letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., solicitors for Mr. Skillicorne, stating that the land which he offered to let consists of two fields at the end of Whaddon Lane, containing together about ten acres, which the Corporation could have for 15 years at the annual rent of £7 an acre, the lease to be prepared at the expense of the Corporation, and the turf on the pasture field to be dug in by the tenants. Resolved, That consideration of the offer be adjourned pending a view by the Committee, and that Messrs. Bubb & Co. be requested to furnish a plan showing the situation, &c. of the fields referred to, and that Mr. Sawyer be asked to inform the Council how many persons are ready to become tenants of the Allotments, and to what extent.

10—Riot (Damages) Act, 1886—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee, of the 21st of April last, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council was read, with

which he forwarded a statement showing the proportion payable by the Borough of Cheltenham of the sum of £178 2s., paid by the Gloucestershire County Council under the above Act, in respect of the riot at Oakridge, near Stroud, in January last, amounting to £21 12s. 7d. Resolved, That the same be paid subject to the apportionment being found correct.

11—Petroleum Licenses — Applications for renewal of 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. Albert Lusty, 16, Albert street, St. Paul's, 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.

FREDERICK FEENEY,  
Chairman.

#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 28th day of September, 1896—Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Cypher 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 23rd inst., 18,910. Fees received, £170 5s. 4d.

Resolved, That the Bath be closed on the 10th proximo, and that Mr. Hart, the Caretaker, be accorded a fortnight's leave for a holiday after the closing and completion of the usual cleaning up.

2-Stand and Shelter at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide ventilation under the floor of the Shelter, and to have the Stand painted; also to have the fence on the South side of the ground repaired.

3 —Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Shelter painted; that a Bicycle Track be formed in this ground, and that the Borough Surveyor do bring up a Plan and Estimate of the cost of forming the same.

F. F. WHEELER,  
Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 18th day of September, 1896 — Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors M. Davis, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Superintendent and Sexton of the Cemetery—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Committee again considered the 16 applications remaining. Resolved. That the following candidates be selected and recommended to the Council for them to choose from, viz.,

Walter W. Crowther,	25, Selkirk Street, Cheltenham,	43 years.
William Juggins,	8, St. George's Terrace, Cheltenham,	49 years.
George C. Pratley,	21, All Saints' Terrace, Cheltenham,	55 years.

E. H. PARSONAGE;  
Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Friday, the 25th day of September, 1896—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors 31 Davis, Moles, and Parsonage, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

2-Superintendent-A Letter from Mr. Gregory was read tendering his thanks to the Committee for the courteous treatment he had received during the 18 years he had been Superintendent of the Cemetery.

3-Designs—The following designs were examined and approved—Headstones to Elizabeth Box and Florence Box, Fanny Kunz, Elizabeth Moore Bartlett, Samuel Bartlett, Charles Phillippis, Kezia Ann Williams, Mary Harriett Barber, George West Frazer and Joshua Lane.

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

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages ..	£4 16 0
R. E. & C. Marshall (repairing key) ..	£0 6 0

E. H. PARSONAGE,  
Chairman.

#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of September, 1896— Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Dimmer, Parsonage, Lawrence, and Ward-Humphreys (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 Corporation Testing Station.	Date.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.
1896.		1896.	
12th	15.83 candles	12th-13th	8.86 Grains per 100 cubic ft.
17th	15.32 "	28th-29th	9.85 " "
21st	16.05 "		
29th	16 06 "		

2-Gas Inspector's Report-The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month was 4.262 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Book-The Lamp Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished-three metered and five unmetered, and one burning dimly.

4-Guildhall Lamp, Regent Street-With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, stating that the Company would be pleased to comply with the Council's application during the continuance of the present arrangement with regard to the Guildhall Lamps in the Promenade and High Street.

5-Lighting of Hewlett Road--A letter from Mr. J. D. Taylor, of Castlemaine, Hewlett Road, was read, pleading for more light for that end of the road, suggesting another lamp near Beaconsfield and another one further on the opposite side. Resolved, To refer the letter to the Street and Highway Committee with an expression of opinion of this Committee that an additional lamp should be placed in the Hewlett Road.

6 --Lighting of Exmouth Street, Francis Street, Naunton Crescent, and Commercial Street-With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To concur in the resolution that an additional lamp be fixed in each of the above-mentioned streets at the positions fixed upon by the Street and Highway Committee.

7-Electrical Engineer's Report-The Electrical Engineer reported that good progress continued to be made with the works and mains extensions -the Suffolk Square and Cambray extensions being complete, and a large part of the arc lighting mains laid; that the High Street extension was well in hand, and that the remaining arc light mains were being laid; that he expected that the new steam-alternator would be ready for work within a few days ; that Mr. Herbert had applied for a service to the Imperial Rooms, and that this could best be given from a low pressure cable to be laid along the road behind the Promenade ornamental garden at a cost of about £50. He suggested that the cottage of the Highways' Foreman should be wired at the same time as the remainder of the Depot, in order to make a complete job with greatest ultimate economy. Resolved, That the report be approved and adopted, and that the service to the Imperial Rooms be laid down as suggested.

5-Electric Inspector's Report-The report of the Electrical Inspector on the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month was as follows

#### LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street,
12th	100 Volts	102 Volts
17th	"	101.75 "
21st	"	102.25 "
29th	"	100.66 "

9 Lighting near Norwood Arms-Resolved, That an Electric Arc Lamp be placed in the open space near the Norwood Arms in continuation of the lighting in the Bath Road already ordered.

10- Sub-Station, Suffolk Road-A letter from Mr. Davies of No. 1, Suffolk Road, was read, complaining that this Sub-station had been constructed partly on his premises, but consenting to allow it to remain if his rights are unimpaired, and if the Corporation would be responsible for any damage caused by its proximity to his house, and asking in consideration to be allowed to extend his premises to the line of the building frontage of the rest of the houses in Suffolk Parade, if he should wish to do so at any future time ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply that the Council would consider it as understood that the work done at the corner of the pavement by his house was without prejudice to any legal rights he might have in the pavement and soil at the corner. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that the request to be allowed to extend the premises be referred to the Street and Highway Committee to deal with.

11 -Electric Lamp Pillars for the Promenade-Tenders for 20 Electric Lamp Pillars, as per design, for the Promenade were received as follows

Messrs. Hardy & Padmore, Worcester Foundry, fitted with plain ...wrought iron tubes, £12 17s 6d. each, delivered at Cheltenham.

Messrs. Andrew Handyside & Co., Ltd., Britannia Iron Works, Derby, £18 15s. 0d. each, with tubes, delivered at Cheltenham.

Mc.Dowall Steven & Co., Ltd., Milton Iron Works, Glasgow, £11 15, 0d. each, without tubes, delivered at Cheltenham.

In each case the pattern to be supplied by the Corporation.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Hardy & Padmore be accepted, subject to the pattern now on view in the Hall of the Municipal Offices being approved by the Council, and to the tube, &c., in the upper part of it being approved by the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,  
Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of September, 1896—Present: Councillors Dimmer, 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 tot instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £15,318 15s. 4d., leaving outstanding £1,599 19s. 7d.

2--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2gth inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected £8,532 15s. 8d., leaving outstanding £1,833 0s. 5d.

3—Loans—A letter from Messrs. Helliwell & Powell was read, stating that they would allow their loan of £200 to remain at 2 ¼ per cent.

4—Rating Appeals—A letter from Mr R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Guardians, was read, stating that the Assessment Committee had reduced the Corporation Properties as follows:-

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground	£10 gross value.
Naunton Park	£5 “
Winter Garden	£150 “
Pittville Park	Unaltered.
Montpellier Gardens	Ditto

Resolved, That having regard to the decision in the case of the London County Council v. Lambeth Churchwardens and Overseers, the Council consider that the Recreation Grounds should not be rated at all, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take such proceedings as may be necessary to appeal against the decision of the Assessment Committee in this respect ; but that as regards the Winter Garden, Pittville Park, and Montpellier Gardens, the decision of the Assessment Committee be submitted to.

A letter from Messrs. Beale & Co., Solicitors to the Midland Railway Company, was read, stating that they understood it would be necessary to respite their Appeal at the ensuing Sessions, and presuming that the Council would consent. The Committee, however, being informed that an agreement had been come to with the Poor Assessment Committee as to the rating of the property of the Company. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Beale & Co. that as the Poor Rate Assessment is the basis for the General District Rate, the only question to be settled with the Council is the division of the property to be rated at the full annual value and at one-fourth.

5—Private Improvement Works— Sydenham Roads --A letter from General Thomson, of Underwood, was read, asking that the payment of £85 0s. 7d. charged to him on account of the Private Improvement Works to the roads on which his house abuts might be deferred for some time. Resolved, To allow the payment to stand over till the 1st of next March, the amount to be then paid with 5 per cent. interest.

6 - Loan from Lloyds Bank—The Town Clerk reported that the loan of £10,000 by Lloyds Bank had been made; but that Messrs. Wragge & Co., the Solicitors to the Bank, had charged £15 15s. 0d. for their costs in the matter, but that on future loans they would only charge a fee for the actual perusal of the Debentures and advising the advance. Resolved, That on that understanding the amount now charged be paid.

7-- Replacement Loan--The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a list of Loans that had been paid off or were about to be paid off. Resolved, That application be made to Lloyds Bank to advance a further sum of £5,900 upon the same terms as the £10,000 borrowed from them was lent, to replace the amounts so paid or about to be paid,

8--Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £14,463 17s. 8d. 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 was the General Statement:-

In hand on the 1st September	£ 5,058 13 8
Received since that date	<u>£13,112 6 2</u>
	£18,170 19 10
Paid since that date	£ <u>9,133 7 11</u>
In hand	£ 9,037 11 11

EDWIN LAWRENCE,  
Chairman.

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#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of September, 1896 —Present: Councillors Moles, Parsonage and Skillicorne; The Baron de Ferrieres and Mr. Neale (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Chairman--In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2 —Librarians Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £7 12s. 5d. He also reported that there had been an increase of 28 per day in the issues from the Lending Library, and a decrease of 7 from the Reference Library, as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

3—Sub-Committee—Councillor Parsonage reported that there had been no meeting of the Sub-Committee owing to failure to obtain a quorum.

4—Picture of Sherborne Spa—The Librarian laid before the Committee an aquatint picture of the old Sherborne Spa which Mr. Whitcombe had for sale at 25s. Resolved, That the same be purchased as an addition to the collection presented by the Baron de Ferrieres.

5 —Lectures at the Grammar School--Resolved, That application be made to the Technical Education Committee for a grant of £10 out of the money they have in hand to cover the expense of Popular Lectures proposed to be given at the Grammar School setting forth the advantages to be derived from Public Libraries.



6—Library Catalogues- -The Librarian reported that all the Is. copies of the Catalogue had been sold. Resolved, That the remaining copies be sold at the same price.

7- Purchase of Books—Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to expend for the Lending Library and £50 on account of the Buchanan Bequest for the Reference Library in the purchase of books.

8-Gloucester Journal -A Letter from Messrs Chance & Bland, proprietors of the Gloucester journal, was read offering to supply the Gloucester journal gratuitously for the reading room. Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Chance & Bland be accepted, with the thanks of the Committee.

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

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M. H. Reay (Painting and Decoration) ..	£27 0 0
W. Jones (Wages Account)	£19 15 0
Ditto (Expenses attending Conference of Library Association at Buxton)	£ 5 5 0
J. W. Pink (Books) ..	£ 1 8 6
A. Whitcombe (Framed Picture of Sherborne Spa) ..	£ 1 5 0
A. Wakefield (Furniture and Fittings)..	£ 1 7 6

E. H. PARSONAGE,  
Chairman.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Monday, the 14th day of September, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Wethered; Councillors Cypher and Wheeler (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Attendance Officers—The Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee, of date the 2nd inst. (which had been approved by the Council on the 7th inst.) was considered. Mr. Irving, Assistant Attendance Officer, having intimated his willingness to accept the position of third Attendance Officer, at a salary of £60 per annum, he to devote the whole of his time to his duties as such Officer, and sufficient time being given him to enable him to give proper notice of resignation of the post of Attendance Officer to the Charlton Kings School Board. Resolved, That Mr. Irving be appointed accordingly.

2--Illegal Employment of Children—The Town Clerk reported that, having received information that a boy named Edward Godsell was illegally employed at Messrs. R. W. & J. Jackson's, 91, Winchcomb Street, and that a boy named Ernest Lockey was so employed at Messrs. W. H. Smith & Sons' bookstall at the G.W. Railway Station, he had caused the Officers to make enquiries and had ascertained that the boys named had been employed as stated, and were not entitled to be. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the employers in question.

3—Local Committees—The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Mr. Clifford E. F. Nash was willing to serve on the East Ward Local Committee, and that General Stanley Clarke had intimated his willingness to serve on the Central Ward Local Committee if appointed thereon. Resolved, That Mr. Nash be appointed a member of the East Ward Local Committee and General Stanley Clarke a member of the Central Ward Local Committee, with the thanks of this Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of September, 1896—Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors Moles, Parsonage and Wheeler (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

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

5—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 44 schools, from which 1200 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited

6—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, viz. : Henry Loveridge, Selina White, and Frank Constance ; and that proceedings for breach of Attendance Order be taken against the parent of William Hopkins, with a view to the latter being sent to an Industrial School.

7—Illegal Employment of Children—With reference to the resolution to Minute No 2. of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Town Clerk reported that proceedings had been taken as instructed, and that Messrs. Jackson were fined 10s and 9s costs, and Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son's Manager 10s and 7s costs.

8—Blind and Deaf Children Act—A letter from Miss B. Roberts, Assistant Secretary to the Charity Organization Society, was read, asking on behalf of the Committee of the Society that the Council would, under the provisions of the Blind and Deaf Children Act, 1893, defray the cost of maintenance and education of a boy named John Blackwell, aged 5 years, who was almost blind and unable to read the ordinary school books used by children. Resolved, To inform Miss Roberts that the Council must be satisfied that the child is a blind child within the meaning of the Act.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

## **Borough of Cheltenham**

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 9th day of November, 1896.

### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 19th day of October, 1896—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Feeney, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2-Paragon Parade--A letter from Mrs. E. S. Collett, the owner of Nos. 4 and 6, Paragon Parade, was read, stating that she had been informed that there was some intention of improvements being made in front of Paragon Parade, and that it was quite impossible for her to incur any expense whatever as her houses had been vacant for some years.

3--Trinity School Lane--A letter from the Rev. P. Waller, was read, calling attention to the bad condition of the pavement and roadway in Trinity School Lane. Resolved, That the pavement be repaired.

4-Flagging and Paving in the Borough—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to keep 4 men constantly employed in repairing and renewing flagging and paving.

5-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 26th September to 16th October, both inclusive, had been as follows, viz.:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Regent Street, 2,901 super yards; Lansdown Place, (proceeding); Regent Street, (Asphalte) 287 super yards.

Patching—High Street, Queen's Circus, Old Bath Road, Back of Lansdown Place, Gloucester Road, Sandford Street, Clarence Street, Lansdown Terrace, Montpellier Street, Rodney Road, Royal Well Lane, Oriel Road, Malvern Road, Swindon Road, Cleveland Street, Hales Road, Townsend Street, St. George's Road, Worcester Street, Granville Street, Lansdown Crescent, Sun Street.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling--Albion Street, Lansdown Crescent, Montpellier Street, High Street, Grafton Road, London Road, St. George's Road, Devonshire Street, (Asphalte) 109 super yards.

Concrete Paving has been put down in Lansdown Place, opposite Lansdown Hotel, 1,380 super feet; also in London Road by Raymond Terrace.

Private Improvements—St. Anne's Road, Overton Park and Fairfield Road both proceeding, St. Stephen's Road footpath finished.

Gullies rebuilt to replace defective ones-1 Wellington Grove, 1 Bath Road, 1 Regent Street, 1 Overton Park, 2 Rowanfield Road, 1 Priory Terrace. Ashes Collected--528 Van Loads. Consumed at Destructor, 615 tons 3 qrs.

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6-Naunton Lane—A Memorial from Mrs. St. Clair Ford and other residents in the neighbourhood was read, calling attention to the neglected and dilapidated condition of Naunton Lane, from Thirlestaine Road to the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, and requesting the Committee to pay a visit of inspection on a wet day. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending an inspection by the Committee.

7— Footpath in Pittville Street ---A letter from Mr. J. W. Pink was read, calling attention to the bad state of the footpath in front of his and adjoining premises in Pittville Street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Pink that the matter shall receive attention in due course.

8 —Prismatic Pavement Lights--A letter from Messrs. Price and Parker was read, asking permission to put in 2 Hayward's Prismatic fixed Pavement Lights in the pavement in front of No. 387. High Street, to light the cellars underneath. Resolved, That as it is contrary to the practice of the Council to permit lights to be put in the pavement where openings do not already exist, the application cannot be acceded to.

9—Frontage of No. 1, Suffolk Road—A letter from Mr. C. J. Davies, the owner of these premises, was read, requesting in consideration of his allowing the transformer chamber for the Electric Light, which had been placed partly under the footpath belonging to his premises, to remain, to be permitted to bring forward the frontage thereof to the level of the building line of the rest of the houses in Suffolk Parade, if he should wish to do so at any future time. Resolved, That on a plan of the proposed alteration being sent in, the Committee will pay a visit of inspection and then consider the application.

10-Lighting of Hewlett Road—Letters from Mr. J. D. Taylor, of Castlemaine, Hewlett Road, were read, asking for more light in the Hewlett Road, and suggesting that additional lamps should be placed, one near Beaconsfield and another between that and the one further on, but on the opposite side, and also complaining of the one at the corner at the junction with Pittville Circus Road, which he stated had been out already five times that month up to the 23rd of September, and had been out several times since. Resolved, To recommend the Lighting Committee to grant an additional lamp to be fixed midway between the two lamps mentioned, but on the opposite side of the road, and that copies of Mr. Taylor's letters be sent to the Gas Co.

11—Lighting of St. Anne's Road—Resolved, That the lamp at the N.W. corner of Duke Street be removed to the S.W. corner.

12--Sydenham Villas Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done to the footpaths in this street by the abutting owners.

13 - Alterations at Capital and Counties Bank—Mr. Folliott, the Manager of the Bank, attended this meeting of the Committee to explain what the Bank were proposing to do in Essex Place, the same not having been shown on the plan deposited. Resolved, That permission be given to the Bank to

continue the blue brick Plinth, as commenced, to the end of the building and to Cement the upper part of the wall, on condition that the projecting step at the back entrance be removed.

14—St. George's Place Improvement --A letter from Mr. J. A. Wilson was read, withdrawing his offer of the 16th July last, to give up a piece of land to widen the roadway and to set back the frontage of his premises in a line with the other buildings, provided the Council would pay him £150 and make good the pathway, channelling and crossing to entrance of yard; also a letter from Mr. Heath, stating that the property was sold to Mr. Wilson leaving him to complete his own terms with the Corporation.

15—Malvern Road— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the edging and channelling required to be done by the abutting owners from Gloucester Road to Christ Church, the Corporation to pave with granolithic, and plant trees where required.

16—Steam Rollers—The Borough Surveyor handed in Tenders he had received from Messrs. Aveling and Porter for repairs required to be done to the Steam Rollers according to specification, amounting to £87 for the 55 ton Roller and £117 for the 10 ton Roller. Resolved, That the Tenders be accepted, and the 10 ton roller being in the worse condition be repaired at once, and the other one as soon as it can be spared.

17—Wall and Footpath at back of Nos. 1 and 2, York Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put the wall and footpath at the back of Nos. and 2 York terrace in repair.

18-Telephone Poles—A letter from the National Telephone Company, Limited, was read, asking the consent of the Council to the erection of 4 additional poles on the Swindon Road, between Maud's Elm and the Borough Boundary, in order to make the spans of the present ones shorter. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

19-- Tenders for the supply of Forage—Tenders for the supply of Forage for the s2 months ending the 1st of December, 1897, were received as follows, viz : —

	Best Clover Hay per ton.	Best Meadow Hay per ton.	Bright Oats per quarter	Black Oats per quarter.	Bright Beans per bushel.	White English Wheat Bran per 112 lbs.	Linseed Wheat per bushel.	Straw per ton
W. Ride & Co.	85s	82s 6d	19s	21s & 18s	4s 1½d	4s 4 ½d	7s	57s 6d
E. Snowsell	77s 6d	75s	20s	No. 1 22s No. 2 20s	4s 6d	4s 7 ½d	6s 9d	55s
Carpenter and Son ....	—					4s 6d		
Andrews & Co.	—	95s	25s	No. 1 21s No. 2 19s	5s 3d		7s 6d	75s
E. Minett	87s 6d	87s 6d						60s

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Ride & Co. for English Beans at 4s 1 ½d per bushel and Good Wheat Bran at 4s 4 ½d per 112 lbs. be accepted; and that the Tender of Mr. Snowsell for Best Clover

Hay at 77s 6d per ton, for Best Meadow Hay at 75s per ton, for Bright White Oats per quarter No. 1 at 22s for Good Linseed at 6s 9d per bushel, and for Wheat Straw at 55s per ton be accepted.

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20 --Tenders for the Supply of Coal—Tenders for the supply of Coal for 12 months from the first day of December next were received as follows : —

Delivered at Municipal Offices,		
Central Depot, Public Library,		
Alstone Baths, Pittville Pump		
Room, Montpellier Gardens		
Lodge, Abattoir, Sandford		
Mead, and Refuse Destructor.	Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge.	Cemetery Lodge.
Thos. Voile & Co.. . Best House, 14s 6d (from Glascote Colliery)	14s 6d	14s 6d
Seconds 13s 6d                      ditto	13s 6d	13s 6d
Slack 6s 6d                              ditto	6s 6d	6s 6d
S. H. Harris & Co... Best House, 14s 3d (Granville or Holly Bank)	15s 6d	15s
Seconds 13s                      (Birch Coppice)	14s 6d	13s 6d
Slack 6s 9d                      Granville or Forest)	8s 9d	7s 9d
Amy E. Hanks ....Best House, 13s 6d      (Birch Coppice)	15s 6d	13s 6d
Seconds 13s                              ditto	14s 6d	13s
Slack 6s 6d                              ditto	6s 6d	6s 6d
H. A. Gwinnell....Best House, 14s 6d      (Glascote)	17s	14s 6d
Seconds 14s 3d                              ditto	16s 9d	14s 3d
Slack 7s 9d                      (Wimberry Colliery, Forest of Dean)		
A. H. Nott . Best House, 16s              (Valley Colliery)	18s 6d	17s 6d
Seconds 14s 6d                              ditto	17s	16s
Slack 7s 6d		
Nadin & Co Best House, 18s 6d	21s	18s 6d
Seconds 17s 6d	20s	17s 6d
Slack 10s	12s 6d	10s
W J. Bendall Best House, 16s 6d (Cannock and Leacroft)	16s 6d	16s 6d
Seconds 15s                              (Glascote)	15s	15s
Slack 8s 6d                              (Staffordshire)	8s 6d	8s 6d
H Workman & Co Best House, 15s	17s	15s
Seconds 14s	16s	14s
Slack 7s 6d		

Resolved, That the Tenders of Messrs. Voile & Co. for Slack at 6s 6d per ton, of Messrs. Harris & Co. for Seconds at 13s 14s 6d and 13s 6d per ton, and of Mrs. Hanks for Best Coal at 13s 6d, 15s 6d and 13s 6d be accepted.

21 -Tenders for the Purchase of Manure --Tenders for the purchase of the Manure from the Central Depot were received a follows, viz:—

Mr. E. Minett, Prestbury	3s per ton.
Mr. W. Cook, Sandfield House, Alstone	5s “
Mr. W. Westcott	5s “

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Westcott be accepted, the Tender of Mr. Cook not being upon a proper form.

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.
840	G. H. Mills	Three houses in Gloucester Road
841	G. H. Mills	Two ditto ditto
842	J. D. Taylor	Additions to Castlemaine, Hewlett Road
843	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co.	Alterations and additions to Brewery, High Street, Henrietta Street and St. Margaret's Road
844	Charles Winstone	Additions to Coddendam Lodge, St. Stephen's Road
845	S. B. Dix	Proposed shop to 109, Tewkesbury Road
846	C. C. Turnbull	Additions to Murvagh, Sandford Road

Resolved, That all the Plans in the above list be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,  
Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 7th day of October, 1896—Present: 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, nine cases of Scarlet Fever, three of Enteric Fever, and six of Diphtheria; that eight cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and one into the Ladies' College Sanitorium, and two of the Diphtheria cases into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was twenty-two.

2- Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 2, Park Villas, Alexandra Road, No. 3, Upper Bath Street, Nos. 13 and 14, Grosvenor Street, Nos. 161, 165 and 166, High Street, and No. 7, Keighley 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 houses 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, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

3—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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.

4—Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles — The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at No 10, Carlton Place, No. 9, Elm Street, and No. 7, Keighley Terrace. —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6— Wells at White Lodge, Moorend, Rosetta Cottage, Alstone, No. 25, Bloomsbury Street, Nos. 1, 6, 8 to 16, Keighley Terrace, Nos. 1 to 7, 10 and 12, Courtenay Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the premises above-mentioned, 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, 1875, be taken to obtain Orders for these wells to be closed.

7 --Insanitary Property viz.—No. 9, Elm Street, Nos. 25 and 26, Sun Street, and No. 2, Clare Cottages, Bath Road--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses above-mentioned 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 respective owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

8-Nuisance from Frying Fish —The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaint had been made of a nuisance arising from the smell of fish frying at No. 2, Clare Cottages, Bath Road, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the occupier requiring him to abate the nuisance and execute such works as may be necessary for that purpose.



9-Nuisance from spreading of Horse Bedding — The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaint had been made of a nuisance arising from a garden at the back of No 44, Upper Norwood Street, from the spreading of horse bedding. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health do write to the occupier requesting that the nuisance may be abated as much as possible.

10—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 to enforce compliance therewith.

11-Claim by Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Baptist association— A letter from Messrs. Rogers and Meredith on behalf of the above Association, was read, claiming £6 13s. 6d. for loss sustained by the Association on account of being obliged to hold their Annual Conference in June last at Ryeford instead of at Cambray Chapel, in deference to the wishes of the authorities. Resolved, That the Committee consider that this is not a sufficiently strong case to justify the Council in acceding to the request.

12- -Sewage Outfall—The Report of the Borough Surveyor on this matter having been considered, Resolved, That the Outfall Sewers to the Barn Farm be re-constructed, and the effluent outfall be altered and Filter formed at the outfall from the Heyden Farm as recommended by the Borough Surveyor in his report, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £3,600, the amount of the estimated cost, and that the report with regard to the other matters dealt with therein be further considered at a later date.

13-Barn Farm—A letter from Mr. Corbett, tenant of the Barn Farm, was read, expressing his disappointment that the promised official visit of some of the Members of the Committee to the Barn Farm had not been paid in the summer as arranged, and referring to the serious losses he alleged he had sustained during the course of his tenancy, and especially with regard to the very insufficient supply of sewage, and expressing his conviction that if a deputation would visit the farm, they would be disposed to deal liberally with him. Resolved, That a deputation from the Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, and the Borough Surveyor do pay a visit to the farm prior to the next meeting,

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14-Stiles at the Sewage Farms at the Golden Valley—A letter from the Clerk to the Staverton Parish Council was read, calling attention to the awkward and unsafe state of the stiles at the sewage farms at the Golden Valley. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have steps made to the stiles.

15-Sewer at back of Cambray—The Borough Surveyor reported that this sewer was in a very bad condition. Resolved, That he is be instructed to reconstruct it with 9 inch pipes, with cement joints, at an estimated cost of £30.

16-Hoarding at King's Arms —The Committee being informed that a nuisance was committed on these premises by the use of the hoarding against the fence as a Urinal, resulting in the footpath outside being rendered in a very offensive condition by the drainage therefrom, Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to see the occupier to call his attention to the matter, and to

suggest to him how the nuisance could be abated, and to report further upon the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

17--Newcastle Congress of the Sanitary Institute—A letter from Mr. Hudson, the Chief Inspector of Nuisances, was read, with reference to his Account of his expenses incurred by his attendance at the Newcastle Congress of the Sanitary Institute, which had been referred back to this Committee by the Finance Committee. Resolved, That the Account be again presented to the Finance Committee, together with Mr. Hudson's letter.

18 --Building Plan —A plan of a new wing intended to be built on to Coddendam Lodge, St. Stephen's Road, was laid before the Committee. Resolved, That, so far as the drainage is concerned, the same be approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of October, 1896—Present: Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors M. Davis, Lenthall, Moles, and Griffith (Councillor Griffith in the chair,)—

19—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that all the cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 28.

20--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Victoria Cottage, Albert Cottage, and Melbourne House, all in Victoria Place ; Nos. 15, 16, and 23, Naunton Crescent, Greenville and Fairleigh Cottages, Naunton Crescent, No. 1, St. Philip's Street, and White Lodge, Moorend Road.—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 houses 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, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

21 -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 under Section 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.

22--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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 Boroughs Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

23-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of health reported that he had received an application from Mr. R. W. Banford, Arle End, Arle, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted, if the Medical Officer finds the water supply to be good and sufficient.

24-Hoarding and Urinal at King's Arms, Gloucester Road —With reference to Minute No. 16) of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had interviewed the Occupier of the King's Arms, as instructed, but he considered it necessary that the owner be served with notice to do what is required to abate the nuisance. Resolved, That notice under Sec. 33 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889. be given to the owner and occupier to make the necessary structural alterations of the Hoarding and Urinal so as to abate the nuisance complained of, and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as authorised by the said section.

25-Smoke Nuisance from Chimney of Upper Alstone Mill —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that dense smoke was emitted from the chimney of Messrs. Ride & Co.'s premises at Upper Alstone Mill on September 30th and October 1st for fifteen minutes on each occasion, in such quantities as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be given to the owners of these premises, requiring them to abate the nuisance and do such things as may be accessory for that purpose.

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26-Wells at Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, Nailsworth Terrace, Nos. 7, 17, and 17a, Hereford Place, and Ambro House, Ambrose Place.—The Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells 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.

27-Report of the Inspector of Nuisances on the Sanitary Congress recently held at Newcastle—The Inspector of Nuisances presented an interesting report on the Sanitary Congress recently held at Newcastle. Resolved, That the same be printed for the information of the Council.

28-Urinal in St. George's Place near Public Library—Resolved, That for prevention of nuisance the Committee recommend the Street and Highway Committee and Lighting Committee to have an electric lamp placed in this Urinal.

29—Urinal in Tangent Alley—Resolved, That this Urinal be lined with half-round slabs and water supply laid on.

30—Sewage Forms and Outfall-- With reference to Minute Nos. 12 and 13 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Chairman reported the result of the visit of inspection paid to the Barn Farm by the Sub-Committee appointed for that purpose. The report of the Borough Surveyor of the 4th ultimo was further considered. Resolved, That his recommendations, with respect to lining the carriers on the farm with pipes, be approved and carried out, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £1500 for this purpose. Also Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make some better provision for the supervision and superintendence over the distribution of the sewage on the Sewage Farms of the Corporation.

31—Sewer in Leckhampton from the Malvern Inn to the Church—A letter from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, was read, stating that the District Council were disposed to pay, on behalf of Leckhampton Parish, one half of the cost of making this proposed Sewer for the joint use of the houses in Cheltenham and Leckhampton Parishes provided a reasonable Tender could be obtained for its construction, the work to be carried out under the supervision of the Town Council to the satisfaction of the District Council's Inspector, Mr. Tovey.

A Tender from Mr. Mark Williams, to construct the Sewer according to plans and specification for £99 10s. 0d., was received. Resolved, That the Tender be accepted and the work carried out if the Rural District Council are willing to pay half the cost of the work subject to the terms of the existing agreement for reception and treatment of the Leckhampton Sewage.

32—Vaccination of Corporation Employees -A letter from Mr. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Guardians, was read, stating that Dr. Hogarth had informed him that the Council had resolved to pay his account for £26 in respect of his services for vaccinating the Corporation Officials and Employees, and expressing his satisfaction at this decision, as the account was not one that he could advise the Guardians was within their province to pay. The Committee being informed that the Finance Committee had declined to order the payment of this Account, Resolved, To inform the Finance Committee that this Committee cannot understand its action in this matter, the Resolution of the Committee approving the payment of the Account having been confirmed by the Council.

33— Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him for new buildings which were intended to come up for approval, or otherwise, at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved by this Committee so far as the drainage is concerned.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 12th day of October, 1896—Present: Councillors Griffith, Lawrence, and Skillicorne (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1-Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Town Committee With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th of List, a letter was read from Mr. G. H. Williams, the Secretary to the Town Committee, informing this Committee as to the work carried on by the Town Committee, and which included the preparation and distribution of weekly and monthly programmes of local engagements, registering apartments and furnishing information to intending residents, and the insertion of advertisements in various "guides" and papers. Resolved, That this Committee recommend the grant to the Town Committee this year, but that the Committee can hold out no hope of any grant being made in the future.

3-Telephoto Poles in Montpelier Gardens &c.-With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter was read from the Local Manager of the Telephone Co., making application for permission to erect three Telephone Poles at the back of the Montpellier Gardens and four poles in the centre of the road in Imperial Square between the trees. Resolved the application cannot be granted, there being another route causing less inconvenience which could be followed, and which the Borough Surveyor can point out to the Company.

4-Town Band—Resolved, That permission be granted to the Town Band to play in the Montpellier Gardens on two Sundays at the - end of the season, it being understood that the entire receipts at one of them will be given to the General Hospital.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 15th day of October, 1896 —Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillors Dimmer and 1,1. Davies (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1- Borough Engineer's Report -The Borough Engineer reported that—" On the 15th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 62 gallons per minute; the average for the last four years being 60 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 6,077,595 gallons."

" On the 14th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 14 feet 10 inches and the contents 26,656.942 gallons, which gave a total of 32,734,537 gallons or about 41 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 964,080 gallons "

In connection with the works at Dowdeswell, a piece of land was taken from Miss Raisher's Farm, and a part of one field was cut up and damaged by the works. The damage he estimated at £6, and the annual abatement at £2.

The six hydrants at Battledown had been fixed, and the Leckhampton and Bath Road extension was complete, with the exception of a short length in the Park.

The main supplying the General Hospital and neighbourhood was found to be in a defective state, and in places as little as seven inches in depth. It had been re-laid and an additional hydrant fixed near the Hospital.

An extension had been applied for along the Charlton Lane in front of the Delancey Hospital, the agreed rental of which would be sufficient to provide the statutory 10%, and would be a step towards the connection with the Pilley main, and would thus avoid two dead ends.

Resolved, That Miss Raisher be allowed £6 for the damage done to her field, and an abatement off her rent of £2 per annum, and that the extension of the main along the Charlton Lane be carried out at an estimated cost of £30.

2 -- Removal of Water Meter by Mr. Skemp—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, letters from Mr. Skemp were read, from which it appeared that he pleaded ignorance that he had been guilty of any breach of the regulations by removing his seater meter himself without giving notice at the Municipal Offices. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter to enable Mr. Skemp to make a proper amende.

3 --Water Rate on No. 7, Winchcomb Place - A letter from Mr. H. Diehl, was read, applying to be allowed the amount paid by him for seater rate previous to its reduction by this Committee on his appeal in excess of the amount that he has paid since. Resolved, That the rate having been reduced as soon as he appealed, the Committee can give no further relief.

4-Water Rate on Two New Houses on the Ashchurch Road--A letter from Mr. Badham, was read, asking for relief from payment of 18s 6d charged for seater rate on two newly erected houses on the Ashchurch Road, on the ground that they had been unoccupied the greater portion of the time during which the rate accrued. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Borough Surveyor to mettle with Mr. Badham.

5-Water Supply to the Trusty Engine Works -A letter from Mr. T. O. Williams of the Firm of Messrs. T. O. Williams & Payne, Chartered Accountant, of Birmingham, was read, stating that he was the Receiver and Manager appointed by the Court, of Messrs. Weyman & Hitchcock, Limited, in liquidation, and that he would be responsible for any water consumed at the Trusty Engine Works in future, and he enclosed a cheque for £4 5s, 9d. for the water consumed from the 5th to the 25th of March.

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 13th day of October, 1896-Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Feeney, Lawrence and Wheeler. (Councillor Feeney in the chair)-

1- Swine Fever-Superintendent McRae reported that the Borough was now free from Swine Fever.

2-Fire Brigade-The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the month.

3-Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses--Applications were received from Albert Karn, of No. 7, Swindon Place; William Curran, of No. 12, St. Paul's Street, South; Henry Cook, of No. 20, Princes' Street, and Harry Viner, of No. 5, Hermitage Street, for Drivers' Licenses. Resolved. That the applications be granted.

4 -Wheel Chair Licenses-With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, George Stevens, of 23, All Saints' Road, appeared before the Committee in support of his application for a wheel chair license. Resolved, That the application be granted. A letter was read from J. Alder, of No. 19, St. George's Street, applying for the transfer of his wheel chair license to a new dial'. Resolved, That the license be transferred subject to the new chair being passed by the Chairman.

5-Hackney Carriage Licenses --A letter from Newman Gibbard, was read, accepting the offer by this Committee of a license for a Landau.

Applications were read from James C. Hearne and Frederick Jones, for Hackney Carriage Licenses. Resolved, That Hearne be informed that there are several names before his on the list of applications, and that Jones be informed that there is no vacancy at present, and that his name is on the list.

A letter was read from John Phelps, applying for permission to be allowed to use another carriage for a month in place of the licensed carriage No. 115, which is being altered. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given.

6-Infant Life Protection act-A letter was read from the Chief Constable approving of the appointment of Supt. McRae as Inspector under this Act.

7-Petroleum License-With reference to Minute No 9 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th March last, the Borough Surveyor reported that the works necessary to render the premises of Mr. Joseph E. Bendall, at the back of 3, Westall Buildings, fit for the storage of petroleum had been carried out, and he recommended that Mr. Bendall be licensed to keep 50 gallons. Resolved, That a license to keep that quantity be granted.

8-Allotments in the East Ward -With reference to Minute No 9 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Mr. Skillicorne's Solicitors, forwarding a plan shelving the land offered for allotments, and asking for an early decision of the Council on the matter. The Committee being of opinion after enquiry made, in consequence of the representation made to them last year, and referred to in Minute No 9 of the Committee's proceedings of the 19th November last, that there is a demand for allotments among the labouring population of those parts of the Borough in and near which the land in question is situate, and that the land offered by Mr. Skillicorne, near Whaddon Lane, is suitable for such allotments, and the applicants for the same. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Skillicorne to let to the Council about 10 acres of land shewn on the plan now laid before this Committee, at an annual rent of £7 per acre, for a term of 15 years, be accepted, the term to commence on the tot March next, the expense of the lease to be borne, in accordance with the usual practice, equally by each party.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 1896-Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Wethered; Councillors Griffith, Feeney, and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney in the chair)-

9 -Swine Fever -A letter from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council was read, stating that the County Council had decided to continue the existing Order prohibiting the movement and sale of swine for a further period of three months, viz. : to the 1st February next, and that it was further decided to prohibit the movement of swine into this County from the Districts of all other Local Authorities in England and Wales and Scotland, except Districts where similar Orders were in force, and asking whether this Authority will make a similar Order. Resolved, That a similar Order to that of the County be made.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

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#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 19th day of October, 1896—Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Dighton, Mole and Wheeler (Councillor Wheeler in the chair)—

1--- Alstone Swimming Bath-The Borough Surveyor reported that the Bath was closed for the Season on the 10th instant, and that the number of bathers during the had been 19,402, the fees received amounting to £174 7s. 11d.

2.—Naunton Park Proposed Cycle Track In pursuance of the Resolution of the Council at its last meeting, the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the proposed Cycle Track, the cost of which he estimated at about £400. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

F. F. WHEELER,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Friday, the 16th day of October, 1896 — Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors M. Davis and Mules (Alderman Haddon in the chair)-

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

2---Superintendent—Resolved, That Mr. Pratley, the new Superintendent, be instructed to commence his duties on the first proximo, Mr. Gregory continuing to discharge the duties of Superintendent in the meantime.

3- Cemetery Lodge—Tenders for renovating the ground floor rooms of the Cemetery Lodge, according to specification of the Borough Surveyor, were received from Messrs. D. W. Channon and W. Betteridge. Resolved, That the upstairs rooms be re-papered and coloured according to a specification to be prepared by the Borough Surveyor, that Messrs. Channon and Betteridge be requested to include this additional work in their Tenders, and that the Borough Surveyor be



instructed to have the work carried out by the one whose Tender is the lowest after the addition has been made.

4—Superintendent's Security Mr. Pratley proposed in lieu of Sureties to obtain the Guarantee of The Friendly Societies Guarantee Company, of No. 3, Bridge Street, Blackfriars, London. Resolved, That the same be accepted, subject to the form of the Guarantee being approved by the Town Clerk.

5-- Injury to Cattle from Eating Yew -A letter from Mr. Geo. Richings, the tenant of Ryefield, adjoining the Cemetery, was read, complaining that a cow of his hail been seriously ill from eating Yew clippings thrown over the fence from some of the graves into his field. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to prohibit any Yew or Yew trees being brought into or planted in the Cemetery, and to remove and burn any brought in or planted.

6--Designs--The following designs were examined and approved—Headstone and Curbing to Jane Skinner. Headstones to George Lanwarn, Martha Lucy La Nauze, Thomas Shepherd and Thomas Patchell Baker.

Account The following Account was examined and allowed:—

W. Gregory, labourers' Wages £10 13 0

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of October, 1896 -Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Weathered; Councillor Lawrence, (Alderman Norman in the chair)--

1-Gas Examiner's Report -The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read;

##### ILLUMINATING POWER.

Date. Test at Corporation Testing Station.

1896 Oct. 6th 15.93 candles

13th 15.75 "

##### PURITY—SULPHUR.

Date. Test at Corporation Testing Station.

12<sup>th</sup>-13th 8.44 Grains per 100 cubic ft.

2—Electric Inspector's Report—The report of the Electric Inspector on the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month was as follows

##### LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date. Legal Standard. Test at Manchester Street.

Oct. 6th 100 Volts 102.5 Volts

13<sup>th</sup> " 100.66 "

3 —Electrical Engineer's Report —The Electrical Engineer reported that an application had been received from Dr. Mouatt Biggs, for supply of current to No. 2, Fauconberg Villas. That the best mode of supplying residents in Bayshill Villas (and subsequently in Royal Parade also) would be to lay

a 37/15 low pressure main, and feed it from 200 volt transformers at Queen's Circus and St. George's Road, and that the cost of the preliminary works for supplying Bayshill Villas would be about £140 Resolved, To add this amount to the £2,150. for which this Committee at their meeting on the 26th August last resolved to apply for sanction to borrow.

4 —Loan of £2,150 —A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that the Board would direct an Inquiry to be held as soon as the other engagements of the Inspectors would permit, and requesting to be furnished with detailed estimates, plans, &c.

5-Overdue Account for Electric Supply to 113a, High Street — A letter from Mr. Clare, for Messrs. Williams & Co., was read, stating that he had not paid his account for the supply of current, as he had a claim against the Council for use of his motor for three days by the Electrical Engineer for experimental purposes. The Town Clerk reported that Mr Clare had sent a cheque for the amount of his July account less 10s and that he desired that something might be taken off the account now due. Resolved, To allow to Mr. Clare the 10s which he had sent short of the amount of his July account, as remuneration for the use of his motor.

6-Urinal in St. George's Place, near the Public Library—With reference to the resolution of the Public Health Committee to Minute No. 28 of the proceedings of that Committee of this date, Resolved, That a bulkhead incandescent electric lamp be fixed at this urinal.

7—Opening of Road in Crescent place—A letter from Mr. MacVitie, was read, apologising for having opened this road on the 30th ulto. without having given notice at the Municipal Offices, in consequence of which damage was done to one of the electric mains. Resolved, That having regard to this apology, no proceedings be taken on this occasion, and that a circular letter be sent to the Builders and Plumbers in the Town to request them to give as much notice as possible at the Municipal Offices before proceeding to open the roads.

8—Electric Supply to the Grove, Douro Road -Correspondence between the Town Clerk and Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, Solicitors for the representatives of the late Mr. Chapman, was read, from which it appeared that Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney were desirous of further proof that Mr. Chapman was to pay a minimum charge of £8 8s. per annum, for current supplied to his house, instead of as they contended, simply a charge of £8 8s. per annum, for as much current as he chose to consume. Resolved, To call the attention of Messrs, Winterbothams & Gurney to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th day of July, 1895, which clearly shows that the omission of the word " minimum" in the Agreement with Mr Chapman was 'a clerical error.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 1896—Present:  
Alderman Drew: Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 20th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £47 0s, 0d., leaving outstanding £17,148 0s. 0 ½ d.

2—Arrears of Water Rate and Pittville Rent Charges—Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary proceedings to recover the arrears of Water Rate and Pittville Rent Charges.

3-- Mortgage on Barn Farm for £3000 — With reference to notice given to the Rev. C. J. R. Cooke, Mrs. Shewell, and the Rev. C. F. Garratt, the Mortgagees, that the Council intended to pay off this mortgage, unless the Mortgagees were prepared to accept a lower rate of interest, letters were read from Mr. Cooke and Mrs. Shewell on behalf of themselves and the Rev. C. F. Garratt, that they would be willing to accept not less than 3 per cent. for the money instead of having it paid off in January, 1897. Resolved, That having regard to the expense of re-conveyance and re-borrowing, the Council consent to pay interest at the rate of 3 per cent. on condition that the rate of interest is accepted from the 8th October, 1896.

4—Expenses of Borough Registration—A letter from the Overseers of the Parish of Cheltenham was read, applying for payment out of the Borough Fund of £81 5s. 11d., being one-half of the expenses incurred by the Overseers in carrying out the provisions of the Registration Acts. Resolved, That the amount be paid.

5—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £1,177 2s. 0d. 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 was the General Statement:-

In hand on the 29th September last ..	£ 9,037 11 11
Received since that date	£ <u>3,666 14 7</u>
	£12,704 6 6
Paid since that date	£ <u>13,211 6 5</u>
Overdrawn	£ 506 19 11

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 13th day of October, 1896 — Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered; Councillor Moles (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

1- Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £6 5s. 2d. He reported that there had been an increase in the issues from the Lending Library of 29 per day, and a decrease in the issues from the Reference Library of 10 per day, as compared with the corresponding month last year; and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz :—

Trustees of the British Museum 4 Vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Blackburn and West Ham.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that the wages of J. M. Cumming, the first assistant at the Library, be advanced from £1 to £1 2s. 6d. per week, and that the wages of J. H. Sheppard be advanced from 18s to 19s per week. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3-Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Davis, Secretary to the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, forwarding copy of a resolution of his Council, most respectfully asking the Town Council to appoint a member of their body on the Public Library Committee. Resolved, That the Trades and Labour Council be informed that the appointment of this Committee rests with the Council, but that this Committee will recommend the Council to appoint a member of the Trades and Labour Council, if the latter intimates what member of their body they would wish appointed.

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4--Purchase of Books—With reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That authority be given to the Sub-Committee to spend £100 in the purchase of books for the Buchanan Collection, instead of the £50 authorised last month.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£15 16 0
A. Wakefield, Fittings	£ 0 10 0
C. Westley, Magazines ..	£ 3 6 9
C. Westley, Newspapers and Periodicals ..	£12 18 11
C. Westley, Newspapers (Leckhampton)	£ 1 16 6
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, &c.	£14 3 1
R. E. & C. Marshall, Fittings ..	£ 6 15 3
Cheltenham Corporation, Electric Energy..	£10 0 0
S. B. Dix & Co., Stop Ferrule	£ 0 3 6

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

#### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Wednesday, the 21st day of October, 1896—Present: Alderman Wethered; Councillors LI Davies, Cypher, Moles, and Wheeler (Alderman Wethered in the chair)—

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

2—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 44 schools, from which 937 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited.

3----Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses under the Bye-laws he issued against the parents of the following children, viz. : William Hopkins, 3, Cleveland Street ; Myra Robins, 4, St. Paul's Street, South ; William Aston, Sun Street ; Lizzie Roberts, to, Waterloo Street ; George Stephens, Alstone ; James Taylor, 23, Hungerford Street ; and Selina Higgs, 3 Swindon Street, That summonses under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 for Attendance Orders be taken out against the parents of the following children, viz. Thomas Steny, 3, Major Cottages, Millbrook Street, and Henry Woodland, Lodging House, Stanhope Street ; and that summonses under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876 for breach of Attendance Orders be taken out against the parents of the following children, viz.: Albert Averiss, late of 140, Tewkesbury Road, and Albert Wilson, back of 50, Rutland Street.

The Committee being informed that the Rev. Percy Waller was willing to serve as a Member of the East Ward Local Committee, and Mr. Felton, of Cheltondale Villas, on the South Ward Local Committee. Resolved, That the Rev. Percy Waller be appointed as a Member of the East Ward Local Committee, and Mr. Felton as a Member of the South Ward Local Committee with the thanks of this Committee.

4--Additional Attendance Officer—A letter from Mr. R. Irving was read, stating that as the Charlton Kings School Board had relieved him of his engagement with them from the 6th inst., he had commenced giving his full time as Attendance Officer to the Town Council on the following day.

5—Blind Child—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a further letter from Miss Roberts was read with which she enclosed a Certificate of Mr. C. H. Shears, Surgeon at the Liverpool Eye and Ear Infirmary, to the effect that the child J. Blackwall had entirely lost the sight of the left eye, and the sight of the right eye was so defective that he considered he was unable to read the ordinary school books used by children, being too blind to do so. Resolved, to instruct the Town Clerk to see Miss Roberts to ascertain if the Home where the child is now being maintained at Liverpool, at a cost of £13 a year, is a Certified School within the meaning of the Act, or if there is such a one near which the child could attend from the Home and other particulars.

6--Special Examinations for Proficiency— A letter from Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez, Her Majesty's Inspector, was read, appointing Saturday, the 28th of November, at 10 o'clock at the Parish Church Boys' School, for a Special Examination for Proficiency Certificates, and stating that in future he will hold one of these Examinations on the last Saturday in November and May.

E. B. WETHERED,

Chairman.

## **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 December, 1896.

### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Thursday, the 5th day of November, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Proposed Light Railway—Mr. Nevins, the promoter of the proposed Light Railway, attended this Meeting of the Committee for the purpose of discussing the several points as to which there was a difference of opinion between the Promoter and the Corporation. The County Surveyor (Mr. R. Phillips) was present, and also Councillor Griffith, who is a Member of the Highways Committee of the County Council. Mr. Nevins stated that if the Corporation would not consent to a 4 ft. 8 ½ inch gauge, but insisted on a 3 ft. 6 inch guage, he should not go on with the matter. He agreed to the restriction that no traffic other than passenger traffic should be conveyed through the Streets in the Borough between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The County Surveyor stated that the County would probably follow Cheltenham in this matter with a few modifications applicable to the different conditions prevailing.

The Draft of the Agreement and the various alterations therein made by Mr. Nevins's Solicitors were gone through and discussed, settled and approved, subject to the Borough Surveyor preparing a specification of the foundation, pitching, and paving of the Railroad, to be submitted to Mr. Nevins.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896— Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Dimmer, Feeney, Mills, and Parsonage, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

2-Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a meeting of this Committee** held on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1896 --Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Mills, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

3--- The View—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz :--Alderman Haddon, Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Feeney, Mills, and Skillicorne.

4-Street Projections--The Street Inspector reported that a gas jet illuminating star projecting over the footway had been put over the front entrance at Mr Ginnett's Circus at the Colosseum, Bath Road. That the sign board at the back of No. 11, Royal Parade had been removed as required; and That the rolls of lead outside Messrs. Dix & Co.'s premises in North Street, had not been removed as required.

Letters were read from Mr. Ginnett, stating he was unaware he was infringing a byelaw in putting up the projection above-mentioned, and asking permission for the star to remain during his stay in Cheltenham ; and one from the Town Clerk in reply that it must be removed pending permission from the Council. Also from Messrs. S. B. Dix & Co., stating that they were under the impression that they were not encroaching on the public footway, the lead rolls being well behind the boundary line of their own premises. From Mr. R. Organ, applying for leave to erect one incandescent gas lamp on the outside of the shop of Messrs. Drake & Co., No. 83, Winchcombe Street. From Mr. J. Hill. of Saxony House, Promenade, applying for leave to suspend six 200 candle power electric lamps on ordinary scroll brackets outside his business premises, and also to place more lamps of less candle power in place of the six 200 c.p. if he thought fit, also a further letter from Mr. Hill withdrawing his application. From Mr. A. G. Sanders applying for permission to fix two outside brackets to the fascia of No. 1, Bath Road, and three to the fascia of No. 2, Bath Road, all for electric lamps, From Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, applying for permission to fix four incandescent electric lamps on wrought iron brackets outside No. 1, Suffolk Road. From Mr. Arthur Workman, Hon. Treasurer to the Cheltenham Cricket Club, applying for permission to place a narrow streamer across the High Street front the Assembly Rooms to Mr. Hardy's shop opposite, to advertise the three days Theatrograph Show then taking place on behalf of the Club ; and from Mr. J. O. Lloyd applying for permission on behalf of the Cheltenham Poultry and Pigeon Show Society to hang a flag across the High Street opposite the Corn Exchange, to advertise their Show there on Wednesday and Thursday, the 2nd and 3rd proximo. Resolved, That consideration of the question of compelling Messrs. Dix & Co. to remove the rolls of lead in North Street be adjourned for the Committee to view. That the letter of the Town Clerk to Mr. Ginnett be approved ; and That all the applications mentioned be granted on the usual terms and subject to the usual regulations.

5--Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 17th of October to the 27th November, both inclusive, was as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Swindon Road, 2250 super yards ; Naunton Lane, 298 super yards ; Promenade, 584 super yards ; Lansdown Place, 5334 super yards ; Montpellier Terrace, 775 super yards (old stone).

Patching—Montpellier Terrace, Bath Street, Alstone Lane, St. Paul's Road, High Street, Gloucester Road, Montpellier Parade, Oriel Road, New Street, St Stephen's Road, Clarence Street, St. George's Place, Millbrook Street, Lansdown Crescent, Western Road, Albion Street, Hewlett Street, Arle Road, Hester's Way, Sherborne Street, Burton Street, Hatherley Road, Albert Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Swindon Road, 1916 super yards ; Larput Place, 585 super yards ; Lane back of Cleeve Road, 720 super yards.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Montpellier Terrace, 807 super yards (Tar), Montpellier Terrace, 539 super yards (not tarred).

Patching with Wickwar Stone— Christ Church Road, Roman Road, Brunswick Street, Larput Place, Pittville Roads.

Repaired with Local Stone—Moorend Street, 1285 super yards ; Baths Road, 500 super yards ; Brandon Terrace, 634 super yards Trye's Road, 1034 super yards ; Fairfield Road, 555 super yards.

Private Improvement Works—St. Ann's, finished ; Overton Park, finished ; Fairfield Road, proceeding.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing, and Channelling—Trinity Lane, Grafton Road, Norwood Street, Exmouth Street, St. Philip's Street, Prestbury Road, Albion Street, Evesham Road, Montpellier Terrace, Portland Street, Winchcomb Street, London Road, Oriel Road, Berkeley Street.

The path opposite Raymond Terrace had been relaid with Concrete Flags, 2486 super feet, also with Asphalte 2114 super feet. A new Crossing had been put down in High Street, from end of Colonnade to North Street, with McDougall's bricks. Gullies rebuilt to replace defective ones—Francis Street, (1), Thirlestaine Road (1), High Street (1), Carlton Street (1).

Ashes Collected- -Van Loads, 1049. Consumed at Destructor, 1433 tons 11 cwts. 2 qrs.

6--Claim by Mr. G. B. Dale—With reference to the claim made by Mr. G. B. Dale for injuries alleged to have been sustained by his falling over timber left by the Corporation servants in Edward Street, the Town Clerk reported he had settled the claim and costs for 48 18s. 6d. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved.

7-Electric Tramway Memorials were read from Lieut.-Genl. Willoughby and others, protesting against the introduction of the Light Railway from the Midland Station to Winchcomb ; from Deputy-Surgeon-Genl. D. Cullen and others in Pittville, protesting against the use of the first central cross drive on the Pittville Estate for a Light Railway ; from Rev. C. McArthur and others, protesting against the construction of a Tramway or Light Railway through Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Queen's Parade and Bayshill Road ; and from Miss Beale and other Teachers at, and Parents of Pupils at the Ladies' College, stating their opinion that the establishment of a Tram which should pass along Bayshill Road would be very injurious to the College ; also a letter from Mrs. Tuttle requesting that a meeting of the Town Council might be called to prevent the "obnoxious plan of a Light Railway." Resolved, To submit the above memorials for consideration by the Council, and await further instructions from the Council on the subject.

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8-Naunton Lane—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in this lane to kerb, channel and asphalte.

9-Oakfield Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in this street.

10- Seats in front of Winter Garden--Resolved, That concrete slabs be placed under and in front of the seats in front of the Winter Garden, and that the intermediate spaces be gravelled.



11--Rosehill Street— Resolved, That the lower or public part of Rosehill Street be repaired, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to the upper part not yet declared to be a highway, and that the Lighting Committee be recommended to grant an additional lamp for this street.

12 —Upper Park Street—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the question of the repair of this street to the next meeting.

13—Fairlight Terrace—Resolved, That the trees opposite No. 3, Fairlight Terrace be removed.

14—Road by Alstone Girls' School—A letter from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths was read, calling attention to the bad condition of this road. Resolved, That this road be made good and repaired with clinker.

15-- Path from Rodney Road to Regent Street--A letter from Mr. E. H. Lovewell was read, complaining of the bad state of repair of the pathway from Rodney Road to Regent Street. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the edging, channelling, and asphaltting required to be done by the abutting owners.

16-- Sloping of Curb opposite No. 2, Blenheim Terrace--A letter from Mr. Conway Dighton was read, expressing a desire to have a slope made from the pavement into the road opposite the gate of No. 2, Blenheim Terrace, a little wider than the gate to enable his invalid carriage to be turned in more easily from the road. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dighton that the Committee regret they are unable to permit any projection to be made from the pavement into the road, but he is at liberty to make use of a temporary slope which he can remove after use.

17 - Passage from Hewlett Street to Sidney Street - A letter from Mr. S. R. Carter was read, complaining of the condition of this passage, and requesting that the lamp should be removed to the end of the passage. Resolved, That the footpath be repaired, that the lamp at present in the centre be removed and fixed opposite the end of the passage in Sidney Street, and that the Lighting Committee be recommended to grant another lamp to be placed at the Hewlett Street end of the passage.

18—Crossings—A letter from Mrs. Tuttle was read, complaining of the slippery state of the crossings. Resolved, That as the existing crossings become worn or dangerous, they be replaced with crossings of McDougall's bricks.

19—Lighting of Gloucester Road---A letter from Mr. R. Birt was read calling attention to the fact that nothing had been done to improve the lighting of the St. Mark's end of the Gloucester Road. Resolved, To inform Mr. Birt that as soon as possible the lighting of the district referred to will receive attention.

20 -Crossing in Footpath to the Horse and Carriage Way, back Entrance to Midland Railway Station— With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd of May last, a specification from the Borough Surveyor of the works required to be done to the entrance way above-mentioned was read and approved. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sections 45 and 42 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the Midland Railway Co., requiring them to do the works specified within 28 days, and that if such notice is not complied with, proceedings be taken to enforce the prescribed penalties.

21 —Lighting of Road in front of All Saints' Villas—A letter from Mrs. Hawkins, of No. 3, All Saints' Villas, was read, requesting that a lamp might be placed in the centre of this road. Resolved, To recommend the Lighting Committee to grant another lamp for this road, to be placed at the centre, but on the opposite side to the existing ones.

22-Lighting near Royal Parade—A letter from Miss Gibbings was read, asking for better lighting in Royal Parade. Resolved, To recommend the Lighting Committee to allot one of the Guildhall Lamps to be removed from the High Street and Promenade to be placed in this vicinity when they have arranged terms with the Gas Company.

23-Lighting of Eldorado Road--A letter from the Misses Pearce, of Lagarie, was read, pointing out that the road in front of their house was not lit, and requesting that a lamp might be placed opposite their front door. Resolved, To inform the Misses Pearce that as soon as the Proprietors of the road have finished laying it out, the lighting shall receive attention.

24 --Footpath in front of Normal Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in this street.

25-Crossing corner of Willoughby Hours to Suffolk House —A letter from General Cox, was read, complaining of the removal of this crossing. Resolved, To inform General Cox that the Council considered the crossing unnecessary.

26-Telephone Poles —A letter from the Local Manager to the National Telephone Co., Limited, was read, asking consent to place five telephone poles along the footway by the Chelt leading from Keynsham Road to the Old Bath Road at the positions indicated on the accompanying tracing. Resolved, That the same be granted, subject to terms for the wayleave being agreed on.

27----Footpath North side of Albion Street—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the question of the repair of this footpath until the next meeting of the Committee.

With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th of September last, a specification from the Surveyor, of date the 25th day of November, 1896, of the works required to be done to the above Street, was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That failing any modification of this resolution at the next meeting of the Committee Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be flagged; 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 and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

28-Lamp near Calcutta Inn--Resolved. That the Lighting Committee be recommended to grant an electric arc lamp to be placed the centre of the road near the Calcutta Inn, in the position and in manner agreed upon by this Committee.

29-Lamp near St. James's Parade— Resolved. To recommend the lighting Committee to grant an Arc Electric Lamp to be fixed at the Beech Cottage corner at the junction of St. James's Parade with St. George's Place.

30—Trees in front of Flesk Lodge. Wellington Square --A letter from Mr. N. W. Olive was read, calling attention to four large trees in front of Flesk Lodge, and suggesting the removal of two of them. Resolved, That the four trees in front of Flesk Lodge be lopped, but the Committee do not recommend the removal of any of them.

31-Tree Sub-Committee--Resolved, That Councillors Cypher, Feeney, Parsonage, and Skillicorne form the Tree Sub-Committee. Roads Sub-Committee—Resolved. That Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Parsonage, and Skillicorne form the Roads Sub-Committee.

33-Suffolk Parade Railings - The Town Clerk reported that the abutting owners in Suffolk Parade would consent to set back their railings 3 ft., but not to the line of the frontage of the shops at each end, and he had asked them to consider on what terms they would consent to the setting back of the railings to the aforesaid line of frontage. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved.

34-Rain Water Pipes—The Borough Surveyor reported that a large number of rain water pipes to houses are constructed so as to deliver the water right on to the pavements. Resolved, That the owners of property be required to so re-construct all existing rain water pipes that they will carry the water underneath the pavements into the channelling.

35- Apportionment of Private Improvement Works Folly Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in this street amounted to £199 13s. 9d., 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 apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

36- Widening of Swindon Road Bridge —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing the proposed widening of the Swindon Road Bridge by the Midland Railway Co. Resolved. That the same be approved.

37-Report of the Borough Surveyor as to Opening of Highways —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a report as to the opening of the Highways for house drainage, water, and gas mains, and water and gas services. Resolved. That the same be printed and sent to each member of the Council.

38—Footpaths —Sydenham Villas Road —A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 25th day of November, 1896, of the Works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And it was Resolved. That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled. or made good; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and

that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act. 1889.

39 - Wall and Footpath in Street at rear of Nos. 1 to 5, York Terrace—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 17th day of November, 1896, of the Works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889

40-Footpath North side of Malvern Road—A specification from the Surveyor, of date the 28th day of November, 1896, of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be edged and channelled, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

41-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
846	Arthur Godwin	Offices, Workshops, and Stables at the Potteries, Charlton Lane.
847	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co.	Workshops, &c., in Dunalley Street, St. Paul's.
848	(Returned for alterations).	
849	Ride & Co.	Additions to Upper Alstone Mill.
850	F. T. Brookes	House in Hall Road, late Leckhampton.
851	G. H. Roberts	Four Houses in Road leading from All Saints Road into Victoria Street.
852	R. J. Webb	Two Houses in Sydenham Villas Road.
853	Mr. Bryan	Two Houses in Hall Road, late Leckhampton.
854	Mr. G. B. Dale	Two Houses in Moorend Road.

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
855	Thomas Jackson	Six Houses in Leckhampton Lane.
856	G. B. Dale	Three Cottages in Swindon Road near Elm Street.
857	C. Helliwell	Stables and Coach House to Northolme, Swindon Road
858	Mrs. Slade	Four Houses in St. Luke's Place.
859	H. Hodgkins	Three Houses in Eldorado Road.
860	J. Cormell	Additions to Retford Cottage, Prestbury Road.

Resolved. That No. 847 be not approved; that No. 551 be approved except as to the drainage, and subject to Victoria Street being made an open thoroughfare ; That No. 852 be approved subject to the walls at the backs of the fire place, being made 9 inches thick ; that No. 557 be approved subject to the crossing in Cleveland Street being constructed of McDougall's bricks, and that the remainder of the Plans in the above list be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,  
Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage, and Waghorne (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1--Chairman— Resolved. That Councillor Griffith be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

C. GRIFFITH,  
Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 11th day of November, 1896—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

2-Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 11 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Typhoid Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria; that 11 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 1 of Typhoid Fever into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 27.

3- House without a Proper Water Supply—No. 61, Union Street, Fairview----It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 11th 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 to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

4-- Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 5, York Street, No. 47, St. George's Street, No. 60, St. Paul's Street North. Nos. 1, 2, and 3, St. Paul's Parade, No. 3, Glenfall Terrace, and No. 16, Dunalley Parade—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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

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5--Overcrowding at No. 3, Bloomsbury Place—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 the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6--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 under Section 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.

7--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

8—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 18 and 19, Worcester Street, and No. 26, Exmouth Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were 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 owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order —An application to be registered as a Cowkeeper and purveyor of milk was received from John C. Harvey, Green Farm, Up-Hatherley. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the drains were in a defective condition and the water supply of doubtful quality, Resolved, That the application be refused, and the Medical Officer of Health do make an examination of the water.

10—Work in the health Department—A Letter from Mr. J. Spencer, of No. 38, Ashgrove, Bradford, the owner of houses in Keighley Terrace, was read, expressing his dissatisfaction at the way in which the Medical Officer of Health does his work; also a Letter from the Town Clerk in reply that he was

singular in his opinion of the way in which the Medical Officer of Health does his work, and that he was not aware that Mr. Spencer was qualified to form an opinion. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

11—Sewerage Loan—A Letter from the Local Government Board of date the 4th inst. was read, with reference to the application of the Council for sanction to borrow £1500 for works of storm water drainage stating that the Board were not satisfied that the scheme could be carried out in the absence of the consents of all the riparian proprietors who might be interested, but that if the Council desire the Board to investigate the proposals on the spot they will be prepared to direct a Local Inquiry after public notice and affording all such riparian proprietors an opportunity of being heard. Resolved, That the Board be requested to grant a personal interview, and that the Chairman with the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor do attend it to more fully explain the matter to the Board.

12-Barn Farm—Resolved, That the Sewage Carriers be piped wherever roads cross them, and that a 2-rail post and rail larch fence be erected to divide the field called Dilling Furlong into two parts subject to Mr. Corbett paying up the arrears of rent due from him.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of November 1896—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair,)

13— Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, nine cases of Scarlet Fever, one of Puerperal Fever, and two of Diphtheria; that nine cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and two of Diphtheria into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was twenty-five.

14— Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1 and 2, Paragon Buildings, Bath Road, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, St. Mark's Place, and No. 6, Cambray —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 of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

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15- Overcrowding at No. 7, Montpellier Retreat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-' crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets 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.

17-Houses without Proper Ash Receptacles — The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no 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.

18—Cleansing and Whitewashing at No. 11, Courtenay 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 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.

19—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order— Applications were received from Mary A. Matthews, of Paragon Dairy, Bath Road, to be registered as a Dairywoman, and from Albert Davis, of Western Coffee Tavern, Manchester Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

20— Insufficient Closet Accommodation at the Cottage behind Longmead. St Mark's —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the closet at this cottage was a very primitive affair and in a very filthy condition. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act be given to the owner to provide a sufficient water-closet, and in default of compliance therewith to proceed as directed by the said section.

21— Sewer in Leckhampton Lane —The Borough Surveyor reported that it had been found that it would be unnecessary to construct the new sewer referred to in Minute No 31 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd ultimo of the length therein mentioned, and that the shorter length required could be constructed at a cost of £55, one-half of which would be paid by the Rural District Council. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

A tender was received from Mr. Mark Williams to lay a in pipe sewer along Leckhampton Lane according to plans and specifications for the sum of £55. Resolved. To accept same.

22—Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Baptist Association—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 7th October last, a letter from Mr. D. W. Honeysett, the Hon. Sec. of this Society, was read, requesting the Council to reconsider their decision not to grant the Association any compensation for the loss sustained by them in having to abandon the meeting of their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in June last on account of the small-pox, as the expenses of holding the meeting at Ryeford were more than double the amount of the



claim. Resolved, That half the amount claimed. viz., £3 6s. 9d. be paid, and that the Resolution referred to be varied accordingly.

23—Drainage of Property North side of Gloucester Road between Rowanfields and Alstone Court—A Memorial from Mr. W. H. Bulley and others was read, complaining of the flooding of the basements of their houses with surface water, and urging upon the Council the great and immediate necessity of lowering the sewer in that part of the road. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that as soon as the Local Government Board have sanctioned the necessary Loan the sewer will be reconstructed and put at a greater depth.

24-Barn Farm—A Letter from Mr. Corbett, the tenant of Barn Farm, was read, again urging his claim to compensation on the ground that he had not been supplied during the summer with as much sewage as he required, others having been supplied in priority to himself contrary to the terms of his lease, and also complaining that the Deputation of the Committee had not visited the farm in the summer as he had repeatedly asked, but waited until the rain had made the fields look totally different before doing so. Resolved, That Mr. Corbett be asked if he is willing that Mr. John Villar should determine what compensation (if any) he is entitled to.

25-Nuisance from Manhole to Sewer from the Chelt—A Letter from Mr. J. Biddle of No. 6, Denmark Cottages, was read, calling attention to a nuisance caused by an offensive smelt from the storm overflow in the sewer near the Chelt and his house No. 6, Denmark Cottages, which he considered a serious danger to himself and family and to the general public. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the outfall flap made airtight.

26-Ash Receptacles at Nos. 5 to 10. Devonshire Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Notices served on Mr. J. D. Steel, Senr., to provide Ash receptacles to these houses had been returned by Mr. Steel, marked "These have long since been supplied "; but on re-inspection he found that only No. 5 had been supplied with a proper receptacle, and he had therefore returned the Notices; these had again been returned by Mr. Steel with a note that the Orders had been complied with in June last. Resolved, To inform Mr. Steel that proper Ash receptacles must be provided by him, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance with the Notices if Mr Steel should still refuse to comply with them.

27-Delancey Hospital Trustee—Resolved, That Councillor Moles be nominated by the Council to represent this Committee on the Board of the Delancey Trustees in place of Alderman Wethered resigned.

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28--Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That No. 851, for four houses in road leading from All Saints' Road into Victoria Street for Mr. G. H. Roberts, be disapproved, a new plan showing sewer to be laid in front and not at the back of the houses, with separate drains thereto from each house, to be furnished. That No. 847 for workshops, &c., in Dunalley Street, St. Paul's, for the Original Brewery Company be not approved; and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown, so far as the drainage is concerned.

C. GRIFFITH  
Chairman.

## TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Griffith, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

1- Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Ward-Humphreys be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 23rd day of November, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Griffith, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

2-Kursaal—Mr. Robson attended the Meeting and laid before the Committee pencilled Plans of the proposed Kursaal and conversion of the Winter Garden into Municipal Offices, and the same having been discussed and suggestions made and considered, Resolved, That the completed Plans and Elevations together with an estimate of the cost of carrying into effect the scheme thereby indicated be ready for presentation to this Committee for them to report thereon at the meeting of the Council in January.

3—Advertisement in Great Western Railway Official Guide—A letter from Mr. T. Brine on behalf of Messrs. Cassell & Co., Limited, requesting to know if the Corporation would renew their advertisement in the Official Guide of the Great Western Railway about to be published by them, was read. Resolved. That the advertisement be renewed upon the same terms and subject to its being in the same position as hitherto, viz., 15 guineas for insertions in all editions issued during the next three years, and on the Panoramic Map No. III., but subject to the revision of the proof by the Chairman and the Town Clerk.

4— Advertisement in " Golf Greens "—A letter from Mr. E. J. Woodward, the author of "The Golf Greens of England and Wales," was read, offering a page for an advertisement of Cheltenham in his publication facing reading matter for £5 for the year. Resolved, Not to accept the offer at present.

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5—Metereological Station—A letter from Miss Beale was read, urging upon the Committee the desirability of establishing a Metereological Station in the town, and offering the Ladies' College Playground for the purpose ; also one from Mr. Tyrer on the same subject, suggesting the Montpellier Gardens as a suitable site for a Station, and informing the Committee that the necessary instruments could be purchased for about 30 guineas, the chief difficulty being to meet with a gentleman near enough at hand willing and able to take the requisite observations at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., or if it were to be a Climatological Station at 9 a.m. only, otherwise an observer and assistant would have to be appointed. Resolved, That the Council desire to express their recognition and appreciation of the valuable work done by Mr. Tyrer in the past with regard to Metereological

observations in the town, and that the Chairman of the Committee be requested to confer with Miss Beale and Mr. Tyrer on the matter suggested by them.

6--Damage by Peacocks at Saxham—A letter from Mrs. Parr, of Saxham, Pittville, was read, complaining of the damage done to her garden by the Peacocks at Pittville Park. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have some wire netting put up to prevent the birds flying over the wall into Mrs. Parr's garden, and that she be so informed.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present The Mayor; Councillors M. Davis, E. Ll. Davies, Dimmer, Feeney, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1— Chairman Resolved, That Councillor Feeney be appointed Chairman of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Thursday, the 26th day of November, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Dimmer, Feeney, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Feeney in the chair)-

2 Borough Engineer's Report —The Borough Engineer reported that—

" On the 26th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 105 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 138 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 7,897,136 gallons." " On the 26th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 18 feet 8 inches and the contents 39,648,198 gallons, which gave a total of 47,545,334 gallons or about 62 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 1,465,760 gallons."

That the level in Dowdeswell Reservoir had been steadily rising an average of 2 inches per day during the past month. That the last order for 3' and 4" cast iron pipes having been completed, and not being able to obtain a further supply at the same price, he had obtained prices from the firms who generally tender and supply those sizes, and their prices were as follows

		£	s.	d.	
Stanton Iron Co.	3"	3	5	2	per ton
" "	4"	5	0	0	"
Thomas Spittle & Co., Ltd.	3"	5	5	0	"
Staveley Coal and Iron Co	3"	5	10	0	"
" "	4"	5	10	0	"

That an application had been received for the extension of the main along Moorend Grove to White Lodge. The cost would be £4 and the return more than sufficient to cover the outlay ; and That an application had also been received for extension of main to St. Paul's Parade Cottages, at a cost of about £7 10s. ; the return would be just sufficient to cover the outlay. Resolved, That the report be approved and that the tender of the Stanton Iron Co. for the required supply of pipes, about 35 tons, be accepted, and that the applications for the extensions of mains above-mentioned be acceded to

3 --Tewkesbury Severn Water—A letter from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, was read, complaining of the impure quality of the water being supplied to his Corporation, and enclosing copies of two letters their Medical Officer of Health had received from Messrs. Ferris & Co., Bristol, respecting some samples of Severn water he submitted to them for analysis. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had ascertained that the samples of water had been taken immediately after the main had been shut down and reopened, which had disturbed the sediment which is usually found in water mains ; hence the impurity complained of. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write and inform Mr. Badham of this fact.

4 -Water Supply to Midland Railway Co. at Ashchurch—The Town Clerk reported that the Midland Railway Co. had asked that this Council should obtain payment from the Tewkesbury Corporation for the water supplied to them at Ashchurch, for which they had wrongly paid that Corporation at the rate of 1s per 1,000 gallons, and as the Tewkesbury Corporation would have to pay this Corporation at the rate of 7 ¾ d. per 1000 gallons, instead of 6d. per 1,000 gallons which the Company would have paid if they had paid direct to this Corporation, as they should have done, he saw no objection to the request of the Company being complied with on this occasion, without admitting the right of the Tewkesbury Corporation to supply the Company at Ashchurch. Resolved, That on this occasion the request of the Company be complied with, though they must distinctly understand that in future they must pay this Corporation direct for the water supplied to them at Ashchurch.

5— Tewkesbury Water Supply—A letter from Mr. Badham was read, with which he enclosed a cheque for £242 3s. 1d. for the water supplied to his Corporation for the quarter ending the 29th of September last, which he sent with liberty to this Corporation to accept without prejudice to their claim to the balance in dispute remaining unpaid.

6—Water Supply to the Rev. C. W. Grove—A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Brown, Solicitor, Tewkesbury, informing the Corporation that the Rev. C. W. Grove, of the Mythe House, Tewkesbury, died on the 10th of August last, and that the gratuitous supply of water to the house and stables consequently ceased on that day, and his client. Capt. Hills, the devisee of the property, would be prepared to pay a reasonable sum for the water since used.

7-- Water Gauge at Boddington—A letter from Mr. Treasure, Solicitor, Gloucester, was read, stating that his client, Mr. Cook, of Boddington, did not think the recently made reduction of the height of the Guage sufficient to enable him to carry on his business, and suggesting that the Corporation should have it lowered still another 5 or 6 inches, to which the Town Clerk had replied that the Corporation would accede to the request if Mr. Gibbons would consent. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

8— Water Pillar in London Road —A further letter from Mr. Minett, of Cedar Lodge, was read, protesting against the Water Pillar opposite his house being allowed to remain. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have it moved into the Old Bath Road.

9—Removal of Water Meter--A letter from Mr. Skemp, was read, apologising for having removed his Water Meter himself and without having given any notice to the Water Department of his wish to have it removed.

10-Hydrants in Prestbury Parish—A letter from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, was read, stating that his Council would pay a charge of £6 per cent. on the cost of laying down, providing and fixing the two hydrants required (such cost not exceeding £2 10s. each), and also an annual charge of 1s in respect of the maintenance of each plug, the Town Council to make no charge for water used in case of fire.

11—Water Rate, Trinity Parish Schools—A letter from Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings, on behalf of the Committee of these Schools, was read, applying for a return of £8 out of £9 0s. 6d. paid for water supplied to these Schools in 1894, on the ground that the meter then in use must have been defective, as another meter used since had shewn a reduction of the amount used in 1895 to £5 17s. 1d., and in 1896 to £2 12s. 3d., though the daily requirements are much the same year by year Resolved, That the Council are unable to concur in the contention that the difference in the amounts charged for the years 1894, 1895 and 1896 in any way prove that the meter in use in 1894 was defective, and without letter proof that the amount of water charged for in 1894 was not actually-supplied, they are unable to accede to the application.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

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#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 16th day of November, 1896—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Thoyts ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Mules and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Feeney be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Committees for 1897—Resolved, That the Committee Meetings for next year be fixed as follows :

Monday .. .	Public Library Sub-Committee, at the Library at 10 o'clock. ..
“	Baths and Recreation Grounds at 3.0
“	Town Improvement at 4.0
Tuesday .. .	Public Library at 11
“	General Purposes and Watch at 3.30
Wednesday ..	Public Health.. at 11.
“	Lighting at 3.30
Thursday .. .	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 3.30

and second Public Health Committee at 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday after the Council Meeting. Except at Easter and Christmas when the alterations necessitated will be as follows:—

Public Library Sub-Committee on the 20th instead of the 19th of April, at 10 o'clock. Town Improvement Committee on the 26th instead of the 19th of April, at 4 o'clock, and Baths and Recreation Grounds on the 20th instead of the 19th of April, at 3 p.m.

Street and Highway Committee on the 24th instead of the 27th of December, at 4 o'clock. The View that day to be at 2 o'clock instead of 2.30.

3—Allotments—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors for Mr. Skillicorne, was read, stating that their client could not consent to the alteration in the date of the commencement of the term to the 1st of March next, but he would meet the Corporation by agreeing to the commencement of the term on the 25th of December instead of the 29th of September last. Resolved, That the Resolution to the Minute referred to be varied as follows, viz., that the term commence on the 25th of December, also that the allotments be let at 17s a chain, tenants to be allowed possession on the 1st of February, but the rents to commence on the 25th March.

4—Lavatory at Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a Specification and Estimate for renovation of the Lavatory on the upper floor of the Municipal Offices.

5—Electric connection of Firemen's Residences with Fire Station—The Borough Surveyor reported with reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their Meeting on the 18th of February last, that the cost of connecting the residence of each Fireman by an Electric Bell with the Central Station would be about £143, and that he had not felt justified in proceeding with it in consequence, Resolved, To refer the matter back to the Sub-Committee for reconsideration.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1896—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors LL. Davies, Griffith, Feeney, and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

6 - Fire Brigade --The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out on the 22nd October to an alarm of fire at No. 1, Granville Street, but the fire had been

extinguished before the arrival of the Brigade, the damage done being very slight. The building and contents being uninsured, he enclosed the account of expenses, £2 10s 0d. for approval of the Committee That on the 8th inst., the Brigade was called to a fire at the Clarence Hotel, the damage done amounting to £5. The property being insured in the Alliance and Brewers and General Fire Offices, an account for £2 10s. 0d. had been sent in to each. He also reported that several hydrants in Leckhampton and neighbourhood require alteration. viz., those opposite Malvern Inn and in Moorend Road being too deep for the stand pipes, and others being nearly filled with sand through defective brickwork outside. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the hydrants referred to altered and put in proper condition.

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7—Driver's Licenses—Applications for Driver's Licenses were received from Leonard Norris, of Imperial Mews, and Thomas Arthur Russell, of No. 2, Hill Place, London Road. Resolved, That the same be granted.

8—Hackney Carriage Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were received from George H. Fowles, of Lansdown Stables, George Clifford, No. 12, Queen Street, Henry Winters, No. 5, Naunton Crescent, and Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews. Resolved, To inform the applicants that there being no vacancies their applications cannot be granted, but that the names of those not already on will be put on the list of applicants to be considered in their order as vacancies occur. A letter from J. Phelps of No. 6, Oriel Walk, was read, asking that his License No. 115 might be transferred to his other carriage, the present one not being strong enough. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the new carriage being approved by the Chairman. A letter was read from Frederick Bishop, of No. 24, Dunalley Parade, applying for the transfer of a Hackney Carriage License to him, he having an offer to sell to him a licensed carriage. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bishop that it is contrary to the rules to allow licenses to be transferred by means of sale and purchase of a licensed vehicle.

9—Wheel Chair License—A letter from J. Lockett, of No. 8, Spa Buildings, was read, stating that he had purchased another Wheel Chair which he had shown to the Chairman who had given him permission to use the same. Resolved, That the permission given be confirmed.

10-Deputation of Hackney Carriage Proprietors and Drivers—A letter from W. P. Jones, Secretary to the Cheltenham Cab and Pony Carriage Proprietors and Drivers' Union, was read, asking if the Council would receive a Deputation of Proprietors and Drivers to place before that body the grievances of Drivers of Hackney Carriages, with a view to amicably arranging matters of which they complained. Resolved, That Mr. Jones be informed that a Deputation consisting of 2 Proprietors and 2 Drivers will be received by this Committee at their next meeting.

11-- Re-Numbering of Houses in Neighbourhood of Great Norwood Street —A letter from Mr. E. Cocks-Johnstone, of No. 1, Cloverdale Lawn, Painswick Road, was read, calling attention to the erratic numbering of the houses in Gratton Street and St. Philip's Street. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the numbering of the streets referred to by Mr. Cocks-Johnstone, and as to Naunton Crescent and other streets in the neighbourhood that require re-numbering or naming.

12--Pawnbrokers' Certificates---A letter from Messrs. Higgins & Co., of No. 326, High Street, was read, applying for the renewal of the Pawnbrokers' Certificate granted to them on the 9th of November last year. Resolved, That the application be granted.

13- Locomotives on Highways—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the regulations made by the Local Government Board with respect to the use of Light Locomotives on Highways.

14- - Insurance of Corporation Property A letter from Messrs. Courtenay Wells & Co. of No. 53, London Road, Croydon, on behalf of the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., of No. 50, Cannon Street, London, was read, offering to tender for the Insurance against fire of the whole of the Corporation property. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter.

15—Lighting of the Drawing Room, Borough Surveyors Department—Resolved, To have an Electric Incandescent Lamp put in the Drawing Room of the Municipal Offices.

16 -Railings round St. George's Square—Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners in St. George's Square that the Corporation propose to have the railings bounding the Square painted, and to apportion the cost between them.

17 Lavatory at Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the paper should be stripped off and the walls re-covered with Emdeca, at an estimated cost of £2 10s. Resolved, That this suggestion be approved.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

#### **BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Ll. Davies, Dighton. Lenthall, Mills, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Chairman -- Resolved, That Councillor Lenthall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1896—Present:—The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair) —

2---Naunton Park—A letter from Mr. J. Sutton asking permission to continue the Avenue of Trees in this Park, commenced by the late Capt. St. Clair Ford, the Corporation to do the planting, was read. Resolved, That the permission asked for be granted. Bye-Laws—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their approval of the application to this Park of the Bye-laws



relating to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, with such alterations or modifications as this Committee and the Council may determine upon.

3--- Caretaker at Alstone Swimming Bath —Resolved, That Mr. Hart be employed during the winter months in the same manner and upon the same terms as stated in the Resolution to Minute No 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th October, 1894.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Chairman - Resolved, That Councillor Moles be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Friday, the 13th day of November, 1896--Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Moles in the chair)-

2-Inspection of Cemetery--The Committee inspected the Cemetery, Mr. Gregory and Mr. Pratley being present. Resolved, That an Inventory be made and submitted to the next meeting of the Committee of all the plant, tools, and other property of the Corporation, and that instructions be given to the Borough Surveyor to prepare a scheme for generally renovating the Chapels, Vestries, Lobbies, and their fittings.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee,** held on Friday, the 27th day of November, 1896 — Present: Councillors M. Davis, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

3—Superintendent's Report ---The Superintendent reported that he required 2 loads of Coke for the Chapels and 2 loads of Coal for the Lodge. Resolved, That the same be ordered.

4—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following Members of this Committee be appointed a Sub-Committee for the purpose of settling the lists of Books, Apparatus, Tools, &c., handed over to the new Superintendent and to be provided for his use, viz.: The Chairman and Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage.

5- Ex-Superintendent's Disbursements and Allowances Resolved, That the following accounts found due to Mr. Gregory be paid, viz.: -

Wages to 10th.October .	£10	13s 0d
Wages to 31st October..	£ 8	18s 0d
Also that he be allowed the following sums, viz:-		
For Articles left at the Lodge..	£2	0 s 0
Balance of Salary to 31st October ..	£8	6s 8d
Gratuity for services rendered in Assisting the new Superintendent and checking lists of Books,		
Tools, &c.	£2	0s 0d

6— Superinterident's Disbursements—Resolved, That an advance of be made to the Superintendent to cover payments made by him for wages in excess of receipts.

7—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved—Headstones to Frances Ann Copeland, James O'Connor, and Elizabeth Martha Beckingsale. Accounts —The following Accounts were examined and allowed s. d.

G. C. Pratley, Labourers' Wages	£10 13 0
M. B. Tallboy, Garden lines	2s 0d

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

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#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held** on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dimmer, Parsonage, Waghorne, and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Norman in the chair) —

1—Chairman - -Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee,** held on Wednesday, the 25th day of November, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dimmer, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

2 —Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY—SULPHUR.			
Date.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.	Date.	Test at Corporation Testing Station.
1896		1896.	
Nov. 2nd..	15.80 candles	2nd-3rd	9.64 Grains per 100 cubic ft.
" 3rd..	15.66 "		
" 12th..	15.50 "	12th-13th	11.66 "
"17th.. " 20th..	15.95 " 15.86 "	20th-21st	17.70 "
" 24th..	16.38 "		

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.1786 cubic feet.

4 -Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 9 metered and 33 unmetered, and 4 burning dimly.

5-Public Lighting—Letters were read from Mrs. Hawkins re lighting of road in front of All Saints Villas, from Mr. Birt re lighting of Gloucester Road, and from Miss Gibbings re lighting near Royal Parade, and from the Misses Pearce re lighting of Eldorado Road. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Street and Highway Committee. and that they be requested to view and report.

6-Lamp at Corner of Hewlett and Pittville Circus Roads—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, stating that the Manager would give his immediate attention to Mr. Taylor's complaint, with a view to rectify any defect that may be found in the light afforded by the lamp in question.

7-Lighting of St. George's Place letter Irons Mr. G. R. Francis, of Beech House, was read, drawing attention to the importance of placing an Electric Light at that corner of St. George's Place leading to and from the Great Western Railway Station. Resolved, That an Electric Arc Lamp similar to those now being placed in the High Street be erected at this corner.

8-Electric Inspector's Report—The report of the Electric Inspector on the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month was as follows :--

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.			
Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.	
Oct. 23rd ..	100 Volts	101.66 Volts	
Nov. 2nd ..	"	102.75 "	
Nov. 3rd ..	"	101.66 "	
Nov. 17th ..	"	101.25 "	
Nov. 20th	"	102.00 "	
Nov. 24th	"	102.75 "	

9-Tenders for Tank—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Tenders for the Cast Iron Tank at the Electric Station received from the following firms, viz.:

Humpage, Jacques & Pedersen	£135 0 0
Coalbrookdale Iron Works	£132 0 0
Hardy & Padmore, Ltd. ..	£119 7 0
John M. Butt & Co. .	£116 0 0
Cochrane & Co. ..	£105 0 0
Staveley Coal & Iron Co., Ltd.	£102 0 0
Stanton Iron Works Co., Ltd.	£100 0 0
Newton Chambers & Co. ..	£ 84 10 0

Resolved, To accept the Tender of Messrs. Newton, Chambers & Co. at £84 10. 0d.

10-- Electrical Engineer's Report--The Electrical Engineer reported that good progress had been made with the building extensions at the Electric Works ; that most of the arc lamp pillars had been erected and that several had been wired and connected to the mains ; that the laying of the arc lighting mains would be completed on that day with the exception of a short length to the Gordon Lamp; and that the laying of the new feeder to Cambray Sub-station would be finished at the same time.

That the new steam alternator had worked to his entire satisfaction for over a month now.

That during the progress of the building extensions it had become advisable, as tending to ultimate economy, to provide at once accommodation for the condensing plant beside the new economiser; and that with the Chairman's authority—in view of the ground being partially excavated already for another purpose and the case thus being urgent—an order had been given to Messrs. Malvern to execute the necessary work at a cost of about £100, which cost had been provided for in the £23355 loan.

That the balance between the £2,150, for which the Council authorised application on September 7th, and the £2,620 for which application was ultimately made, comprised the following amounts, —

Extension to Promenade (W.) (authorised by Council 5/10/96)	£ 50 0 0
" Bayshill Villas " 9/11/96	£140 0 0
Extra Cost of Filters, Water Tank and Cooling Pond	£ 60 0 0
" Tools, Instruments and Bicycle	£175 0 0
Contingencies on foregoing amounts	£ <u>45 0 0</u>
	£470 0 0

A resolution authorising application for £280 in addition to the £2,150, £50 and £140 was therefore required.

That the Arc Lamp fixed at the Norwood Arms had been so much damaged by mischievous persons that he had been obliged to remove it pending delivery of the post ordered for permanent use there.

That he recommended that a minimum stock of 100 tons of small and 100 tons of large coal be authorised to be kept at the Works, the value of which would be about £110.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer adopted. That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow a further sum of £280, and that Tenders for the supply of Slack Coal required for 12 months be advertised for.

11-Electric Lighting Extension Syndicate Limited—A letter from this Syndicate was read, offering to enter into an agreement with the Corporation to take current at the usual rates, they being allowed to retail it to Customers along the routes of the mains by means of penny in the slot machines.

Resolved, That the Council is not prepared to enter into any such agreement.

12-Electric Street Lighting—Resolved, To inform the Gas Company that the time is approaching at which some of the Gas Lamps in tile High Street, Clarence Street, and the Promenade will not require to be lighted, and that the Company be asked to name the terms upon which they will be prepared to re-erect the Guildhall Lamps removed from the High Street and Promenade in other parts of the town.

13-Tangent Alley—Resolved, To request the Street and Highway Committee to fix upon a position at the South end of Tangent Alley for the erection of a gas lamp to light the Alley.

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GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896 – Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Cooper, Ll Davies, Dimmer, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the, chair)-

1— Chairman-Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of December, 1896-Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew Councillors Cooper, Ll. Davies, Margrett, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

2 - 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 £1402 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £15,793 0s. 0 ½ d.

3--Water Rate --The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £1,696 8s. 11d., leaving outstanding £8,599 18s. 0d.

4- Midland Railway Rating-General District Rate-With reference to the and Resolution in Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 2gth of September last, the Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Rating Surveyor of the Midland Railway Co., the latter eventually offering to divide the rating (£1500) as follows :-£650 to be rated at the full rateable value and £850 at one-fourth. The Town Clerk had proposed that the total assessment should be equally divided, £750 to be rated at the full and £750 at one-fourth. Resolved, That, in order to effect an amicable settlement of the matter, it be proposed to fix £700 to be rated at the full and £800 at one-fourth.

5-Private Improvement Expenses-Naunton Park Road-A letter was read from Mr. Cornelius Smith, the owner of Naunton Park Road, enclosing a cheque for £145 5s. 11d., leaving £10 14s. 9d. still due, of which £5 2s. 9d. is due for interest, and complaining of the use made by the Corporation of the road and which he had to keep in repair. Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that if he will remove any obstructions placed in Naunton Park Road and pay £5 12s. 0d., the Corporation will forego payment of the interest.

6- Delancey Hospital-Accounts for Treatment of Patients--The Committee understanding that no regular and systematic notification of the date of discharge of patients from the Delancey Hospital is given to the Health Department, Resolved, That the attention of the Public Health Committee be called to the desirability of such notification being made as soon as the patients are discharged.

7-Replacement of Loans--The Town Clerk reported that the Loan of £5000 by Lloyds' Bank had been made and the debentures for the same sealed and issued, and that the account of the Solicitors of the Bank amounted to £5 12s. 4d. Resolved, That the account be paid.

Also Resolved, That application be made to Lloyds' Bank, Ltd., for a further Loan of about £20,000 on the same terms as before, the amount being required to replace existing Loans for which Notices had been given to pay off. £7,794 1s. 1d. (Public Library Loan) being required on the 3rd January next, and £12,100 (part of Water Loan of £12,400) on or about the 1st February next, and that Debentures accordingly be prepared, sealed and issued for these amounts.

8- Investment of Sinking and Loans Fund -The Borough Accountant reported that the Ebbw Vale Urban District Council would be willing to pay 3 1/8 per cent. interest for £5,000 if lent to them. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do make enquiries, and report upon the investment proposed.

9-Accounts-The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £8,051 6s. 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 was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 20th October last	£ 506 19 11
Paid since that date	<u>£6,214 7 9</u>
	£6,721 7 8
Received since that date	<u>£8,818 5 6</u>
In hand	£2,096 17 10

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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### TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held** on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Councillors M. Davis, Dimmer, Feeney and Lenthall (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Colonel Thoyts be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of the Committee held** on Wednesday, the 2nd day of December, 1896—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Colonel Thoyts ; Councillors Davis, Feeney, Lenthall and Margrett (Alderman Col. Mops in the chair)—

2 Technical Education Grant—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of a further sum of £100 from the County Council, making the sum received this year £850.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J.T. Mullins, for the Cheltenham P.S.A. Ambulance Society, making renewed application for a grant for the Society; and from Mr. W. H. Reay, asking for information as to how to obtain a portion of the Technical Education Grant for the formation of a class for instruction in the higher branches of the House Decorating and Painting Trade. Resolved, That this Committee regret they cannot make either of the grants suggested.

The Public Library Committee having made application for a grant of £10 to cover the expense of Popular Lectures proposed to be given at the Grammar School on the advantages to be derived from Public Libraries, Resolved, That this Committee consider the amount would be better expended in the purchase of books.

The question of the grant of £10 recommended to be made to the "Home Arts and Industries " Society, referred back by the Council for further consideration and information. was considered. Resolved, That the £110 now in hand be divided as follows :—

Science Department of the Grammar School and the School of Science	£ 50
School of Art .. .	£ 35
School of Cookery	£ 15
Public Library	<u>£ 10</u>
	£100

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present The Mayor; Councillors Ll. Davit's, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

1---Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Ll. Davies be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee**, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1896—Present : Councillors Ll. Davies, Mills, Moles, Parsonage, and Skillicome; Messrs. Evan Butler, C. Fisher and C. Hall (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

2—The late Chairman—Resolved, That the Committee, while they sincerely regret that Alderman Wethered can no longer act as Chairman of this Committee, congratulate him on the cause which has necessitated his retirement and thank him for his past valuable services.

3--Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £11 17s. 0d. He reported that there had been an increase of 6 per day in the issues from the Lending Library, and a decrease of 9 per day in the Reference Library when compared with the corresponding month of last year; and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz:-

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Trustees of the British Museum	2	
C. C. Walker	1	
S. R. Lysaght	1	
Trinity College, London	1	
Baron de Ferrieres	1	4
W. Hampton	1	
Board of Trade	1	
History of Birmingham	3	



Annual Reports from the Libraries at West Ham, Halifax, Mines Library, Bolton, Bristol, Cambridge, Salisbury, Derby and Leamington.

4—Purchase of Books--Resolved, To authorise the Librarian to expend a further sum of £25 in the purchase of books.

5—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Committee do form the Sub-Committee, viz Councillors Ll. Davies and Parsonage, Capt. Welch and Mr. Neale.

6=Annual Report—The draft of the Annual Report was considered by the Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted, and that 500 copies thereof be printed as last year.

7 - Leckhampton Reading Room--Resolved, That two Incandescent gas burners be substituted for the ordinary gas burners now in

8- Rates and Taxes on Library—The Town Clerk called attention to the decision in the case of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Manchester v. McAdam, to the effect that buildings vested in a Library authority under the Public Libraries' Act, 1892, and appropriated as and used solely for the purposes of Free Public Libraries are buildings the property of a Literary Institution and accordingly exempt from Income Tax, and he argued that consequently the Library should also be exempt from payment from County, Borough, Parochial and other local Rates, under 6 and 7 Vict., c. 36, and he had written to the Registrar of Friendly Societies (the person authorised under the Act to grant them) for the Certificate required by the Act to be obtained before such exemption could be claimed, that the Library is entitled to the benefit of that Act.

9---Accounts —The following Account was examined and allowed

W. Jones, Wages Account        £17 11s. 0d.

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

#### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee** held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1896—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman- Haddon : Councillors Cipher, Ll. Davies, Moles and Parsonage (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 2nd day of December, 1896—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Ll Davies, Lenthall and Mules (The Mayor in the chair)—

2-Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 44 schools, from which 1.649 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited.

3-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses under the Bye Laws be issued against the parents of the following children, viz :—George Hopkins, St. Paul's Parade; Albert Wilson. back of No. 5, Rutland Street ; Minnie Pates, Hermitage Street; William Hopkins, Exmouth Street ; Frank Constance. Corpus Street ; May Fry, Bahama Cottage, Francis Street ; Beatrice Slatter, 2, Providence Cottages, Great Norwood Street ; Henry Pearce. 4. Brandon Place ; William Smith, 8, Union Street ; George Packer, 5, Carlton Place ; Laura Cook, Waterloo Street ; Ellen Jeans, 52, Stanhope Street ; Ernest Higgs, Alstone ; and Ellen Page, 2, St. Peter's Place.

4--East Ward Local Committee—With reference to the latter part of Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from the Rev. Percy Waller, was read, stating that the information that he was willing to serve as a member of the East Ward Committee was not correct, and declining to act for the reasons therein stated.

5—Blind Child With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 30th of September last, and No. 5 of the last meeting of the Committee, a letter from Miss Roberts, was read, stating that the Home in Liverpool where the child John Blackwall was then being maintained was a certified school and under Government Inspection. Resolved, That the Council will defray the cost of maintenance and education of the boy as requested, and that he be allowed to remain in the Home in Liverpool.

6—Duplicate Registers for All Saints' Schools—A letter from Mr. Clifford Nash, was read, stating that it was desirable to begin a new duplicate register with the school year, and so have a full record on the same register, to enable which to be done the dates should be left out, leaving the Teachers to fill them in each week. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to comply with Mr. Nash's request as they consider it would be confusing and inconvenient to have the Registers in the different Schools starting on different dates.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.