

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1896—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Dimmer, Mills, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

1-The View—The following members attended the View Meeting on Thursday last, viz., Councillors Baker, Cypher, Mills and Parsonage.

2- Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a lamp had been fixed by Mr. W. Bradley, of the Farmer's Arms Inn, Worcester Street, over the entrance, to replace one previously there, without having had permission. That a Hairdresser's sign pole had been put up by Mr. Vick, Hairdresser, at No. 27, Mountpleasant, without having had permission, this being a removal from No. 21, where he lately resided, That Messrs. Holliday & Co. had put up three incandescent electric lamps, without having had permission, at No. 11. Pittville Street. That Mr. Jackson of the Fruit and Poultry Stores, No.1 Clarence Street, had put up two incandescent gas lamps, without having had permission, in front of the shop windows; and that several temporary projections had been put up by various tradesmen for use during the usual Annual Christmas Show, which, however, would shortly be removed.

Letters were read from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, dated the 23rd inst., giving notice that they had fixed two gas lamps outside No. 2, Clarence Street; from Messrs. Holliday & Co., dated the 4th inst., stating they proposed to put up an incandescent lamp on the centre pillar, the bottom of which would be about 8ft. 4in. from the pavement and would project thin. from the main wall, and enquiring if there was any objection to its erection ; and from Mr. Benjamin Vick, dated the 8th inst., requesting permission to erect the Barber's Pole which he had outside his shop, No. 21, Mountpleasant, outside No. 27, to which he was about to remove, the pole being 10ft. long and 10ft. above the ground.

With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Street Inspector further reported that Messrs. Dix & Co. had removed the rolls of lead from the front of their shop in North Street ; but that Mr. Enoch, of No. 5, Tivoli Place, and Messrs. Bence & Son, of Mountpleasant, had failed to comply with a request which he had made to them to remove rolls of lead which they also had lying on the footpaths in front of their respective premises. A letter from Mr. George Bence, was read, stating that he had not encroached upon the public footway as the land over which it runs originally belonged to him, and when he set his building back he did so more than the stipulated depth in order that he might keep his rolls of lead outside, which he should continue to do. Resolved, That the Projections of Mr. Bradley. Mr. Vick, Messrs. Holliday & Co., and Mr. Jackson be allowed to remain, subject as to Mr. [V]ick to its not projecting more than one foot from the face of the building; and that consideration as to what steps should be taken as regards the alleged encroachments of Messrs. Enoch, and hence & Son be adjourned for the

Committee to view and for the Town Clerk to report as to what legal rights, if any, exist in the case of Messrs. Bence & Son.

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3- Notice Board on Premises of Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co.—A letter was read from Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co., asking consent to place a tall Notice Board at the south end of their premises adjoining St. Matthew's Church, and stating that they intended to build a range of premises from the Church to the old yard of the Omnibus Co. Resolved, That before giving the permission asked for the Committee prefer to see the Plans of the proposed new buildings, but if any similar application should be received this one shall have prior consideration.

4—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 28th of November to the 25th December was as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Westall 1034 super yards, St. George's Place 324 super yards, Queen's Road (proceeding) 2067 super yards, Hatherley Road 224 super yards.

Roads Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Grafton Road, Bath Road, High Street, Cambray, Gas Lane, Ambrose Street, Montpellier Street. Bayshill Road, Rutland Street, Crescent Terrace, Portland Street, Royal Well Lane, St. George's Road, North Street, Naunton Crescent, Tivoli Circus, Francis Street, and St. Stephen's Road.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Brunswick Street, Pittville Estate, Hanover Street, and Hewlett Road. Repaired with Local Stone—Grafton Road (sides).

Paving, Crossing, Kerb and Channelling — Portland Square, High Street, Princes Road, Queen's Road, Albion Street, Promenade. Montpellier Terrace, Ambrose Street, Manchester Street, St. James's Square, Lansdown Road, York Street, Sun Street.

Trees had been Planted in the following Streets and Roads—London Road (23), Priory Street (3), St. Luke's Road (4), Queen's Road (5), Christ Church Road (3), Moorend Park Road (4), Leckhampton Road (11), Cemetery Road (13), Hewlett Road (6), Ambrose Street (21), Montpellier Street (2).

Two trees were removed near St. Stephen's Church.

Gullies Re-built to replace Defective ones-1 Marle Hill Road, 1 Suffolk Square, 1 Spa Road.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads, 847; Cart Loads, 112 ; Consumed at Destructor, 692 tons. 6 cwt.

5- Leighton Road—Private Improvement Expenses —A letter was read from Mr C. Barton, owner of No. 11, Leighton Road, stating that he considered the amount apportioned to him was a great deal too much for the work done. Resolved, To inform Mr. Barton that the apportionment was properly made, and that he must pay the amount due from him.

A letter was also read from Mr. John Bastin on the subject of the amount apportioned in respect of his property (£41 9 2). Resolved, That the further consideration of the letter be adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to re-measure, and to report as to the amount assessed in respect of that part

of the frontage to Leighton Road in respect of which Mr. Bastin claims relief, and to report as to whether the rent charges reserved are in perpetuity or not.

The Borough Surveyor reported that no allowance had been made in the case of the amount apportioned to Mrs. Ann Reece, the owner of No. 24, Leighton Road, for the fact that old materials had been used. Resolved, That an allowance of £1 15 5 be made in this case.

6—Road at back of Ormond Terrace and Promenade—A letter from Mr. F. Wright, was read, calling attention to the state of the road at the back of Ormond Terrace and Promenade, the roadway and pathway of which were used by the occupants of some of the houses on both sides of it for packages, trucks, &c., rubbish and filth of all kinds being deposited there. Resolved, That the abutting owners be called upon to lay the road with tar macadam and to asphalt the footpath. —

7—Road at back of Great Norwood Street—With reference to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 26th August, 1895, a letter was read from Mr. W. Caudle, again calling attention to the state of the road at the back of Great Norwood Street. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to enable the Committee to view.

8—Footpath north side of Albion Street—With reference to the second resolution to Minute No. 27 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, referred back for further consideration by the Council so far as regards the Hampton's Garden frontage, the Chairman reported the result of an interview he had had with Mr. H. G. Margrett, and that Mr. Margrett had also attended the of the Committee and discussed the matter with them. Resolved, That if Mr. Margrett will give up the portion of the frontage to Sherborne Terrace, marked blue on the plan now produced and signed by the Chairman, for the purpose of widening the road and making a footpath, the Corporation will relieve him of the cost of the Private Improvement Works proposed to be done to the footpath in Albion Street, and will also erect a dwarf wall with an iron fence along the new frontage to Sherborne Terrace, and allow him a building line similar to that in Fairview Place.

The Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 25th day of November, 1896, of the Works required to be done to the above street, was again read and approved. And it was Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 14 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.

9— Footpath on South side of St. Margaret's Road—The attention of the Committee having been called to the very bad state of repair of the footpath on the South side of St. Margaret's Road, Resolved, That the Committee do view the same.

10—Crossing at High Street end of Bennington Street—Resolved, That the Crossing at the High Street end of Bennington Street be taken up and relaid with McDougall's bricks.

11--Steam Rollers— With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 19th October last, the Borough Surveyor reported that the Boiler Insurance Company, after inspection of the 10 ton roller, had

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advised that the purchase of a new boiler would be more advantageous in every way than repairing the old one ; and a letter was read from Messrs. Aveling and Porter agreeing with the Company's report, and stating that the additional cost for supplying a new steel boiler would be £76. Resolved, That a new steel boiler be supplied to the 10 ton steam roller for the sum of £76.

12— Repairs to Corporation Railway Trucks—A letter from Mr. Thomas Hunter, of Rugby, was read, stating that his contract for the maintenance of the Corporation railway trucks expired on the 6th proximo, and asking if the Corporation desired a renewal of the same, but that the trucks being now seven years' older they would take more looking after, and he was prepared to renew the contract for five years at £4 10s. each truck per annum, the present contract being for £3 18s. each per annum for 10 trucks. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to ascertain the cost of 10 railway trucks on the hire purchase system, and the cost of hire of the same number of trucks including maintenance from not less than three makers.

13-No. 28. Ambrose Street—An enquiry having been made as to the price at which the Corporation would sell No. 28, Ambrose Street, Resolved, That £140 be asked for the land and site of No. 28, Ambrose Street, subject to the condition that the property to be erected thereon shall be of similar value and elevation to the adjoining property on the North side of it.

14—Maud's Elm—With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th February last, the Borough Surveyor submitted plan for fencing round Maud's Elm. Resolved, That the same be approved.

15—Lighting of Upper Park Street—Resolved, That a lamp be placed in Upper Park Street in the position indicated to the Borough Surveyor by the Committee.

16—Lighting of El Dorado Road--A letter from Mr. H. W. Chatters, of Strathfield, was read, on behalf of himself and the other occupiers of property in the El Dorado Road, calling attention to the desirability of lighting the lower portion of the road, the road now being open to the public throughout. The Lighting Committee having granted three lamps, Resolved, That the three additional lamps be placed in the El Dorado Road, in the positions now indicated to the Borough Surveyor.

17—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—St. Stephen's Road Footpath --The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in St. Stephen's Road amounted to £37 11s. 5d., which sum he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

18-Footpath on West side of Naunton Lane. Footpath in Glenfall Street and back of Glenfall Terrace—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 24th day of December, inst., of the Works required to be done to the above streets, were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That

Notices 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 streets, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged and channelled, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that if such Notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

19—Railings in front of Gibraltar House, Clarence Street—The Chairman reported that he believed the owner of Gibraltar House would consent to the removal of the railings in front of the house, and that the land so at present enclosed should be thrown into the footpath if a right of user in conjunction with the Public Library Committee was given over a piece of the adjoining ground belonging to the Library to the depth of the garden to Gibraltar House and 4 feet wide in the clear, exclusive of the width of any wall to be built by the Corporation for the purpose of carrying any superstructure above the said way, power to build over which being reserved to the Public Library Committee. If at any future time the Corporation should be able to give to the then owner of Gibraltar House another similar right of way either from the front or the back in lieu of the one now proposed to be given, the owner shall be bound to accept the same in substitution. The Public Library Committee having consented to the arrangement proposed, Resolved, That if the owner will consent the above proposal be carried out.

20—Footpath in Leckhampton Road —The Chairman reported that the County Council had come to terms with the abutting owners in connection with the fence which had recently been put up in the Leckhampton Road, which fence was to be set back, and the County Council requested the Corporation to undertake the maintenance and care of the path in question at the expense of the County Council, such path being in the Parish of Leckhampton. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

21-Borough Surveyor's Report on the Opening of Highways —Resolved, That copies of the Borough Surveyor's Report on the Opening of Highways be sent to the Manager of the Gas Company, and to the principal Builders in the Town, with a request that they will favour this Committee with any remarks they have to make thereon.

22-Street Crossings—Councillor Cooper's motion referred to this Committee by the Council on the subject of Street Crossings was considered. Resolved, That for the present and pending more complete provision, the Committee recommend that the suggestion of Councillor Cooper that temporary crossings be kept swept in muddy weather at intervals along the High Street, Promenade, and other important roads, be acted upon.

23 - New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
848	G. H. Wynn	Additions to Workshops, St. James' Square.
861	J. Kitching	Alterations and Additions to "The Exmouth Arms," Bath Road.
862	T. Wilkins	Stables at Southend Lodge, Leckhampton.

863	J. Bendall	Villa in Leckhampton Road, opposite " Norwood Arms. "
864	Lance & Co., Ltd.	New Show Rooms in basements of Nos.125, 126 and 127, High Street.
865	G. H. Roberts	Four Houses in road leading from All Saints' Road into Victoria Street.
866	Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	Workshops, &c., in Dunalley Street.
867	T. G. Smith	New Stables in Naunton Parade.
868	The Guarantors of the	Cheltenham Cricket Club Additions to Cricket Pavilion, Princes Street.
869	D. Turner	Additions to Nos. 1 and 2, Edward Street.

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Resolved, That Nos. 861, 863 and 865 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved so far as regards matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 9th day of December 1896—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillor; 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, 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 3 of Diphtheria and 1 of Puerperal Fever ; that 6 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 Corporation was 20.

2- Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 24, Hungerford Street, No. 23, Winchcomb. Street, Nos. 1 & 2, Crump's Court. and Nos. 4 & 5, Hewlett Road.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named 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. 3, Rosehill 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.

4-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.

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. 8 and 9, Bloomsbury Street, No. 3, Rosehill Terrace, and No. 5, Albert Place, Pittville— 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.

7—Dairies, Cowshed and Milkshops Order— An Application to be registered as a Dairyman was received from William Arkell, No. 7, Hewlett Street ; and from Eliza Wright & Emma Alice Butlin, No. 17, Winchcomb Street, and Elizabeth Mustoe, No. 39, Winchcomb Street, to be registered as Dairywomen. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

8—House unfit for Human Habitation—No. 31, St. James's Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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.

9--Insanitary Property—Nos. 7, 8, and 9, Bloomsbury Street, No. 5, Gloucester Road, No. 5, Albert Place, Durban House, Hewlett Street, No. 6, Rosehill Terrace, and No. 3, Ormond Villas—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.

10—Wells at Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 20, Courtenay Street and 61, 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.

11—Claim for Compensation for Quarantine---A letter from Mr. A. O'Brien, of 19, Townsend Street, was read, asking if any allowance could be made him for loss of time from Thursday to the following Monday week at the request of the Medical Officer of Health when his son Frank was taken to the Fever Hospital. Resolved, That as no repayment will be asked for on account of the expenses occasioned for treatment and maintenance of Mr. O'Brien's son whilst in the hospital no further allowance can be made.

12—Sewer in Leckhampton Lane --A letter from Mr. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, was read, stating that his Council would pay one half of the cost of £55 for laying the sewer as proposed. Resolved, That the work be proceeded with at once on these terms.

13—Sewer in Albion Parade—A letter from Mr. A. H. Green, of No. 411, High Street. was read, claiming repayment of £1 18s. 6d. the cost incurred by him in having the drain pipes from No. 15, Albion Parade to the sewer repaired, the same having burst owing to the sewer being defective. Resolved, That the claim cannot be allowed the Committee being informed that the damage arose from the junction with the sewer being improperly made.

14—Smoke Nuisance—Original Brewery-----A letter from Mr. J. S. Ballard, on behalf of the Manager of the Brewery, was read, stating that every care was taken in stoking the furnaces, and that the Builders were pushing on with the new Chimney Stack, Boiler House and Copper Room, and that meanwhile all care was being taken with the existing furnaces. Resolved. That this of itself is not satisfactory, unless the Manager is prepared to assure the Council that the alterations which are being made will effectually prevent the nuisance.

15--No. 1 Sewerage Scheme-£1,500 item--A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that the Board preferred to receive in writing any statement of objections which the Council may have to make to the proposal that notice of the Inquiry should be given to all persons locally interested as riparian proprietors. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to place before the Board the views of the Committee in writing.

16—Telephone connection to the Abattoir —A letter from the Local Manager of the National Telephone Co., Ltd., was read, stating that he understood that the Butchers using the Abattoir were desirous of having an Exchange connection there. and that he was given to understand they would pay part of the cost, which would be £7: 13s. Od., the Instrument to be removed to any new office which might be built there hereafter free of cost.

17— Sewer along the Hall Road late Leckhampton and the Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that a new sewer would be necessary along the Hall Road leading to the Schools about 393 yards at an estimated cost of £170 0s. Od. Resolved, That plans and detailed estimates be prepared for submission to the Local Government Board, and that application be made to the Board for sanction to a loan for the above purposes as part of No. 1 scheme.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of December, 1896—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (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, seven cases of Scarlet Fever, one of Enteric Fever, three of Diphtheria, and one of Puerperal Fever ; that seven 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 twenty-three.

19—Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 2, Bath Place, Bath Road, Moorend House, Moorend Street, and Alma Villa, Hatherley Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named 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. 11 and 12, Exmouth 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.

21-----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.

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.

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23--Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 10 and 11 Exmouth Street, Nos. 1 to 6, Exmouth Terrace, and No. 26, 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 section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

24--Wells at Nos. 13 and 21 to 28 Courtenay Street, and No. 2, Bath 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.

25 —Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order— An application to be registered as a Dairywoman was received from Mary A. Nelson, 23, Clarence Street. Resolved, That the application be granted.

26--Notices not complied with —The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served, but had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

27---Sewer Ventilator on Lodge at Delancey Hospital -- The :Medical Officer of Health reported that this was put up by the late Leckhampton Local Board on the understanding that it should at any time be removed on complaint, and that the occupier of the Lodge now complains that sewer gases from the ventilator descend his chimneys. Resolved, That the Ventilator be removed and its junction with the sewer sealed.

28-Lighting and Heating the Ambulance —The Medical Officer of Health reported that it had been suggested at a meeting of the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital that the Ambulance should be lighted and warmed. Resolved, That a suitable lamp and metallic hot water foot warmer be purchased for this purpose.

29—Urinal at King's arms, Gloucester Road—As the result of Notice served on the owner to make alterations, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had decided to close the urinal altogether, and it was no longer used by the public or the customers of the house.

30—Stabling of Horses at the Colosseum, Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the mode in which the Circus horses were stabled here constituted a nuisance injurious to health, being directly under the seats of the Circus. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance at these premises Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

31—Lodging House at No. 85, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this house was still used as a lodging house, although on the death of the late proprietor the Council refused to register his successor, it being too small a place for a lodging house. Resolved, That Notice be served on the proprietor requiring him to desist from taking in lodgers.

32—Byelaws as to Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health repeated the recommendation he made in July last to the Committee to adopt the model Byelaws of the Local Government Board as to houses let in lodgings. Resolved, To consider the matter at the next meeting.

33—Smoke Nuisance at Original Brewery—The Inspector of Nuisances handed in his Report as to the alterations of the furnaces, etc. which were in progress at the Original Brewery, from which it appeared that no efficient provision would be made for abatement of the smoke nuisance complained of. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel abatement of the nuisance directly it recurs.

34—Clinical Research Association Limited—A letter from the Secretary of this Association, was read, stating the advantages the Council would obtain by joining the Association, in whose laboratories Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations are undertaken.

35—Sewer dear the Cross Hands—A letter from Mr. Edward Smith and five other residents in Swindon, was read, calling attention to the state of the sewer near the Cross Hands, which

continually bursts in stormy weather and overflows the pathway and road. Resolved, To inform the writers that the necessary works will be carried out as soon as the sanction, which has been applied for, to borrow the money required has been obtained from the Local Government Board.

36—Barn Farm—A letter from Mr. Corbett, was read, stating that he was winging that Mr. John Villar should assess the amount of the compensation to be paid to him by the Corporation for the insufficient supply of sewage to the farm last summer. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do prepare the submission to Arbitration, and that Mr. Corbett be informed that the rent due from him must be paid.

37—Corporation Patients at Delancey Hospital—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital be requested to give instructions that notification be made to the Health Department of the Council when a patient sent in by the Corporation is discharged from the Hospital, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to have post cards printed for this purpose to supply to the hospital.

38—Culvert under Plas Trevor---A letter from Mr. G. H. Phillott, the owner of Plas Trevor, was read, asking if the Corporation would alter the line of the stream which runs through a culvert under the house, so as to carry it outside the house, as the Culvert appeared to him to have sunk and caused a settlement in the house. Resolved, That the Council consider it is a matter for Mr. Phillott himself, and they will have no objection to his making the diversion under the superintendence of the Borough Surveyor.

39--Sewers in Gloucester Road and Hall Road---With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the plans and estimates for the construction of these sewers. The estimate for the construction of the sewer in the Gloucester Road, from Lansdown Station for a length of about 1380 yards, being £718 10d., and for the Hall Road £168 12s. 0d. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do send the same forthwith to the Local Government Board, and request sanction for a loan of £900 for these purposes.

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40-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 plan No. 865 for four houses in road leading from All Saints' Road into Victoria Street for Mr. G. H. Roberts be disapproved, as the sewer is not shown in front of the houses, unless he can prove that a Corporation sewer already exists at the back ; and that plan No. 863 for a villa in Leckhampton Road, opposite the Norwood Arms, for Mr. J. D. Bendall be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown so far as the drainage is concerned.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1896—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Drew Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Griffith, Skillicorne and ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

1—Kursaal—A letter from Lewis Vizard, Secretary of a Ratepayers' Association, on the subject of the publication of the plans and scheme for the Kursaal and Municipal Buildings, was read.

Mr. Robson attended the meeting and laid before the Committee the ground plans, elevations, and other drawings of the proposed Kursaal and Municipal Buildings with a further report thereon. Mr. Robson, having explained the plans and read his report, stated that he would be prepared to submit his estimates for carrying out the scheme, both in the whole or part, in a week's time.

The Chairman having volunteered to attend at the Council Chamber for an hour each day during next week to explain the plans to members of the Council and the Press, Resolved, That the Press be invited to attend on Monday, the 28th instant, and the members of the Council any day next week ; and that the members of the Council be invited to attend a Special Meeting of the Committee in the Council Chamber, on Saturday, the 2nd proximo, at 3 p.m., to meet Mr Robson and hear his report and description of the plans, and that the report of Mr. Robson presented to this Committee at their meeting held on the 23rd ulto. be printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Council.

2—Journal of Balneology and Climatology--A letter from Dr. Samuel Hyde, Honorary Editor of this Journal, was read, suggesting that this Committee should advertise therein the attractions of Cheltenham as a Spa and Health Resort. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

3—Athletic Sports on Easter Monday at Montpellier Gardens ---A letter from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, was read, applying on behalf of his Committee for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday for the purpose of holding their usual Athletic Meeting, and requesting that as the continuity of the meeting had been broken by the stoppage last year, the Council would treat the Society more favourably as to terms. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, the Society to pay £20 for the privilege.

4—Damage front Swans—Letters were read from Messrs. A. Mustoe, Thomas Cook, and W. Brady, holders of Allotments in Folly Lane, complaining of damage done to their cabbages by the swans from Pittville, and claiming compensation, which Mustoe and Cook each put at 10s. Resolved, That 10s for compensation be paid in each case, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take every possible precaution to prevent a recurrence of the cause of complaint.

5—Herbarium at Pittville Park —A report from Mr. W. L. Mellersh on the state of this Herbarium, was read, and a letter re-requesting leave (1) To cut down an old pear tree : (2) To lower the top of the floodgate, and (3) To put up Notice Boards requesting persons not to pick the flowers or otherwise damage the plants. Resolved, That the Council cannot costly with his requests except as to thinning the tree and putting up the Notice Boards.

6—Meteorological Station —The letter from Miss Beale on this subject was again considered, also, a further letter from Mr. Tyrer making suggestions. The Chairman reported that he had had an interview with Miss Beale and Mr. Tyrer. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

7- Advertisement in G.W. and Midland Railways' Boarding Rouse and Hotel Lists for 1897 Letters from Mr. P. E. Farnan, on behalf Messrs. Hill & Co., Ltd., were read, suggesting the advantage of advertising the attractions of the above-named Lists. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend the expenditure.

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8- Free Admission to Pittville Park and Montpellier Gardens, on Wednesday and Saturday Afternoons— Resolved, That the Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant do report at the next meeting the effect of the proposed opening of these Gardens as regards the legal, practical and financial aspects.

9- Pittville Park Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Cypher and Griffith do form the Pittville Park Sub-Committee.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 31st day of December, 1896—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Dimmer, Griffith, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

10 —Kursaal and Municipal Offices—On this subject the Committee beg to report to the Council as follows :—It will be in the recollection of the Council that at its meeting on the 4th August last, the following resolution of this Committee of date 29th July last as amended by the Council was approved :—" 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, and that towards the carrying out of this resolution the Committee be empowered to employ an architect if necessary and directed to present precise plans and elevations and an estimate of the cost."

In pursuance of this resolution your Committee engaged the services of the eminent architect, Mr. E. R. Robson, F.R.I.B.A. Mr. Robson has had several interviews with your Committee and he has prepared plans for the erection of a Kursaal and Baths at the South end of the Winter Garden and for the conversion of the existing Winter Garden into Municipal Offices and a Winter Garden. He has also submitted to your Committee a Report descriptive of the whole scheme, a copy of which is sent to each member of the Council. The plans and drawings have been before the members of the Council during the whole of this week, and the Chairman has kindly devoted a considerable portion of his time each day to an explanation of them. Mr. Robson himself will attend a special meeting of this Committee on Saturday next at which the other members of the Council have been invited to attend for the purpose of explaining the plans and answering any enquiries that may be addressed

to him. He estimates the expenditure to be as follows, viz.-£50,000 if all the work is done at once, and £53,700 if done in sections.

The Committee are of opinion that the proposals and arrangements as shewn in the plans and drawings submitted by Mr. Robson are admirably adapted for the purposes for which they are intended; that the buildings when completed will be a credit and an ornament to the town, and that it is the most efficient and useful way in which the existing land and buildings can be utilised.

The Committee therefore recommend that Tenders for the erection of the buildings be advertised for in such sections as the Committee may decide on, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a Loan for the Kursaal and for a Loan of sufficient amount under sec. 120 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, to convert the Winter Garden Building into Municipal Offices.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 8th day of December, 1896 — Present Councillors M. Davis, Ll. Davies, Feeney, and Margrett (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1-Tewkesbury Water— A letter was read from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, forwarding copies of two letters which the Medical Officer of Health of the Borough of Tewkesbury had received from Messrs. Ferris & Co., Chemists, of Bristol, as follows:-

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Bristol, Nov. 4th, 1896.

Dr. J. H. ALLARD, Tewkesbury.

Dear Sir,—The sample of water received from you has been analysed with the following results :—

The water was fairly bright but deposited a filmy sediment consisting chiefly of micro-organisms, it yielded a decidedly high proportion of Albuminoid Ammonia but no excess of nitrates or chlorides and no nitrites, the total solids amounted only to 17 grains per gallon the residue on evaporation chars.

There is distinct evidence of organic pollution, but our opinion as to its precise significance would depend to some extent on the origin of the water, If, as seems unlikely judging from the locality, it is derived from a well, we should say the latter stood in need of a thorough cleansing, but that the polluting matter was of a comparatively innocuous character. If on the other hand it is a stream water, whether filtered or not, we should regard it with great suspicion, and we should recommend it not to be used except after thorough boiling.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully, FERRIS COMPANY.

Bristol, Nov. 6th, 1896.

Dr. J. H. ALLARD, Tewkesbury.

Dear Sir,—We have your letter in regard to Water Analysis.

This Analysis was not made in our own Laboratory, but by Mr. F. Wallis Stoddart, F.I.C., F.C.S.

We always entrust analyses of this character to Mr. Stoddart who is Public Analyst for the City and County of Bristol, Salisbury and Bridgwater, and Lecturer in University College, Bristol. He is without doubt an authority upon water. We think that any further communications upon the matter had better be addressed to Mr. Stoddart direct who will no doubt be pleased to furnish such information as may be required.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully, FERRIS COMPANY.

The Town Clerk read a further correspondence he had had with Mr. Badham, and from which it appeared that his Committee had not had Mr. Stoddart's analysis before them or any report from him; also a letter from Mr. Stoddart, in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk, declining to give the information asked for, viz., a copy of the analysis or of his report.

A further letter from Mr. Badham asking if this Committee would meet a Committee appointed by his Council at the Works at Tewkesbury, on Friday next, to discuss the matter, was read.

The Medical Officer of Health presented the following Report to the Committee.

A Report in connection with a complaint from the Corporation of Tewkesbury as to the quality of the Water supplied from the Severn Water Works.

On October 20th, I was called to the Borough Surveyor's Department to see Mr. Gray, the Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury, who had come to speak of the condemnation of the Tewkesbury Water by the Tewkesbury Council under the advice of their Medical Officer of Health. Mr. Hall proceeded to Tewkesbury immediately and obtained samples of the water then being supplied (Oct. 20th). I analysed these samples on Oct. 21st, and found the water to be well filtered and of quite satisfactory quality, it being just about its usual average purity.

On my return from my holiday I was informed that the Tewkesbury Council on representations made by their Medical Officer of Health, and as the result of a report from Messrs. Ferris & Co. of Bristol. had made further complaint of the water. I saw a copy of Messrs. Ferris' report. It was not a proper detailed analysis, but a most irregular, unscientific, and unreliable statement.

I went to Tewkesbury on Dec. 3rd, and called on Mr. Allard, the Medical Officer of Health. He told me that he had condemned the water on account of the large quantity of ammonia which it contained. He further told me that he tested the water by adding Nessler's reagent to a portion of

the water in its natural undistilled state and that he got a large red precipitate which indicated ammonia. I gathered that a fallacious test had been used and a serious mistake made in condensing the water as containing an excessive quantity of ammonia.

On the same day, Dec. 3rd, in the presence of our Chief Inspector, I collected samples of water from the tap in the kitchen of the Hop Pole Hotel, which was the place from which Mr. Allard, as he stated, got his samples. I also took samples in the same way from the well receiving the mixed water from all the filters at the Waterworks. My analyses made on the following days, Dec. 4th and 5th, proved these samples of water to be absolutely devoid of ammonia as such, and were otherwise most satisfactory. They were in fact better in quality from a chemical point of view than any other sample from the Severn that I have examined, and I have examined a great many samples.

The Severn Water at Tewkesbury varies from time to time in composition. It is sometimes darker in colour than at other times, a result due to a greater or lesser quantity of peaty matter, which stains the water brown, and cannot all be removed by filtration. This colouring matter, however, is perfectly harmless, and should by this time be quite familiar to the Tewkesbury people, since they have been drinking the water for 20 years.

Having now the advantage of new filters, built with the idea of supplying Cheltenham with Severn water, it were a pity indeed if a well-filtered water should not be supplied to Tewkesbury. There is no evidence that any other has been supplied, the filters have been all along in good working condition, and it is hardly possible that an impure water can have been supplied to Tewkesbury. It may interest the Tewkesbury people to learn that for two or three months of the past Autumn, Cheltenham was mainly supplied by the same water as supplied to Tewkesbury, and that this was the purest water distributed in this Borough during this year, and in no previous Autumn has there been less disease in Cheltenham which could be attributed to water.

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The Tewkesbury Council have issued a handbill advising the people of Tewkesbury to boil the water before use. The scare that has thus been caused in Tewkesbury was wholly unnecessary and in my opinion very unwise. The analyses I have made of the water are appended.

Dec. 8th, 1896.

Yours faithfully, (Signed) J. H. GARRETT, Medical Officer of Health.

WATER ANALYSES.

Water collected October 20th, 1896.

SOURCE OF WATER—Severn, as filtered and supplied to Tewkesbury. Sample taken on premises of Mr. Gray, High Street. (Another sample taken in St. Mary's Lane was of similar quality).

PHYSICAL QUALITIES—Colour as seen in 2-ft. tube—Brownish Green. Odour on Warming—none. Turbidity—clear. Microscopic character of Deposit—none.

CHEMICAL QUALITIES—Total Hardness (or soap destroying power) 7.5 degrees.

	In grains per gallon	In parts per million.
Total Solids..	16	
Chlorides (as Cl ₂)	2.7	
Nitrates (as H NO ₃)	0.4	
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Iron ..		
Lead ..		
Free Ammonia		0.01
Albuminoid Ammonia ..		0.06
Oxygen consumed in 4 hours at 80° F...		1.60

Remarks -The water is well filtered and of good quality. The last item shows it to contain peaty matter as usual. No fault

can be found with this water.

(Signed) J. H. GARRETT.

Water collected December 3rd, 1896.

SOURCE OF WATER—Severn, filtered and supplied to Tewkesbury. Sample taken from tap at Hop Pole Hotel. (Another sample taken at Tewkesbury Waterworks was of similar quality).

PHYSICAL QUALITIES—Colour as seen in a-ft. tube—Brownish Green. Odour on Warming—none. Turbidity—clear.

Microscopic character of Deposit—none.

CHEMICAL QUALITIES-----Total Hardness (or soap destroying power) 11.5 degrees

In grains per gallon.

In parts per Million.

Total Solids ..

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Chlorides (as Cl ₂)	3.3
Nitrates (as H NO ₃)	.4
Nitrites (as H NO ₂)	.0
Iron	
Lead	
Free Ammonia	.00
Albuminoid Ammonia	.03
Oxygen consumed in 4 hours at 80° F.	1.14

Remarks—This water proves to be of unusually good quality. It contains free ammonia, and yields a quite insignificant quantity of albuminoid ammonia. No better water than this can be hoped for or desired.

(Signed) J. H. GARRETT.

Resolved, That this Committee do meet the Committee of the Tewkesbury Council as proposed on Friday next, at the Works at 12.15 p.m.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of December, 1896—Present The Mayor Camellias Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Feeney, Lenthall and Margrett (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

2 –Borough Engineer's Report --The Borough Engineer reported that on the 24th inst. the supply front Hewlett, and Northfield Springs was 294 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 208 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 14,989,911 gallons.

That on the 23rd inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet 3 inches and the contents 85,843.994 gallons, which gave a total of 100,833,905 gallons or about 133 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 1,653,696 gallons.

That he had received an application for an extension of the water main in Hall Road from Mr. T. F. Brooke, the cost of which would be about £60, but he considered the extension would in all probability be a profitable one. That since the 1st of the month Dowdeswell Reservoir had risen over 10ft., equivalent to 45 ¾ millions increased storage, a larger quantity for the corresponding period than had ever been registered before, and it was a remarkable fact that all the springs both at

Dowdeswell, Hewletts and Northfield had increased largely since Wednesday, the 16th, and that at the present rate Dowdeswell Reservoir would probably be overflowing by the end of the year. Resolved, That the extension in the Hall Road be made.

3-Tewkesbury Severn Water—A Letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Badham was read, with reference to a report of the proceedings of the Tewkesbury Urban District Council in the " Birmingham Daily Post " of the 19th inst., from which it appeared that Dr. Stoddart had written a letter stating, amongst other things, that his analysis was even more searching than any made by the Cheltenham Corporation, whose adviser had limited himself to a determination of the albuminoid ammonia, asking to be informed if the two analyses which were handed in to the Committee of the Tewkesbury Corporation at the conference at Tewkesbury on the 11th inst., were sent to Mr. Stoddart before he wrote the letter referred to, also asking for a copy of so much of the letter from Mr. Stoddart quoted from by Mr. Badham at the meeting in question, as did not contain private matters, to which Mr Badham replied that as the communications with Mr. Stoddart were with a professional expert his Committee see no reason why the Cheltenham Corporation should be informed of the purport thereof.

4- Water Supply to Isolation Hospital, Tewkesbury—A Letter from Mr. Badham, Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council was read, agreeing to the draft agreement for the supply of water to the Tewkesbury Isolation Hospital as altered by the Town Clerk.

5—Water supplied to the Midland Railway Co. at Ashchurch—A Letter from Mr. Badham, the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, was read, with which he enclosed a cheque for £324 17s 8d. for water supplied to the Midland Railway Co. at Ashchurch for which the Railway Company had improperly paid the Tewkesbury Corporation.

6 -Tenancy of Land at Sandford—A Letter from Mr. R. Pearce, the tenant of a piece of land at Sandford belonging to the Corporation was read, stating that he wished to give up his tenancy, and that a Mr. Hough of the neighbouring Carpet Beating Works would take it off his hands at once if the Council would accept the latter as a tenant in his place. Resolved, That subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied that Mr. Hough is a suitable tenant the proposal be agreed to.

7--Qualifications of Plumbers—A memorial from the Cheltenham branch of Plumbers was read suggesting that all members of their craft working under the Corporation should be duly qualified Plumbers and should be required to pass an examination by a body of practical men partly composed of members of the Water Committee and partly of the members of that branch, and offering to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Committee to more fully express their views. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Committee will be happy to receive the proposed deputation at their next meeting on the 21st proximo.

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

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1-Swine Fever—The Superintendent of Police reported that on the 29th ulto. a case of Swine Fever had broken out on the premises of Mr. John James Cook, Cinder Road, Alstone, where there were 15 pigs, one of which was dead. Three others subsequently died, and the remainder were slaughtered, and all the carcasses were sent to the Destructor to be destroyed; and Form B had been served upon persons keeping pigs in the locality.

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A circular letter from the Board of Agriculture was read, stating that they had had under consideration the desirability of taking measures to secure a still further improvement of the position in regard to this troublesome disease, and that they trusted that they might be assured of the cordial assistance of this Local Authority in the matter.

The Town Clerk read the draft of a Notice which he proposed to issue, stating the effect of the Swine Fever Orders of 1896, which would come into operation in any district defined for that purpose by order of the Board, the object of which was to prevent for a time the holding of sales of store swine in all districts where Swine Fever might reasonably be suspected to exist ; also a letter from the Clerk to the County Council with reference to the Notice, a copy of which had been sent him by the Town Clerk, that the existing County Order is, as regards the sale of swine, practically identical with the Board of Agriculture's (Markets and Fairs) Swine Fever Order, 1896, and as pigs could not come into the County except for slaughter (except from certain counties) he did not think there was any need to issue such a notice as proposed. Resolved, That the Council consider it unnecessary at present to issue any further Notice.

2—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out on the 28th ulto., to a rick fire at Messrs. Holliday's Yard, Gosditch, the damage done being about £70, and the extinguishing expenses amounting to £12 8s., had been paid by the Westminster Fire Insurance Office in which the property was insured. Also on the 17th inst., to No. 22, Duke Street, where damage was done to the extent of about £65 ; the bill for the extinguishing expenses amounting to £3 3s. had been sent in to the Royal Insurance Office in which the property was insured.

3--Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Report of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee, as follows, was read :—

Your Sub-Committee consisting of The Mayor, Councillors Feeney, Griffith and Parsonage met on Thursday, the 3rd day of December inst ; The Mayor being in the chair.

Connection of Station with Firemen's Residences— the question of the abolition of the Fire Bell and the connection of the Fire Brigade Station with the residences of the Firemen by means of electric call bells, or by telephone, was considered. A letter was read from the National Telephone Company

offering to connect the residences of the 16 members of the Fire Brigade with the Station and sell the system when made for £130. The erection of a line to the house of the Superintendent of the Brigade would cost £13, or the Company would erect and maintain the latter for £4 10s., per annum, on a five years' agreement. Your Committee, however, are of opinion that the expense as above, if incurred, would not be justified by the benefits to the Brigade, and therefore recommend that the scheme be abandoned.

Fire Brigade Station—The Borough Surveyor reported that the repairs and alterations at the Station were in progress.

Fire Hydrants and Water Mains, &c.—The Borough Surveyor reported that wherever possible he was having the Fire Hydrants put into the footpath instead of in the road, and that in several parts of the town where complaints as to lack of pressure had been made the existing mains had been taken up and replaced by some of larger size. Your Committee recommend that a list of the Fire Hydrants in the Borough stating their situation and the sizes of the mains be printed in book form for the use of the Brigade Members, and that a proof of the same be submitted by the Borough Surveyor at the next meeting of the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

Your Committee also instructed the Borough Surveyor to procure four lamps for use on the hose carts, and six lamps for hand use ; also three leather buckets and two extra lengths of suction pipe each six feet in length for the Fire Engine.

Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except as regards the Fire Hydrant Books, which be referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration. Also that the Heating Apparatus at the Station be kept going day and night during the winter months.

4—Drivers' Licenses—An application was received from G. H. Matthews, of No. 2, Rose Hill Terrace, for a Driver's License. Resolved, That the same be granted.

5-- Hackney Carriage License--A letter applying on behalf of John Morgan for a Hackney Carriage License was read. Resolved, That the same cannot be acceded to, there being no vacancy.

6-- Deputation of Hackney Carriage Proprietors and Drivers—A deputation, consisting of Messrs. W. P. Jones and Charles Cooke (Proprietors) and George Clifford and Alfred Young (Drivers), attended and laid before the Committee certain suggestions for the remedy of grievances as regards the deficiency of stands, the transfer of licenses, the number of passengers allowed to be carried in pony carriages, and the enforcement of the byelaw against loitering. Resolved, That having regard to the comprehensiveness of the matter it be deferred for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held in January.

7—Celebration of the Queen's Reign -A letter from Messrs. Boulton and Sons was read, submitting as a fitting memorial a Statue of the Queen to be placed in a position in the Town as selected by the Council, they being sure of being able to get the amount required to carry out the design amongst their customers, and desiring to be informed if the suggestion meets with the approval of the Council, and if the Council would sanction it with their support. Resolved, That at present the Council considers consideration of the matter would be premature.

8—Chief Assistant's Salary: (Surveyor's Department) — A letter from Mr. W. V. Anderson, the Chief Assistant in the Borough Surveyor's Department, was read, applying for an increase of his salary from £163 to £200 per annum. Resolved, That in view of the fact that Mr. Anderson is one of the two selected candidates for the post of Borough Surveyor at Scarborough' consideration of his application be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

9 Local Government Act, 1894—With reference to Minute No. 4, of the proceedings of this Committee, of the 19th of February, 1895, a letter from the Local Government Board, was read, stating that the Board were prepared to transfer to the Council the powers of the Vestry, under Secs. 3 & 4 of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869, and the powers of the Overseers, or Churchwardens and Overseers, specified in Sec. 6 (1) (c) (i) of the Act, with regard to appeals in respect of the Poor Rate or County Rate, but that the Board think that the provision if the Parish books referred to in Sec. 6 (1) (c) (ii) should remain with the Overseers. That they did not gather why powers as to a Parish chest are required by the Council, but if these powers were thought necessary the precise reason for the proposed transfer should be stated, and that with

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regard to the powers mentioned in Sec. 6 (1) (c) (iii) and (d) the Board desired to know what were the reasons for the proposed transfer of these powers to the Council. A letter from the Town Clerk in reply, was read, stating that the reason for the proposed transfers not agreed to be made by the Board, was, that they are powers of the Overseers and Church. wardens, which by the Local Government Act, 1894, are transferred to a Parish Council, and therefore there seems no reason why they should not be transferred to the body which in a Borough fills the place of a Parish Council, than which there cannot be a better reason. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

10—Borough Farms - -A letter from Mr. Ballard, on behalf of the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., was read, asking if any objection would be raised by the Council to the registration by the Company of the Borough Arms as a Trade Mark. Resolved, To inform Mr. Ballard that the Council have already passed a resolution that the Comptroller of Patents be informed that the Council object to any such registration by anyone else than themselves, and they see no reason to depart from their previous decision.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1896—Present :— Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Ll. Davies, Lenthall, Mills and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair) —

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground —Football—A Letter from W. A. Heath, Hon. Sec. of the Practising Schools Old Boys Football Club was read, applying to have the Rugby portion of the Ground reserved for playing matches on Saturday afternoons during the present season. Resolved,

That the application be acceded to for not exceeding two hours on each occasion and on the understanding that the Club undertakes to make good any damage done to the turf or otherwise.

Trees—Resolved, That 5 dozen conifers be ordered to be planted along the east end boundary.

Urinals—Resolved, That the gates be put back so as to enable the urinals to be left open continuously.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1896 — Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Sub-Committee—At a meeting of this Committee, held on the 12th inst., present : Councillors Cypher, Davis, Moles and Parson-age, (Councillor Moles in the chair) a number of trees were marked in order that they might be cut down, and the lists of the articles, tools, &c., in use at the Cemetery were checked. The Committee recommend that the trees marked be cut down and that 3 wire mats for the chapel doorways and a wire fender for the Church of England Vestry be ordered. Resolved, That the recommendations and proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2-Superintendent's Report --The Superintendent reported that he had moved into the Lodge ; that the repairs which had been

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done were very satisfactory, and that as instructed by the Sub-Committee he submitted copies he had made of the notices on the seven notice boards at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to so condense the notices that one board inside the lodge gates can bear a notice prohibiting smoking and the entrance of cycles and other vehicles, and one other board inside the Cemetery gates can bear a notice containing the other regulations comprised in the aforesaid copies, and so that five of the present notice boards can be removed.

3—Design—The following design was examined and approved subject to the same being sent in on tracing linen instead of paper, viz., Monument to Charles Wilson.

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

G. C. Pratley, Labourers' Wages £20 0 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of December, 1896—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Parsonage, and Waghorne (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. 27th..	16.01 candles	Nov.	12 66 Grains per 100 cubic ft.
" 28th..	15.64 "	27th-28 th	
" 30th..	15.61 "		
Dec. 1st..	15.45 "		
" 4th..	15.25 "	Dec.	
" , 7th..	15.52 "	1st-2nd	13.37 "
" 9th..	15.30 "	4th-5th	14.38 "
" 10th..	15.43 "	7th-8th	12.04 "
" 12th..	15.38 "	13th-14th	12.76 "
" 14th..	15.30 "	15th-16th	12.90 "

2 —Gas Inspector's Report —The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.1936 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 16 metered and 37 unmetered, and 2 burning dimly.

4—Gas Sub-Committee— Resolved, That a Sub-Committee, to be named by the Committee, be appointed to confer with the Directors of the Gas Company on the subjects of the Guildhall Lamps, the New Testing Station, Opening of the Roads, and other matters, and that the Directors of the Company be asked to confer with them accordingly.

5-Lightiqg of Winstonian Terrace —A memorial from Mr. William Gardner and others, owners and occupiers of property in this Terrace, was read, asking for one or more lamps to be placed in the road ; also a letter from Mr. Winstone to the same effect. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists and Mr. Winstone that a lamp will be placed in the road as requested, as soon as it has been made a thoroughfare by the removal of the wall between it and Victoria Place.

6—Lighting Eldorado goad--A letter from Mr. Chatters, of Strathfield, was read, urging the desirability of lighting the lower portion of Eldorado Road Resolved, To grant three lamps to be fixed in this road at positions to be selected by the Street and Highway Committee

7-Rosehill Street---Resolved, To grant an additional lamp to be fixed in this street at a position to be selected by the Street and Highway Committee.

North-west corner of Montpellier Gardens), in Clarence Street, Manchester Street, Ambrose Street and St James's Square. Services had been made to all the lamps in the Lower High Street, Manchester Street, Ambrose Street and St. James's Square, also to some lamps in Clarence Street. He had then obtained an extra jointer from Messrs. Callender, and would push on with the remainder of the Clarence Street and High Street lamps.

He had received a verbal intimation from the Midland Railway Company that they had no objection to arc lamps being fixed along the road to the works, and he would fix these as soon as the High Street lighting should be satisfactorily completed.

He had received an enquiry from the Omnibus Co. relative to the charging of the cells for their proposed electric omnibuses, and replied to the effect that he would discuss the matter with them and advise them as to the best way of converting the energy supplied from the mains to a form convenient for the proposed use of it. At a later date he would lay a complete scheme before the Committee for dealing adequately with any demands of this kind which may arise, as he considered the Committee might profitably arrange to forward this form of electric traction: meantime he would look into the matter carefully.

He had hired two small rooms, formerly used as stables, in Manchester Street at a rent of £2 for 3 months, which would be sufficient to provide storage room for spare arc lamps, &c., for the agreed period of tenancy at least.

He found that the St. Stephen's Road Extension which was authorised at a recent meeting of the Committee had not been referred to in any minute of the Council: a resolution authorising this extension at an estimated cost of £270 was therefore required.

Applications had been received from Mr. Fairlie Muir and Mr. Haskoll for supply to their premises in Grafton Road, the estimated cost of which for the necessary mains, sub-station and transformer was £255.

An application had been received from Miss Evelyn James, of Suffolk Hall, for supply by the 20th prox.

He recommended in order to give this supply, and at the same time accommodate other residents in Suffolk Lawn, that a cable be laid along Suffolk Road from the substation to Suffolk Hall and be continued down Suffolk Lawn and back to the North-west corner of Suffolk Square, so as to form with the existing Suffolk Square and Suffolk Parade cables a complete ring main, which would tend to equalize the pressure throughout this main, and would enable a supply to be given to a good many more fairly large houses. The cost of the complete extension would be £270. Resolved, That the report be approved and the proceedings and recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be adopted, and that the resolution to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting be varied as follows, viz : —That the amount of £280, for which it was resolved that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow, be increased to £850 to include the estimated cost of the extensions above referred to, and to per cent for contingences.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Ll. Davies, Dimmer, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Midland Railway Company—Rating—The question of the division of the rating of the Property of the Midland Railway Co., to the General District Rate referred to this Committee by the Council to deal with, was further considered. A letter was read of date the 16th instant from the Rating Surveyor to the Midland Railway Company drawing attention to a case heard on the 5th instant, which, in his opinion, strengthened the Company's case. Resolved, That the offer of the Company contained in the Rating Surveyor's letter of the 26th November last, that is to say, that £650 be rated at the full, and £850 at one-fourth, be accepted.

2—Great Western Railway Company—Rating—A letter from the Great Western Railway Company was read, proposing that the rating of the Company to the General District Rate should be divided as follows:—

	At one-fourth.	At the full.
Cheltenham Station	£393 0 0	£747 0 0
Leckhampton Station	<u>26 0 0</u>	<u>57 10 0</u>
	£419 0 0	£804 10 0

And suggesting that if the Corporation were not disposed to accept this offer that Mr. Hedley should be consulted on the matter. Resolved, That the offer of the Great Western Railway Company be accepted, and the rating divided accordingly.

3—Vaccination Fees -A letter was read from the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham, stating that the precept they had received from the Board of Guardians for the half-year ending March 25th, 1897, was largely in excess of the usual amount required, and that they were informed in explanation that it included the sum of £1154 5s. 0d., due to the Deputy Public Vaccinators appointed by the Corporation. This charge had not been anticipated by them at the commencement of the year, and no provision was made for it in the estimate for the Poor Rate, and it was consequently impossible for them to pay it and also the whole of the £9600, the amount of the demand made by the Corporation for the Borough Fund. It had however been stated that provision was made in the General District Rate Estimate to meet these Vaccination Fees, but it was desirable that payment should come through the Guardians, and that the amount would be refunded. The Overseers therefore applied that the sum of £1154 5s. 0d. should be placed to the credit of the Borough Fund and deducted from the call upon the Overseers made by the Corporation. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written in reply, that it would be illegal to pay the sum in question to the

credit of the Borough Fund, the General District and Borough Funds being entirely distinct, and that transfers cannot be made from one to the other except in any case authorised by law, this not being one of them. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

The Chairman reported that at their meeting on the previous day, the Board of Guardians had appointed a Committee to confer with this Committee on the subject of the payment of the fees of the Deputy Public Vaccinators. Resolved, That a Meeting of this Committee be held on Tuesday next at 12 noon to meet the Guardians' Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896— Present The Mayor; Councillors Cooper, Ll. Davies, Margrett, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

4—Vaccination Fees—A deputation from the Board of Guardians consisting of Messrs. Hicks-Beach, Bence, S. B. Dix, E. Parker. J. D. Steel, junr., and Mr. Ticehurst (Clerk) waited upon the Committee to suggest that the amount of the District Rate collected in respect of the cost of Vaccination should be transferred to the Borough Fund in order that the amount of the next precept upon the Overseers might be reduced by a like amount, or that the fees due to Medical men for Vaccination should be paid by the Council ; and after the matter had been fully discussed the deputation announced their intention to apply to the Local Government Board on the subject.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, 1896—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Ll. Davies, Dimmer, Margrett, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

3- General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £5308 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £11,887 0s. 0d.

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6—Water Rate --The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £4,294 15s. 0d., leaving outstanding £6,092 10s. 0d.

7—Investment of Sinking and Loans Fund—The Town Clerk reported that the Ebbw Vale Urban District Council would only borrow if allowed to repay the amount by instalments. Resolved, That having regard to this the proposal to make them a loan be not entertained.

Loan to Brixham Urban District Council—A letter from Messrs. Long & Co., Mortgage Brokers, Mansion House Chambers, was read, stating that the Brixham Urban District Council wanted to

borrow £25,000 for repayment of present loans, but for which they would not pay more than 3 per cent. interest. Resolved, To lend them £5,000 at the rate of interest mentioned.

8—Electric Lighting Loan—Resolved, That a further sum of £10,000 be borrowed from Lloyd's Bank upon the terms offered by them as stated in Minute No 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 28th of July last.

9—Audit by Government Auditor—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make enquiries from all Boroughs whose accounts are audited by a Government Auditor, to ascertain how the system works with them, and to make a general report on the matter to the Committee at its next meeting.

10—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £19,625 13s. 3d., including £10,794 repayment of Loans to be reborrowed at a less interest, 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 1st instant	2096	17	10
Received since that date	<u>9,274</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	11,370	17	11
Paid since that date	7,478	12	0
In hand	3,892	5	11

E. H. PARSONAGE,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896—Present, Councillors Ll. Davies, Mills, Moles, Parsonage, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys ; Mr. Evan Butler, The Rev. P. J. F. Gantillon ; The Baron de Ferrieres ; Mr. Neale and Capt. Welch (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

1-Sub-Committee—The following Members of the Sub-Committee attended the Meeting of that Committee on the previous day, viz., Councillors Ll. Davies (in the chair) and Parsonage, Capt. Welch, R.N., and Mr. Neale.

2—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £8 4s. 1d. He reported that there was a decrease in the issues from both departments, viz., Lending Library 24, and Reference Library 16 per day, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

Mrs. Paisley	1	Volume
Anti-Vivisection Society	1	“
H. M. Thompson	1	“
J. Sawyer		2 Pamphlets
Cobden Club		1 Pamphlet
J. Bennecke	2	“
G. H. Bayley	6	“
C. Williams	1	“

Annual Reports irons the Libraries at Belfast, Manchester, Blackpool, South Shields, and Wolverhampton.

3--Widening Footpath in front of Gibraltar House—Councillor Parsonage laid before the Committee a proposal which he believed would be agreed to by the owner of the enclosure in front of Gibraltar House, if sanctioned by the Council, viz., that the sanction of the Committee as owners of the Library and the vacant land on the east side of the same be given to a pro-

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posal to be submitted to the Street and Highway Committee that in consideration of the removal of the railings in front of Gibraltar House and the throwing into the footpath of the enclosure aforesaid, a right of user in conjunction with this Committee be given to the owner of Gibraltar House over a piece of the adjoining ground to the depth of the garden to the house and of a width of 4ft. in the clear exclusive of any wall to be built by the Council against the wall of Gibraltar House for the purpose of carrying any superstructure above the said way. No building to be erected by the owner for the time being of Gibraltar House upon the site over which the right of user is proposed to be granted, and if at any future time the Council should be able to give to the owner for the time being of the said house another similar right of way either from the front or the back in lieu thereof, the right now proposed to be given should cease. Resolved, To recommend the Council to sanction the proposal.

4—Library Loan—The Town Clerk submitted a Debenture to be given to Lloyd's Bank for the £7794 to be borrowed from them at 2 ¼ per cent. required to pay off the balance of the mortgage debt due to the Royal Liver Friendly Society.

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

W Jones, Wages Account	£20 12 6
Cheltenham Gas Company, Coke	£12 0 0
S. B. Dix & Co., Gas Fittings for Leckhampton Room	15 6
Lupton Bros., Books	12 0
Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, Books	10 6
The London Supply Co	6 6
J. Tinkler, Scrubbing Brushes	3 9

E. LL. DAVIES, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 30th day of December, 1896—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, LI 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 42 schools, from which 1,048 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited.

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 parents of the following children, viz :—Ashley Bryant, 2, Fairview Retreat, and Myra Robbins, 4, St. Paul's Street, South. A letter from the Rev. J. A. Owen was read, resigning his membership of the North Ward Local Committee, being about to leave the town. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Owen, expressing their regret at the loss of the valuable services, which have been continuous for 14 years, and thanking him for the same.

3—Third Attendance Officer--A letter from Mr. Weaver, the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association, was read, thanking the Committee for recommending to the Council the appointment of a third Attendance Officer.

4—Blind Child—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter from Miss Roberts, the assistant Hon. Sec. of the Charity Organisation Society was read, with which was enclosed an account from the Home in Liverpool for the maintenance of the child, John Blackwall, during the past three months, at the foot of which was a note that if the Committee undertake the payment the Hon. Treasurer of the Home would let them know the terms which other School Attendance Committees and School Boards had agreed to pay. Resolved, To return the account to Miss Roberts and to inform her that the Committee can only be responsible for the cost of the child's maintenance from the 14th ult. on which date the sanction of the Council was given to the proposal, that the expenditure so sanctioned was the amount hitherto paid by the Society to the Home, viz., £13 a year, and that the Committee will be obliged if Miss Roberts will so inform the Hon. Treasurer of the Home.

5—Resignation of Mr. Wigley--A letter from Mr. Wigley, the chief Attendance Officer, was read, resigning his office at the end of one month from the 25th inst., through ill health. Resolved, That the Committee very much regret that illness necessitates this step on Mr. Wigley's part and beg to thank him for the offer contained in his letter to remain on duty for an extra week or so, if necessary, to initial the Registers to show in which Ward each address is situated.

A letter from Cr.-Sergt. Michael Carroll, late of the 2nd Volunteer Batt. Gloucestershire Regiment, accompanied by testimonials was read, applying for the post of Attendance Officer rendered vacant by Mr. Wigley's resignation. Resolved, That Cr.-Sergt. Carroll be appointed to the vacancy from the 25th proximo at a salary of £60 per annum. Salaries of Attendance Officers—Resolved, That the

Salaries of Mr. Turner and Mr. Irving be revised as follows, viz., Mr. Turner £80 and Mr. Irving £70 per annum.

7-Special Examination—The Town Clerk reported that a Special Examination of children was held on the 28th ulto., with the following results —

Number of Boys examined	87
Number passed in Standard V	<u>50</u>
Number failed	37
Number of Girls examined	83
Number passed in Standard IV.	1
Number passed in Standard V	<u>46</u>
	<u>47</u>
Number failed	36
Total number passed	97
Total number failed	<u>73</u>
Total number of children examined	170

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 apps oval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1897—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, Dimmer, Feeney, Mills, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Light Railway—Mr. Nevins, Junr. attended this Meeting, of the Committee, and at which several Members of the Council and the County Surveyor also attended by invitation. The question was fully discussed and Mr. Nevins having replied to questions put to him, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the usual monthly meeting of the Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of January, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Feeney, Mills, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)--

2—The View—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Saturday, viz., Councillors Baker, Cypher. Mills and Parsonage

3—Street projections -A Letter from Mr. C. Dickens, Tobacconist, No. 390, High Street, was read, applying for permission to tix a third lamp outside his shop in addition to the two for which permission was given in July last. Resolved, That the application be granted upon the usual conditions

4-St. Margaret's Road Footpath— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Specification of the mocks to be done by the abutting owners for edging, channelling and laying with granolithic paving the footpath in St. Margaret's Road

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5—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 26th December, 1896, to the 22nd January, 1897, both inclusive, was as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Queen's Road 1,680 super yards, St. James' Square 348 super yards, New Street 403 super yards, London Road (proceeding).

Patching—St. Paul's Road, High Street, Tewkesbury Road ; Gloucester Road, Montpellier Street, College Road, Winchcomb Street, Promenade, St. Luke's Place, Swindon Road.

Repaired with Brown Stone—Grafton Road 1373 super yards, London Road (proceeding).

Repaired with Clinkers—Rowanfield Road.

Paving, Crossing, Kerb, and Channelling--Duke Street, Tivoli Place, St. Philip's Street, Malvern Road (new concrete paving proceeding;), Clarence Road, High Street, Swindon Road, Thirlestaine Road, Lansdown Terrace, St. George's Road, Bath Road and Albert Street.

Trees Pruned—Park Drives, Grafton Road, Overton Road.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 871, Cart Loads 260. Consumed at Destructor 960 tons, 17 cwt, 2 qrs.

He further reported as follows :—

THE PROMENADE AND HIGH STREET.

It is well known among Road Surveyors that for every kind and quality of stone used as road metalling, there is an amount of traffic which is the maximum that it can economically carry, and this is usually considered to be reached when the cost of repairs and scavenging taken together, exceed the cost of repairs and scavenging of the next better, though more expensive, material.

For some years it has been evident that in certain parts of High Street and Promenade, the limit of economical efficiency in macadamized road surface had been reached, and that some form of paving had become necessary, but under the special circumstances of Cheltenham, the most economical method of road maintenance, i.e., Granite setts with bitumen joints, upon a bed of concrete, such as is adopted in all the large towns, could not be adopted.

Wood Pavement has found many advocates on account of its noiselessness, but it is costly to lay down, costly to maintain, and very slippery for horses which are unaccustomed to it. It is now condemned by many Medical Men as insanitary.

Some short sections of tar macadam were laid down. but objection has been taken to them on the ground that the surface is smooth and slippery ; though in my opinion the complaints were much exaggerated, and that if a large area was laid down so that mud could not be carried from the adjoining streets, the objections would almost entirely disappear.

With a view to meeting these various defects, MacDougalls' patent bricks were laid down for crossing purposes some time ago, and appear to answer every condition, except cost, which is undoubtedly high. They are fairly free from noise, and yet afford good foothold for horses ; the surface can be thoroughly cleansed by sweeping or washing, and the only mud or dust is that carried from other roads.

The advantages attending the adoption of a permanent form of pavement in such streets are numerous and obvious. The amount of dust in dry weather and of mud in weather is largely reduced ; the constant repairs with the necessary stoppage of traffic is avoided ; the large amount of cartage to remove mud arising from the wear of the stone is diverted from the streets ; the annoyance of and special wear at crossings is removed—any portions of the street being at all times available for crossings ; and when, as in the streets under consideration, these advantages can be secured without material increase to the annual cost, it is usually considered that the time has arrived for discarding macadam and adopting pavement.

The extent of road surface in the High Street is 20,670 square yards, and the annual cost for repairs and scavenging is £524 taken over an average of four years.

The surface of the Promenade is 8,400 square yards, and the annual cost £213, being 6.09d. per square yard per annum for High Street, and 6.08d. per square yard per annum for the Promenade, and as the traffic increases the annual cost may be expected to increase not only in proportion to the traffic increase, but seeing that in parts the economical limit has been reached, and increase in traffic will increase the wear in a greater ratio. The cost of paving with MacDougall's bricks is about 12s 6d per square yard.

The life of paving may be taken at 25 to 30 years. Adopting the shorter period, an annual sum of £943 will be required to pay the interest and repay the principal, or 7 7d per square yard. It is therefore evident that for practically the same annual cost as is now incurred a far superior surface can be obtained, the only increase in expense being the scavenging of the new pavement which would be almost infinitesimal compared with the present cost.

The roadway in the Promenade being under trees, it can never be maintained in a thoroughly good state of repair, the drip from the branches overhanging it being destructive of a macadamized surface.

WATERING.

The cost of watering has not been taken into account, as it is difficult to separate the expenses of each street, but it may be assumed without risk of serious error that the cost of watering a paved street will not exceed one-fifth of the expense of watering a macadamized roadway.

As an illustration of the efficiency of the blocks for foothold it may be sufficient to say that as the result of Police observation at the end of the Colonnade in High Street no accident has occurred since the MacDougall's bricks were put down, although they were very frequent when the same was paved with Clee Hill setts.

CARRIAGE OF STONE.

The cost of maintenance of ten wagons has been £39 per annum, and they have carried 4,587 tons of stone which worked out at 2d. per tons or if interest on the capital cost of the wagons and a sinking fund at 7 ½ % is allowed the cost is 3.48d. per ton. The cost of hiring wagons varies with the distance, but the shortest journey the wagons are sent, viz., to Wickwar, the hiring charges are 4d. per ton, and to Clee Hill the charge in quarry owner's trucks is 11d. per ton ; there is therefore a large saving by owning the trucks, but the number now in use are at times barely sufficient, and if at any time two wagons are under repair together the remainder are insufficient for the work. I suggest that one additional wagon be purchased this year so as to provide in this form against depreciation which in spite of repairs must necessarily always be in progress.

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Resolved, That consideration of the questions of paving the High Street and Promenade, and of the purchase of new wagons be adjourned pending further information from the Borough Surveyor.

6—Railings in front of Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road—A letter from Mr. G. Tillott, of Birmingham House, was read, calling attention to the disgraceful state of the palings of the four cottages known as Weston Cottages in the Tewkesbury Road, and the path in Gas Lane (otherwise Coach Road). Resolved, That as regards the palings referred to, notice be given to the owner under Art. IV. of the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 20) Act, 1896. of the intention of Corporation to act under the said article, and that as regards the path in Coach Road the attention of the Gas Company be called thereto.

7—Pathway North West Side of Gloucester Road —A letter from Mr. S. H. Holloway, Secretary of the Committee of Management of the Libertus Estate roads, was read, calling attention to the bad state of this pathway from St. Mark's Emporium to Chargrove Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to confer with the County Surveyor with a view to its repair.

8—Lighting of Old Bath Road—With reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of the Lighting Committee at their meeting of date the 20th instant, the letter from Mr. C. Barrett, applying for

another lamp to be placed between the one on the Railway Bridge in this Road and the one at the corner of Pilley Lane, was read. Resolved, That it be fixed at the position indicated to the Borough Surveyor.

9—Bath Parade—A Memorial from James Moore and seven other owners and occupiers of houses and tenements situated in Bath. Parade was read, asking the Council to take into consideration the desirability of removing the fence at the Eastern extremity of Bath Parade, and also stating that they were prepared to enter into an undertaking to complete and put the road into proper order to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, on the condition that the Corporation would take over the control thereof and convert the same into a Highway. Also a letter from Mr. Arthur Hill, Chemist, Winchcomb Street, to the same effect. 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 Western portion of the road into such a condition that it can be declared a Highway, and that the owners be informed that the same steps will be taken as regards the Eastern portion of the road, provided that they arrange with the owner of the piece of land projecting into the road at the East end thereof, that the Northern boundary of the road shall be uniformly straight right through to the College Road.

10 - Footpath West side of Montpellier Gardens—A Letter from Col. C. Martin was read, calling attention to the bad state of this footpath. Resolved. To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a view by the Committee.

11 -St. George's Square Railings—A Letter from Mr. W. D. Rogers, of No. 15, Grosvenor Place South, with reference to the painting of these railings was read.

12—Footpath from Alstone to Arle—A Letter from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths was read, stating that the residents in Arle had complained to hint of the bad state of this footpath, also complaining of the delay in carrying out the repairs from Rowanfield to the Alstone School. Resolved. That the pathway referred to be repaired with clinker.

13—No. 28, Ambrose Street—A Letter from Mr. W. Prew was read offering to purchase these premises for £140 ; also one from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Charles Huphnill, accepting an offer contained in a letter dated the 29th ult., written by the Borough Surveyor to their Mr. Waghorne. Resolved, That the premises be put up for sale by auction, and that the arrangements for doing so be left to the Town Clerk.

14—Light Railway—A Letter from Mr. T. A. Nevins was read that his father agreed with what he had said at the meeting of the Committee, held on the rash inst., except in two instances, which he hoped the Council would agree to, as they were not very large items, viz., (1) that the Promoters should be allowed to put in a switch to the Great Western Railway as more convenient for the handling of parcels ; (2) that the half-hourly running of the cars should not be insisted on, but about that schedule or oftener in the Borough. Resolved, That no objection be made to the stipulation as to communication with the premises of the Great Western Railway, provided it be confined to parcels, and that with regard to the times of running there must be at least two services in the hour. That the route be from the Great Western Railway station along Manchester Street, Clarence Street, North Street, Albion Street, Portland Street, Clarence Road, to the Pittville Gates, and thence along the Prestbury Road to the Borough Boundary, provision being made that the cars shall be brought to

a stand on each side of the High Street ; and that the Town Clerk do prepare a draft of the clauses to be added to and alterations to be made in the Provisional Order and submit the same to the Committee.

15--Railings in front of Gibraltar House -Resolved, To adjourn this matter for further consideration at an early date.

16—Arc Lamps in Clarence Street and Colonnade—Resolved, That the Lighting Committee be recommended to grant Arc Lamps for Clarence Street and the Colonnade at the following positions one in Clarence Street in front of Messrs. Nicholas's shop, two in the Colonnade —one in front of the side entrance to Messrs. Olive's shop, and the other opposite County Court Road.

17- Footpath North Side of Albion Street—A Specification from the Borough Surveyor of date the 25th of November last, of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. 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 works specified 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, 1899.

18—St. Anne's Road--Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works in this road amounted to £168 14s. 0d., which sum he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

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19—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
869	Peter Bendall	Van Shed, St. James's Square.
870	J. D. Bendall	House in Leckhampton Road, opposite Norwood Arms.
871	Mrs. Bostock	New Bath Room to 38, Lansdown Crescent.
872	T. Whittard	Class Room, &c., to Pilley Mission Room.
873	R. Ley Wood	New W.C. at rear of Lansdown Terrace.
874	A. G. Stockwell	Semi-detached House, Leckhampton Road.
874a	S. B. Dix	Shop Front to Clare Cottages, Bath Road.
875	S. B. Dix	Laying-out of New Roads near the Norwood Arms

Resolved, That Nos. 873 and 874 be disapproved having been disapproved by the Public Health Committee ; that No. 875 be approved subject to the requirement of the Public Health Committee that the first manhole in Langdon Road be so constructed as to form an automatic flushing cistern for the sewer, 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 6th day of January, 1897--Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage, and Waghorne (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, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria ; 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 18.

2-House without a proper Water Supply—viz., No 4, Queen's Retreat - It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 6th instant, that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owner, requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3---Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 39, Grosvenor Street, No. 17, Marle Hill Parade, and No. 2, St. Margaret's 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 'souses 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-- Overcrowding at No. 2, Exmouth 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 Mutates. 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.

5- -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.

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 thins 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.

7-Wells at Nos. 9, 10, 14, 15, 17 and 18, Marle Hill Parade-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-Tripe Boiling-An application was received from Ernest Lloyd for permission to establish the trade of a Tripe Boiler at No. 225, High Street. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a report by the Borough Surveyor as to the possibility of making provision at the Abattoir for tripe boiling.

9-Bye-Laws for Houses let in Lodgings-With reference to Minute No. 32 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, Resolved, That Bye-Laws be made as to the registration of houses to be let in lodgings, and for their regulation, and that the Town Clerk be instructed, with the assistance of the Medical Officer of Health, to frame them, and submit a draft for approval based upon the Model Bye-Laws of the Local Government Board.

10-Disused Drains-Resolved, That whenever a new drain is connected with a sewer any drain or drains connected with the sewer which thereby become disused shall be disconnected at both ends and effectually stopped, but so far as practicable the old drain shall be taken out altogether, and the ground filled up.

11-Slaughter House Licenses - Applications were received for the renewal of Slaughter House Licenses from John Hastings at the Marsh, Folly Lane ; Edwin C. Davis at the premises occupied by him on the Gloucester Road ; and B. Combe at the premises recently occupied by Wm. King in Whaddon Lane, to whose business he had succeeded. Resolved, That the renewals applied for be granted for one year.

12-Wages of Superintendent of the Abattoir-A letter from Mr. C. Marshall, the Superintendent of the Abattoir was read, applying for an increase of his salary. Resolved. That his salary be increased to 30s a week, subject, nevertheless, to the same being revised if and when a house, &c,, is provided for him.

13-Ash Receptacles to Nos. 5 to 10, Devonshire Street-A letter from Mr. J. D. Steel was read, stating that he found that the Ashpits for Nos. 5, 6, and 7, obliterated since the adoption of the wooden ash receptacles, but the one for Nos. 8, 9, and 10, and Cottage behind was intact, and he considered that the boxes he had placed there should be allowed to remain until they should be used up, and that he would then be willing to replace them with the galvanised iron ones. Resolved, That Mr. Steel be informed that the regulations must be complied with.

14-Delancey Hospital -A letter from Dr. Wilson, Hon. Sec. of the Delancey Hospital, was read, stating that the Trustees of the Hospital had incurred a special outlay of about £200 in making the necessary provisions to deal with an epidemic of Small Pox in view of the possibility of an outbreak in the town last year, and asking the Council to reimburse them out of the funds at least a considerable portion of the outlay made to meet a public emergency. Resolved, That a grant of £50 be made.

15-Gloucester Road Sewer-In pursuance of the direction of the Council, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed forthwith with work of re-construction of this Sewer.

16--Sewage Farms --The Borough Surveyor reported that he was paying Poulton half wages, viz., 12s a week, for such services as he was able to render, and had engaged the services of another man at 20s a week. Resolved, That the same be approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th day of January, 1897-Present :
Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage, and Waghorne
(Councillor Griffith in the chair)-

17-Zymotio Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever ; that the 8 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 20.

8- Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No.5, Keynsham Terrace--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.

19-Overcrowding at No. 2, Queen's 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.

20 -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 souse: thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken fur the penalties.

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21 —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 he constructed that form may be permitted.

22- Cleansing and Limewashing at No 4, Exmouth Street, No. 55, Worcester Street, No. 11, Lower Park Street, Nos. 14 & 15, 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.

23—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order —An application was received from George Kean, of No. 5, Exmouth Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. The Medical Officer of Health reported that well water was in use at these premises. Resolved. That consideration of the application be adjourned, pending a report by the Medical Officer of Health as to the quality of the water.

24—house in a Dangerous Condition - The Medical Officer of Health reported that the building, No. 57, Worcester Street, owned by Mrs. Jenkinson, which was some time ago closed as unfit for human habitation, had become dangerous to the public and a nuisance owing to its being a depository for filth. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to apply for an Order for the demolition of the premises under Sec. 33 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act.

25—Smoke from the Chimney of the Original Brewery Co.—The Inspector reported the result of his observations of the issue of smoke from this chimney from which it appeared that black smoke continued to be emitted.

A Letter from Mr. Bradford, the Architect for the Brewery, was read, asking to be Informed in what respects the smoke abatement appliances proposed to be provided were considered by the Sanitary Inspector to be inefficient and what he required ; also a Letter from the Town Clerk in reply that it is not for the Council to specify or dictate what particular smoke consuming apparatus should be used. The Council only require that Coe Company shall use efficient apparatus which will answer the purpose. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that he be instructed to take the necessary proceedings at once to compel the Company to abate the nuisance.

26 -Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1896, and the same having been read, Resolved, That 200 copies thereof be printed and that proofs be sent to each member of the Committee before the next meeting of the Committee, and that the printing of the Report be submitted to Tender.

27—Barn Farm—A Letter from Mr. Corbett was read, protesting against the claim made upon him to pay the rent due from him until after it had been ascertained what was due to him for compensation. Resolved, That Mr. Corbett be informed that the question of compensation is an entirely distinct matter and that at least the rent due at Michaelmas must be paid at once.

28— Delancey hospital - Notice of Discharge of Patients A Letter from Dr. Wilson was read, stating that in pursuance of the request of the Council, notice would be sent to the Medical Officer of Health of the discharge of Corporation patients.

29—Sewerage Loan--A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that the Board would send Notices of the Local Enquiry to be held with reference to the application of the Council for sanction to borrow £1,500 for works of storm water drainage to any riparian proprietors of whose names and addresses the Board have particulars, and for this purpose they required to be

furnished, if possible, with a complete list of the names and addresses of the riparian proprietors interested.

Adverting to the application to borrow money for the construction of sewers in Hall Road and Gloucester Road, the letter stated that the Board would not be prepared to give their decision upon any part of the application until after a local enquiry had been held, and added that if the Town Council proceeded to carry out those works without first obtaining the sanction of the Board, they would incur the risk of having to meet the expenditure out of current rates, in the event of the Board finding themselves unable for any reason to sanction the loan. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to withdraw the application for so much of the loan as relates to the Sewer under the Chelt, if the requirements of the Local Government Board as to Notices are insisted on.

30 - Stable at Dorset Mews —The Boroughs Surveyor reported that the walls of the building used as a stable at the Dorset Mews were in his opinion in a ruinous state and dangerous to passengers or to the occupiers of the neighbouring building. Resolved, That he be instructed to act as prescribed by Sec. 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847.

31—Sewerage Work—Resolved, That during the continuance of the Sewerage Works, Mr. Rowlands, second assistant in the Boroughs Surveyor's Department, be employed exclusively in superintending and assisting in the carrying out these works at a salary of £3 per week.

32— Arched Buildings Passage--Complaints having been made of the committal of nuisances in this passage, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor and the Medical Officer of Health do view and report as to whether it is possible to erect a public urinal in this vicinity.

33— Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to be laid before the Street and Highway Committee at their next meeting, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That Nos. 873 and 874 being respectively plans for a new w.c. at the rear of Lansdown Terrace for Mr. R. Ley Wood, and for a semi-detached house in Leckhampton Road for Mr. A. G. Stockwell be disapproved, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved as shown so far as the drainage is concerned, except No. 875 which is approved subject to the first manhole in Langdon Road being so constructed as to form an automatic flushing cistern for the sewer.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cypher, Cooper, Dimmer, Griffith, and Lenthall (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

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

2—Kursaal Competition—A letter from Mr. Brydon was read, with which he enclosed an account of his charges, as agreed, for adjudicating upon the Plans sent in for the Kursaal Competition, and advising the Committee as to the best course to pursue, it having been decided none of the plans were suitable, amounting to £51 5s. 0d., being £25 for adjudicating and 25 guineas for advising. Resolved, That the same be paid,

3—Winter Garden—A letter from Major Griffith was read, applying for the permission of the Corporation to use the Winter Garden building on one evening each week during the months of February, March, April, and May, as a Drill Hall for the use of the Rifle Volunteer Company on the same conditions as they were granted the use of it last year. Resolved, That the user asked for be granted, for so long and at such times as the building is not required by the Council.

A letter from Mr. Hy. Burns, Managing Director of the Provincial Exhibition Syndicate, Crystal Palace, London, was read. asking terms for hire of the Winter Garden for not less than four weeks, for an Exhibition of Trade Industries, Arts, and the latest scientific side shows, viz., X Rays, Cinematography, Working Ants, &c., and with the best Military and Ladies' Bands. Resolved, That it be left in the Borough Surveyor's hands to carry on negotiations and arrange terms.

4—Horticultural Society—An application from this Society for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for a two days' show, to be held on Saturday, June 5th, and Monday, June 7th (Bank Holiday), was considered Resolved, That the same be acceded to on the same terms as last year. Viz., no charge for the Saturday, but 20 guineas for the Monday. The subscribers to the Gardens not to be excluded before 1 p.m. on either day.

5—Montpellier Gardens- Resolved, That the charge for admission to these Gardens be reduced to 2d.

6—Pittville Park—Resolved, That the Marle Hill portion of Pittville Park be opened free to the public on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons after 2 p.m. ; That half-day fishing tickets be issued at a charge of 6d. each ; That season fishing tickets be issued at a charge of 10s 6d each, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have £5 worth of coarse fish put in the lakes, and that the resolutions to Minutes No. 1 and 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 9th day of March, 1894, be altered accordingly.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of January, 1897—Present : Alderman Drew Councillors Cypher, Cooper, Griffith and Skillicorne (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

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

A letter from the Chairman desiring to be relieved of his position as Chairman of the Committee was read. Resolved, That the Committee have heard with great regret of Councillor Ward-Humphreys'

desire to be relieved from the Chairmanship of the Committee, and unanimously trust that on reconsideration he will be able to see his way to withdraw his resignation.

8-Kursaal, &c.—The Resolution of the Council at its meeting on the 22nd instant was considered. Resolved, That Mr. Robson be requested to meet the Committee on any early day this week or next that may be convenient to him after Thursday and except Monday next.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1897—Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors LI. Davies, Dimmer, Feeney, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1-Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply front Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 347 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 235 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 22,408,550 gallons.

That on the 21st inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, which gave a total of 122,432,251 gallons or about 168 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 3,182,080 gallons.

With regard to the Ashchurch supply he reported that for a considerable time the Midland Railway Co. had desired a better supply of water to their station at Ashchurch, and he had considered how to improve the supply so as to be able to deliver a larger quantity of water at Ashchurch, as well as to other houses outside the Borough of Tewkesbury, and he recommended that a bye pass 8 inches in diameter should be formed round the main meters near the works with sluice and reflex valves so to connect the delivery from the Mythe Reservoir with the delivery main to Cheltenham and at or near The Cross to connect a 6-inch diameter pipe with the Cheltenham main and lay it along Barton Street to the Tewkesbury Borough boundary, joining the present supply to the Midland Railway Co., and to extend the main by a 4-inch diameter pipe from Southfield to Ashchurch, and thus afford the Midland Railway Co. the larger supply they desire and at the same time provide for customers at Ashchurch and neighbourhood. The total cost he estimated at £635, of which £230 would be the cost of extending the 4-inch main along the Ashchurch Road, and he had no doubt that the larger quantity of water which would be taken by the Railway Company would repay the outlay independently of anyone else who might desire a supply. Resolved, That the scheme suggested by the Water Engineer be approved and adopted, and that the work be carried out as soon as convenient.

2-Water Supply to Walton House—A Letter from Messrs. Brookes and Badham, Solicitors for Col. Webb, of Walton House, near Tewkesbury, was read, complaining of the insufficiency of the water

supply to the said house, the pressure having considerably decreased since the main for the supply of the Midland Railway Company was laid. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Brookes and Badham that the Committee have decided to recommend the Council to carry out a scheme for the better supply of water to Ashchurch which will also improve the supply to Walton House and other houses in the vicinity of the Ashchurch Road.

3—Qualification of Plumbers—With reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a Deputation from the Cheltenham Branch of the Plumbers' Union, consisting of Mr. C. Fisher, of the Trades and Labour Council, and the following Plumbers, viz., Messrs. A. D. Middleton, J. Hall, E. T. Saunders, and S. C. Morris attended the meeting to explain more fully their proposition that an examination should be held for members of their craft working in Cheltenham on passing which they would be entitled to receive a certificate from the Water Committee that they were duly qualified plumbers, the object being to enable employers to discriminate between those who are properly qualified and capable plumbers and those who are not so. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to enable the Committee to fully consider the suggestion at an early date.

4—Water Supply to Female Orphan Asylum—A Letter from Mr E. F. Jennings, the Treasurer of the Female Orphan Asylum, was read, appealing for a reduction of the amount charged for the supply of water to this establishment and by charging them on an assessment which might be rather increased in their case by say £5 5s. per annum, or, in the event of this not being conceded, requesting that the meter be fixed on their own premises to enable them to better watch over an item of such large expenditure. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the supply of information by the Water Engineer.

5—Water Supply to the Electric Works— With reference to the resolution of the Lighting Committee to apply to this Committee to reduce the price of the water supply to the Electric Works. Resolved, That this Committee regret they are unable to see sufficient reason to make any exception in favour of the Electric Works.

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

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 8th day of January, 1897--Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, Griffith, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney in the chair)---

1—Hackney Carriages—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the suggestions made by the Deputation of Hackney Carriage Proprietors and Drivers who waited upon the Committee, were considered. Resolved—

(1) That the Hackney Carriage Byelaws be amended to as to allow of Pony Carriages being used for the conveyance of four persons exclusive of the driver, provided the pony used to draw the same is not under fourteen hands in height.

(2) That there shall be no increase in the number of Hackney Carriage Licenses.

(3) That there shall be no transfer of Licenses, but in the event of the death of a Proprietor, new licenses may be granted to the widow or selected child, in lieu of the lapsed licenses, or such number of them as the Council may think fit.

(4) That in granting new Licenses preference will be given to applicants on the list who have none.

(5) That the Committee cannot recommend that the Byelaws against loitering be abrogated.

(6) That the following places be added to the list of authorised Stands for such number of Hackney Carriages as is respectively mentioned :—

For 4 Carriages in the Roadway outside the Great Western Railway Station, St. James's Square, immediately opposite the main entrance to the Station.

For 1 Carriage between the Fountain in the Promenade and the South end of the Long Garden. For 2 Carriages in the Roadway on the East side of the Russian Guns, Promenade.

For 1 Carriage at the North end of the Promenade Long Garden.

The question of the provision of Stands near the Gordon Lamp and near Lypiatt Terrace was adjourned for a view.

Also Resolved, That there being already a Stand for 2 Carriages in North Street, the Committee do not see their way to recommend an) extension of it.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897—Present Alderman Norman, Councillors Feeney, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

2—Swine Fever—A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council, stating, that at the meeting of the County Council on the 11th instant, it was decided not to continue after 1st February next the Regulations as to Sale of Swine in Markets in the County, but merely to continue the Regulations as to the movement of Swine into the County, until the 30th of April next, and to exempt the City of Gloucester and the Borough of Cheltenham, or either of them, from the operation of the renewed Order, if similar Orders were made by them to that of the County, and asking for a reply by the 14th instant. Resolved, That a similar Order to the Order to be issued by the County be made, to come into operation on the 2nd February and remain in operation until the 30th April next.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1897—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Ll. Davies, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Feeney in the chair).

3--Swine Fever—Superintendent McRae reported that on the and inst., a case of Swine Fever broke out on the premises of Mr. James Cook, Sandfield Villa, Sandfield Road. That all the pigs there were slaughtered and the premises had been cleansed and disinfected. That the Swine Fever regulations had been properly carried out and the carcasses of the pigs cremated at the Destructor.

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4—Fire Brigade --The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to a Fire at the Trusty Oil Engine Works, on the 3rd instant, when damage was done estimated at from £15,000 to £20,000, the building and contents being insured in the Alliance Office, to whom the account for extinction expenses amounting to £18 2s. 0d. had been sent. He further reported that difficulty and delay was caused in consequence of (1) Low pressure of water. (2) The distance of the Fire Hydrants and in one case the depth necessitating excavation before the stand pipe could be fixed, and (3) The want of apparatus to enable the water on the premises to be made use of The Borough Surveyor stated that the low pressure was caused by the smallness of the main, and that the Fire Hydrant was not a Fire Hydrant at all, but a wash out which had been used for a supply of water to the Works at one time.

5—Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Drivers' Licenses were received from Edward Pearson, of No 1, Bath Road, and from Thomas Morgan, of No. 32, Courtenay Street. Resolved, That the same be granted.

6—Powers of Parish Council—A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, with which they enclosed copies of an Order they had issued conferring on the Council certain of the powers of a Parish Council, under sub.-sec (1) of Sec. 8 of the Local Government Act, 1894, viz : To acquire by agreement rights of way, to accept and hold gifts of property, and to execute works incidental to the exercise of the aforesaid powers. A letter from the Town Clerk in reply, was read, and approved.

7—Salary of Chief Assistant in Surveyor's Department—Mr. Anderson not having succeeded in obtaining the appointment of Borough Surveyor of Scarborough, although one of two selected to choose from, his application for an increase of salary was further considered. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £163 to £189 per annum.

8—Meeting of National Union of Teachers—Resolved, That the Union be invited to hold their Annual Meeting in the year 1898 in this Borough.

9 —Hackney Carriage Stands—With reference to the proceedings of this Committee of the 8th instant, Resolved, That a Stand for one carriage be fixed at the corner of the garden opposite Lypiatt Terrace, and that another Stand be fixed in the neighbourhood of the Gordon Lamp in a position to be fixed upon by the Committee, and that the Stand opposite the Rotunda be enlarged so as to take three carriages.

10—Lighting of the Borough Accountant's Offices-- A letter from the Borough Accountant, was read, complaining of the quality and insufficiency of the lighting in his offices Resolved, That they be wired for six Electric Lamps.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

FIRE BRIGADE SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of January, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Griffith and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Repairs, &c., at Fire Brigade Station—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of repair, &c., at the Fire Brigade Station was nearing completions.

2- List of Fire Hydrants—The question of the advisability of printing in hook form a list of the Fire Hydrants in the Borough, referred back to this Committee by the General Purposes and Watch Committee, was further considered. Resolved, That the Committee still think that such a list ought to be provided, and they again recommend that it be printed, the positions of the hydrants to be printed in different sized type according to the size of the particular main they are connected with.

3-- Fire at the " Trusty" Engine Works --The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that no delay occurred on the part of the Fire Brigade either in answering the call or in taking measures to extinguish this fire. The alarm was received at the station at 1.20 p.m., and it was 1.40 when he arrived there. Before 2 o'clock every member of the Brigade was at the fire. The difficulties of the Brigade arose from the small size of the main in the Rowanfield Road, and if an engine had been possessed by the Brigade it would probably not have been of any use. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a notice to all owners and ratepayers of large properties in the Borough impressing upon them the necessity in their own interests of fixing a rising main inside their premises for the better prevention and extinguishing of fires.

4-- Fire Appliances The Borough Surveyor reported that the lamps and buckets ordered by this Committee at their last meeting had been obtained, also that the lengths of suction pipe had been ordered.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1897—Present :—The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Dighton, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1-Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had carried out part and was in course of carrying out of the remainder of the matters which he was directed at the last meeting of the Committee to attend to. Resolved, That the Caretaker be directed to keep the closets clean.

2-Naunton Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Sutton had completed the avenue of trees here. Resolved, That Mr. Sutton be thanked for the trouble he has taken in the matter

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1897—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, Baker, M. Davis, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

Superintendent's Report--The Superintendent reported that the watercourse required cleaning out ; that the water supply pipe to the w.c. at the Lodge had burst with the frost ; and that a purchaser of a grave space where two bodies have been buried demanded an allowance of 15s off the price in respect of the amounts previously paid for the two interments. Resolved, That the watercourse be cleaned out by the men employed at the Cemetery; that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the burst pipe repaired, and to have the pipes re-arranged so as to prevent damage by frost ; and that the purchaser of the grave space referred to be allowed 7s 6d in respect of the fee paid for one interment.

2- Designs —The following designs were examined and approved, viz., Headstones to Katherine Jessie Mackey and Maria Antoinette Mackey, Susanna Mariah White, Marie Augustine Larbalestier. Monument to Robert Home.

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

G. C. Pratley, Labourers' Wages	£20 0 0
Brydges, Mellersh & Brydges, Prestbury Tithe Rent Charge	£ 5 18 1
Cheltenham Gas Co., Coke ..	£ 2 15 4
B. W. Pearce & Sons, Fencing	£ 1 11 10
F. W. Wilkins, Wire Door Mats	£ 1 10 0
Cheltenham Gas Company, Gas	£ 0 6 1

J. V. MOLES,
Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of January, 1897—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Lawrence ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Parsonage, and Waghorne (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.
1897 Jan. 11th Jan 16th Jan 18th	15.28 candles 15.01 " 15.52 "	1897. Jan. 19th-20th	Grains per 100 cubic ft. 9.31

He called attention to the low illuminating power 15.01 candles on the 16th inst.

2—Gas Inspector's Report —The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.0303 cubic feet.

3—Lamp Book —This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 6 metered and 26 unmetered, and 5 burning dimly.

4—Gas Sub-Committee—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, Resolved, That the Gas Sub-Committee do consist of the Chairman (Alderman Norman) and Councillors Baker and Parsonage.

5—Guildhall Lamps in High Street, Clarence Street, and Promenade—With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of November last, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, stating that the Directors had resolved to inform this Council that in the absence of Information respecting the places to which the specified Guildhall Lamps are to be removed, the Directors are unable to name an exact estimate, but anticipate that the cost of removing and re-erecting them in other places in the town would amount to 14s 6d per lamp, and that attention be respectfully called to the provision contained in the second clause of the contract for Public Lighting, which fixes the cost of removal of ordinary, lamps at 12s per lamp. Resolved, To delay a reply to this communication pending the proposed interview of the Sub-Committee with the Directors.

Resolved, That a Plan be prepared showing the gas lamps which will be rendered unnecessary after the commencement of the permanent lighting of the present installation of Arc lamps, and that the same be sent to the Gas Company with a request to them to cease lighting those lamps after the 5th proximo, and to cause the Standards to be removed as soon as possible afterwards.

6--Gas Testing Station—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, asking the Council to concede a few weeks extension beyond the Statutory date fixed by the recent Gas Act for the provision of a Central Gas Testing Station, as the site they relied on for a temporary testing place had not proved suitable for the purpose. Resolved, That the Council do not understand the allusion to a temporary testing station," as the time fixed by the Act for providing a permanent Station expired on the 1st instant, and having regard to the fact that the Company's Act was obtained so far back as May last, they hope the Company will have provided such a Station before the Meeting of this Committee on the 17th proximo.

7—Lighting of Old Bath Road--A letter from Mr. C. Barrett, of Greenhills, Old Bath Road, was read, applying for a lamp to be placed between the one on the Railway Bridge and the one at the corner of Pilley lane on the Old Bath Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, and that the letter be referred to the Street and Highway Committee to fix the position.

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.

1897 Jan. 16th.. 100 volts. .. 103.33 volts.

“ 18th “ 102.66 “

9—Tenders for Slack Coal—Tenders for the supply of Slack Coal delivered to the Electric Light Station were received as follows, viz:-

The Cwmaman Coal Co., for the Cwmaman Colliery (delivered at G.W.R. Station)

Small or Nutty at 9s 8d per ton

H. A Gwinnell, No. 1, Promenade Villas—

Small or Nutty from Princess Royal Colliery at 8s per ton

S. H. Harris & Co., 10, Clarence Street—

Small or Nutty from New Bowson Colliery at 8s 9d per ton

Lydney and Crump Meadow at 7s 3d per ton

Womberry at 9s per ton

John Williams & Co., 383, High Street—

Small or Nutty from Haunchwood Colliery at 10s per ton

Birch Coppice at 10s 6d per ton

New Bowson at 8s 6d per ton

Foxe's Bridge at 7s 2d per ton

Henry Workman & Co., 16, Colonnade—

Nutty from Gresley Colliery at 10s 6d per ton

Forest Nuts (no slack) Lydbrook at 11s 3d per ton

“ Rough Small, Lightmoor at 7s 6d per ton

Ordinary Slack	at 7s per ton
Welsh Steam Coal Smokeless Nuts	at 13s 6d per ton
Henry Jordan & Co., 12, Promenade—	
Engine from New Bowson	at 8s 3d per ton
Beans, West Cannock	at 11s 6d per ton
W. J. Bendall, The Tower, Montpellier—	
Small or Nutty from Walsall Wood	at 12s 3d per ton
" " Lydbrook	at 8s 6d per ton
" " Dean Forest Navigation	at 9s 6d per ton

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Alfred Henry Nott, 95, High Street—	
Small or Nutty from New Bowson	at 7s 6d per ton
" " Princess Royal	at 8s 6d per ton
" " Parkend Deep Navigation	at 7s 9d per ton
Pea Nuts, Whateley	at 9s 3d per ton
Pates & Co., St. George's Road—	
Small or Nutty from Haunchwood	at 10s 2d per ton
" " Stockingford	at 10s 1d per ton
" " Whateley	at 10s 6d per ton
" " Hockley	at 11s per ton
" " West Cannock	at 11s 9d per ton
Thomas Voile & Co., 11, Colonnade—	
Small or Nutty from Speedwell Newbridge Colliery ..	at 7s 9d per ton
Nixon's Navigation Small Coal.	at 11s 9d per ton

Resolved, That the Tenders be handed to the Electrical Engineer to consider and report as to which Tender or Tenders should be accepted, having regard to price and quality.

10--Extension of Electric Main to Houses in Sydenham Road Orchard--A Letter from Mr. R. J. Webb was read, stating that he intended to have electric fittings to two houses then half erected in Sydenham Road Orchard, and as they were due to be completed by March 25th, requesting that arrangements might be made for the cable to be taken up there by that date. Resolved, To inform Mr. Webb that his request will be complied with.

11--Insurance of Station—A letter from the Manager of the Bristol Branch of the Fine Art and General Insurance Company, Ltd., was read, stating that his Company would be prepared to quote for the Municipal Insurances of the Council including the Electric Lighting Station.

12—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that the building extensions at the Electric Works were approaching completion, and that the additional length of the Engine Room had been roofed in.

The Bayshill and Grafton Road extensions had been finished and the Suffolk Hall extension was in hand.

All the Arc Lamp Standards, which had come in, had been erected, fitted with lamps, &c., and connected to the mains ; and on various occasions satisfactory trials of the lighting had been made.

After lengthy trials of a large number of different kinds of carbons, he recommended acceptance of H. Mayer's tender for Conradty's carbons for supply during the remainder of 1897, at the undermentioned prices, viz.:—

15 millimetre	50s per 1000 feet
16 “	57s 6d “
17 “	67s 6d “
18 “	72s 6d “

He laid before the Committee Messrs. Malvern's tender for fixing a fire place in his office and a stove in the general office at the works, for the total sum of £24 11s. including chimney and making good roof, &c. He further reported that the Waterworks Department continued to invoice his Department with water at 1s 3d per 1000 gallons, and in accordance with instructions he had as yet passed none of the Invoices, and he considered the charge should be at least as low as that made to any other customer supplied from the Tewkesbury Road Main.

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. H. Mayer for Carbons be accepted ; That the question of heating the offices be adjourned for consideration at a Meeting of the Committee to be held at the Works on the 28th inst., and That the Water Committee be requested to reduce the charge for the supply of water to the Electric Works.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of January, 1897--Present : Alderman Drew and Lawrence : Councillors Cooler, Ll. Davies, Margrett, Parsonage, and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Chairman---Councillor Parsonage having tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee, Resolved, That the same be accepted with the thanks of the Committee for his past services. Resolved further, that Alderman Lawrence be appointed Chairman of the Committee.

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The chair was thereupon vacated by Councillor Parsonage and occupied by Alderman Lawrence.

2 —General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £9108 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £8087 0s. 0 ½d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received, £5993 0s. 8d., leaving outstanding £5 009 6s. 8d

4-- Audit of Accounts by Government Auditor—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee his Report on this question. Resolved, To adjourn consideration thereof until the next meeting of the Committee

5-Treasurer— A letter from Mr. Clisset was read, resigning his office as Treasurer to the Corporation on account of ill health. Resolved, That the Council regrets that his state of health renders this step necessary on Mr. Clisset's part, and begs to acknowledge the careful and courteous manner in which he has carried out the duties of the office.

Letters were read from Mr. John Wilson, General Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank, and from Mr. Leaver, Manager of the Cheltenham Branch of Lloyd's Bank, applying for the vacant office. The Committee being divided in opinion as to which of the applicants should be appointed. Resolved, That the selection be left to the Council.

6-Salary of Chief Assistant Borough Accountant's Department—A letter from Mr. Bastin was read, applying for an increase of his present salary of £90. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application for an enquiry into the staff and salaries of the Department.

7-Leighton Road Private Improvement Expenses —A letter was read from Mr. S. H. Deane, of No. 29, Leighton Road, asking to be allowed to pay the £5 10s. due from him for his share of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in this road by quarterly instalments of 10s Resolved, That his offer cannot be accepted, but that payment of 30s down and the remainder by four quarterly instalments of £1, with interest at the rate of five per cent., will be accepted.

8-Contribution to Charlton Kings Sewerage Loans—A letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council was read, with reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee of the 14th November, 1893, by which it was Resolved that the payment to be made to the late Charlton Kings Local Board by the Corporation in respect of their proportion of the repayments of the various loans and interest should be made on the 1st June and 1st December, suggesting that the resolution should be varied as follows, viz., that the payments should be made on the 30th June and the 31st of December respectively instead of on the 1st of those months. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted, and that the Resolution referred to be varied accordingly.

9-Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Meeting an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the Provisions of the Act, for the Registration of Voters for the year 1896-7 amounting to £99 19s. 5d. 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 proportion of £87 5s. 3d. to Cheltenham and £12 14s. 2d. to Charlton Kings.

10-Accounts— The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £14,565 6s. 11d., including £9,100 repayment of Loans to be reborrowed at a less interest, 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 29th December last ..	3,832	5	[0]
Received since that date	<u>16,473</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>
	20,365	13	11
Paid since that date	<u>16,095</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
In hand	4,270	7	5

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1897—Present :
Councillors LI. Davies, Mills, and Moles ; Baron de Ferrieres, Mr. Evan Butler and Mr. C. Fisher.
(Councillor LI. Davies in the chair.)

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £9 16s. 4d. He reported that there was an increase of 3 per day in the issues from the Reference Library, and a decrease of 29 in the Lending Library as compared with the corresponding month of last year, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

Board of Trade	2 vols.
J. Richardson	1 “
London University	1 “

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Baron de Ferrieres	3 vols.	1 Pamphlet.
F. H. Cliffe	3 “	

Annual Report, from the libraries at Brighton, Colchester, Kingston-upon-Thames, and Salford.

2--Boiler at Library-The Chairman reported that one of the Sections of the Keith Boiler at the Library had failed, and another was worn very thin, and that he had instructed Messrs. Marshall to patch up the defective section so as to make it do, if possible, to the end of the winter, but that ultimately at least one and probably two new sections would be required. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman be approved, and that if and when required new sections be obtained and fitted

3—Widening Footpath in front of Gibraltar House—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, That in the absence of Councillor Parsonage further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting.

4—Mortgage Debt—The. Town Clerk reported that the amount of the Principal money due to the Royal Liver Friendly Society, £8,052 18s. 11d., had been repaid, and that £7,794 being the first mentioned amount less the annual repayment instalment now paid had been borrowed from Lloyds Bank at 2 ¼ per cent. subject to repayment after the expiration of six months, on six months' notice, and that the future payment for interest and sinking fund would on that basis be £465 9 0 per annum, the payment hitherto having been £560 17 6.

5—Purchase of Books at Mr. Williams's Sale—The Librarian reported that he had expended £139 5 6 in the purchase of books at the Sale at Mr. Williams's Library, as follows :—

VOLUMES.

Sale	New	Replacement	Buchanan Bequest	No. of Vols.—Total	Price.
1st	373	68	4	445	£27 17 0
2nd	766	6	80	852	47 18 6
3rd	127	—	113	240	60 4 6
4th	<u>207</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>3 5 6</u>
	1473	89	197	1759	£139 5 6

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

Williams' Library Sale—Books	£139 5 6
Charles Westley :—	
Magazines	£3 9 6
Newspapers and Periodicals	<u>£12 19 0</u>
	£16 8 6
W. Jones, Wages Account	£16 10 0
Norman, Sawyer & Co. :—	
Binding and Lettering	£5 17 3
Stationery and Printing	£3 11 0
Borrowers' Cards	<u>£5 0 0</u>
	£14 8 3
Electric Works Department : -	
Electric Light	£10 0 0
M. B. Ricketts—Poor Rate	£ 9 4 2
W. Jones—Petty Cash	£ 5 0 0
Charles Westley—Books	£ 2 18 4
G. F. Poole—Printing Annual Report ..	£ 2 15 0
Charles Westley— Newspapers for Leckhampton Reading Room	£ 1 16 0
S. H. Harris & Co.—Coal	£ 1 6 0

R. E. & C. Marshall—Electric Lamps ..	£ 1 4 0
James Webb—Books	£ 0 15 0
Pates and Co.—Coal for Leckhampton Reading Room..	£ 0 14 2
Accounts under 10s each	£ 0 13 0

E. LI. DAVIES,
Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th day of January, 1897,—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 19 schools, from which 285 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of which had been visited- Resolved, That the names of absentees resident out of the Borough be sent to the Attendance Officer of the District in which the child resides.

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 parents of the following children, viz., under the Act of 1876, for an Attendance Order in respect of Charles Smith, of No. 24, Sherborne Street, and under the Bye-laws in respect of Lillian Jones, of No. 7, Blenheim Place.

3—Blind Child—With reference to Minute No.4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter was read from Mrs. Trietschel, the Hon. Treasurer of the Home for Blind Children, 54 and 56, Devonshire Road, Liverpool, stating that the terms for clothing, maintenance and education of children in the Home were as follows, viz :—Under 12 years of age £16 per annum, to be paid quarterly, and over that age £21. A payment of £3 is also required for the first outfit, but in this case as the child was very young when it was received in the Home, the Cheltenham Charity Organization Society was not charged with the item, but this would have to be paid now by the Council as it is really due ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, that the Committee passed the resolution they did on the information received from the Charity Organization Society as to the amount the Society was paying, and on the assumption that the payment by the Council would be the same, viz ; £13 per annum, the Committee not being aware that the Home had a different scale of charges for children under and above five years, and that with regard to the charge for the outfit he did not see why the Council should be expected to pay for that, it being a matter which was settled at the time between the Home and the Society, and that the Council could not undertake past responsibilities of the Society ; also another letter from Mrs. Trietschel stating that the Home could not agree to take less in this case than their usual terms ; and a final one from the Town Clerk, stating that the Committee make no objection to the terms, but only desire to understand what their liabilities are, which appeared to be as follows, viz ; up to May next £13 per annum, and after that time till the child is 12 years of age, £16 per annum, and after that £21 per annum. Resolved,

That the letters of the Town Clerk be approved, and the terms of the Home agreed to except as to the £3 required for outfit.

4—Secondary Education—A letter from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Corporations, was read, with which he enclosed a copy of a Report of Sir Samuel Johnson (Town Clerk of Nottingham) submitted to a Meeting of the Special Committee of the Association on this subject, in which (*inter alia*) it was stated that it had been suggested (a) that the Authority for Non-County Boroughs should not be the County Councils, but a Joint Committee or Board of the County and the Non-County Boroughs, or (b) within six calendar months after the passing of the Education Act the Council of any Non-County Borough or the Councils of two or more of such Boroughs may submit to the County Education Authority a scheme for the formation of a District Education Authority for the District to be defined in such scheme comprising the Borough or Boroughs and so much of the surrounding country as may seem desirable, and requesting to know the views of the Local Authority on the proposals in the report. Resolved, That the Committee approve of suggestion (b).

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 (),l. the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of March, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd of February, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon-; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Feeney, and Mills (Alderman Haddon in the chair)--

Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this meeting. Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that projections had been put up without the permission of the Council having been first obtained, viz., a large square sign hoard fixed above the shop front by Messrs. Merry & Co., at No. 6, Clarence Street, and a gas rail in front of the shop window fixed by Mr. A. Ashcroft, at No. 2a, Clare Terrace, Bath Road. Resolved, To adjourn decision as to whether or not to order a removal of these projections pending a view by the Committee, the same to be meanwhile allowed to remain without prejudice to the right of the Council to order their removal.

3 ---Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from January the 23rd to February 19th, both inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—London Road 4498 super yards. Gloucester Road (proceeding).

Patching—North Street, High Street, Winchcomb Street, Lansdown Crescent, Colonnade, St George's Parade, St. James' Square, Ambrose Street, St. George's Place, Manchester Street, Prestbury Road,

Gas Lane, Promenade. Lypiatt Terrace, Grosvenor Street, Glenfall Street, Upper Park Street, Hatherley Street, St. Stephen's Road, Painswick Road, Leckhampton Road, Bath Road, Hall Road, Exmouth Street, The Park, Tivoli Road, Moorend Road, Piney Lane.

Repaired with Gore Stone—St. James' Square 530 super yards.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Alstone Lane (by schools) 327 super yards, Priory Terrace (proceeding).

Paving, Crossing, Kerb and Channelling, Repairs—Winchcomb Street, Swindon Road, St. Philip's Street, St. George's Place, High Street, Thirlestaine Road, Portland Square, Evesham Road, Sandford Road.

A new crossing had been laid down at the High Street end of Bennington Street with MacDougall's Bricks, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ super yards. The footpath on the North side of Malvern Road from Gloucester Road to Malvern Road had been relaid with Concrete flags, 558 super yards.

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Two Crossings had been relaid in St. George's Place; Two by G.W.R. Station ; New Broseley Kerb had been put down in St. Philip's Street on the North side, 315 feet run, also new Broseley Channel, 433 feet run ; and the Park had been paved with Broseley Checkers, 193 super yards. This work completed the work of Paving under the Leckhampton Loan.

Trees Pruned in the following Roads—Queen's Road, Promenade, London Road, Overton Road, Lansdown Parade and Place, Tivoli Road.

Four new Gullies had been built in the Gloucester Road to discharge into the new surface water drain.

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 936: Cart loads, 51 ; Consumed at Destructor, 915 tons 5 cwt. 2 qrs.

Works of Private Improvement—A Crossing at the Midland Railway Station in Gloucester Road had been completed.

Kerbing and Channelling the West side Christ Church Road was in hand.

4—Bearing Reins on Corporation Horses—A Letter from Capt. Ryves, Secretary of the Cheltenham branch of the R.S.P.C.A., was read, asking the Council to abolish the use of bearing reins on horses in their employ. Resolved, To inform Capt. Ryves that the bearing reins in use being entirely different from the objectionable ones generally used, and having been adopted on the advice of a Veterinary Surgeon, the Council do not consider it advisable to accede to the request of his Society.

5—Salary of Weighbridge Attendant—A Letter from Mr. T. A. Henderson, the Weighbridge Attendant and keeper of the books relating to the Ash Collection and Destructor, was read, applying for an increase of his salary from 21s to 25s per week. Resolved, That the Council do not consider that the character or amount of his work justifies an increase of his salary.

6—Salary of Mr. Ponting — A Letter from Mr. J. E. Ponting, Clerk at the Central Dep6t, was read, applying for an increase of his salary. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this application.

7—Footpath West side Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That this footpath be coated with blue stone chippings.

8—Obstruction of Footpath from Rolls of Lead at No. 5, Tivoli Place —Resolved, That Messrs. Enoch be served with notice requiring them to remove the rolls of lead outside their premises, No. 5, Tivoli Place, which are an obstruction to the footpath.

9—Trees in College Road--Resolved, That two trees in College Road indicated by the Committee to the Borough Surveyor be removed

10—Bath Street and Bath Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed is bring up Specifications and Estimates of the works required to be done in these streets by the abutting owners.

11—Light Railway—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee clauses which he had drafted for insertion in the Provisional Order and alterations which he recommended should be made to the Clauses of the Order as drafted. Resolved, to consider the same at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday morning, the 24th inst., at 11 a.m.

12 —Claim for Compensation by Mr. T. J. Copland -A Letter from Mr. Copland, of No. 16, Bennington Street, was read, claiming 30s for damage to his milk cart, the spring of which had been broken by the wheel, which had got on to the footway, having bumped in regaining the roadway. Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the application as the facts do not justify the claim.

13—Naunton Park Road—A Letter from Mr. Cornelius Smith was read, offering to give over this road to the Corporation if they would take to it without any further charge. Resolved, To inform Mr. Smith that the road will be declared a Highway as soon as all the Private Improvement expenses have been paid.

14—Bath Parade--A Letter from A. Summers and others was read, objecting to this road being declared a highway. Resolved, To inform the Memorialist; that the Council have no intention of declaring this road a highway unless it is opened through to the College

15-28, Ambrose Street—A Letter from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co. was read, expressing surprise that the Council had decided to offer this property for sale by auction notwithstanding that they, acting on behalf of their client, had previously entered into a contract with the Borough Surveyor, acting on behalf of the Council, for the purchase of the premises ; that the latter had informed them he was acting under express instructions, and that they considered the Council not only legally but honourably bound to carry out the agreement, and if necessary their client would take such steps as he might be advised to enforce its performance. Resolved, To inform Messrs Griffiths, Ryland & Co. that the Borough Surveyor acted under a resolution of the Committee which had not been confirmed by the Council, and which was referred back to the Committee by the Council ; consequently at the time the Borough Surveyor made the offer he had no express instructions to do so.

16—Hampton's Gardens—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney was read, informing the Town Clerk that an action was on the 30th day of December last commenced against Mr. H. G. Margrett for specific performance of an agreement for Lease of Hampton's Gardens, and the action had been registered as a *lis pendens* against the said property, and should the Corporation acquire any portion of it they will do so with notice of the rights claimed by the plaintiff in the action.

17—Suffolk Road Improvement--The Town Clerk read correspondence he had had with Mr. H. B. Wade, Solicitor for the Trustees of Roderic House, from which it appeared that he had to take the instructions of several parties on the matter, and was unable at present to give any definite reply with regard to the offer made by the Corporation to give £25 for the piece of land at the corner to be thrown into the road.

18—Alteration of frontage of House and Shop of Mr. Davies in Suffolk Parade—A letter from Mr. C. J. Davies was read, with which he enclosed a sketch of a proposed alteration in the frontage of his house and shop in Suffolk Parade. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a view by the Committee.

19—Refuges in Streets—A letter from Mr. George L. Owen, of Glen Owen, Cheltenham, was read, suggesting that refuges for foot passengers should be placed in the centre of each of the crossings at the open space at the top of Lansdown Terrace. Resolved, That the Council consider the amount of traffic is not sufficient to necessitate the adoption of the suggestion.

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20-Apportionment of Cost of Crossing in Queen's Road at junction with Eldorado Road-The Borough Surveyor reported that he had ascertained and apportioned the cost amounting to £10 1s. 10d. for constructing this crossing, which amount was due from Mr. George Frederick Bick. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and notice thereof and of demand be served on Mr. Bick.

21- Folly Lane---With reference to the Resolution of this Committee of date the 30th November. 1896, approving of the apportionment of the expenses made by the Surveyor, Resolved, That in settling the apportionment regard was had to the degree of benefit to be derived from the Premises which do not abut on this Lane, and the inclusion of the land of the trustees of Jas. Leighton. Esq.. deceased, and the land of the Corporation on the East side of the road as being in their opinion benefited by the works, approved, and the sums to be charged against such premises fixed as in the apportionment.

22-Encroachment on Western Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that the piers of a wall being built for Mr. John How, of No. 400, High Street. On the boundary of the Western Road encroached upon the footpath, and he had ordered Mr. Skemp, the builder to set them back. A letter from Mr. How was read, asking for permission to complete the piers on the present foundations. Resolved, That they must be removed or set back so as not to encroach on the footpath.

23—St. Margaret's Road Footpaths—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 22nd day of February. 1897. of the Works required to be done to the above Street, was read and approved. Resolved. That Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act. 1852. to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring the footpath to be edged channelled and paved with granolithic paving, 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 he recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889. ;,—

24—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
876	C. S. Holliday	Cottage and Stables in Exmouth Street.
877	J. H. Hack	New Studio at rear of No. 1. Ashling Villas, London Road.
878	A. G. Stockwell	House in Leckhampton Road.
879	John Cresswell	Additions to No. 2. Painswick Lawn.
880	Cavendish House Company	New storey on South Wing of Cavendish House.
881	J. Kitching	Additions to Exmouth Arms.

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of February, 1897—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, Baker, Feeney and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

25—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

26—Light Railway—The Draft of the Provisional Order and the clauses to be inserted in the Order for the protection of the Corporation were gone through and settled. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Gardom, the Clerk to the County Council, had called on him and that as Mr. Gardom intended to have his Clauses settled by Counsel he had, subject to the approval of the Committee, arranged that

the Cheltenham Clauses should, to save expense, be also settled by the same Counsel. Resolved, That this course be adopted.

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of February, 1897—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis and Moles (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

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

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria ; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 5 into the College Sanatorium, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by .the Corporation was 18.

3-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 18 and 19, Brunswick Street, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Griffiths Gardens, 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 said section,

4- -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.

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 110 Limewashing at No. 2, Barnes Court, Grove Street, and No. 9, Ewlyn 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.

7—Wells at Nos. 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 41, Courtenay 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—Extension of Water Main off New Street along Station Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that owing to there being no water main along Station Street, notices could not be served for water supply and hushing apparatus required at 9 houses in the street. Resolved, To request the Water Committee to order the extension.

9—Sewerage Loan—Correspondence between the Town Clerk and the Local Government Board was read with reference to the Board's requirement that all the riparian owners along the course of the Chelt should be served with notice of the enquiry. to be held by the Inspector, concluding with a letter from the Board that they would be satisfied with the Notice of Enquiry being advertised in local and county newspapers but that the Inspector would be instructed to go fully into the question of the possible effect of the works even though objections should not be expressly raised by any riparian proprietors.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 17th day of February, 1897— Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors LI. Davies, Feeney, Griffith and Moles (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

10—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 12 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 11 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and one into the College Sanatorium, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 24.

11—House without a proper Water Supply—viz., No. 15, Queen Street—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 17th instant, that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owner, requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

12— Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Three Horse Shoes Inn, Henrietta Street, No. 14, Queen's Retreat, Bibury, London Road, and

No. 12, Grove 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.

13—Overcrowding at a House near Lower Alstone Mill in the occupation of Mr. D. W. Roberts—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.

14—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.

15—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.

16—Cleansing and limewashing at No. 13 ½, Grove Street, Nos. 27, 28, and 29, New Street, Nos. 17, and 17 ½, Hereford Place, and No. 42, Queen Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses are 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 Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

17 —Non-notification—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a child in the family of George Iles, No, 42, Queen Street, had had Scarlet Fever, and had been to school whilst in a state of desquamation, the head of the family having failed to notify the case. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the head of the family pointing out the serious nature of his offence, and informing him of the penalty to which he had rendered himself liable by his neglect.

18—Pig Slaughter House at No. 213, High Street —The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received complaint as to the condition of this Slaughter House, which is a registered one, and which, from its situation and construction was in his opinion injurious to the public health. Resolved, That before deciding as to whether the powers conferred by Article VI. of the Cheltenham Order, 1896, shall be put in force, the Committee do pay a visit of inspection to the premises.

19—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—No. 14, Grove Street, and Cottage behind same—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That Notice be served upon the Owner of the

premises requiring him or her to forthwith put the same into a condition fit for human habitation to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health, or to close the same within fourteen days, and in default of compliance therewith, that proceedings under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain a Magistrate's Order to close same.

20—Non-compliance with Notice to close No. 31, St. James's Street -- The Medical Officer of Health reported that a notice which had been served on the 8th of January last, on the owner of this house to close the same within fourteen days, as being unfit for human habitation, had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, to obtain a Magistrate's Order to close same.

21—Insanitary Houses, viz : Nos. 12 & 14, Grove Street, Nos. 27, 23, & 29, New Street, and Gloucester House, Gloucester Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were in such a dilapidated condition as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to carry out the works specified therein as necessary to put the same into a healthy condition.

22—Wells at the Queen's Head Inn, Tewkesbury Road, and Nos. 4, 6,7, 40, & 44, Queen 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.

23—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served but had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance therewith.

24—Byelaws re Offensive Trades—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft which the Medical Officer of Health and he had prepared dealing with and regulating the carrying on of Offensive Trades within the Borough. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted and sent to the Local Government Board for sanction.

25--Alleged contamination of Well at Elmstone Hardwick, from Sewage Farms—A letter from the Chairman of the Elmstone Hardwick Parish Meeting, was read, calling attention to the fact that Sewer No. 4 referred to in a notice signed by the Town Clerk, dated the 6th April, 1879, and which appeared in the 'Cheltenham Examiner," had never been constructed, with the result that the sewage runs in an open course to the brook, flows into the village, and had contaminated the well which constitutes the sole water supply of the inhabitants. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

26—Sewer in Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that in laying the sewer along the Gloucester Road a very serious

obstruction had been found from a large gas main which had been laid over the sewer and would have to be supported at a large additional cost when the sewer is laid. Resolved, That with the object of avoiding such a state of things in future the Lighting Committee be requested to bring the matter before the Directors of the Gas Company at the intended conference of their Sub-Committee with the Directors.

27—Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee for approval, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th day of February, 1897—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors cypher, Cooper, Dimmer, Skillicorne, and Ward-Humphreys (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

1—Chairman--Alderman Drew was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Kursaal -A letter was received from Mr. W. H. Davis, Secretary of the Trades and Labour Council, with which was forwarded a copy of a resolution of that body expressing approval of the scheme of the Committee " re the erection of the Kursaal," but asking the Council before giving out contracts, &c., to receive a deputation of their members ; also a further letter, suggesting that all materials used in the construction of the building should, when it can be done without detrimental effect to the ratepayers, be prepared in Cheltenham. Resolved, That the views of the Trades and Labour Council as expressed by their resolution and the letters of their Secretary shall, as far as possible, be favourably considered.

A letter from Mr. J. L. Robertson was read, with which he submitted a design for converting the present Winter Garden into a Kursaal.

Mr. Robson attended the Meeting, and the Resolution of the Council of date the 22nd day of January last, was considered, and Mr. Robson undertook to prepare and lay before the Committee at an early date an outline plan and elevation of an alternative scheme, having regard to what was now required and the suggestions placed before him.

3—Chairmanship—Councillor Ward-Humphreys having at the request of the Committee withdrawn his resignation as Chairman of the Committee, he thereupon resumed the office.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of February, 1897 — Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew; Councillors Cypher, Cooper, Griffith and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

4—Kursaal—A letter was read from Mr. Lewis Vizard, forwarding a copy of a resolution of a Committee of the Ratepayers' Association expressing an opinion that the original plans submitted should be reconsidered, especially the one signed " Zoe " as the best and most economical ; also one from Weaver renewing an offer made by hint, on behalf of Mr. Dale, the proprietor of the Leckhampton Hill Quarries, to supply building stone for the Kursaal dressed to the requirements of the architect at the actual net cost of quarrying, dressing, and hauling, no charge whatever being made for royalties or profits of any description. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Dale for his generous offer, and that Mr. Weaver be informed that his letter will be handed to the architect.

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5—Archery—Montpellier Gardens—A letter from Mrs. Carnegy was read, on behalf of the Committee of the Archery Club, enquiring whether they can have their usual ground in the Montpellier Gardens, from April till the end of October, on the usual terms as hitherto, the ground to be open daily during the season for practice and meetings, the payment for the ground and a man to put up and take down the Targets to be £11. Resolved, To reply in the affirmative except on occasions when the whole of the Gardens is required for public entertainments.

6--Damage at Allotments—A letter from Mr. C. W. Lodge, the holder of an allotment, was read, claiming 7s 6d for damage alleged by hint to have been done to the produce of his allotment by the Swans from Pittville, and also by cattle on the land opposite wading through the brook on to the allotments, whereby much damage was done. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to enquire into the claim for the damage said to have been caused by the Swans and report at the next Meeting, and that the owner of the fence between the brook and the land opposite the allotments be required to put the same into a proper state of repair so as to keep his cattle back.

7—Meteorology—The Chairman laid before the Committee an Abstract of the Meteorological Observations made by Mr. Tyrer for the year 1896, which the latter had presented to the Council to be placed in the Committee Room. Resolved, That the same be accepted with the thanks of the Council.

8—Meteorological Station--Resolved, To reconsider the question of providing a Meteorological Station at the next meeting of the Committee, the Chairman in the meantime to have an interview with Mr. Tyrer on the subject.

9—Transformer Chamber, Clarence Square The Town Clerk reported that the Electrical Engineer wished to know if the Committee had any objection to his building an Electrical Transformer Chamber under the footpath at the South East Corner of Clarence Square. Resolved, That it be left to the Lighting Committee to exercise their discretion in the matter.

10—Promenade Improvement, No. 2—The Town Clerk reported that he and the Mayor had had an interview on this matter with Messrs. Engall & Co. who showed a disposition to withdraw to a

considerable extent the conditions they had previously insisted on. Resolved, That the matter being urgent it be left to the Committee to finally arrange terms with Messrs. Engall & Co., and that they be authorised to proceed with carrying the scheme into effect in the best way they can arrange without any further sanction from the Council being required.

11—Horse Show—Resolved, That the Committee of the Horse Show be requested to meet as early as possible to consider the question of having a Horse Show this summer.

12 —Drill at Winter Garden by Rifle Volunteers--On the application of Major Griffith, it was Resolved, To allow the Rifle Volunteers to have the use of the Winter Garden for drill on Tuesday Evenings as well as Thursdays upon the same terms as to payment of expenses by them as previously arranged with regard to the drill on Thursday Evenings.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 18th day of February, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, and Feeney (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 17th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 347 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 199 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 31,683,367 gallons. That on the same date the depth in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, which gave a total of 131,707,068 gallons or about 198 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 2,076,680 gallons.

2 —Water Supply to Female Orphan Asylum—With reference to Minute 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to make any alteration in the method or rate of charging for the water supply to this Institution, but that a second meter shall be put in on the premises free of cost and meter rent.

3--Tewkesbury Water Supply—A Letter from Mr. Badham was read with which he enclosed a cheque for £169 on account of the amount due from the Tewkesbury Corporation for water supplied to them and stating that the matters in difference between the two Corporations were still under the consideration of a Committee of the Tewkesbury Town Council.

4---Qualification of Plumbers -The Water Engineer laid before the Committee replies he had received fronts a large number of Local Authorities to whom he had sent a list of queries with reference to the proposal to establish a method of registration for

the town of qualified Plumbers. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the preparation of a precis of the replies received.

5—Water Supply to the Electric Works—With reference to the resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Alderman Norman, the Chairman of the Lighting Committee, attended the meeting of this Committee to state the reasons of his Committee for asking that the water supply to the Electric Works should be charged for on a reduced scale. Resolved, That the water supplied for which payment has not been received and to be supplied in future to the Electric Works be charged for at the rate of 6d. per 1,000 gallons.

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

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1897--Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Lawrence ; Councillors LI. Davies, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Feeney in the chair)—

1—Swine Fever—Superintendent McRae reported that on the 17th ult. a case of Swine Fever broke out on the premises of Mr. F. W. Hooper, Sandybank Farm, Cheltenham. All the pigs on the premises had been slaughtered and Form B served upon persons keeping pigs in the locality, the premises thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, the Swine Fever Order in every way complied with and the carcasses buried.

2— Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 26th ult. when there were present The Mayor, Councillors Griffith and Parsonage (the Mayor in the chair) ; That the Surveyor then reported that the work of repair, &c., at the station was nearing completion ; That the question of the advisability of printing in book form a list of the Fire Hydrants in the Borough, referred back to the Sub-Committee by this Committee, was further considered ; That the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade had reported that no delay had occurred on the part of the Brigade either in answering the call or in taking measures to extinguish the fire at the Trusty Engine Works, the alarm having been received at the station at 1.20 p.m., and it being 1.40 when he arrived there, and before 2 o'clock every member of the Brigade was at the fire, but that difficulties arose from the small size of the main in the Rowanfield Road, and if an engine had been possessed by the Brigade it would probably have not been of any use. The Borough Surveyor reported that the lamps and buckets ordered by this Committee at their last meeting had been obtained and that the lengths of suction pipes had been ordered ; and it was resolved that the Sub-Committee still think that a list of the Fire Hydrants should be printed in book form and they so recommend the positions of the hydrants to be printed in different sized type according to the size of the particular main they are connected with. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a notice to all owners and ratepayers of large properties in the Borough impressing upon them the necessity in their own interests of fixing a rising main inside their premises for the better prevention and extinguishing of fires. Resolved, That the matter of printing a list of the hydrants be referred back to the Sub-

Committee for further consideration, and subject thereto that the report be approved and adopted, and that Councillor Baker be asked to attend the meetings of the Sub-Committee.

A Letter was read from the Superintendent with reference to the report of the Sub-Committee that it was not quite accurate as to what he had said with reference to the fire at the Trusty Engine Works, the difficulties which arose being due to the hydrants being so far away from the fire and probably being fixed in a small main would account for the lose pressure That the engine referred to was their own manual engine which would probably have been useless with only 12ft of suction hose pipe, the water in the well being about 10ft. from the ground level.

3—Wheelchair Licenses—A Letter from Mr. John Cook of No. 12, Brunswick Street, was read, stating that he had purchased from Mr. Luckett his Bath chair which was in better condition than his own old one and asking that his license might be transferred from the old one to the one so purchased. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the chair being approved by the Chairman.

4—Hackney Carriage Licenses—A Letter from W. P. Jones, of Clarence Mews, North Place, was read, asking that his License for his pony carriage, No. 120, might be transferred permanently to a small Victoria which he had in first-class repair, his pony carriage being in rather a shaky condition. Also one from Mr. Geo. Herne, of the Royal Hotel Yard, stating that he had taken the yard in connection with the Royal Hotel, and asking that he might be granted four hackney carriage licenses, as he found there were no such licenses in connection with the hotel, and he proposed, it his application be acceded to, to put on a London rubber-tyre hansom Also a Letter from Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, Portland Street, com-plaining that he had not been granted a license for a landau or brougham though he had made several applications, and

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alleging that he had not been taken in his turn when licenses had been granted. Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. P. Jones be acceded to on the understanding that the victoria be drawn by a horse not under 14 hands in accordance with the intended alteration of the Bye-laws. That Mr. Herne be informed that the Committee regret there are no Licenses available that can be granted to him, but that his name will be put on the list of applicants; and that Mr. F. Jones be informed there is no pony carriage License available, but that his name is first on the list for a Landau License, and that the statement that Licenses had been granted to applicants below him on the list by this Committee is incorrect.

5—Salary of Chief Assistant in the Borough Surveyor's Department — The application of Mr. Anderson, for an increase of salary, referred back to this Committee for reconsideration by the Council, was again discussed. Resolved, That Mr. Anderson's salary be increased to £200 per annum, on condition that his whole time be given to the service of the Corporation, and furthermore, it be distinctly understood that no private outside work is permitted to be undertaken by any of the Borough Surveyor's staff.

6- Street Numbering--Francis Street, Natation Crescent, Gratton Street, and St. Philip's Street — Resolved, That these streets be re-numbered in accordance with the plans laid before the Committee by the Borough Surveyor.

7—Allotments, East Ward—The Town Clerk reported that only 21 persons had applied for Allotments, taking altogether about 24 chains, there having been 49 Memorialists who agreed to rent 63 chains. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to each of the persons who memorialized the Council to provide the Allotments, to inform them that they can have immediate possession of the amount of land they respectively undertook to rent, at 17s per chain, commencing from the 25th March next.

FREDERICK FEENEY,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of February, 1897—Present :—The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Dighton, Ll. Davies, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Alstone Swimming Bath—A letter from Mr. Arthur Selley, of No. 11, Great Norwood Street, was read, suggesting that Season Tickets be issued for the Swimming Bath. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted, and that the Season Tickets be issued at 10s 6d each.

2-- Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter from Mr. A. H. Russell, of Cavendish House, was read, on behalf of the Wesley Athletic Association, for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for the purpose of practising Cricket, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. during the summer months. Resolved, That from the 1st May to the 31st August, the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be opened at 6 a.m. and that the Association be allowed to practice cricket between the hours of 6 and 8 a.m.

J. S. LENTHALL,

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th day of February, 1897—Present : Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Cypher, Al. Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1--Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that he had completed the tree telling, which was a marked improvement. That there had been a great deal of water in the Graves and he required 2 iron bowls to ladle the water out previous to

interments. Also that a stile or gate was required by the footpath bridge at the top of the drive, as horses stray over at night into the drive. That owing to the recent bad weather the drives in some places were full of holes, and that the Rev. C. de Carteret had complained of a smell from the drains at the Church Chapel. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain the 2 iron bowls required, to have a swing gate at one end of the footpath bridge, to have the roads repaired with

gravel where required and to examine the drains at the Church Chapel, and, if necessary, to have them repaired.

2—Charges for Hearses at 2.30—A letter from Mr. J. H. Williams, Undertaker, No. 4, Thirlestaine Place, Bath Road, was read, stating that he was under the impression that the use of a Hearse at 2.30 p.m. was prohibited unless a special fee be paid, and complaining that Mr. Selim Smith had been allowed to infringe this rule. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to charge in all cases the usual fee of two guineas for burials where the Hearses and Carriages are used at the 2.30 funerals instead of Shillabeers and that Mr. Williams be so informed.

3—Designs --The following designs were examined and approved, viz., Headstones to John and Minnie Smith, John Gooding, Ambrose Tugg, Donald R. MacGachen, Thomasina Catherine Prevost.

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

G. C. Pratley, Labourers' Wages £13 14 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Electric Works on Thursday, January 28th, 1897—
Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)

1—Report of Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that he had examined the Coal Tenders opened at the last meeting and found that, disregarding Messrs. Workman's tender for ordinary slack, the following were the lowest tenders

Messrs. Williams & Co. ..	7s	from Foxes Bridge
Messrs. S. H. Harris & Co.	7s 3d	“ Lydney & Crump Meadow
Mr. A. H. Nott ..	7s 6d	“ New Bowson
Messrs. H. Workman & Co.	7s 6d	“ Lightmoor

He recommended that prior to acceptance of any tender, 20 tons be ordered of the first, second, and fourth of the above-mentioned slack coals; with Mr. A. H. Nott's New Bowson he was well acquainted, and it would be unnecessary to order any of it for additional trials. That he had considered the matter of heating the Works Offices by steam or hot water pipes, and apart from the cost, which would he believed exceed the sum of the two tenders from Messrs. Malvern for fireplace and stove, he strongly deprecated any interference with the steam and hot water pipes belonging to the generating plant at the Works. He agreed with a suggestion which had been made that Oil Stoves would furnish temporary means of heating the offices, and that the question of providing proper heating arrangements might be deferred until further building extensions are required at the Works, and he would be glad to be authorised to obtain one suitable oil stove for heating the

general office, the heating of his office to stand over for the present. Resolved, That to tons of each of the kinds of slack coal from the four firms respectively mentioned be ordered for trial, and That the Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain an Oil Stove for heating the general office.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 17th day of February, 1897—Present Alderman Lawrence and Norman ; Councillor Baker (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

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

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ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.	
Date. 1897	Test at Corporation Testing Station.	Date. 1897	Test at Corporation Testing Station.
Jan. 25th.	15.79 candles	Feb. 15th-16th	Grains per 100 cubic ft. 12.54
Feb. 5th.	15.40 "		
Feb 9th.	16.04 "		
Feb 16th.	16 81 "		

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.1523 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book —This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 17 metered and 45 unmetered, and 24 burning dimly.

5—Testing Station—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, stating that a building adjoining and on the South side of Salem Chapel, in Clarence Parade, with the necessary apparatus therein, was in readiness and available for taking the statutory tests of the gas.

6—Conference with Gas Company--A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, stating that they had arranged for the holding of the Conference with the Gas Sub-Committee and the Directors of the Company on Friday, the 5th March next, at 3.30 p.m. at the Central Offices of the Company.

7—Gas Lamps in High Street, Clarence Street, and Promenade—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, and stating that they would take the earliest opportunity of

laying the resolution before their Directors, and had in the meantime informed the Manager with a view to the request of the Council being complied with ; but it must be distinctly understood that their reply was sent and the lighting discontinued subject and without prejudice to the existing rights and remedies of the Company under the current contract having reference to the ordinary and Guildhall Lamps respectively.

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.
1897 Feb. 16th ..	100 volts.	101 volts.

9 - Loans—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that they had decided to comply with the applications of the Council to borrow £2,620 and the further sum of £795 except so far as regards the sum of £50 for the cooling pond.

10—No. 16, Ambrose Street—Resolved, To accept Mr. Lester R. Lee as a tenant of No. 16, Ambrose Street, at £16 a year, to quit at any time at a month's notice.

11— Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that the building extensions at the Electrical Works were then almost complete ; the roofs of the engine-room and the boiler-house had been finished and little remained to be done but to lay down the floors.

The extension to Suffolk Lawn had been completed, and current supplied to Suffolk Hall.

The 31 street Arc Lamps, which were formally switched on, on the 6th inst., had run very well since that date; a few faults had occurred from time to time, but these he was disposed to attribute to the damp weather in which they were obliged to make the transformer connections, and he hoped to entirely get rid of these troubles as soon as there should be a few fine dry days.

He suggested the desirability of fixing the following additional Arc Lamps along or near to the existing street lighting mains, viz. :—

St. George's Place	1 lamp between the High Street and the Library.
“ “	1 lamp between the Library and Beech House.
Cambray Place	1 lamp at the West end of Bath Street.
Crescent Place	1 lamp at the join with Royal Crescent.
Crescent Terrace	1 lamp at its join with Clarence Parade.
High Street	1 lamp between our present last lamp and Berkeley street.

The above-mentioned lamps would cost £35 each, erected complete, and in addition—to supply those in St. George's Place and Cambray—there would be required small extensions to the mains involving a total cost of about £40.

He required a second extension ladder, at a cost of £21, in order that the work of lamp trimming might be completed each day before noon in the main streets.

After careful tests to determine the relative values for steam raising purposes of the slack coals tendered for by Messrs. Harris & Co., A. H. Nott, Williams & Co., and Workman & Co., he recommended for acceptance the tender of Mr. A. H. Nott for New Bowson slack coal at 7s 6d per ton, delivered free at the Electric Works. The tests showed that the total cost of coal per day would be about 2s 6d less with Mr. Nott's New Bowson coal than with the next best of the other coals mentioned.

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He suggested the desirability of connecting 15, St. George's Parade to the Telephone Exchange, as it would effect a very considerable saving in his time and in that of his assistants, as he had to make an office in his house.

Applications had been received from Major Colledge, of Lauriston House, Lansdown ; Mr. S. B. Dix, of 7, Clarence Square ; and Mr. W. V. Anderson, of 2, Sussex Villas, Clarence Road, and all these being cases of urgency, he had commenced the work of connecting the premises mentioned to the mains ; the total cost of these extensions (exclusive of transformers) would be about £90, and all the necessary goods were in stock. He also recommended a further extension in Clarence Square to supply Nos 13 and 38, should applications be shortly received from the tenants of these houses as he had reason to believe probable.

An application had just been received from Mr. Currie, of 26, Lansdown Place, and he required instructions to do what is necessary in order to give him supply.

Resolved, That the suggestions contained in the Report as to fixing the additional Arc Lamps mentioned be approved and the extensions required adopted. That the second extension ladder required be obtained at the cost mentioned. That the tender of Mr. Nott for slack coal be accepted. That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange for the connection of No. 15, St. George's Parade, with the Telephone Exchange. That the Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and estimates of the extensions required to supply Major Colledge, Mr. Dix, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Currie, and for the further extensions in Clarence Square, and to the Arc lighting mains, and also to prepare a plan and estimate of the cost of building a Chimney at the Central Station, the Borough Surveyor having reported that the Boilers now at the Destructor being as much as the present chimney can properly do for, and that not less than from nine to 12 months should be allowed for building it, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the amount of the estimates.

12— Arc Lighting in Promenade—In view of the intended visit of the Prince of Wales, Resolved, That the Electric Arc Lighting of the Promenade be proceeded with forthwith.

13— Electric Lighting of Winchcomb Street—Resolved, To instruct the Electrical Engineer to bring up a scheme for the lighting of Winchcomb Street as far as Pittville Gates.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Lawrence ; Councillor Ll. Davies (Alderman Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Corporal District Rate --The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 23rd inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £13,706 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £3489 0s. 0½ d.

2--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received, £8425 4s. 1d., leaving outstanding £2577 3s. 3d.

3—Audit—At the request of Councillor Margrett the question of Audit of the Accounts by a Government Auditor was adjourned for consideration at the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

4—Private Improvement Works, Sydenham Road, South—A letter from Maj.-Gen. Thomson, of Underwood, was read, stating he was unable to pay the £85 0s. 7d. due from him in respect of the cost of these works by the 1st of March, and asking to be allowed another six months in which to do so. Resolved, That if General Thomson will pay part of the amount due by the 25th proximo, the Council will consent to wait another six months for the remainder.

5---Mr. Rowland's Salary—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 31 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of date the 20th of January last, that Mr. Rowland should be employed exclusively in superintending and assisting in carrying out the sewerage 'works at a Salary of £3 per week, and it being doubtful at what date such salary was intended to commence, Resolved, That as the sewerage work was commenced on the 7th of January last, from which date Mr. Rowland had been exclusively employed as aforesaid, the salary of £3 per week be paid from the same date.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £7461 0s. 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.

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The following was the General Statement :—

	£	s.	d.
In hand on the 26th January last .	4,270	7	5
Received since that date	<u>20,217</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
	24,487	12	3
Paid since that date	<u>14,574</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>
In hand	9,912	15	10

EDWIN LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1897 —Present :
Councillors Ll. Davies, Mills, and Moles ; The Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. C. Fisher. (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair.)

1-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £7 17s. 4d. He reported that there had been an increase in the issues from both departments, viz 18 per day from the Lending Library, and 7 per day from the Reference Library, as compared with February of last year, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

F. A. Hyett	14 Volumes	9 Pamphlets
Trustees of the British Museum.		4 “
F. H. Cliffe	2 “	
University Correspondence College	1 “	
T. B. Browne & Co.	1 “	
Board of Trade ..	1 “	

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Fulham, Clerkenwell and Aberdeen.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that the Apprenticeship of Mr. Claude O. Balcombe, for four years, will expire on the 1st of April next, that he had qualified for an assistantship, and as his services were worth retaining they recommended that from the 1st of April his wages which had been 8s per week, as an apprentice, should be 17s 6d per week, to be advanced to 20s per week after the first year. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Library Accounts—Resolved, That the Accounts of the Library be made up to the 31st March in each year.

4—Widening Footpath in front of Gibraltar House—In the absence of Councillor Parsonage, Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of this matter.

5—Accounts.—The following Accounts were examined and allowed	£ s. d.
W. Jones, Wages	
Cheltenham Gas Company, Coke	16 10 0
	9 12 0
C. Wesley, Books ..	3 15 2
James Wilson, ditto ..	3 12 0
Vim. Morgan, Furniture and Fittings	3 5 6
Francis Edwards, Books ..	1 9 9
R. E. & C. Marshall, Electric Lamps	0 15 0
Accounts under 10s each .	0 12 4

E. LL. DAVIES,
Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th day of February, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, and Moles (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 39 schools, from which 1196 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited.

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 parents of the following children, viz. :—Annie Smith, 7, Fairfield Place; William Cooper, 24, Albert Place ; and William Hopkins, 1, Gothic Cottages, Exmouth Street.

3—Notices of Meetings of Local Committees—Resolved, That in future the Notices of the Meetings of the Local Committees be sent to the Members by the chief Attendance Officer.

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 April, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of March, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Mills 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 Baker, Cypher, Mills, Parsonage, and Skillicorne.

2 --Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that he had given notice to Mr. Enoch to remove the rolls of lead in front of his premises, No. 5, Tivoli Place, but he had up to that time (the 23rd inst.) failed to comply with the notice. A letter from Mr. Enoch was read, asking permission to allow the lead to remain for a few days, as he had some work in hand for which the whole of the roll would be used. Resolved, To instruct the Street Inspector to report again at the next monthly meeting whether or not the roll had been removed by then.

The Inspector also reported that a projecting sign had been erected at the Cycle Depot, 30 ½ Winchcomb Street, for the Sultan Engineering Co. A letter from Mr. D. Marshall, proprietor of the business of the Co., was read, asking permission to erect the sign, which he would have temporarily fixed for inspection. Also one from Messrs. Merry & Co., Clarence Street, apologising for having

committed a breach of the regulations by not having first obtained the consent of the Council to erect the sign over their shop ; one from Mr. R. Organ applying for leave to erect an advertising Incandescent gas lamp on the outside of No. 78, High Street, for Mr. H. Gould, Provision Merchant ; and one from Mr. J. T. Beckwith, Proprietor of the Cheltenham Sanitary Steam Laundry, applying for permission to erect an overhanging sign board at his premises at the Northern extremity of St. George's Street, according to the sketch submitted. Resolved, That Mr. Marshall's application be not granted, and that he be required to remove the sign erected by him ; that the apology of Messrs. Merry & Co be accepted, and that they be permitted to allow their sign to remain upon the usual conditions ; that Mr. Organ's application be granted subject to the usual conditions ; and that Mr. Beckwith be informed that the sign proposed by him cannot be permitted, but that he may erect a V shaped sign exactly similar in every respect to that at the Dolphin Inn upon the usual conditions.

3—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 26th February to 26th March, both inclusive, was as follows:—
Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road (by boundary) 1,369 super yards ; Gloucester Road from Castle to Midland Station, 4,167 super yards ; Hester's Way (proceeding).

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Patching—High Street, St. George's Place, Portland Square, College Road, Lansdown Terrace, Rowanfield Road, Russell Street, Roman Road, New Street, Tewkesbury Road, Glenfall Street, Bayshill Road, Montpellier Street, Lansdown Crescent and Parade, Albion Street, Pittville Street, Winchcomb Street, Hatherley Road, Trafalgar Street, St. Paul's Road, St. Margaret's Road, Park Place, Tivoli Road, Rodney Road, Queen's Parade, Crescent Terrace, St. George's Road, London Road, Whitehart Street, Henrietta Street, by Gordon Lamp, and Promenade.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Priory Terrace, 1,551 super yards. Patching—Courtenay Street and Pittville Roads.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing, and Channelling—Grafton Road, Pittville Street, St. George's Place, Great Western Road, Portland Square, St. James's Square, Leamington Place, Regent Street, Malvern Road, Lansdown Terrace, Suffolk Square, Hewlett Road, Clarence Parade, Bayshill Road, North Place, Duke Street, Marle Hill Parade, County Court Road, Old Bath Road, Townsend Street, Sandford Street, High Street, St. Ann's Terrace, Promenade, Parabola Road, Sherborne Street, Glenfall Street, Clarence Street, and St. Luke's Road.

New Concrete Kerb and Channel had been put down on the West Side of Montpellier Gardens.

The footpaths in Whitehart Street, the North Side of Thirlestaine Road, and Eastern Approach Drive, Pittville, had been made good with Wickwar Gravel.

The Footpath by Leamington Place had been made good with Asphalte.

Trees Pruned—College Road, and 3 cut down. 2 trees cut down in Alexandra Street.

4 New Gullies had been put in in Gloucester Road, and 1 in Malvern Road.

Ashes Collected.—Van Loads, 1,175. Consumed at Destructor, 1,042 tons, 1 cwt. 2 qrs.

4—Light Railway—The Town Clerk reported that the draft clauses to be inserted for the protection of the Corporation had been laid before Counsel and had been returned as settled by him to be printed into the Order which would be again returned to Counsel for final settlement. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the route as revised and settled by the Council.

5—Postal Pillar Box, College Road —A letter from Mr. P. Chandler, postmaster at Cheltenham, was read, asking permission to replace the wall letter box in College Road by a pillar box to stand at the edge of the coping of the pathway in front of the present box. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6—Flooding of Hewlett Road by Surface Water—A letter from Mr. W. H. Parker, of Tresco, Hewlett Road, was read, complaining of the state of the drain which ought to carry off the surface water under the path in front of his house, the road being completely flooded every time there is any rain. Resolved, To inform Mr. Parker that the Borough Surveyor has discovered the cause, which has been effectually remedied.

7—Crossing opposite Willoughby House—Resolved, To lay down a crossing of Mc Dougall's bricks opposite Willoughby House.

8—Boundary Ditch to Oakley, Shurdington Road—A letter from Mr. Anley, of Oakley, was read, asking the Council to fill in this ditch to improve the footpath, and enable him to erect a fence along it to keep out trespassers from his property. Resolved, That the Council will fill in the ditch and put the pathway into a good state of repair on condition that Mr. Anley will erect and maintain a fence (similar to that already commenced by him) from the extremity of the existing fence at the north-east end to the nearest extremity of the fence erected on the approach to the bridge of the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway Co.

9—Tree opposite the Cleave, Hewlett Road—A letter from Mrs. Marshall, of the Cleave, was read, asking that the tree opposite her house might be cut down. Resolved, That the Council do not consider the removal of this tree advisable.

10—Lighting of Pittville Circus goad—Resolved, To consider at the next monthly meeting of the Committee the advisability of re-arrangement of the present lamps, and, if necessary, the provision of additional ones to improve the lighting in this road, the Borough Surveyor in the meantime to prepare a plan.

11—Arc Lamp at Junction of Gloucester Road and St. George's Road— Resolved, That in lieu of the position formerly proposed, this lamp be placed at the southern angle of the road between the crossing to Alstone Lane and the present gas lamp, and that the gas lamp be removed to the footpath in front of the houses being erected on the opposite side of the road.

12—Guildhall Lamps for St. Margaret's Terrace, Dunalley Parade, and opposite St. Paul's Church— Resolved, That one of these lamps be placed in North Place opposite the end of St. Margaret's Road, the present lamp to be fixed on the south side of St. Margaret's Road midway between the Rose and Crown Passage and the Guildhall Lamp ; another one in place of the existing lamp outside St. Paul's

Post Office, the present lamp to be fixed in a suitable position in Monson Avenue ; and another one in place of the existing lamp outside St. Paul's Church railing opposite St. Paul's street, North, the present lamp to be fixed on the south side of the road midway between Rutland street and St. Paul's street, North.

13—Bath Parade—A Memorial from John Ball and others was read, asking the Council to give effect to the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council on the 1st of February last, respecting the memorial for the removal of the fence at the end of Bath Parade. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the Committee have the matter in hand and are doing all they can to carry out the instructions of the Council.

14--Removal of Refuse during prohibited hours—The Superintendent of Police reported that at 7.20 p.m. on the 24th inst. P.C. Gabb saw a waggon belonging to Mr. Wm. Marmon, of Princes Street, being loaded in the Colonnade with refuse from Messrs. Olives' fish shop which caused an abominable smell. Resolved, That notice be given to Messrs. Olive and to Mr. Marmon that they have been guilty of a breach of the regulations for the removal of offensive matter, and have rendered themselves liable to a penalty under the provisions of Sec. 98 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act, s847, which is incorporated by Sec. 73 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and that proceedings will be taken to enforce the penalty without further notice if such offence should be repeated.

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15—Salary of Mr. Ponting—The application of Mr. Ponting for an increase in his salary was further considered. Resolved, To increase his Salary to £100 per annum from the 1st April, 1897.

16 —No 28, Ambrose Street—A letter from Mr. Barnby Bendall was read, expressing his opinion that it would be only right that this property should be submitted to auction, and stating that he knew it would fetch a considerably larger sum than that mentioned at the last meeting of the Council, and finally asking as a right that it should be submitted to Public Tender or Auction.

With reference to the letter of Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co. and the Resolution of this Committee at their last meeting as to the reply thereto, referred back to the Committee by the Council for re-consideration, It was Resolved, That as there appears to have been some hardship occasioned to Mr. Huphnull in the matter, the action of the Borough Surveyor in entering into the contract for the sale of the property to him for £140 be confirmed.

17—Grosvenor Place, South—A letter from Mr. A. Hill, Chemist, Winchcomb Street, was read, stating that the expenses of the repairs in Grosvenor Place, South, had been paid, and asking that the Resolution of the Council to declare the Street a Highway as soon as all the expenses should be paid might be carried out. Resolved, To declare the same a Highway, and that the necessary notices be posted.

18—Seat opposite the Hawthorns, Christ Church Road—A letter from Miss F. M. Wilton was read, complaining of the annoyance caused by occupants of this seat, and asking for its removal. Resolved, That the seat be removed to near the lamp at the corner of the Christ Church and Douro Roads.

19-- Footpath West side of Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That this footpath be asphalted. 20 Footpaths North and South sides of Montpellier Gardens- Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these footpaths edged and channelled during the ensuing season.

21- Encroachment on Western Road—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 22 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Chairman reported that Mr. How had asked him to lay before the Committee a request to them to reconsider their decision to require him to set back the piers of the wall which he had built which encroached upon the footpath. Resolved, That the Council are unable to alter their previous decision.

22—Billposting in Bennington Street—A Memorial from Thomas Sims and 29 other Owners and Ratepayers of Bennington Street and neighbourhood was read, calling attention to the unsightliness of the Bill Posting Station, which had been established on the North West side of the Street, and petitioning the Council to compel its removal. Resolved, That if the nuisance is not abated within one month, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry up in cement the present 43: inch dwarf wall to the level of the top of the existing premises of Mr. Beckingsale, and that Mr. Beckingsale be required to forthwith connect the rain water down conducting pipe from his premises with the sewer.

23—Tacking Corporation Horses - -Resolved, To offer to rent from the General Purposes and Watch Committee two acres of the pasture land obtained by them for the purposes of Allotments, which had not been taken up by Allotment holders, for turning out the horses of the Corporation at a rental of LI° per annum.

24—Wall at end of Road leading from Victoria Street to All Saints Road—A letter from Mr. Winstone, was read, stating that he could not remove this wall at once on account of the damage he would sustain by throwing open the road to the public. Resolved, To reply to Mr. Winstone that the non-compliance by him in carrying out the plan originally passed by the Council alone hinders the proper lighting of the adjoining property.

25--Entrance Crossing in Pathway to Mr. Winstone's House in Lansdown Road—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Winstone to construct a sufficient crossing over the footway to the entrance to his house in the Lansdown Road with pro per materials and at proper levels, and to remove the carriage ways over the water tables, and in default of compliance with such notice within a fortnight, proceedings under Sec. 41 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be taken to enforce the penalty.

26 -St. Keverne and Fulshaw, Christ Church Road—Resolved, To call upon Mr. Winstone to properly drain the banks of the gardens to these houses at the back of the walls abutting upon the footpath to prevent the water from flowing through the wall and over the footpath, and to put the walls into a proper state of repair.

27 —Gibraltar House Railings—A letter from Mrs. Price, was read, offering to dispose of the piece of ground now fenced in in front of Gibraltar House, for the purpose of widening the pavement, for £50, the Corporation to do all the work necessary in removing the railings and making good the pavement and walls, including fixing a Hayward's light in place of the present grating, the offer to remain open for two months from the 27th instant. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

28—Strip of land north-side of the Chelt adjacent to Portmore Lodge—A letter from Mr. F. Forty, was read, stating that he had purchased Portmore Lodge, and asking to be allowed to rent this piece of land at a nominal rent as was allowed to the former owner, the slate General Mackenzie. Resolved, That this application be acceded to on the same terms as agreed to with General Mackenzie

29-New Buildings -The Borough Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
882	H. W. Baker	Bath room at back of Berkeley House, Berkeley Street.
883	Samuel Adams	Additions to St. Catherines, Christ Church Road.
884	Trustees of St. Paul's Schools	Additions to St. Paul's Schools, St. Paul's Road.
885	J. B. Winterbotham	Additions to Cranley Lodge.
886	Henry Enoch	Eight houses in Oakfield Street, Tivoli.
887	J. Barrett	House in Hall Road. 888 Alfred Prior Ditto.
889	Showells' Brewery Co., Ltd.	Additions to the Welsh Harp, Burton Street.

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
890	George Marsh	Two Villas in Gloucester Road.
891	E J. B. Price	Stable, &c., at Woodcote, Shurdington Road.
892	Geo. E. Chick	House and Ironing room in Leckhampton Lane.
893	A. Taylor	Five shops in Suffolk Road.
894	Trustees of St. Mark's Schools	Additions to St. Mark's Schools, Alstone.
895	B. Broadhurst	House in Gloucester Road.
896	F. Dunn	Additions to Camden Villa, Clarence Road.

Resolved, That Nos. 889 and 891 be disapproved ; that No. 886 be approved subject to the back road being made as agreed with Mr. Lanwarn, 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 3rd day of March, 1897 — Present Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Feeney, Griffith, Lenthall, 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, 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 6 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 26.

2— House without a proper Water Supply—No. 3, Brandon Terrace— It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 3rd instant, that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owner, requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3-Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 3, Brandon Terrace, and No. 12, Rotunda 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.

4— Overcrowding at No. 3, York Cottages, Fairview—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.

5 -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.

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 be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

7-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 11, St. George's Street, No. 11, Upper Bath Street, and Nos. 24 & 27 Queen 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 —Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshop Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported that an application had been received from Mr. W. J. White, of No. 8, Grosvenor Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That, subject to certain minor sanitary defects on the premises being amended, the application be granted.

9 —Insanitary Dwelling Houses, viz : No. 14, Chester Walk, No. 11, Upper Bath Street, and Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 & 34, Queen Street,— The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the unhealthy condition of these premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and do such things specified as necessary for that purpose.

10 -Houses unfit for human Habitation—No. 1, Eton Cottages, Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this house was in such a condition as to be unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That Notice be served upon the Owner requiring him or her to put the same into a proper condition within 28 days, and in default of compliance with the notice, that proceedings be taken under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, to obtain an Order for the house to be closed.

11—Sewer at St. Mark's Place, bottom of Cranley Road, Cloddimore—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this sewer was in a very bad condition and ought to be at once taken up and re-laid. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to take up and properly relay the sewer as soon as possible.

12—Sanitary Institute—A letter from the Secretary of this Institute, was read, stating that an invitation had been accepted from the Council of the City of Leeds to hold the Autumn Congress and Exhibition of the Institute in that city in September next, and inviting the Council to appoint two Delegates to attend the Congress. Resolved, That the Committee do not propose to appoint Delegates to attend the Conference this year, but that the Institute be invited to hold their Congress in 1898 in this Town.

13—Alleged Pollution of Well at Elmstone Hardwick from Sewage Farm—With reference to the letter from the Rev. Bayfield Roberts, Chairman of the Parish Meeting of Elmstone Hardwick, alleging that the village well at Elmstone Hardwick was contaminated with sewage from the Barn Farm, which was read at the last meeting of the Committee, the Borough Surveyor reported as to the result of an inspection which he had made. Resolved, That consideration of the complaint be further adjourned to enable the Committee to pay a visit of inspection to the locality.

14—Bicycles—Resolved, That the Bicycles in use by the Medical Officer of Health and his Staff be repaired from time to time, as occasion may require, at the expense of the Council.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davies, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (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 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Puerperal Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 7 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 20.

16—Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 19, Queen's Retreat, No. 5, Hatherley Villas, and No. 4, Greville 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.

17--Overcrowding at No. 2, Pantile 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.

18—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.

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, 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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20 — Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 6, & 10 ½, Grove Street, Nos. 3 & 4, Barnes Yard, Grove Street, and No. 14, Casino Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses are 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—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1, 10, 10 ½ & 11, Grove Street, No. 11, Rotunda Terrace, No 4, Barnes Yard, Grove Street, No. 31, New Street, No. 1, Pantile Row, and No 16. St. Paul's Street, South—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be

injurious to the health of the inmates, owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, &c. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices, and do such other things as may be necessary for that purpose.

22—Wells at Nos. 4, 6, 7, 39, 40, 44, & 45, Queen Street, Swindon Inn, Nos. 1, 2, & 3, Griffith's Gardens, Poplar Cottage, Nos. 1 & 8, Marle Hill Parade, Nos. 11, 20, 21, 23, 29, 31 to 34, Cottage behind 34, and 35 to 39, Cleveford Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used, or likely to be used, by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain Orders for these wells to be closed.

23—Garden Land adjoining Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Ursell, the Driver of the Ambulance, who was about to leave his employment at the Delancey Hospital, had received in part payment for his services the use of this land, which had hitherto been rented by the Council from the Trustees of the Hospital, and suggested that as there no longer appeared to be any need for the Council to hold the ground, they should propose to the Trustees to take it off their hands and let it direct to the Ambulance Driver who is now their employee. He also reported that Mr. Ursell made a claim for work done in the garden and seeds sown during the present year. Resolved, That the suggestion of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and adopted, also to inform Mr. Ursell that as his tenancy determined when he ceased to be a servant of the Corporation he is not entitled to claim anything for work done or seeds sown since that time.

24—Dealings of Finance Committee with Hospital Charges for Treatment of Patients—Resolved, To inform the Finance Committee that this Committee does not approve of the proceedings of the Finance Committee in giving orders for application to be made to the Patients who have received treatment in the Delancey Hospital, or their friends, for repayment of the Hospital charges when this Committee has not made any recommendation to that effect, as in many cases such application has been made when the Medical Officer of Health had previously given an assurance that no such repayment would be expected.

25—Alstone Ditch—A letter from Mr. H. D. Harrison, of the Trusty Engine Works, was read, calling attention to the flooded condition of Alstone Lane owing to the drains from the Ditch being stopped. Resolved, That Mr. Boote be called upon to clear out the obstruction in the pipes under his land as he has already expressed his willingness to do, and that Mr. Harrison be informed of this Resolution.

26—Well at Elmstone Hardwick—The Chairman reported that he and other members of the Committee had been to Elmstone Hardwick and had met the Rev. Bayfield Roberts, the Chairman of the Parish Meeting, and that there did not appear to be any ground for the complaint of pollution of the well from the Sewage Farm, and it was evident that what the inhabitants desired was to have a supply of water from the Corporation Main. Resolved, That if an application for such a supply be made to the Corporation it will be very favourably considered.

27—Hayden Farm—A letter from Mr. James Wood, tenant of the Hayden Farm, was read, asking to have his rent permanently reduced to £300 per annum on account of the heavy losses he alleged he

had incurred during the last two years, the loss last year amounting to £150, and agreeing to do all the ploughing out when wanted, also to roll and chain harrow the land, heat out the cow droppings all over the farm and pay twelve months rent in advance. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this application pending a report by the Town Clerk as to the terms of the lease, inspection of the Farm by the Borough Surveyor, and a report from him of the result.

28—Building Plans—The Plans of such new buildings, necessitating drainage, as were intended to come up for approval by the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the Plan of Mr. G. H. Roberts for four houses fronting a new road leading from All Saints' Road into Victoria and Glenfall Streets, be disapproved, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of February, 1897—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Griffith, Skillicorne, and Ward-Humphreys, (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

1—Winter Garden—A letter from Mr. Gustavus Cohen was read, applying for the free use of the Winter Garden to give an Entertainment on the 17th March, on behalf of the Indian Famine Fund. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to accede to the application.

2—Kursaal—Mr. Robson attended and laid before the Committee plan and elevation of an alternative scheme he had framed for the erection of the Kursaal and Municipal Buildings on the site of the Winter Garden, and he also read a Report which he had prepared to explain the same.

3—Meteorological Station—The Chairman reported that he had seen Mr. Tyrer, and that gentleman had intimated that he would be willing to act for an honorarium as Borough Meteorologist, making use of his own instruments, but that a Sunshine Recorder should be provided by the Council. Resolved, To over Mr. Tyrer £25 per annum to undertake the duties, and that a Sunshine Recorder be purchased.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of March, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Dimmer, Griffith and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

4—Sub-Committee—The Chairman and the Mayor were appointed a Sub-Committee to deal with the matter of the Promenade Improvement, No. 2. The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a

letter he had received from Messrs. Ticehurst, who were acting for the owners of No. 1, Promenade, accompanied with certain stipulations which they considered necessary for the protection of their clients. These were gone through and considered, and it was arranged to propose a Meeting with Messrs. Gregory & Purnell and Messrs. Ticehurst to discuss the same with the view, if possible, of arriving at an agreement. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor do proceed with the preparation of the Railings and Paving, omitting for the present the flower beds.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday the 8th day of March, 1897—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Drew Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Griffith, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

5—Promenade Improvement, No. 2.—Mr. A. H. Wyatt, from the office of Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, attended the Meeting, representing the owners and occupiers of No. 1, Promenade. The various points remaining for settlement between them and the Corporation were discussed and the draft agreements settled as mutually agreed upon. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take steps to obtain, as soon as possible, the consents of all the other owners and occupiers concerned.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of March, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Dimmer, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

6 Kursaal, Municipal Buildings, &c.—Mr. Robson attended this Meeting of the Committee, and laid before the Committee detailed plans for the erection of Municipal Buildings, Kursaal, Baths, &c., on the Winter Garden site, prepared in accordance with

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the Resolution of the Council of the 22nd January last, and the same were considered ; Mr. Robson estimated the cost at about £48,000. Resolved, That the Municipal Buildings be of stone entirely and the Kursaal, &c., of stone and brick. Also Resolved, That the Members of the Council outside the Committee be invited to attend a Meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday next, at 11 a.m., to inspect the plans and hear Mr. Robson's explanation of the same, and that Mr. Robson do prepare a coloured representation of the proposed buildings as they will appear if erected according to the present plans.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of March, 1897—Present The Mayor; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Dimmer, Griffith, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

There were also present in answer to the invitation of the Committee the following Members of the Council, viz. :—Aldermen Drew, Lawrence, and Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Mills, Moles, and Parsonage.

7—Kursaal, Municipal Buildings, &c. -Mr. Robson gave a detailed explanation of the plans prepared by him.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of March, 1897—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, CIPHER, Dimmer, Griffith, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

8—Clarence Square—A Memorial from the Rev. P. Waller and other owners and occupiers of houses in Clarence Square, was read, calling attention to the necessity for definite byelaws applying to the garden in the square. Col. Noake and Mr. H. Wilkins also attended the meeting to support the views expressed in the Memorial. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare draft Byelaws under sec. 72 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

9—Kursaal—A Letter from Messrs. Geo. Yiend & Co. was read, offering to supply Cleeve Hill Stone for building the Kursaal upon the same terms as offered by Mr. Dale. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Messrs. Yiend & Co. for their offer and that they be informed that their letter will be handed to the Architect.

10-- Promenade Improvement No. 2—Mr. Gurney, of the firm of Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, with Mr. Wilkins, of the firm of Messrs. Wilkins & Sons, Stockbrokers, Promenade, attended the meeting to lay before the Committee an objection to Clause 3 of the draft agreement submitted to the Owners of houses in the Promenade which they suggested should be altered so as to enable any owner to bring out his front at any time. Resolved, That if the other Owners agree the clause be altered so as to allow any owner to bring forward his frontage after the expiration of twelve months from the date of the agreement

11— Montpellier Gardens—Flower Show—With reference to the permission granted to the Horticultural Society to hold a Flower Show in the Montpellier Gardens on June 5th and 7th, a letter was read from the Hon. and Assistant Secretaries of the Society, asking to be allowed to open the gardens on Bank Holiday, June 7th, at 12 o'clock instead of 1 o'clock. Resolved, That the application be granted.

12—Military Tournament—A Letter from Mr. R. C. Bastin, of No. 121, High Street, was read, stating that he was authorised by the Marquis of Worcester to make all arrangements for a Military Tournament to be held in the town on May 11th, and asking the price of the Montpellier Gardens for

that purpose. Resolved, That the Council regret that they are unable to grant the use of the gardens for a tournament, but that the Agg-Gardner or Naunton Park Recreation Grounds can be had for the purpose for £5.

13—Bands —A Letter from A. Roberts, Bandmaster of the Battalion Band 1st V.B. South Staffordshire Regiment, was read, offering to give quotations for the services of his band. Also one from Mr. J. P. Hatton offering after the training of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars to give 2 or 3 concerts in the town during the four following days previous to their going to the training of the Wilts Regiment ; also one from Mr. J. Hall, Secretary of the Town Band, asking permission to continence the Sunday afternoon Sacred Concerts in Pittville Park on Easter Sunday, and to play there every other Sunday afternoon during the season ; also one from Messrs. Boyce and Waite, asking permission for their string band to play in Pittville Park on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Resolved, to reply to Mr. Roberts that the Council are obliged to him for his offer, but they cannot enter into any arrangements with him at present ; that Mr. Hatton be requested to make an official application with particulars ; that permission be granted to the Town Band to play at Pittville Park on alternate Sundays commencing on Easter Sunday ; and that Messrs. Boyce and Waite be given the like permissions for Good Friday and every alternate Sunday commencing on the Sunday after Easter Sunday.

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14—Messrs. Holliday & Co's Gate, Cleeve Path Drive—A Letter was read from the Town Clerk to Messrs. Holliday & Co., objecting to an opening made by them on to the Cleeve Path Drive from one of the fields in their occupation adjoining the same and to their user of the road for hauling things into or out of the field, and that they must pay a nominal rent for the same and give an undertaking to close the same up at any time on receiving say three months notice ; also a letter from Messrs. Holliday & Co. in reply stating their belief that the gate had been just as it is for many years and they had not altered it in any way, and they did not think they ought to be charged rent for it, but if it is necessary that they should do so they would not object and suggesting that 1s per year would be sufficient. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's letter be approved and that a nominal rent of 1s per year be accepted and Messrs. Holliday & Co. be allowed to make use of the drive for such purposes as those for which they have hitherto used it subject to their giving the undertaking mentioned in the letter of the Town Clerk.

15—Advertisement in Holiday Home Register—A Letter from Messrs. J. and J. Paton, advertisement contractors, was read, suggesting that the Corporation should advertise the town in the Holiday Home Register. Resolved, Not to entertain the suggestion.

16—Swans and Cygnets for Pittville---A letter from Mr. A. Waltham, Villa Farm, Leigh, Nr. Cheltenham, was read, offering to sell to the Corporation 2 swans and 2 cygnets for Pittville Lake for 4 guineas. Resolved, To inform Mr. Waltham that the Council do not require any more of these birds.

17--Angling Tickets—A Letter from Mr. H. W. Stubbin was read, complaining that he had been unable to obtain one of the season tickets for angling decided to be issued for 10s 6d, and that on tendering 6d. for a half-day's ticket one day he found that none were available. Resolved, To inform Mr. Stubbin that the tickets were not ready he having applied for them only 2 days after the meeting

of the Council at which it was resolved to issue them. Further Resolved, That the season for which the tickets are to be issued shall run from the 31st March for one year.

18—Meteorological Station--A Letter from Mr. Tyrer was read, stating that he would be pleased to perform the duties of Meteorologist to the Corporation for the honorarium of £25, making use of his own instruments. Resolved, To thank Mr. Tyrer, and that he be requested to perform the duties in question upon the terms mentioned.

19—Damage to Allotments by Swans—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 15th February last the Letter from Mr. C. W. Lodge was further considered. Resolved, That Mr. Lodge be paid 7s 6d for the damage done by the swans.

20—Drill in Winter Garden —A Letter was read from Major Griffith, thanking the Council for their permission to use the Winter Garden for drilling the Rifle Volunteers in on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Griffith and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

21—Promenade Improvement, No. 2—The following owners and occupiers of houses in the Promenade, with Mr. Gurney, Solicitor, representing Messrs. Holborow, Power & Wilkins ; Mr. Wyatt, Solicitor, from Messrs. Ticehurst's Office, representing the owners and occupiers of No. 5, attended the Meeting of this Committee, viz : Messrs. Adams, Bayley, Clare, Holborow, Horsley, James, Lovell, Power, Prothero, Pottinger (Messrs. Young & Gilling) representing the owners of No. 3, 5, to, and, 53, and Wilkins. The Draft of the Agreement was gone through and various alterations and additions suggested. These for the most part were accepted by the Committee with some modifications, and it was arranged that the Agreement should be ready for signature at an adjourned meeting to be held on Friday next, at 4.30 p.m.

22--Kursaal and Municipal Offices—Resolved, To report to the Council as follows :—Your Committee beg to report that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Council at its Meeting held on the 22nd of January last on the motion of Mr. Alderman Lawrence seconded by Mr. Councillor Skillicorne, they instructed Mr. Robson to prepare alternative plans and elevations with an estimate of the cost for an entirely new building or buildings on the Winter Garden site, providing as far as possible similar accommodation to that offered by the plans then submitted.

This he has now done, and the Plans will be submitted at the meeting of the Council on the 5th proximo, when it will be for the Council to decide which of the two sets of Plans shall be adopted.

The Committee recommend that tenders for the erection of the buildings according to the plans selected by the Council be advertised for in such sections as the Committee may decide on. That the Resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 6, of date 29th July last, as approved by the Council be,

if necessary, varied accordingly, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan for the Kursaal and its adjuncts, and for a loan under Section 120 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, for the conversion of the existing building into Municipal Offices or the erection of new offices as the case may be, for such amounts as shall be necessary to defray the cost of conversion or erection of the buildings in question.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Dimmer, Lenthall, and Margrett—(The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman through illness, the Mayor was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2 —Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported that on the 23rd inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 356 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 194 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 31,590,890 gallons. On the 24th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, which gave a total of 131,614,591 gallons or about 176 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 2.954,440 gallons. That the extension of the Tewkesbury and Ashchurch main was in hand, the portion between Southfield and Ashchurch station was finished, and about half the length between the Market Place and the Borough Boundary. That an application had been received from Mr. C. Caines for an extension of the main in Edward street to enable him to comply with the order of the Council to lay on water to his cottage ; and That his attention had been called to the hardship occasioned in some cases by the operation of the minimum charge of 8s 8d for all cottages, and he suggested that all cottages be charged on the 5 per cent. scale whatever the value. Resolved, That the application of Mr Caines for the extension of the main in Edward street be acceded to, and that the suggestion of the Borough Engineer as to the charge for cottages be adopted.

3—Qualification of Plumbers—The Borough Engineer laid before the Committee a report he had prepared with reference to the replies he had received from 136 Engineers and Managers of Waterworks undertakings in the United Kingdom with regard to the question of registration of qualified Plumbers. Resolved, That the same be further considered at the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

A letter from Mr. Edward Wills, plumber, of No. 1, Brooklyn Bank, was read, suggesting that what is wanted is an Inspector to see that the work is done properly, and if he finds any work not according to regulations to report to the Committee, and that difficulty would be found in compelling old Plumbers to undergo an examination, and that the proposed registration would be no good as it would not stop jerry work or the use of inferior material

4-- Water Supply to the Cheltenham Sanitary Laundry—A letter from Col. Thoyts, Chairman of the Directors of the Cheltenham Sanitary Laundry Company, was read, submitting that the charge for water supply to that undertaking should be reduced, having regard to the very large consumption. Resolved, That the Committee regret that they are unable to accede to the application, there being no exceptional circumstances sufficient to justify a reduction of the usual charge.

5— Arrears of Water Rate— Trusty Engine Works—The Town Clerk reported that the Receiver appointed in the winding up of the Trusty Engine Works Company refused to pay the arrears of water rate accrued previously to the Company going into liquidation, on the ground that the assets in his custody are not available to satisfy a debt due from the Company. Resolved, That notice be given to the Receiver to inform him that if the arrears are not paid by the end of the next quarter the Corporation will decline to continue the supply on the present terms, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to carry this into effect in default of compliance with the notice.

6--Arrears of Water Rates—Resolved, That a list of arrears of Water Rates due up to the 25th December last be prepared and laid before the Committee at the next monthly meeting, and that a list of arrears be prepared and laid before the Committee each half year.

7—Assessments for Water Rates—Resolved, That the copy of the Assessment list in the office of the Water Engineer be compared with the current Valuation list for the Poor Rate, and that the same showing the revisions be laid before the next meeting of the Committee, and that the list be in future regularly revised with the Valuation lists in force from time to time.

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 23rd day of March, 1897--Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Griffith, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman through illness Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

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2--Swine Fever—Supt. McRae reported that on the 24th ult. a case of swine fever broke out on the premises of Mr. George Godwin, Hester's Way, where there were six pigs, one of which was dead. The other five were, slaughtered by order of the Inspector of the Board of Agriculture. The premises were thoroughly cleansed and disinfected and the Swine Fever Regulations properly carried out and the carcasses buried.

3—Fire Brigade —Resolved, That the Resolution of the Council with reference to the motion of Councillor Mills be considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee.

4--Drivers. Licenses--Applications for Drivers' Licenses were received from George Stokes of No. 43, New Street Place, and from Alfred Zebedee, of No. 6, Naunton Parade. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

The Street Inspector reported that Henry Weeks and Albert Bullingham had been twice convicted within 12 months of offence,, against the Hackney Carriage Byelaws.

5—Hackney Carriage Licenses---A Letter from Josiah Jones, junior, of 21, North Place, was read, complaining that application-which he had made for a License for either a Landau, Hansom, Char-a-banc, or Pony Carriage had not been granted. A Letter from Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, was read, asking for a special license for the period of the Yeomanry training in the event of his not being granted a permanent one before that occasion. Resolved, That the Council consider there is at present no necessity for granting special licenses during the period referred to.

6-Bath Chair Licenses—A Letter from Geo. H. Bendy, of No. 1, Painswick Parade, was read, stating that he had customers who wished to take long rides in the country in his chair for which he holds a license, and applying for a special license to enable him to use it as a donkey chair. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bendy that there is no necessity for him to obtain such a license unless he plies for hire in the streets which it does not appear that he requires to do. A Letter was read from Mr. E. Sabin, of No. 24, Suffolk Parade, stating that he was about to change his chair and desiring to know when he should bring it for inspection. Resolved, That approval of the chair be left to Councillor Griffith.

7—Whaddon Lane allotments —The Town Clerk reported that only four of the 49 original applicants for allotments in the East Ward had taken any and that only 14 altogether had been taken Resolved, That a notice be issued as prepared by the Town Clerk to the effect that the allotments are not reserved exclusively for residents in the East Ward, and that the Street and Highway Committee be requested to consider whether the grass land and any of the allotments not taken can be used for the purposes of the Corporation.

8—National Union of Teachers —A Letter was read from the Secretary of this Union expressing the sincere thanks of the Executive of the Union and their high appreciation of the honour done them in the invitation from the Council to hold their Annual Conference in 1898 in this town, and stating that an answer would be sent after the meeting of the Conference in Easter week next.

9—Salary of Mr. B. Nation—A Letter from Mr. B. Nation, clerk in the Borough Surveyor's department, was read, applying for an increase of salary as the Resolution recently passed prohibiting private work would result in a loss to him of about £30 a year. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £70 to £90 a year.

10—Railway Extension from Fairford—A Letter from Mr. A. H. Iles, Solicitor, Fairford, was read, stating that a Petition was being signed by inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Fairford to the Great Western Railway Co., asking them to extend their line from Fairford to their main line at Kemble Junction, and suggesting that the Council should support it ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply that he did not see how this Council was interested in the proposed extension, as it appeared

the line proposed to go to Kemble, and would consequently be of no use to Cheltenham. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

11—Refreshments, Yeomanry Drill Ground—A Letter from Mr. Wallace Taylor, of the Unicorn Hotel, was read, expressing a desire to purchase the right to supply refreshments on the Yeomanry Drill Ground during the training next May either wholly or in part. Resolved, To inform Mr. Taylor that the right referred to will be disposed of by tender.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of March, 1897—Present :—The Mayor : Councillors Cypher, Dighton, Lenthall, Mills and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1--Alstone Swimming Bath --Resolved, That this Bath be opened for the season on the 31st inst. at mid-day.

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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 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 on the understanding that it be kept open from the 1st of April to the end of September.

3—Disused Burial Ground, Crone Street--The Chairman reported that the Society of Friends were willing to hand over to the management of the Corporation this Ground, to be maintained as a Recreation Ground for a nominal rental of 5s per annum, subject to their right to hold open air services therein whenever they required to make use of it for that purpose Resolved, That the offer be accepted upon the terms mentioned.

4 —Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr. H. G. Dutton on behalf of the Cotswold Harriers, asking that they might be allowed to train on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for one hour each evening after the customary time for closing. Resolved, That the application be granted.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of March, 1897—Present : Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that by the instructions of the Chairman, the timber felled during the winter had been removed from the Cemetery ; that the Cemetery Roads had been restored where necessary, and the wicket gate at the bridge fixed, and that baskets were required to receive decayed wreaths and flowers. He also reported that the rain came through the clock face at the Lodge into the office. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do procure two baskets for the reception of decayed wreaths and flowers, and have the face of the clock covered with glass.

2--Hearses, &c., at Funerals at 2.30 p.m.—The Superintendent reported that Mr. Spencer, Undertaker, used a hearse at a funeral on the 19th instant at 2.30 p.m. and objected to any extra fee. A letter was read from Mr. Selim Smith on the same subject. Resolved, That the consideration be adjourned to the next meeting to enable the Town Clerk to report on the matter.

3—Designs --The following designs were examined and approved, viz., Headstones to Richard Edgcumbe Prockter, William Juggins, John Helens Amery, Honour Ann House, William Phelps, Emma Taylor, Sarah Beatrice Hilton, Herbert W. N. Wheeler, Reginald George Taunton, Lionel Barrington, and Winifred Emma Simeon, Henry Locke, and Edward Thompson. Additions to Kerbing to enclose new vault purchased by Mrs. Block.

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

	£	s.	d.
G. C. Pratley, Labourers' Wages	14	15	0
Phoenix Fire Office, Insurance Premium	1	10	0
E. Woolley, Notice Plates . . .	0	19	0
Gas Co., Gas consumed at Lodge	1	0	5
G. Banting, Timber . . .	6	17	6
Accounts under 10s each	1	4	0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

GAS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th day of March, 1897—Present : Aldermen Lawrence and Norman, Councillors Baker and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)

1—Gas--The Committee met and proceeded to the Gas Co.'s Offices to confer with a Committee of the Board of Directors, consisting of the Chairman, Mr. R. Ticehurst, and Messrs. H. Carrington and J. B. Winterbotham ; there were also present the Town Clerk, the Borough Surveyor, Mr. Paterson, Manager, and Mr. W. Griffiths, Clerk to the Company.

The question of the removal and re-erection of the Guildhall Lamps rendered unnecessary by the Electric Lighting, the cost of such removal and re-erection, of the extinguishing of some of the

burners, the rate of consumption in future assuming that all the burners were kept alight, and the cost of these several matters were discussed, and it was arranged that the Company should submit terms for the same.

The question of the Notice to be given by the Company before opening the roads under the provisions of the Gas Clauses Act, was also discussed. It was considered desirable that if terms for doing so could be arranged the Corporation should undertake this work, and it was arranged that the Borough Surveyor should submit a tariff of payments for the same.

The question of allowance for Lamps extinguished and burning dimly and the mode of estimating the quantity of gas consumed by the average meter system was discussed.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 1897 — Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dimmer and Parsonage (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.	
1897 Mar. 2nd..	15.67 candles	1897.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
" 8th.. " 9th..	15.73 " 16.08 "	Mar.	
" 19th..	15.51 "	8th-9th	9.20
" 22nd..	16.04 "		
Average.	15.81 "		

The Gas Examiner further reported that in consequence of the tests this month having been performed under the provisions of the Act of 1896, he had to call attention to the fact that the results presented were of much higher value than any previous results of legal tests, the increased value depending on two provisions of the Act, viz

(1.) The Testing Station being centrally placed (in Clarence Parade) instead of being at the Gas Works as formerly.

(2.) On each occasion of testing, the Gas Examiner now tests three times (instead of once, as formerly), and records the mean of the three tests as the illuminating power for the day. In this way

the differences between individual candles are eliminated. These two changes placed our local testing on a level with that of the Metropolis. Resolved, That the Council are pleased to note the improvement in the illuminating power of the gas.

3-Gas Inspector's Report —The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.192 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, so metered and 55 unmetered and 3 burning dimly.

5-Conference with Gas Co.—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, was read, with which they forwarded replies to the several points formulated at the recent conference, which, with the exception of matter relating to the opening of streets, were as follows, viz

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SUBJECT MATTER:-

1. Guildhall Lamps.-- Alternative terms if lighted all night, burning at the rate of (1) 15 cubic per hour, and (2) 10 cubic feet per hour.

REPLY

1. Guildhall Lamps lighted all night (3,516 hours per annum)

(1) Burning at the rate of 15 cubic feet per hour consume	
52,741 cubic feet, at 2s 4d per 1,000 cubic feet, less 5 per cent discount	£5 16 11
Lighting, Maintenance, &c., &c. (say	<u>£1 6 2</u>
	£7 3 1
(2) The same burning at the rate of 10 cubic feet per hour consumed	
35,160 cubic feet, at 2s 4d per 1,000 cubic feet, less 5 per cent discount ..	£3 17 11
Lighting, Maintaining, &c., &c. (say) ..	<u>£1 6 2</u>
	Say £5 3 6

2. Ordinary Lamps—Increased consumption.

REPLY

2. Ordinary Lamps lighted all night, as at present, at the rate of 4} cubic feet per hour, consume	
14,943 cubic feet, at 2s 4d per 1,000 cubic feet, less 5 per cent. PER ANN. discount	£1 13 1
4 ½ cubic feet per hour consumed 15,822 cubic feet,	
less 5 per cent. discount	£1 15 1
4 ¾ cubic feet per hour consumed 16,701 cubic feet, less 5 per cent. discount	£1 17 0
5 cubic feet per hour consumed 17,580 cubic feet, less 5 per cent. discount	£1 19 0

In each case an agreed charge per lamp to be made in respect of Lighting, Maintenance, &c &c to be added to the charge for supply of Gas.

The number of Ordinary Lamps at the present time is 1,620

If the hourly rate is raised from 4 ¼ to 4 ½ cubic PER ANN. feet, the total annual extra cost will be ..
£162

4 ¼ to 4 ¾	ditto	ditto	324
4 ¼ to 5	ditto	ditto	486

3. Taking of Meters .

REPLY

3. The average meter indications to be taken as heretofore omitting only leaky and defective meters.

Resolved, That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called to the reply to the query with reference to the opening of the roads ; also that the Council beg to acknowledge the courteous treatment of the Gas Sub-Committee by the Directors of the Gas Company.

6—Guildhall Lamps—A letter from the Town Clerk to the Clerks to the Gas Co. was read, stating that as far as possible the Committee desired to observe the conditions as to notice in respect of these lamps of which the Sub-Committee were reminded at their interview the previous day with the Directors, and he accordingly informed them that the Council had resolved to proceed with the lighting of the Promenade by electricity, which will necessitate the removal of all, or nearly all, the gas lamps in the Promenade, a plan of which would be sent them. That he could not at present give the precise date for such removal, but that the Committee were anxious to get the Arc Lights started by the time of the visit of the Prince of Wales on the 13th of May next, and he trusted that communication would be considered a sufficient and substantial compliance with the conditions referred to. Also one from the Clerks to the Company in reply, that the Directors would accept the letter as notice to discontinue lighting, and remove such of the Guildhall Lamps in the Promenade as are specified in the plan, which had since been sent them, at a date to be named by the Committee which would afford as near a compliance with three months' notice as would be compatible with the removal of the lamps by the time of the visit of the Prince of Wales on the 13th of May next.

Resolved, To ask the Gas Co. to remove the three Guildhall Lamps in the Colonnade and re-erect them one at the corner of St. Margaret's Terrace, another opposite St. Paul's Church, and the remaining one at the end of Made Hill Parade, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish a plan to the Co- showing the exact positions.

7-Bath Road Lighting—Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th March last be varied as follows, viz., that the Lighting be with Arcs instead of Incandescent Lamps.

8—Electric; Inspector's Report—The Electric Inspector reported the results of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
2nd March	100 Volts	101.75
8th	"	102.66
19th	"	101.75
22nd	"	<u>101.33</u>
Average 101.87		

9 — Electrical Engineer's Report — The Electrical Engineer reported that all work had progressed satisfactorily during the past month the Arc Lighting had been excellent and had given no trouble lately. In accordance with instructions he submitted a schedule of extensions for which application to the Local Government Board for a further loan was desirable, but which did not include all those which will be required during the summer, but comprised the larger number of the probable extensions to mains at least. The Schedule was as follows, viz :—

SCHEDULE OF EXTENSIONS.

Winchcomb, Pittville, North and Albion Streets Arc Lighting..	£600	0	0
Lower High Street Arc Lighting ..	£540	0	0
London Road Arc Lighting	£530	0	0
Destructor Lane Arc Lighting .	£ 60	0	0
Norwood Arms Arc Lamp ..	£ 45	0	0
Gloucester Road and St. George's Road Junction Arc Lamp ..£	£ 45	0	0
Seven Arc Lamps, viz., 3 in St. George's Place, 2 in Crescent Terrace, 1 in Cambray, and 1 at Belle Vue, London Road • •	£285	0	0
Sandford Road and College Lawn Extension ...	£242	0	0
Clarence Road and Square Extension .	£120	0	0

Lansdown Place Extension ..	£113 0	0
Lansdown Crescent Extension	£113 0	0
Sydenham Road Extension ..	£215 0	0
Queen's Parade Extension ..	£ 45 0	0
Montpellier Street Extension	£106 0	0
Trafalgar Street Extension	£138 0	0
30 K.W. Transformer for Ormond Place Substation	£ 58 10	0
Extension Ladder	£ 21 0	0
Arc Lighting Automatic Switch for Manchester Street .	£15 0	0
	£3,426 10	0
Contingencies 2 ½ per cent . •.	£ 85 13	3
	£3,512 3	3
Say £3,515		

Resolved. That the Extensions mentioned above be approved and carried out, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the sum of £3,515, the amount of the estimated cost.

10—Electric Lighting of Winchcomb Street—A Memorial from Thomas George and 37 other occupiers of houses in Winchcomb Street was read, petitioning for an improvement in the lighting of this street to the Pittville Gates. Also one from H. Whitbread & Son and 45 other ratepayers and property owners residing in the Pittville District, suggesting the desirability of extending the Electric Light as far as the large lamp situated at the Pittville Circus cross roads instead of finishing off as proposed at Pittville Gates ; also that the Gates themselves should receive some special treatment. Resolved, To inform Mr. George and his Co-Memorialists that the Council have already decided to light Winchcomb Street as far as Pittville Gates with Arc Lamps ; also that the Arc Lighting be extended as far as the present large gas lamp at Pittville Circus cross roads in accordance with the suggestion of Messrs. Whitbread & Son and their Co-Memorialists ; also that an Arc be put over the Pittville Gates on an Arch, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to design an Arch to carry the lamp, the same to be ordered at once subject to the design being approved by the Chairman.

GEORGE NORMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1897—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Drew and Lawrence ; Councillor Ll. Davies, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Alderman Lawrence in the chair)—

1---General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £15,620 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £1,575 0s. 0 ½ d.

2-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received, £9348 8s. 0d., leaving outstanding £1694 11s. 10d.

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3-Loan to Brixham Urban District Council ----- With reference to the resolution of this Committee of the 29th of December last to lend the above-mentioned Council £5,000 at 3 per cent. interest, the Town Clerk laid before the Committee the drafts of the securities, which by arrangement had been prepared by the Solicitors to the said Council. Resolved, That subject to settlement by the Town Clerk the same be approved, and that as soon as the same are executed Orders on the Borough Treasurer be signed for the amounts lent.

4-Claim for Pension—A letter from Mr C. F. Allnutt, on behalf of Edwin Stanley, who had been a watchman in the service of the Corporation, and was now in the Hospital suffering from an incurable complaint, and suggesting help from the Corporation in the form of a pension or otherwise, was read. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to accede to the application. as they have no power to grant pensions.

5-Audit-Resolved. That consideration of the question of the Audit of the Corporation Accounts by a Government Auditor be further adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Salaries in Borough Accountant's Department —The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a Report of the Salaries paid to the Staff in his Department. Resolved, That the Salary of the Borough Accountant be increased to £450 per annum and that the Borough Accountant be paid £200 a year in addition, he paying the salaries of his staff and any other assistance he requires at certain times of the year ; and that Minute and Resolution No. 5 of the Finance Committee of the 1st December, 1892, and the Resolution of the Council of date the 2nd January, 1893, having reference to the salary, &c., of the Borough Accountant be altered or amended accordingly.

7—Corporation Stock—A Report of the Borough Accountant relative to a second issue of Corporation Stock was laid before the Committee. Resolved, To adjourn consideration thereof until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

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 £14588 6s. 7d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

	£	s.	d.
In hand on the 23rd February last	9,912	15	10
Received since that date	<u>16,618</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>
	26,531	13	1
Paid since that date	<u>17,044</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
In hand	£ 9,487	13	[?]

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of March, 1897—Present :
Councillors LI. Davies, Mills, Moles, Parsonage, and Skillicorne; Messrs. Evan Butler and H. Neale.
(Councillor LI. Davies in the chair.)

1-Librarian's Report--The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £12 0s. 4d. He reported that there had been an increase of 2 per day in the issues from both the Reference and the Lending Departments 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 British Museum	3 vols., 3 pamphlets.
Miss Dent	2 vols.
Durham University	1 vol.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Sheffield, Hove, and Cork.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that three Magazines had been stolen from the Reading Room in the present month, and that the steps outside the entrance doors were not sufficiently lighted. They recommended that the wages of the assistant, F. W. Smith, be increased from 6s to 7s a week, and that Meyrick's Ancient Armour (3 vols.) and Meyrick's Illustrations of Arms and Armour (a vols,) be purchased for the Buchanan Collection for £11 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be agreed to, and that the Lighting Committee be requested to consider what arrangements can be made to improve the lighting at the entrances to the Library.

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3—Gibraltar House—Resolved, That the consideration of this matter be further adjourned.

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

J. Garnick, Caretaker's Uniform	£ 5 5 0
J. S. Manning, Books	£ 1 10 0
S. H. Harris & Co., Coal	£ 1 13 0
A. Wakefield, Fittings	£ 1 1 0
C. Westley, Newspapers and Periodicals	£12 14 8
“(Leckhampton)”	£ 1 16 11
“Magazines”	£ 3 6 9

“Books	£0 16 9
J. Miles, Books	£ 0 13 0
C. Chivers, Binding	£2 11 0
F. Edwards, Books	£ 1 14 3
W. Jones, Wages Account	£18 3 3
Mackie & Co., Binding	£ 8 2 1
Cossens & Knight, Stationery	£ 1 15 6
A. Whitcombe, Framing Pictures	£ 2 2 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Fittings and Repairs	£ 0 13 6
“ “ Repairs to Boiler	£ 3 0 0
Gas Co., Coke	£ 3 13 0
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, &c.	£21 15 5

E. Ll. DAVIES, Chairman

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon, Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, Margrett, Moles and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Proposed Census-The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the necessary forms for taking the proposed Census of the population and the children of school age in the Borough, and draft of circular he suggested should be delivered with the Census Papers. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved, and that the Town Clerk do make the necessary arrangements and engage the necessary assistance for taking the Census.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 20th day of March, 1897—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon : Councillors Ll. Davies, Dimmer, Margrett, Moles and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

2—Proposed Census—The form of the Schedule or Census Paper was further considered. Resolved, That the Census be taken as soon as convenient after the Easter Vacation at the Colleges and other Schools terminates.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1897—Present Councillors Cypher, Ll. Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

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

4 - Attendance Officers' Report— The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 41 schools, from which 1316 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that fines which had been imposed and remained unpaid were with costs as follows Wm. Page 6s 6d, Chas. Cook 4s 6d, Frank Hopkins 2s 6d, Jane E. Wilson 5s and George Jeenes 6s 6d.

Resolved, That the Attendance Officers be instructed to apply for commitment in the case of George Jeenes.

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 parents of the following children, viz. :—Frank Constance, Nellie Drinkwater, Annie Lawrence and Nelson Short ; also that a summons under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, be issued against the parent of Charles Haines

6—Account —The following account was laid before the Committee and passed for payment, viz., Home for Blind Children, 54 and 56, Devonshire Road, Liverpool, contribution towards maintenance of John Blackwall from 14th Nov. to 30th March, at £13 a year, £4 19s. 0d.

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 Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of April, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-The View—The following members attended the View Meeting of the Committee on Friday last, viz., Councillors Baker, Cypher, Dimmer and Parsonage.

2-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that an Incandescent Electric Lamp had been put up at the premises of Mr. J. Cheshire, No 5A, North Street, and that the rolls of lead at Mr. Enoch's, No. 5, Tivoli Place, and the sign at Mr. D. Marshall's, No. 30 ½, Winchcomb Street had not been removed as required by the Council.

Letters were read from A. G. Sanders, of date the 31st ulto., asking permission to put up the lamp at Mr. Cheshire's at once ; from Henry Baggett, of No. 345, High Street, asking permission to fix a glass sign outside the premises about 12 ft. above the pavement, projecting 4 ft. and measuring 48 in. by 12 in., with the name Oliver's each side, and from D. Ashwin, of No. 4, York Place, Swindon Road, asking permission to put up a Barber's Pole at his premises.

Resolved, That Messrs. Enoch and Marshall be required respectively to remove the rolls of lead and sign within 48 hours and in default of compliance that proceedings be taken to compel compliance ; that Mr. Sanders be informed that this time the lamp at Mr. Cheshire's may be allowed to remain, but that in future any projections put up without permission being first obtained will have to be removed ; that the application of Mr. Baggett be not acceded to, and that the application of Mr. Ashwin be granted subject to the usual conditions.

3- Borough Surveyor's Report re highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 27th March to 23rd April, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Hester's Way 1130 super yards, Arle 624 super yards.

Patching—St. George's Place, North Place, Sandfield Road, Evesham Road, Montpellier Street, St. James' Square, Malvern Road, Albion Street, High Street, Winchcomb Street, by Gordon Lamp, Sherborne Place, Park Place, Suffolk Square, Painswick Road, Moorend Road, Naunton Crescent, Brandon Terrace, Bath Road, Suffolk Parade, Tivoli Road.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Promenade 1260 super yards.

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Paving, Crossing, Kerb, and Channelling—Colonnade, Pittville Street, Bath Road, Promenade, Imperial Square, Thirlestaine Road, Montpellier Terrace, Cambray, High Street, Clarence Street, Union Street, Rodney Terrace, Lansdown Terrace, St. George's Street, Priory Terrace. St. George's Place, Albion Street, St. George's Road.

The footpath on the South side of Imperial Square is being repaired with Charlton Gravel ; the footpath leading from Hewlett Street to Sidney Street had been laid, and the footpath on the West side of Montpellier Gardens was being formed with Asphalte.

Two dead Trees had been cut down in Ambrose Street.

Six New Gullies had been built in Gloucester Road to communicate with the new surface water sewer. One New Gully had been put in the East Drive of the Pittville Estate.

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 839 ; Consumed at Destructor 834 tons 7 cwts. 2 qrs.

He reported that Mrs. Pitman was the owner of a garden in St. George's Road into which carts pass across the path without a proper carriage entrance, and that the paving was being damaged owing to the carting. Resolved, That Mrs. Pitman be required to put in a proper paved carriage way in the pavement, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work required to be done.

Railway---A letter from the Clerk to the County Council, was read, with which he forwarded additional provisions which had been approved by a Committee of the County Council, and the same having been discussed, Resolved, That subject to certain alterations and modifications suggested by the Town Clerk and the Committee they be approved by this Council.

5—Postal Pillar Box, Portland Street—A letter from the Postmaster was read, stating that it was proposed to erect a pillar letter box in Portland Street, and asking permission to place it at the edge of the pavement near Warwick House. Resolved, That permission be given to place the box at a position which will be indicated to the Postmaster by the Borough Surveyor as fixed upon by the Committee.

6--Main Roads Contract with the County Council--The Chairman reported that at the meeting of the Highways, Works and General Purposes Committee, held on Saturday, 24th April, 1897, he had accepted on behalf of the Corporation the sum of £272 7s. 6d., being balance due to the Town Council on Main Road Account for the year ending March, 1896 ; that the sums of £1,500 on account of Main Roads, and of £874. on account of Contribution Roads would be paid by the County Council for the year 1897-8, and that the aforesaid Committee had agreed to recommend the County Council to grant the sum of £340 (to be paid in two annual instalments of £170 each) for the purpose of paving the north-west side of the Gloucester Road from the Midland Hotel to Southfield with granolithic paving.

7-- Trees at Flesk Lodge —A letter from Mr. N. W. Olive was read, complaining that the trees outside Flesk Lodge had not been lopped as resolved by the Council in December last, and suggesting that the large trees might be advantageously removed, also that the trees overhanging the road dividing Wellington and Clarence Squares should be extensively lopped and another lamp placed there. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending inspection by the Committee.

8—Footpath back of Lansdown Crescent--Resolved, To instruct the Boroughs Surveyor to have this footpath repaired.

9 —Paragon Buildings Road—A letter from Mr. C. Haward was read, objecting to the proposed improvement of this road which involved the blocking up of the midway carriage entrance. Resolved, That if Mr. Haward persists in his objection the Council cannot proceed any further in the matter.

10—Opening of Roads— A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, which (inter cilia) stated that the Schedule of prices for excavating, filling in and keeping the surface of the road in repair for six months under which the present contractor of the Company worked was for 2" 3" 4" and 5" mains with 2 ft. of cover 6d. per yard run. Above 5" mains 1d. per yard extra for every additional inch in diameter of mains. Over 2 ft. cover extras at same rate; service pipes 2 ½ d. per foot run day labour. Excavations 3s 4d per day. Resolved, To undertake such opening of the roads as may in future be required by the Gas Co. by the Corporation workmen under the supervision of Corporation officials at the scale of charges quoted, subject to such revision as circumstances may from time to time suggest.

11— Lighting of Pittville Circus Road—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the positions of the proposed additional lamps to be placed in this road and re-arrangement of the

present ones. Resolved, That the same be approved. A letter from Mr. F. Brandt, of Berkeley Hall, was read, suggesting the moving of a lamp so as to throw the light on to the entrance gate and carriage road of his house.

12-Lighting of Winstonian Terrace—A letter from Mr. C. Winstone was read, expressing surprise at the resolution of the Council passed at their last meeting, and at the manner in which Mr. Roberts was being treated, and complaining of the arbitrary and impartial (sic) treatment of the occupiers of the terrace, they being kept without lamps or light.

13- Suffolk Road Improvement —A letter from Mr. H. B. Wade, on behalf of the owners of Roderic House, was read, pointing out that as Miss Draper's Lease is for 7 years only, from the 29th of May, 1894 (at a rental of £200 a year) determinable at her option only at the end of the first 3 or 5 years on giving six months' notice, her interest as compared with the owners is insignificant, and if she is to receive £25 the owners should receive something more considerable for giving up the land to round off the corner. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to ascertain what the owners demand in respect of the rounding off, and what they would take to give up sufficient land to widen the road throughout.

14-Central Depot—Resolved, That the Water and Lighting Committees be asked to consider what proportion of the expenses of the Central Depot they can contribute.

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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.
897	Samuel Adams	Additions to No. 45, Montpellier Terrace.
898	Mr. Deane	Three Cottages in Union Street.
899	H. W. Chatters	Additions to Strathfield, Eldorado Road.
900	Prothero & Phillott	Additions to No. 6, Andover Terrace.
901	Mr. Waite	House in Leckhampton Road.
902	F. Haslam	Additions to No. 11, Royal Parade.
903	St. Hilda's Company	Shed in Grounds of St. Hilda's, Western Road.
904	Showell's Brewery Co.	Additions to the Welsh Harp, Burton Street.
905	James Moore	Show Shop in Bath Road near Eaton Place.

Resolved, That 897, 900, and 902 be disapproved, 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 7th day of April, 1897 — Present : Alderman Norman; 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, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever, that 4 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 16.

2- Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 6, Swindon Street, No. 5 & 6, Orchard Place, Corinium, St. Mark's, and 300, 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 said section.

3 --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.

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. 13, St. Paul's Street, South--The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling house 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.

6- Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order —The Medical Officer of Health reported that an application had been received from Mrs Dodd, of No.3, Townsend Place, to be registered as a Dairywoman. Resolved, That the applicant be registered soon as the defect for which notice had been served by the Health Department has been remedied according to the notice.

7 Wells at Nos 4, 5, 6 and 7, Station 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-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary proceedings in each case to compel compliance.

9-Insanitary Premises, viz :-No. 16, St. Paul's Street, South, and No. 11, 12, and 13, Clare Place, Bath Road-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were in such a dilapidated condition as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers of the above-named premises requiring them to carry out the works specified therein as necessary to put the same into a proper condition.

10-Pig Slaughter-Houses at Nos. 280 and 296, High Street-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that steps be taken under the provisions of the Cheltenham Order, 1896, to close the Pig Slaughter-houses at 280 and 296, High street. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view the slaughter-houses.

11-Alleged Nuisance from Defective Sewer under No. 23, Lansdown Place-A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Bird, of No. 23, Lansdown Place, complaining of the existence of an old and defective sewer running under his house. Resolved, That Mr. Bird be referred to the person to whom he pays his rent charge.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 1897-Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)-

12 -Chairman-In the absence of the Chairman Alderman Norman was appointed Chairman at this Meeting

13-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order-The Medical Officer of Health reported that an application had been received from Wm. Howell, Andover Dairy, Andover Road, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the application be granted

14-Sewer under No. 23, Lansdown Place-A further letter from Mr. W. H. Bird, was read, stating that coal gas had got into his house from a broken gas pipe and thence by an old server running under the house, and calling attention to the fact that where gas could find its way into the house bad air of any kind could also, and requesting the Council to use whatever powers they possess to have the same remedied as being dangerous. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to enter the premises, open the ground, examine the drains and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act.

15- 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 1 of Diphtheria ; that 6 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 14.

16--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at 31, St. Paul's Street, North, 2, Marlborough Place, 262, High Street, and Nos. 2, 3, & 4, Orchard 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.

17-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.

18- 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.

19-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 3, 11, 12, and 14, St. Mark's Place, and 15, New Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses are 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.

20- Wells at Nos. 8, 9, 10, 19, 20, and 57, Townsend Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the houses 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 be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

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21-Insanitary Property—No. 68, Stanhope Street, and Nos. 1, 12, 13 and 14, St. Mark's Place — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to general defects in the buildings. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

22-Overcrowding —The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 68, Stanhope Street was 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, 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.

23-Treatment of Patients at Delancey Hospital---Accounts for treatment of Patients at the Delancey Hospital amounting to £81 16s. were passed and approved. Resolved, That no demand be made to the Patients for repayment except in the cases specially noted by the Chairman of this Committee on the list.

24-Connection with Sewer without Notice--The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. G. Seward had made a connection with the Sewer at the Back of Hanover Street without having given any notice to his department. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Seward to know if he has any excuse to offer for having omitted to give the required 'notice.

25 Hayden Farm —With reference to Minute No. 27 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th ulto. from which it appeared that Mr. Wood. the tenant of this Farm, asked to have his rent permanently reduced to £300 per annum, he to do all the ploughing out, roll and chain harrow the land, beat out the Cow droppings and pay 12 months rent in advance The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Wood has since sent a cheque for £300 for 12 months rent in advance upon the terms mentioned. Resolved, That Mr. Wood's application be not acceded to, that his cheque be returned and that the Committee be authorised, if they consider it advisable, to give Mr. Wood the necessary six months' notice before the 1st June next to determine his tenancy on the 1st of December next, and that his attention be called to the fact that the abatement of £30 made last year in the rent was for that year only.

26-- Removal of Refuse during prohibited hours —With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee of the 29th ultimo and the Resolution thereto, a letter from Mr. Olive was read stating his appreciation of the consideration shewn and that he sincerely regretted the occurrence, that he did not pretend to have any excuse to offer, but the circumstances were exceptional and not likely to happen again, that he had given precise and imperative directions for the future which he had reason to believe would be duly carried out, and that it was due to Mr. Marmon that he should acknowledge that the whole blame attached to his firm.

27-Building Plans—The Plans of such new buildings, necessitating drainage, as were intended to come up for approval by the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the Plans No. 897 of additions to No. 45, Montpellier Terrace for Mr. Samuel Adams, and No. 900 of Messrs. Prothero & Phillott, of additions to No. 6, Andover Terrace be disapproved ; that Plan No 898 of drainage of three Cottages to be built in Union Street for Mr. Deane be approved, subject to the drains under the Houses being constructed of cast iron pipes not less i-inch in thickness with lead caulked joints, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved as shown.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 2nd day of April, 1897—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

1-Promenade Improvement No 2—The following gentlemen attended and signed the agreement as now settled :—

Mr. Gurney (Winterbothams & Gurney) for the Owner and Occupier of No. 2.
Mr. Pottinger (Young & Gilling) for the Owners of Nos. 3, 5, 10, 11, and 13, and the Occupiers of No. 5.
Mr. Bayley (Harrison, Bayley & Adams) Occupiers of No. 4.
Mr. F. G. Adams for the Owner of No. 4.
Mr. E. W. Wilkins, for the Owners and Occupiers of No. 6.
Mr. W. H. Horsley, Owner and Occupier of No. 8, and Owner of No 9.
Mr. H. A. Prothero, for the Occupiers of No. 12, and as Occupier of No. 13.

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Mr. A. H. Wyatt (Ticehurst & Sons, Solicitors) and Mr. R. J. Purnell, in respect of No. 1, Promenade ; and Mr. F. S. Gale, Solicitor, for the occupier of No. 10, also attended this meeting, and it was arranged that they should communicate with their Clients with a view to their consent being obtained at as early a date as possible.

2- -Winter Garden—A letter was read from the Rev. H. S. C. de Candole, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Training College, stating that the College would be celebrating its Jubilee here on the 4th and 5th of June next, that the accommodation they had secured at the Assembly Rooms would not be sufficient, and that the college would be very grateful if the use of the Winter Garden could be granted them on the clays mentioned. Resolved, That the use of the Winter Garden be granted as asked for subject to the payment of out-of-pocket expenses for lighting, &c., if the building is not then in the hands of the builders, and that in the latter case the use of the Pittville Pump Room be granted on the like condition.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 9th day of April, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cypher, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

3-- Visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales--In pursuance of the Resolution of the Council of date the 5th instant, the Committee settled the Programme of the proceedings on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the 13th proximo as far as was possible, and also the Form of the Address to be presented by the Corporation to the Prince. The Town Clerk read the draft of a letter which he proposed to write to Sir Francis Knollys, Equerry to the Prince of Wales, with draft of the Programme and of the Address. Resolved, That the same be approved as now settled, and that the

draft Programme and Address be forwarded to Sir Francis Knollys, subject to such alterations and amendments of phraseology as the Chairman and Town Clerk consider necessary.

Resolved, That the Borough surveyor do provide seating accommodation under the Colonnade of the Pittville Pump Room for about 300, for the members and chief officials of the Council, the General Committee, and their wives, and that arrangements be made for the presence of the school children of the Borough attending the public elementary schools over 6 years of age in the Park along the route which His Royal Highness will pass.

4—Admission to Pittville Park—Resolved, That the public be admitted to the Marle Hill portion of Pittville Park by the gate at the North end of Marie Bill Road and at the end of Hanover Parade on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons after 2 p.m. experimentally for one month, and that an advertisement be inserted to this effect in the local press, and asking the public to assist the Committee in protecting the gardens, flowers, &c., from injury. Also Resolved, That the attention of the General Purposes Committee be called to the necessity for the presence of a police constable or constables in Pittville Park on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 1897—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cypher, Skillicorne and Ward -Humphreys. (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair.)

5-Kursaal—A letter from Mr. D. Hawkins, Architect, was read, offering to prepare the Bills of Quantities for the proposed buildings which would be required for the estimates Resolved, That the time has not yet arrived at which it is necessary to consider the question of employing a Quantity Surveyor, but that when it does Mr. Hawkins' letter will be considered.

6-Studio, Montpellier Gardens -A letter from Mr. F. J. Waite, was read, suggesting that the Council should paint the outside of the Studio rented by hint at Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, To inform Mr. Waite that the Council not having yet decided whether to remove the Studio or not, the Committee regret they are not at present in a position to recommend any expenditure upon it.

7—Lawn Bowls at Winter Garden—A letter from Mr. J. A. Rudman, Hon. Sec of the Lawn Bowls Club, was read, applying for the use of the lawn in front of the Winter Garden for laws bowls, and for the use of a room in which to keep the bowls, &c., for which the Club would pay £5 for the season, the Corporation to roll and cut the grass in the first instance, the Club to do this afterwards. Resolved, To grant the Club the use of a strip of the ground adjoining the Promenade to be defined by the Borough Surveyor upon the same terms and conditions as last year.

8-Fishing, Pittville Park —A letter from Mr. G. A. Powell, of No. 39, Leighton Road, was read, stating that he was not aware that any fish had for a long time been put into the lake at Pittville Park to re stock it, and as he had caught 50lbs. of fish in a day it was evidently necessary that the question of re-stocking should be considered. Resolved, To inform Mr. Powell that the question of re-stocking the lake shall not be overlooked.

9-Band Concert—A letter from Mr. Hatton, was read, stating that there would be an interval of five days between the training of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars and the Wiltshire Yeomanry, and in order to keep the men together he proposed to give some concerts (say four) providing he could obtain the gardens or a room on moderate terms, and if permission be granted for Sunday Concerts he would give a portion of the proceeds to a Charitable Institution. Resolved, That permission be given to Mr. Hatton to give four concerts during the five days referred to, viz : two at Montpellier Gardens, and two at Pittville Gardens, but to inform him that the gardens will not be available for his band to play there on the Sunday.

10-Promenade Improvement No. 2—The Town Clerk reported that consents had been obtained from all the parties, except from Messrs. Lovell & Clare, the occupiers of Nos. 10 & 11, and the owners of Messrs. Engall & Co's. premises, with the latter of whom negotiations were still proceeding.

A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, was read, stating that they had heard a report that pecuniary compensation was being offered by the Corporation to some of the owners and occupiers, to which the Town Clerk had replied that there was no foundation whatever for the report. Resolved, That the Committee propose to call another meeting of the parties, and if Messrs. Clare and Lovell still decline to consent, the Council will then be prepared with the consent of the owners and occupiers of Nos. 1 to 9 to carry out the improvement in front of those houses, and to erect a fence on the south boundary to mark the limits.

11—Shrubs for Pittville—A letter from Mrs. C. B. Grier, of No. 7, Montpellier Villas, was read, offering a present of some shrubs for Pittville. Resolved, To accept Mrs. Grier's kind offer with the thanks of the Council.

12-Mineral Waters—Application having been made for a supply of these waters, in bulk, for use in Edinburgh, Resolved, That the price be fixed at 8d. per gallon in quantities of not less than two gallons.

13 —Subscriptions to Pittville and Montpellier—Resolved, That Mr. Harris be allowed a commission of £5 per cent. on all subscriptions collected by him away from the office.

14—Visit of the Prince of Wales—The Town Clerk reported that subject to the approval of the Committee he had engaged the carriages required for the Corporation, on the 13th proximo, from Mr. J. A. Smith, Regent Street, and also standing for the horses and carriage of the Prince. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved, and that it be left in the hands of the Mayor, the Chairman, and the Town Clerk to engage the horses and carriage for the Prince.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of April, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Dimmer, Lenthall, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Chairman —Resolved, That Councillor Margrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year.

2-Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported that on the 20th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 230 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 148 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 31,403,251 gallons. On the 20th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, giving a total of 131,426,752 gallons or about 167 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which is now about 1,284,192 gallons.

An application has been received from Mr. Charles Dufour for a supply of water to his cottages in Rowanfield Road, near Westfield, Alstone. This would necessitate the laying down of a short length of main ; and as the income would be sufficient to warrant this, and as it is a district which may be expected to increase, he suggested that a 4 inch main be laid so as to ultimately connect St. Mark's with Alstone.

Lodge at Dowdeswell—After further careful examination of the building he was of opinion that the most satisfactory treatment would be to remove the tile roof, cover the rafters with rough boarding, and upon the surface lay roofing felt, and then rehang the tiles, this would prevent the rain and snow drifting under in the same way as occurred last winter and before. The walls are built of local stone and according to the drawings there is no brick lining, but the damp proof course is described in a note as of slate and cement. Under these circumstances he advised that the projection forming the plinth, which is now square, be filled with cement to form a weathering and thus throw off the water which runs down the walls, instead of allowing it to accumulate at that point, and that all the exposed stonework be coated with Szerelmey stone liquid.

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Ashchurch Supply—The work of laying this main had been suspended during the last fortnight owing to the difficulty in obtaining pipes. The last loads are promised to leave the works to-morrow, and if they arrive on Saturday, he proposed to recommence work on Monday and complete next week.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and the extension of the main in Rowanfield Road be carried out, and that the Borough Engineer do prepare a specification of the work required to be done at the Lodge at Dowdeswell, and that tenders be advertised for the execution thereof.

3—Water supply to Isolation Hospital at Elmstone Hardwick—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council that the tender for the erection of the Isolation Hospital had been accepted and asking that the Severn Water should be laid on at the earliest convenience of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer do comply with the request.

4-Dowdeswell Pike---A letter was read from the Assistant Secretary to the Imperial Institute asking for the loan of the Dowdeswell Pike for the Yachting and Fisheries Exhibition, and that they would insure it from the time it left Cheltenham until its return, and pay cost of carriage, &c. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, the pike to be insured in the sum of £20.

5---Water supply to Walton House, near Tewkesbury—A letter was read from Colonel Webb, owner and occupier of Walton House, near Tewkesbury, asking that the consumption of water at his house should be charged for at a minimum of £10 per annum for a consumption of 160,000 gallons, instead of as at present being charged £2 10s. per quarter for a supply of 40,000 per quarter. Resolved, That as recommended by the Borough Engineer, the application be acceded to.

6-Qualifications of Plumbers—The report of the Borough Engineer on this subject was further considered. Resolved, That a copy of the report be sent to the Members of the Deputation who recently attended on the Committee, and that they be invited to attend the next Meeting of this Committee when the matter will be further considered.

7--Water Rate Arrears—A list of the arrears on the Water Rate to the 25th March last, was laid before the Committee. Resolved. That Notice be given to the persons in default that if the amounts due from them are not paid within one month after the notice steps will be taken for the recovery thereof.

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

H GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th day of April, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors LI Davies, Lawrence and Moles (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year.

2-Fire Brigade—Resolved, To convene a special Meeting of the Committee for the 5th proximo at 3.30, to consider the motion of Councillor Mills with reference to the Fire Brigade.

3- Drivers' Licenses—An application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License was received from Charles Lambourne, of Brighton Arms, Bath Road. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4-Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter from John Morgan, of 28, Mountpleasant, was read, calling attention to his application for a Hackney Carriage License of the 19th May last, and complaining that he had not been fairly dealt with, as he had applied for the last seven years without success, others having been granted Licenses since he made application. Resolved, To inform Mr. Morgan that Licenses have only been granted to those whose applications were prior to his, but that his name is on the list and his application will be dealt with when his turn comes. The Inspector

reported that the Hackney Carriage Driver Charles Butters, had been twice convicted of offences against the Bye-Laws within 12 months, in each case for loitering, and on each occasion was fined 2s 6d

5—Inspection—Resolved, To hold the annual inspection of Hackney Carriages and Wheel Chairs on Friday, 4th June at 9.30 a.m.

6—Licensing Meeting - .Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to convene the annual Licensing Meeting to be held on Friday, 11th June, at 12 o'clock at noon.

7---Railway from Fairford to Horrible-- Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to prepare a petition to Parliament in support of the Bill for the construction of this Railway, and to have the Common Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

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8-Transtor to Corporation of Powers of Overseers, &co. A letter from Ow Local Government Hoard was read with which they enclosed copies of an Order which they had issued, conferring upon the Council the powers, duties and liabilities of Overseers with respect to appeals or objections by Overseers in respect of the Valuation List or appeals in respect of the Poor Rate or County Rate or the basis of the County Rate, also transferring to the Council the powers of the Vestry under secs. 3 and 4 of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869.

9-Catering at Yeomanry Drill Ground Letters from Mr. Wallace Taylor, of the Unicorn Hotel, Mr. S. R. Gorton, of No. 4, Regent Street, and Mr. F. H. Waghorne of the Cotswold Hotel, were read making offers for the sole right of providing refreshments at the Yeomanry Drill Ground, and taking the receipts for entrance of carriages and horses ; also a letter from Mr. F. Wright making an offer for the right to send his Cigar Box to the Drill Ground for the purpose of selling Cigars and Tobacco. Resolved, To advertise for tenders for the sole right to provide refreshments' only for the Public, that the draft of the advertisement as drawn up by the Town Clerk be approved, that the Committee be authorised to deal with the tenders, and that Mr. Wright be informed that he must make his application to the Caterer whose tender is accepted. .

10-Fences to East Ward Allotments- A letter from Mr. A. Butler was read, calling attention to the fences of the allotment ground which are in such bad repair that the sheep from the adjacent fields are always in the allotments and have eaten every cabbage plant, also asking to have the entrance gate put in order. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Wood. the owner of the fence complained of, requiring him to put the same into proper repair without delay, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have repaired such fences as belong to the Corporation and are out of repair and to have the entrance gate put in order.

11-Cleeve Common Conservators A letter from Mr. S. P. Ryland, Clerk to the Cleeve Common Conservators, was read, stating that the term of 3 years for which Aldermen Lawrence and Norman and Mr. John Waghorne were appointed to represent the Corporation on the Board of Conservators expired last March, and asking that a renewed appointment be made. Resolved, To re-appoint Aldermen Lawrence and Norman and Mr. John Waghorne for another 3 years to represent the Corporation on the Board of the Cleeve Common Conservators.

RICHARD ROGERS,

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

Meeting of this Committee. held on Tuesday, the 20th day of April, 1897—Present :—The Mayor : Councillors Baker, Cypher, Ll. Davies, Dighton and .1foles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—
1-Chairman— In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Moles was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Alstone Swimming Bath--The usual Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor was read, from which it appeared that the Baths had been opened for the season on the 31st ult.. and up to the 20th inst. the number of bathers had been 579, and the receipts £5 15s. 3d. In addition to the above, 6 persons had paid 10s 6d each for season tickets.

A Letter from Mr. John Reade, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association and - Boarding House. No. 7, Cambray, was read, asking if a reduction would be made in the price of the tickets provided the establishment he represented took not less than 50 at any time; also whether a reduction would be made in the price of season tickets if he guaranteed that at least 10 would be taken.

A Letter from Miss Bray. of No. 2, Southend Villas. was read, enquiring whether if she guaranteed a certain number of tickets, say 20. the Bath would be reserved on one of the clean water days for an hour, also what days the bath is open to ladies and the days on which it is refilled and the price of the tickets.

Resolved. To inform. Reade that the Council are unable to make any reduction in the prices of either the ordinary or the season tickets, which are already at a minimum; also that the Council regret they are unable to accede to Miss Bray's request to grant an exclusive use of the Bath to so small a number, and to inform her that the Bath is available for ladies on Mondays only, which is one of the clean water days, the price for bathing request tickets that day being : —from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. 3d. and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4d.

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3-Disused Burial Ground, Crewe Street With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committees at their last meeting referred back by the Council to the Committee, a Letter from Mr. J. J. Seekings was read, stating that the terms upon which the ground would be handed over were that the tenancy should be a yearly one terminable by six months' notice and that the Corporation must undertake to maintain the ground and boundary walls in good and substantial repair. Resolved, To inform Mr. Seekings that the Council have no objection to become tenants at 5s a year rent but as regards the repairs of the walls they cannot undertake to put them into any better state of repair than they now are.

4-Extension of Alstone Swimming Bath The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan for covering over and converting into a Swimming Bath for ladies the old filter beds at the back of the present Swimming Bath, the cost of carrying out which he estimated at £800. Resolved, To postpone consideration of the matter to an early date.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of April, 1897—Present : Councillors Baker, Cypher. Moles. and Parsonage (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1--Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent reported that another Waste Paper and Flower Basket was required; that the front entrance Gates were dropped and catch together, and that a new Padlock with two keys for the Gates was required. Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to procure another basket, and a padlock and keys, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have what is necessary done to the Gates to enable them to be opened and closed properly.

2- -Funerals at 3 and 4 in the Afternoon--Resolved, That the hours for funerals on which the Rector's Fee is not paid. as fixed by the table of fees sanctioned by the Bishop on 15th November, 1827, viz., 3 o'clock in Winter and 4 o'clock in Summer be adhered to, and that a regulation be made prohibiting the entrance into the Cemetery of Hearses or Mourning Carriages, other than Shillibeers or Carriages used for conveyance of the corpse at such funerals, and that Winter for the purpose of the aforesaid table shall be deemed to commence on the 1st October and end on the 1st April. This regulation to come into force on the 1st June next. Resolved also, That the Town Clerk communicate this Resolution to the Rector and that he be requested to make arrangements accordingly.

3 Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz., Headstones to Angela Eliza Entity Brown, George Henry Charman, Emma Clarke. Tomb to James Clisset.

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

	£	s.	d.
G. C. Pratley, Labourers' Wages	14	2	0
Gas Co.. Coke for Cemetery Chapels .. .	3	9	6
Accounts under 10s each .. .	0	9	6

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Baker and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.	
1897 April 6th.	16.11 candles	1897. March	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
April 17th	15.48 "	22nd-23rd	10.99
April 20th	15.50 "	April	
Average..	15.70 "	5th-6th	10 61
		17th-18th	10.47
		Average.	10.69

2—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.225 cubic feet. Lamp Book--This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 3 metered and 9 unmetered, and 2 unmetered burning dimly.

4----Electric Inspector's Report—The Electric Inspector reported the results of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
April 5th	100 Volts	101.6 Volts
" 17th	"	100.6 "
" 20th	"	101.0 "
		Average 101.06

5—Salary of Gas Examiner—A letter from Mr. Matthews was read, calling attention to the fact that under the Gas Act of 1896 the duties of the Gas Examiner had been considerably increased, he having now to take the illuminating power three times in an evening instead of once, and expressing a hope that the Committee would favourably consider the question of increasing the emoluments of the office to the extent of £25 a year. Resolved, To inform Mr. Matthews that the Council regret they are unable to entertain his application.

6 - Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that both the ordinary work and the work of carrying out the authorized extensions were progressing satisfactorily. That in accordance with instructions he had prepared an estimate of the cost of substituting arcs for the incandescent lamps originally proposed for the Bath Road. If the arcs are spaced on the average 65 yards apart, which he considered would give ample light in both the evening and the night, the cost of the change would be £400, and for this sum a loan would be required. The number of lamps

would be 23, and, if the average distance between the lamps be reduced to 60 yards, the additional cost of the necessary two arcs would be £72.

That applications had been received from Messrs. Boulton and Dutton for supply to their houses in Montpellier Terrace. The necessary main for giving them the supply would best be laid along the back lane of Montpellier Terrace and so form an additional cross-connection between Suffolk Parade on the East and Suffolk Lawn on the West, the cost of which he estimated at £100.

Resolved, That the lamps in the Bath Road be placed an average of 65 yards apart ; that the applications from Messrs. Boulton and Dutton be acceded to, and that application be made to the Local Government Board to increase the amount of the Loan, for which sanction has been applied for, by a further sum of £500.

7- Modifications in Arc Lamps suggested by the Electrical Engineer—A letter from Mr. R. P. Sellon, on behalf of the Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd., was read, stating that his attention had been called to the fact that the Committee demurred to the payment of that part of their invoice of date the 17th March, which amounted to £20 12s. 6d. for modifications introduced into certain arc lamps which the Company recently supplied to the Corporation, and that having looked into the matter the writer found the modifications were the outcome of useful suggestions made by Mr. Kilgour, and that the lamps as modified had proved to be an improvement in the class of arc lamps required for Municipal purposes, and further that those modifications had been introduced by his company into all lamps since ordered from other sources. Under these circumstances his company begged to withdraw their invoice above referred to, and desired to express their indebtedness for the suggestions received from Mr. Kilgour.

8-Electric Lamps over Entrance Doors to the Public Library—With reference to the resolution of the Library Committee at their last meeting to request this Committee to supply current for three electric lamps they proposed to fix over the entrance doors to the Library, Resolved, To inform the Library Committee that this Committee will supply the current for the three lamps proposed for £10 per annum.

9-Gilding of Arc Lamp Posts The Committee having viewed the arc lamp post in Clarence Street, which had been gilded as a sample, Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to have another post picked out in colours instead of gilding as a sample.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Lawrence : Councillors LI. Davies, Margrett, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Alderman Lawrence in the chair.)—

1-Salaries in Borough Accountant's Department—The question of the salaries and the staff in the Borough Accountant's Department was further considered. Resolved. That the salary of the Borough Accountant be increased to £450 per annum, and that the salaries of his assistants be increased as follows :—That of Mr. Bastin to £100, Mr. H. J. Gummer to £39, and Mr. F. E. Morgan to £28 per annum ; also that the Borough Accountant be authorised to engage an additional clerk at a salary not exceeding £50 per annum.

2-Loan to Brixham Urban District Council—The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the Loan of £4000 to the Brixham Urban District Council on the 14th instant.

3-Audit of Borough Accounts—The report of the Town Clerk on the question of the audit of the Borough Accounts was further considered. Resolved. That, while the Committee are of opinion that some improvement in the method of appointing auditors is desirable, inasmuch as no change in this direction can be effected without the authority of Parliament, the Committee suggest that failing any general legislation on the subject advantage be taken of the next application to Parliament by the Corporation to make some alteration.

4-Budget Meeting—Resolved, That the Budget Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday next, the 30th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

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 £3784 0s. 2d., 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 30th March last	9,187	13	[0]
Invested from the Sinking and Loans Funds, with the Brixham Urban District Council	<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	5,487	13	1
Received since the 30th March last	<u>3,130</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>
	8,618	12	0
Paid since that date	<u>8,797</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
Overdrawn	178	13	7

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of April, 1897—Present: Councillors Ll. Davies, Moles, and Parsonage.; The Baron de Ferrieres, the Rev. P. J. F. Gantillon, Capt. Welch, R.N., and Mr. H. Neale (Councillor Ll. Davits in the chair.)

1-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £6 7s. 10d. he reported that there had been an increase in the issues from both departments of the Library, viz., 9 per day from the Reference Library, and 13 per day from the Lending Library, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.:

Board of Trade	1 vol.
C. Cardew	1 Vol.
J. H. Garrett	2 pamphlets
Baron de Ferrieres	1 Vol.
Trustees of British Museum	1 Pamphlet
Crown Agents for the Colonies	1 vol.
Rev. J. Evans	6 vols.
Mrs. R. P. van Alstine	1 vol.

Annual Reports from the Libraries. at Baltimore, Birmingham, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and Wigan.

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2 **Sub-Committee's Report**--The Sub-Committee reported that Mr. Cummings had resigned his office as Assistant and they had authorised the Librarian to make arrangements for the services of Mr. W. E. Payne for two or three weeks. They recommended that an apprentice be engaged for four years commencing at a salary of 5s. a week for the first year advancing at the rate of 1s. per week per annum for each subsequent year, and reported that they had an application from a Mr. Arthur Dee. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted and that Mr. Arthur Dee be engaged for a month on trial.

3- Lighting of Entrances—Resolved, That three 32 candle power electric lamps be fixed over the entrance doors, that the Lighting Committee be asked to supply the current, and that an estimate of Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall for fixing and providing the lamps for £3 17s. 6d. be accepted.

4-Entrance Doors to Schools of Art and Science--Resolved, That the Secretaries of these Schools be requested to have the entrance doors to their departments washed and cleaned.

5 - Librarian's Salary—Resolved, That the salary of Mr. Jones be increased from £200 to £220 per annum, to commence from the 1st of April.

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

Town Council, Electric Works Department	£10 0 0
Bernard Quaritch, Books (Buchanan Bequest)	£13 0 0
W. Jones, petty cash	£ 5 0 0
Ditto wages	£19 1 6

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of April, 1897 — Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, Moles 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 37 schools, from which 777 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 53 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held six meetings, and one parent had been prosecuted.

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 parents of the following children, viz. :—Arthur Green, 5, Ewlyn Terrace, and Charles Mustoe, 8, Benhall Cottages, St. Mark's Place.

R. 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 8th day of June, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, hel on Friday, the 11th day of May, 1897—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Light Railway—Correspondence between the Town Clerk and the Clerk to the County Council was read with reference to the proposal of the County Council to insert in the Draft Order a clause that no part of the Railway outside the Borough should be commenced until the Promoter had obtained an Order for the proposed extension of the line vile Cleeve to Winchcombe. Resolved, That this Council cannot concur with the County Council as regards this proposal which would have the effect of delaying the extension to the Rising Sun being commenced for 12 or 18 months, and that as the County Council appear to insist upon pressing for the insertion of the clause and the same Counsel cannot, as proposed, represent the two bodies at the enquiry, the Town Clerk be instructed to engage separate Counsel on behalf of the Corporation.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting if this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of May, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

2-The View The following members attended the View Meeting of the Committee on Friday last, viz., Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Parsonage and Skillicorne.

3-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that he had given Notices to the Manager of the Theatre and Opera House, the Manager of the Bill Posting Co., 56, Regent Street, and to Mr. S. Shenton, Home Villa, Grosvenor Place, to remove all advertising hoards or hoardings belonging to them which projected over any part of the public thoroughfares, but which

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they had not complied with, and he laid before the Committee a list of such projections belonging to each which appeared to encroach more or less upon the thoroughfares in various parts of the Borough. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Theatre Co., expressing willingness to carry out the wishes of the Committee, and suggesting that the Manager should confer with the Committee with regard to the position of the boards, and pointing out that the success of the Company depended upon the various pieces produced at the Theatre being advertised in such a manner as shall attract as much public attention as possible ; also one from Mr. Shenton appealing to the Committee not to insist upon a course which would injure his business.

The Street Inspector further reported that at Mr. Lewis's, 235, High Street, a sign pole at the side of the entrance had been put up without permission ; that at Mr. S. Gwillim's, 94, Albion Street, a small triangular sign over the entrance had been put up without permission ; that at Messrs. Webb Bros., Coal Merchants, to, Colonnade, the name of the firm had been put up in gilt letters over the entrance without permission ; and that at Mr. D. Marshall's Cycle Depot, Winchcomb Street, two wire baskets containing plants had been suspended over the footpath without permission, which Mr. Marshall intended should remain permanently.

He further reported that the outside trade lamps of Mr. H. Gould, at No. 78, High Street, and of Mr. Geo. Jackson, at No. 119a, High Street, were at times not kept lighted until 10 p.m. in contravention of the conditions under which the same were allowed to be put up, and he had several times cautioned the parties complained of, and that Mr. Enoch had removed the rolls of lead at No. 5, Tivoli Place, and Mr. D. Marshall, the Sign at No. 30½, Winchcomb Street, as required by the Council. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the question of requiring removal of the advertising boards and hoardings pending a view by the Committee. That Notices be given to Messrs. Lewis, Gwillim, Webb Bros., and D. Marshall, to remove the projections at their respective premises, as reported, the same having been put up without permission having been first obtained, and that Messrs. Gould and Jackson be informed that if the conditions upon which they were given permission to put up their lamps are again infringed they will be compelled to remove them altogether.

A letter from Mr. F. S. Sollars was read, asking permission to put up a Barber's Pole at No. 8, Henrietta Street. Resolved, To grant the permission asked for subject to the usual conditions.

4 --Advertisement—St. George's Place—Resolved, That Mr. Wilson be permitted to allow the advertisement to remain on the premises formerly occupied by the Bus Company as now painted up,

provided he gives an undertaking not to make any claim in respect thereof if the Corporation at any time purchase the property or part thereof.

4--Advertisements in Bennington Street—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to inform Mr. Beckingsale that if the advertisements on his premises are not removed by the next meeting of the Committee, the Resolution to build up the wall in front thereof will be put into effect forthwith.

6—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highway's Department from 24th April last to the 28th instant, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Cleo Hill Stone—Pittville Street, 711 super yards. Roads at Fidler's Green (proceeding).

Patching—Gloucester Road ; around Gordon Lamp ; Lansdown Crescent ; Promenade ; Alstone ; High Street ; New Barn Lane ; Queen's Circus.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Montpellier Walk 1,606 super yards

Repaired with Asphalte—Colonnade 1,003 super yards.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling-- North Street ; Sidney Street ; Queen's Road ; Lansdown Place ; Montpellier ; Promenade ; Winchcomb Street ; Pittville Street ; Portland Street ; Trafalgar Street ; Albion Street ; High Street ; Ormond Place ; Union Street ; Victoria Street ; Lypiatt Street ; Tivoli Street ; Swindon Road ; Bath Road ; York Street ; St. George's Street ; Hewlett Street.

The footpaths on the north and south sides of Imperial Square had been repaired with Charlton gravel.

The Asphalte footpath in front of Montpellier Gardens was finished-717 yards.

New Crossings of McDougall's Bricks had been put down in Suffolk Square by Willoughby House, and across Clarence Street.

Trees had been pruned in Promenade.

New Gullies in place of defective ones had been built :—one St. Luke's Road ; one Winchcomb Street ; one Albion Street ; two St. Paul's Road ; two Christ Church Road (altered),

One new horse arrived at the Depot on the 20th instant.

Ashes Collected—Van loads 1,047. Consumed at Destructor 1,085 tons, 17 cwt, 2 qrs.

Resolved, That the two horses, " Doctor " and "Venus" be destroyed and two others purchased in their places.

7 —Horse Purchased—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had purchased a horse at the sale at Mr. H. Humphreys' Repository, belonging to Mr. Bingham, on the 20th inst.

8--Railings in Suffolk Parade—A letter was read from Major Cunningham suggesting that the removal of the railings in Suffolk Parade should not wait for the settlement of the wall matter as the owners had agreed. Resolved, To inform the writer that the owners have not agreed to the removal of the railings, but on the contrary they strongly object.

9—Roadway from Regent Street to Rodney Road —A Letter from Mr. Lovewell, of 2, Rodney Place, was read, asking that the resolution of the Council to call upon the abutting owners to edge, channel and asphalt the footpaths on either side of this road should be enforced. Resolved, To inform Mr. Lovewell that the matter is in hand.

10—Opening of Roads— A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, with which they forwarded a resolution of their Directors that the Company agree to the Corporation taking over the work of opening, filling up and keeping in repair the

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roads in the place of the present contractor of the Company upon the same terms on which he worked, and at the scale of charges as mentioned in Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting on the 26th ulto.

11-Lamp at Tivoli-- With reference to the Resolution of the Lighting Committee to grant another lamp in Lypiatt Street, Resolved, That a Guildhall lamp be placed at the end of Lypiatt Street in Tivoli Road, at the position indicated the Borough Surveyor.

12-Lighting of Leighton Road. Rosehill Street, Upper Park Street, and Coltham Fields-With reference to the Resolution of the Lighting Committee to ask this Committee to report as to the lighting of Leighton Road, and to grant eight additional lamps for Rosehill Street, Upper Park Street, and Coltham Fields, Resolved, That the Committee recommend that the eight additional lamps be fixed in the positions indicated to the Borough Surveyor by the Committee, and with reference to the lighting of Leighton Road, that the lamp in Princes Street at the end of Leighton Road be removed to the North-East end of Princes Street, that a 10 feet Guildhall lamp be erected at the junction of King's Road with Princes Street, and that three additional lamps be provided in Leighton Road, the whole of the lamps in Leighton Road (6 in number) to be fixed in the positions indicated to the Borough Surveyor by the Committee.

13-Central Depot —The Town Clerk reported that the Lighting Committee had resolved to erect an arc lamp at the Central Depot, - and supply same with current as their contribution to the expenses of the Depot, and that the Water Committee had re-solved to contribute to per annum. Resolved, That both Committees be asked to re-consider their offers, as this Committee think them insufficient.

14--Lighting of Winstonian Terrace—With reference to the Resolution of the Lighting Committee at their last meeting that this Committee be asked to report on the lighting of this road, Resolved. That having regard to the fact that Mr. Winstone's building plan was approved on the distinct understanding, as shown on the plan, that the wall at the end of Victoria Street was to be removed, and to the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Lighting Committee of date the 23rd

of December last, the Committee regret that they are unable to report in favour of the Memorial for lamps to be placed in the road until the wall is removed.

15--Suffolk Road Improvement—The Borough Surveyor laid a plan before the Committee showing the proposed widening of this road. Resolved. That the plan be approved and that enquiries be made to ascertain upon what terms the improvement can be carried out as shewn on the plan.

16— Carriage Way in Footpath in St. George's Road—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Specification for the construction of a sufficient crossing in this footpath to form a communication for horses or vehicles across the footway so as to afford access from the street to the garden ground adjoining Wyborne. Resolved, That the abutting owner be given notice to construct the crossing in accordance with the Specification within 14. days and in default of compliance with the notice that proceedings under Section 41 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be taken to recover penalties for permitting the use of such communication without having constructed such crossing.

16--- Carriage way in Footpath North side of Spa Buildings Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification for the construction by the Owner of the Cycle Works of a sufficient crossing in this footpath to form a communication for horses or vehicles across the same, so as to afford access from the street to his said premises.

17—Naunton Lane and road from Regent Street to Rodney Road—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 31st day of May, 1897, of the works required to be done to the above Streets were read and approved. Resolved, That Notices 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 Streets requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

19 —Beckingsale's Passage, Oakfield Street, and Upper part of Rosehill Street—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 31st day of May, 1897, of the works required to be done to the above Streets, were read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Sec. 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said 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.

20- Passage from Grosvenor Street to St. James's Street---Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this passage asphalted.

21—All Saints' Road --Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the part of the pathway in this road adjoining Victoria Street on the West side asphalted.

22- -Swindon Road Bridge-The Borough Surveyor reported that the Railway Company had commenced the work of widening this bridge.

23-New Building& The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :

No. of Plan	Name	Description
906	Wyman and Hitchcock	Alterations and Additions to the Trusty Engine Works, St. Mark's.
907	C. H. Slader	Two Villas in Gloucester Road between Midland Inn and Rowanfield
908	Showell's Brewery Co.	Additions to the Coach and Horses Public House, Pittville.
909	W. Hawker	Two Houses in Cloddimore Road, St. Mark's
910	Colonel Tayleur	Additions to I.anesborough Lodge, College Lawn.

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No. of Plan	Name.	Description
911	Mr. Attree	House in Gloucester Road.
912	H. Hodgkins	Four Houses in El Dorado Road.
913	F. Bick	Pair of Semi-detached Villas in Gloucester Road.
914	Mr. Creese	Additions to Atherstone Lawn, Portland Street.
915	R. H. Newcombe	House in Old Bath Road (Pilley).
916	Prothero and Phillott	Additions to No. 6, Andover Terrace
917	Mr. Doxsey	New Shed in St. James's Square.

Resolved, That No 913 be referred back to the Public Health Committee, there being no sufficient sewer shown, 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 5th day of May, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (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, 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 5 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 15.

2- Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4, Battledown Cottages, Orchard House, Battledown, No. 71, Queen Street, No. 9, Sherborne Place, No. 30, Upper Norwood Street, and No. 53, Sun

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.

3—Overcrowding at No. 6, Hereford Cottages, and No. 58, Queen 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.

4-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.

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. 37, Townsend Street and No. 1, Carnell Cottages—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.

7--Wells at Nos. 12, 26, 39, 43, 60, and 62, Townsend Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain Orders for these wells to be closed.

8- Instruments for Public Mortuary and Post Mortem Room—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that a set of instruments and a pair of scales be provided for the use of Medical Practitioners at the Public Mortuary and Post Mortem Room. Resolved, to consider the recommendation at the next meeting of the Committee.

9-Sewer under 23, Lansdown Place—With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting the Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had found that a 3ft.

brick sewer the crown of which was within 3ft. of the surface ran under the house and apparently conveyed sewage, that it was in a defective condition and likely to constitute a nuisance injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to try and trace the course of the sewer and ascertain what houses drain into it, and report as soon as possible to the Committee.

10—Alstone Ditch—A letter from Mr. T. Boote was read, stating that he was willing to fulfil his promise made to Mr. Parsonage to clear any obstruction out of the pipes running under his land on condition that his neighbours on each side clear their portion of the ditch as the bed of the ditch was level with his pipes, and it would be useless for him to attempt anything until that should be done. Resolved, That notice be served on Mr. Boote requiring him to remove all obstructions to the free flow of the water.

11—Hayden Farm—With reference to Minute No 25 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting and the Resolution thereto, duly adopted by the Council. Resolved, That Mr. Wood be required to pay the rent due from him, and that formal notice to determine his tenancy on the 1st of December next be given to Mr. Wood.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, 1897—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Griffith and Moles (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 11 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 11 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 20.

13—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 7, White Cross Square, Nos. 24 & 36, Townsend Street, No. 7, Marlborough Place, Prince of Wales Hotel, Portland Street, No. 6, Brandon Terrace, Nos. 3, 4a & 5, High Street, and Garden Cottages, London Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named 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.

14- Overcrowding at a Cottage at the back of 47, Sherborne 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.

15—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.

16—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.

17—Cleansing and Limewashing at No 39, Marle Hill Road, No. 12, Albert Street, St. Peter's, and No. 37, Townsend 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.

18—Wells at Nos. 1, 2, & 3, Richmond Villas, Nos 37 and 39, Marle Hill Road, No. 2, Warwick Villas, No. 10, Victoria Place, Nos. 3, 4, & 8, Albert Street, St. Peter's—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the 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.

19— Compensation for Destruction of Infected Bedding—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that compensation be given to Mrs. Johnsey for destruction of bedding infected by a case of Scarlet Fever, at No. 29, Moorend Street. Resolved, That £1 be given.

20-Diseased Sheep at Abattoir—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a diseased sheep had been slaughtered at the Abattoir with the consent of the owner.

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21-Post Mortem Instruments-Resolved, To authorise the Medical Officer of Health to purchase a set of Post Mortem Instruments at a cost of about £4, and a pair of Scales, the instruments to be taken care of by the Medical Officer of Health.

22-Pig Slaughter Houses at Nos. 280 & 296, High Street--With reference to Minute No.10o of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 27th ulto., the Committee having viewed the slaughter houses, Resolved, That Notices under Art VI. of the Provisional Order of 1896 be given to carry into effect the closing of these premises as Slaughter Houses.

23-House unfit for Human Habitation -Beethoven Cottage, Sherburne Place-The Medical Officer of Health reported that this house was in such a condition as to be unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That Notice be served upon the owner requiring him to put the same into a proper condition within 28 days, and in default of compliance with the notice that proceedings be taken under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, to obtain an Order for the house to be closed.

24-Battledown Cottages-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the drainage of these cottages had long been most unsatisfactory, and he considered it was necessary to lay a new sewer along the back of the houses to receive the discharge from sinks, &c., the existing sewer carrying discharge from w.c.'s., &c., being close to the surface and defective. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to inspect and report to the Committee.

25---- House without an effectual Drain-The Central Studio behind No. 161, High Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that this house was without a sufficient drain, and that a new w.c. and soil pipe were required. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 23 of the Public Health Act be given to the owner and occupier of the house to make within 28 days a sufficient covered drain or drains to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, emptying into the sewer, of such materials and size, and to be laid at such level and with such fall as the Borough Surveyor shall direct ; also, that the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health for the want of a proper w.c. and soil pipe, Notice be given under Sec. 94 of the said Act to the owner and occupier requiring them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to provide a new w.c. and soil pipe to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

26 - Sewers in Hall and Gloucester Roads, and Storm Water Drainage -A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they enclosed their sanction to the borrowing of £900 for laying the sewers in Hall Road and Gloucester Road, suggesting that an additional manhole be inserted between the flushing chamber in Gloucester Road and the next downstream manhole, and stating that as regards the proposed works of storm water drainage the Board are not satisfied that the Council are legally empowered to carry out the scheme submitted, and that the scheme is open to objection on the ground that the proposed sewer in the bed of the Chelt would be liable to destruction in the event of the weir at Upper Alstone Mill being at any future time removed or altered, consequently the Board were not prepared to sanction the loan. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the opinion of Mr. Fitzgerald, if he is now open to advise, and if not, that of some other counsel, as to whether or not the Council are legally empowered to carry out the scheme.

27-Heyden Farm-A letter from Mr. James Wood was read, offering as a maximum £340 per annum and to do all the ploughing-out, rolling and chain-harrowing and beat out all the cow droppings, or £380 and do nothing but graze the land, and if these terms did not meet with approval he would give up possession on the 1st day of December next. Resolved, To adhere to the decision as expressed by the Resolution to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, and that Mr Wood's offer to give up possession on the 1st of December next be accepted.

28- Land in Tenancy of the Corporation near tile Delancey Hospital-A letter from W Ursell was read, applying for £2, the amount agreed to be paid to him yearly for the garden ground taken from him for the purpose of erecting accommodation for Small-pox patients at the Delancey Hospital, Resolved, To accede to the application.

29-Jubilee Meeting of the British Institute of Public Health -A letter from the Preside it and Secretary of this Institute seas read, stating that a meeting would be held in the Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 16th prox, at which an address would be moved to Her Majesty in connection with the great progress made in Public Health matters during the past 60 years, and inviting the Mayor,

the Chairman of the Health Committee and such other members of the Corporation and its officers who may desire to be present.

30-Advertisement in Publications of the Cotton Press-A letter from the Manager of the Cotton Press was read, stating that they were about to issue two medical and scientific books, viz., Sanitary and Social Questions of the day and a work on Health Resorts, and offering to allot a page for an advertisement of Cheltenham for £4 or two pages for £6 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the Council are of opinion that the advantages which would be derived by the acceptance of this offer would not be sufficient to justify the expenditure.

31-Building Plans-The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to conic tip for approval by the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, 1 hat the same be approved as shown.

J. C. GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Friday, the 7th day of May, 1897- Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Griffith, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair) –

1—Open-Air Shakesperian Performances—A letter from Mr. A. Hare of Mr. F. R. Benson's Shakespeare Company, of date the 25th of April last, dated from the Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon, was read, asking for permission to give an afternoon performance in Pittville Gardens on the 8th or 9th of June; also a letter from Mr. H. Jalland of the same Company, writing from the same place, asking on what terms some open-air Shakesperian performances in the Montpellier or Pittville Gardens could be held. Resolved. That as both applicants appear to be writing on behalf of Mr. Benson's company, the Town Clerk be instructed to write to both to ascertain whether or not this supposition is correct and which is the authorised agent.

2----Kursaal—A letter from Col. Martin was read, with which he transmitted a copy of a Resolution of Members of the New Club, that in the opinion of the Members of this Club the building of Municipal Offices in a residential part of the Town and in close proximity to this Club is calculated to do much injury to the surrounding property and to the Club in particular, and desiring the Local Government Board to authorise their Inspector to enquire into the subject matter of that representation when the enquiry is held on the application for the Loan, and suggesting that the Council should reconsider the Plans and so modify them that if Municipal Offices were to be built, they might not be erected in proximity to the Club building. Resolved, That it he left to the Chairman and the Town Clerk to draft a reply.

3-Pittville Gardens—Resolved. That these Gardens be closed to the general public until after 2 p.m. on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales on the 13th inst.

G. H. WA RD-HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of May, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Dimmer, Griffith, and Skillicorne (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

4—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

5—Open-Air Shakesperian Performances—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had written to both Mr. Hare and Mr. Jalland as instructed, and that Mr. Jalland had replied that his application was for Mr. Benson and his Company, and that Mr. Hare, he believed, had had some intention of giving a performance also, but he had abandoned the idea of it, and that the date that would suit Mr. Benson best would be July 13th, and that he had received no reply from Mr. Flare. Resolved, That the use of the Montpellier Gardens be granted to Mr. Benson on July 13th to give an Open-Air Shakesperian performance, provided all Subscribers are admitted free to the Gardens.

6—Advertising Cheltenham in "Next Week"—A letter from Mr. H. E. Hounsell was read, suggesting the advisability of advertising Cheltenham in Next Week." and that he was prepared to devote the front cover to any matter concerning Cheltenham, if the Council take 50 copies per week. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the suggestion.

7-Bicycle Gymkhana-- Montpellier Gardens--A letter from Mrs. D'Argent. of Ivy Cottage, Charlton Kings, was read, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens, so that they could be closed to Subscribers, from 2 till 7 o'clock on the afternoon of July 17th, to give a Bicycle Gymkhana, the proceeds of which would be devoted to providing a Nurse for the Eye, Ear, and Throat Infirmary. Resolved, That the Council cannot grant the use of the Gardens so as to exclude Subscribers, but that they will accede to the application without making any charge, provided the Subscribers are admitted free.

8---Pittville Pump Room—A letter from Mr J. B. Winterbotham, Provincial Grand Secretary of the Freemasons, was read, stating that on the 9th of June, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach proposes to visit Cheltenham for the purpose of holding the Grand Lodge of the Province, and applying for permission to have the use of the Pittville Pump Room on the occasion for the afternoon Banquet. Resolved, That the application be granted without charge.

9-Fetes at Montpellier Gardens—A letter from Mr. Geo. Dickinson, Manager of the Cheltenham and District Bill-Posting Co., was read, enquiring if he could hire the Montpellier Gardens on August Bank holiday and Wednesday Evening in Cricket Week for a Fete. Resolved, That the Council cannot consider the application in the absence of particulars as to what Entertainments are to be provided.

10—Photographic. Studio, Montpellier Gardens—A letter—from Mr. Waite was read, stating that he had been tenant of these premises for 15 years, had built the glass house and made structural improvements at a cost of about £135, and appealing to the Council to make him some compensation in the event of their deciding to demolish the premises, and offering to give immediate possession for the sum of £150. Resolved, That Mr. Waite be given notice to determine his tenancy on or before the 29th of September next, that his rent from the 25th of March to the 29th

of September be remitted, and that he be allowed to take away the building on condition that it is cleared off the ground on or before the 29th of September next.

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11--Bands--A Letter from Mr. J. Hall. Secretary of the Town Band, was read, offering the services of the Band to play in the public gardens or elsewhere two hours each evening for 5 days per week for £7 10s per week during June, July and August, the band to consist of 12 performers, and to be at liberty to accept engagements for garden parties, &c., not exceeding 12 occasions during the appointed hours of evening playing, losing only the proportion of the week's pay. Resolved, To accept the offer upon the terms mentioned for the months of June and July.

A Letter was read from Messrs. Boyce and Waite, stating their hand was open to accept an engagement to play in the Gardens or elsewhere during the forthcoming season, and offering to make arrangements to supply a string or military hand for engagement by the Council Resolved, That having decided to enter into an agreement with the 'Town Band the Council is not in a position to make an arrangement with another Band.

12 - Band Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Lawrence, Councillors Cooper and Skillicorne be appointed as the Band Sub-Committee.

13— Winter Garden —A Letter was read from Mr. W. Watts, of No. 7, Montpellier Walk, with which he enclosed a sketch of suggestions for altering the Winter Garden. A Letter was read from Mr. A. T. Billings suggesting the removal of 5 houses opposite the Colonnade, the removal of the two towers of the Winter Garden, and of the trees throughout the town to give air and ventilation to the streets.

14---Damage by Athletic Society—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the occasion of the Meeting of the Athletic Society at the Montpellier Gardens, serious damage had been done to one of the Conifers, the top having been cut off by order of one of the Committee of the Society to facilitate the erection of a tent, and he had sent in a claim for 3 guineas for compensation. Resolved, To approve and adopt the action of the Borough Surveyor.

15-Tennis Courts—Clarence Square—A letter from Mr. A. Brunt, of No. 34, Clarence Square, was read, asking if a Tennis Court in the Square could be let to 4 or 5 families resident there. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to a request which, if granted, would probably cause friction with other residents in the square.

16-Tennis Nets---The Borough Surveyor reported that he required 6 new Tennis Nets, and had quotations from Mr. Friskney, Mr. Woof and Mr. Archie Bendall. Resolved, That it be left to the Borough Surveyor to obtain the nets where he could purchase them most cheaply having regard to the quality and what he required.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of June, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Griffith, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

17—Kursaal and Municipal Buildings--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be empowered to instruct Counsel to appear for the Corporation at the Local Enquiry to be held by the Local Government Board on the application for the Loan for the Kursaal and Municipal Buildings.

18-Queen's Day Celebration—A Letter was read from Mr. J. G. Villar, Hon. Sec. of the Queen's Day Celebration Committee, asking for the sole use of the Marle Hill annexe to Pittville Park on the 22nd inst. for the purpose of holding an Aquatic Fete and Firework Display and for permission to use some of the boats of the Corporation on the occasion, any damage being made good by his Committee ; also applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on the evening of the 22nd inst. for a Firework Display on the like condition as to damage, if any. Resolved, That the application be granted.

19—Friendly and Trade Societies Demonstration—A Letter was read from Mr. Charles Craddock, stating that the Friendly and Trade Societies purposed holding a Demonstration and collection on Whit-Sunday similar to the one last year, and applying that permission should be granted them to assemble in Montpellier Gardens and to hold a Sacred Concert in Pittville Gardens. Also one from Mr. G. E. Fisher on the same subject was read. Resolved, That the permission asked for as to Pittville be given, but as the Horticultural Society's tents, &c., will be in the Montpellier Gardens over Whit-Sunday, the Committee regret they cannot see their way to allow the Societies to assemble there, but that they may use the Winter Garden for that purpose if it will do for them.

20-Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Mrs. Barber, the Lodgekeeper at Montpellier Gardens, applying for an allowance to enable her to pay someone to assist in the house, as she herself was obliged to be at the pay window the whole day and evening during the summer. Resolved, That Mrs. Barber be allowed the sum of 2s 6d per week.

21-Map of Cheltenham—A letter from Messrs. Stephens & Mackintosh, of 16, Princess Street, Leicester, was read, offering a space for an advertisement of the Town in the margin of an advertising map of Cheltenham, which they were producing, and which would be placed in all the leading Hotels, Boarding Houses and Railway Stations in the District. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with the thanks of this Committee, the Chairman and the Town Clerk to settle the notice.

22--Advertisement in Official Guide to the Midland Railway—A letter from Mr. T. Brine, on behalf of Messrs. Cassell & Co., asking for a renewal of the advertisement of Cheltenham in their Official Guide to the Midland Railway, the terms being, as before, £15 for insertions in all issues during three years, was read. Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed and be revised by the Chairman and the Town Clerk.

23—Mr. E. J. Burrow's Publication—A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow forwarding a copy of his new publication called " Cheltenham, the Midland Educational and Health Centre," and stating that he could supply the Committee with a number of copies at cost price, 4d. each. Resolved, That 500 copies be purchased and that they be bound, the cost of the whole not to exceed £20.

24—Pittville Pump Room —A letter was read from Mr. James B. Winterbotham, Provincial Grand Secretary of the Freemasons, thanking the Committee for granting the free use of the Pittville Pump Room for the 9th instant.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th day of May, 1897—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, L. Davies, Dimmer, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1— Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 26th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 132 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 118 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 25,343,326 gallons. That on the 25th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet 2 ½ inches, and the contents 95,634,075 gallons, which gave a total of 120,977,401 gallons or about 103 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which is now about 500,068 gallons.

2-Repairs to Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge—Tenders for the Repairs required at the Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge, according to the specifications of the Borough Surveyor, were received as follows :—

	Exterior.			Interior		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Messrs. T. W. & W. H. Doogood	92	10	0	28	10	0
Messrs. C. Malvern & Sons	88	0	0	38	10	0

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Doogood for the Interior repairs, and of Messrs. C. Malvern & Sons for the Exterior repairs be accepted.

3-Elmstone Hardwicke Water Supply—A letter from the Rev. G. Bayfield Roberts was read, expressing the appreciation of the Parish Meeting of the Resolution of the Council to favourably consider any application which might be made for a supply of water to the village from the Corporation Main, and that they would very gladly see the Severn water laid on provided the works be not executed at the cost of the ratepayers of Elmstone Hardwicke, and before making a formal application the Meeting would be glad to know what charges would be made by the Council for the use of the water. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the best mode of laying on a supply of water from the main and probable cost thereof.

4- Alleged Trespass by Corporation—Correspondence was read between the Town Clerk and Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co., Solicitors of the Trustees of the late Mr. C. L. Harford, who complained that a trespass had been committed by the Corporation by laying a drain through land of the Trustees from the land adjoining the Pumping Station in Keynsham Road to the Chelt, and that in so doing a gate had been broken and the roots of some trees cut away The Borough Surveyor explained that the

excavation had been made in that particular place contrary to his instructions, and laid before the Committee a Plan showing how the pipe could be laid down to the stream through land of the Corporation without passing through the late Mr. Harford's land or under the public footway, and that he had taken up the drain and made good the land. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do whatever may be necessary to restore the pipe track to its original state and make good any damage done, and to relay the pipes in the manner now suggested through the land of the Corporation.

5-Rating of Corporation Property—Letters from the Clerks to the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Poor Law Unions were read, giving notice of the rateable value of the Water Mains and Works of the Corporation in the Parishes of Uckington, Up Hatherley, Swindon, Ashchurch, Boddington, Deerhurst, Elmstone Hardwicke, Leigh, Tewkesbury, and Tredington. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to consider the same and report thereon.

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6-Severn Water at Tewkesbury—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee reports, analyses, and results of Chemical and Bacteriological examinations made by himself and an eminent Chemist and Health Officer of samples of water taken in Tewkesbury from the main opposite the Hop Pole Inn and from the clear water tank at the Mythe from which it appeared that the quality of the water was entirely satisfactory and well filtered, there being nothing in it to indicate sewage contamination.

7-Central Depot —With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee of the 26th of April last, enquiring what proportion of the expenses of the Central Depot this Committee would contribute, Resolved, That £10 a year be debited to this department and credited to the General District Fund in respect of the use made of the Central Depot by the Waterworks Department.

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

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Lawrence and Norman; Councillors Cooper and Dimmer (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.	
1897 April 26th.	16.33 candles	1897. May	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
May 8th.	16.08	17th-18th	10.63
May 18th.	15.98	24th-25th	11.36
May 25th.	16.01		
Average.	16.10	Average.	10.99

2—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.277 cubic feet.

3—Lamp Book — This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 3 metered and 4 unmetered, and 1 burning dimly.

4—Lighting of Lypiatt Street—A letter from Mr. J. F. Cornell, was read, asking for the erection of a lamp at the corner of Lypiatt Street, near the entrance to his house. Resolved, To accede to the application, and that the Street and Highway Committee be requested to fix the position.

5-Lighting of Rodney Road —A letter from Mr. E. H. Lovewell, was read, complaining that the lamps in Rodney Road are not lighted in due time. Resolved, To forward the letter to the Gas Company.

6-Lighting of Leighton Road—A Memorial from Miss E. A Gillett and other residents in Leighton Road and its neighbourhood, was read, asking to have the number of lamps in the road increased. Resolved, To refer the Memorial to the Street and Highway Committee to report as to the lighting of this road.

7-Lighting of Winstonian Terrace —A Memorial from T. B. Harrison and other residents in Winstonian Terrace, was read, requesting that Lamps might be placed in this Terrace, without delay. Resolved, To refer the application to the Street and Highway Committee to report upon.

8-Lighting of Rosehill Street, Upper Park Street, and Coltham Fields —Resolved, That eight additional lamps be erected in these streets in such positions and proportions as the Street and Highway Committee shall decide upon.

9--- Central Depot—With reference to Minute No. 54 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee at their last meeting enquiring what this Committee were prepared to contribute towards the expenses of the Central Depot. Resolved, That this Committee will fix and maintain an Arc Lamp in the Depot, and supply same with current free of charge.

10—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and running, had been satisfactory during the past month ; the mains for the Sandford Road and College Lawn extensions had been laid and were almost ready to give supply. Six arcs had been added to the number previously in regular use, and these had proved as satisfactory as the others.

That the tests of both the new steam-alternator and the steam exciter had been very good, and their efficiencies up to specification, and both these sets were ready for delivery and he expected them down very shortly.

That in accordance with instructions he had estimated the costs of providing and running electric incandescence lamps for the lighting of St. George's Road, &c. as below, and he recommended scheme No. 1, which involved a capital expenditure of £700, and an annual charge of £5 2s. 6d. per lamp for the 29 lamps.

	Number of Scheme..	1	2	3
Lamps---Number Proposed		29	32	29
“—Candle-power		32	32	50
“—Average distance apart in yards		40 ½	35 ½	40 ½
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Expenditure—Holophane Globes..		700 0 0	725 0 0	725 0 0
“ “ ---Lenticular “ (a)		775 0 0	810 0 0	800 0 0
“ “ “ “ (b)		765 0 0	797 0 0	790 0 0
Annual cost per lamp—Holophane Globes		5 2 6	5 1 0	6 14 0
“ “ Lenticular “ (a)		5 6 0	5 4 6	6 17 6
“ “ “ “ (b)		5 5 6	5 4 0	6 17 0

(a) As sample shown on post.

(b) As sketch laid before the Committee.

Resolved, That the report be approved and adopted, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £750 to carry out the proposed lighting.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 30th day of April, 1897--Present . The Mayor ; Aldermen Col. Thoyts and Norman ; Councillors LI Davies, Lenthall, Moles, Margrett, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Yeomanry Drill Ground—Tenders for the right of supplying refreshments on the Ground during the training of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars and on the Review Day from Mr. E. H. Waghorne,

The Cheltenham Original Brewery Company, Mr. Geo. Chambers, Mr. W. W. Taylor, and Mr. S. R. Gorton, with Tariffs, were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Chambers for £30 be accepted subject to the admission of Mr. F. Wright's Cigar Box.

Resolved, That Mr. Wright's offer of £2 2s. for the right to have his Cigar Box on the Ground be accepted.

2-Carriages-admission of—Resolved, That the charge for the admission of Carriages on the Review Day be as follows :—

One Horse Carriages	5s
Two Horse Carriages	7s 6d
Three Horse Carriages	10s 6d
Four Horse Carriages	15s

No Vehicle without springs to be admitted.

Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Lawrence, Councillors Griffith and Ward-Humphreys be appointed to make arrangements for the admission of horses, carriages and such other arrangements as may be necessary on the Ground during the Training and on the Review Day.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 5th day of May, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Griffith, Moles and Parsonage; also Councillors Baker and Mills (The Mayor in the chair)—

3—Fire Brigade—With reference to the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Council on the 1st March, that this Committee take into consideration the present organisation of the Fire Brigade, its appliances and the pressure and state of the water supply and report thereon to the Council, the Borough Surveyor reported what additional mains were required to bring up the capacity of the existing mains to that of 4-inch mains. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to what further accommodation is required at the Engine House premises and the best means of providing it, and to bring up an estimate for painting the same, and that any other repairs required be done forthwith.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday the 7th day of May, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Lawrence ; Councillors Griffith, Margrett and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)-

4—Mr. Chambers' Contract—It being reported to the Committee that the Justices had declined to give Mr. Chambers an occasional License, the Town Clerk was instructed to appear before the Bench and explain the facts and the necessity for an immediate licensee.

The Meeting was adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

5—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have these offices properly decorated for the 13th inst.

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6—Mr. Chambers' Contract—The Town Clerk reported that the Bench had granted a licence to Mr. Crocker for to-day and to-morrow on the understanding that the contract so far at least as the sale of excisable liquors was concerned was transferred to Mr. Crocker. Resolved, That with the concurrence of Mr. Chambers the right of supplying refreshments on the Drill Ground during the training of the Hussars be transferred to Mr. Crocker, of No. 3, Montpellier Street, Licensed Victualler, upon the same terms as it was granted to Mr. Chambers, and on the same tariff as submitted with Mr. Chambers' tender, Mr. Crocker being responsible to the Corporation for the amount of the tender.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th day of May, 1897—Present : Alderman Lawrence, Councillors Griffith, Lenthall, Margrett and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

7-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

8- Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called out on the 8th inst. to an alarm of fire at No. 61, Marle Hill Road, caused by smoke from a defective flue getting under the roof. The property being insured, he had sent the account of expenses, viz., £2 15s., to the owner.

The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee inspected the Station on the 18th inst., and that they had instructed the Borough Surveyor to prepare a plan for a new drying room to be erected over the engine shed with access thereto by a staircase out of the yard with urinals and w.c. underneath, and for rebuilding the scullery and erecting a new bedroom over it, also to have the yard paved with granolithic paving and to rehang the entrance doors.

The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the plan as instructed. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Tenders for carrying out the work be advertised for in the Examine, and Echo. Also that the organisation of the Brigade and the method of dealing with fires be referred to the Sub-Committee to consider and report upon and reduce the rules and regulations into writing that they may be printed and copies furnished to the members of the Brigade.

9-Wheel Chair Licenses—Applications for Wheel Chair Licenses were received from George Alfred Wakefield of 18, Beaufort Buildings, Portland Square, and Samuel Travell, of No. 2, St. Margaret's Parade. Resolved, That the applications be granted to take effect from the next licensing day.

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10-Allotment Land in East Ward—With reference to the amendment of the Council to the resolution to Minute No 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of March last that the owner of the land should be approached with a view to the reduction of the rent paid by the Corporation as it appeared that the rent which it was necessary to charge for the allotments formed an obstacle to their being let, a letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors for the Owner expressing surprise that the Corporation should apply to their client to reduce the rent seeing that the Committer had had ample opportunity for inspecting the land and making every enquiry, and that the renting of the land to be let at 16s a chain was approved by the applicants, and that as no blame could attach to their client for the failure of a well-considered scheme, they could see no reason why their client should reduce the rent, and he declined to do so, Also calling attention to the fact that turf had been cut and taken away from a strip of land about 450 ft. long and about 9ft. wide in contravention of clause 5 of the lease that the lessees shall not in breaking up such part of the premises as is pasture sell or carry away any of the turf on the land so broken up but shall dig it into the land, and enquiring what was done with the turf which was removed. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Bubb & Co. that only so much of the turf was taken up as was absolutely necessary for the formation of the road.

11-Constables in Pittville Park —With reference to the resolution to Minute No- 4 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their meeting of date the 9th of April last. Resolved, To request the Chief Constable to send Constables to Pittville Park on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

12-Railway from Kemble to Fairford—A Letter from Mr. A. Hitchman Iles, Solicitor, Fairford, was read, enclosing a form of Petition to the Great Western Railway Company in favour of this line, and expressing a hope that additional help from this Council would be given; also one from Mr. J. F. Lane, of the Stamp Office, Fishbourne, Chichester, suggesting that this line would be injurious to Cheltenham, but the contrary would be the case as regards one from Fairford to Cirencester. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply to Mr. Iles that the Council would support a Petition in favour of a line from Fairford to Cirencester.

13— Powers of a Parish Council—A Letter from the Local Government Board was read expressing an opinion that the powers of the Overseers with reference to the provision of a Parish Chest would not be of any practical use to the Town Council unless they were vested with the powers of the Vestry under Sec. 2 of the Parochial Offices Act. 1861, but before further considering the matter the Board would wish to be informed for what purpose the Council desire power to provide a parish chest. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

14---Lethal Chamber for Dogs—A Letter was read from Capt. Ryves. Secretary of the Cheltenham and East Gloucestershire branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. stating that his Committee were anxious to order a lethal chamber for dogs in time for June 1st, and offering to lend it to the Town Council if they would use it for the purpose of carrying out the

provisions of the Gloucestershire (Muzzling of Dogs) Order of 1897, and desiring to know in time to make the necessary arrangements. Resolved, That the offer of the Society be accepted with the thanks of the Council, to be used for the purpose mentioned.

15-Muzzling Order—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an Order of the Board of Agriculture. dated the 11th May, 1897, making regulations for the muzzling of dogs in the County of Gloucester and Boroughs of Cheltenham and Gloucester from the 1st of June, and for the seizure, detention and disposal of unmuzzled dogs by the Local Authority. Resolved, That the period for which a dog not diseased or which has not been bitten or suspected of having been bitten by a suspected dog, or which has not been exposed to the infection of rabies, shall be detained before being destroyed shall be three days, and if such dog has not been claimed by the person having charge of the dog or its owner within the three days prescribed by the Order it shall be disposed of by being destroyed in the Lethal Chamber offered to be lent to the Council by the Cheltenham and East Gloucestershire Branch of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or by sale or otherwise.

16-Conference of National Union of Teachers, 1898—A Letter was read from Mr. Yoxall, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, stating that it had been decided to accept the invitation of the Council to hold the Conference of the Union in Cheltenham during Easter week, 1898, and conveying the thanks of the Conference to the Mayor and Corporation for the invitation, and to Dr. Ward-Humphreys for his presence at Swansea.

17--Town Clerk—The Town Clerk applied for permission to take 2 months leave of absence at such time or times as would be most convenient having regard to the work in his department. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given.

18-Deputy Town Clerk—Resolved, That Mr. G. E. Brydges be appointed under Sec. 17 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, Deputy Town Clerk to act in case of the illness or absence of the Town Clerk

19-Men's Outing—Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to make arrangements for the Men's Outing on the 3rd of July, and that Aldermen Lawrence and Norman and Councillors Moles and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange the necessary details.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of May, 1897 ----Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Dighton, and Moles (Alderman Drew in the chair)

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

2- Alstone Swimming Bath—The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read, from which it appeared that the number of Bathers up to and including the 13th inst. was 1,493, the fees received amounting to £14 13s. 5d. Three more season tickets at 10s 6d each had in addition been issued.

A Letter was read from Col. Blaxland asking that the Gordon Boys' Brigade might again have the use of this Bath on the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

3--Caretaker, Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground —A Letter from Mr. James Maggs, the Caretaker of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, asking for an allowance of coal and gas or extra remuneration in lieu of same in consideration of the extra work he had now to do, was read. Resolved, That this Committee cannot see their way to recommending an increase in the wages paid to the Caretaker as they consider the remuneration, &c., he receives ample for the services rendered.

4- Naunton Park—A Letter was read from Colonel Blaxland, stating that the boys who had left the Gordon Boys' Brigade had formed themselves into a Gordon League, and would be glad if they could have the exclusive use by present and old members of the Brigade of a Cricket Pitch in Naunton Park every evening during the summer. Resolved, That the Committee cannot grant the exclusive use of any part of the Naunton Park, but they see no objection to the League playing cricket there.

5-Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground--Colonel Rogers, Commandant 1st G.V.R.E., applied for permission for the corps under his command to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for drill purposes from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays during the months of June and July. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th dal, of May, 1897—Present Alderman Haddon ; Cypher, M. Davis, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1---Report of the Superintendent of the Cemetery—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that there was an escape of gas at the Cemetery Lodge; that the trucks used by the grave diggers were out of repair ; that some watering pots were required, those authorised to be ordered last year not having been received ; and that some bedding plants should be put in. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to send a plumber to stop the escape of gas; that the trucks be sent to the Central Depot to be repaired ; that the watering pots authorised to be ordered in April, 1896, be obtained and that the Borough Surveyor do supply some bedding plants from Pittville for the Cemetery. Lloyd Griffiths—A Letter was read from Mrs. Lloyd Griffiths complaining that the tree at the head of her husband's grave had been cut down and wishing to know if she could plant another ; also complaining of the hardship of the rule that carriages are not allowed into the Cemetery except at funerals. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Griffiths that the tree was removed owing to its being dead, but that she is at liberty to plant another; and that the Council are unable to alter the rule as to the admission of carriages into the Cemetery.

3—Hours of Burial—A Letter from the Rector was read stating that he had taken note of the proposed alteration of the hours for funerals and would make arrangements accordingly.

3—Designs The following designs were laid before the Committee for approval, viz., Memorial Stone to J. T. Carruthers. Headstones to Grace Scaife, William Morgan Frost, Walter and Mary Stringer, John Richards, Elisabeth Bushnell. Jew Holloway, Ann Cunnington, Matilda Hamer Owen, Mary Ann Scott, Henry Sadler, and Charles Harward.

4—Account—The following Account was passed for payment:-

G. C. Pratley, Labourers' Wages £18 7 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st day of June, 1897—Present : Aldermen Drew and Lawrence ; Councillors Cooper, L. Davies, Margrett, and Parsonage (Alderman Lawrence in the chair)—

1- General District Rate -The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £485 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £14,313 16s. 5d.

2 -Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £1,162 2s. 9d., leaving outstanding £8,482 13s. 9d. Voluntary Church Rate—An application for a sum of £3 3s. 0d. to the Voluntary Church Rate towards expenses in connection with the Parish Church and Churchyard was received. Resolved, That a donation of £3 3s. 0d be made towards the expenses of keeping the Parish Churchyard in good order.

4-- Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant's Report as to a further issue of Corporation Stock was again considered. Resolved, That Stock sufficient to produce about £100,000 be created and issued, and that the National Provincial Bank and Lloyd's Bank be asked at what price and on what conditions they will bring out a 3 per cent. issue sufficient to produce that amount, the terms to include all expenses of issue.

5—Leighton Road—Private Improvement Expenses An application from Mr. J. M. Smith to be allowed to pay the balance (£20) of private improvement expenses in respect of work in Leighton Road, owing by him, by four quarterly payments was read. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, interest to be paid at the rate of £5 per cent., per annum.

6—Abstract of Borough Accounts—Tenders were received from G. H. Devereux, G. F. Poole, J. Barry, H. Edwards, Harvey Brothers, H. G. Norman. T. Hailing, and W. W. Bastin, for the printing of the

Abstract of the Borough Accounts. Resolved. That the Tender of Mr. G. H. Devereux, at 1s 7d per page, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

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 £5,948 11s. 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 27th April last	£ 178 13 7
Paid since that date	<u>£4,150 10 11</u>
	£4,329 4 6
Received since that date	<u>£4,655 11 1</u>
In hand	£ 326 6 7

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1897—Present : Councillors Ll. Davies, and Skillicorne ; Capt. Welch, R.N., and Messrs. Hall and Fisher. (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair.)

1—Librarian's Report The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £8 5s. 9d. He reported that there had been an increase in the issues from both departments as compared with the corresponding month last year, viz :—Reference Library 12 per day, Lending Library 23 per day, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.:

F. H. Cliffe	2 Vols.
Trustees of the British Museum	1 pamphlet
Williams & Norgate	3 "
National Protestant Church Union	1 "
W. Jones (Librarian)	A scarce engraved portrait of Shakespeare, by Droeshout.
E. T. Brydges,	Copy of old Plan of Cheltenham, by Mitchell & Dalrymple.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Ashton-under-Lyne, Battersea, Bootle, Croydon, Great Yarmouth. Liverpool, Middlesborough and Stafford.

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2-Sub-Committee's Report-The Sub recommended that the following books be purchased for the " Buchanan Collection" viz:-

Lysons' Magna Britannia,	6 vols.	£5 3 6
Stephens' Runic Monuments,	1 vols.	£4 5 6
Geological Society's Journal		£13 13 0

Palmer's Index to " The Times,"	26 vols £6 10 0
Murchison' Silurian System	£1 1 0

That the List of Worn-out Books submitted by the Librarian be approved, and the books purchased at a cost of about £20.

That the services of A. T. Leacey be retained for the present.

That the Librarian be authorized to attend the International Library Conference, to be held in London, July 13th to 16th.

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

3-Moorend Free Library-A letter from the Rev. Clifford Aston, of Leckhampton Rectory, was read, stating that as the New Parish Hall was sufficiently advanced to be ready for use Mrs. Clifford Aston would no longer require the use of the above room, and tendering to the Committee the sincere thanks of the Members of the Class for the accommodation afforded them.

4-Lighting of Entrance Doors of Library With reference to the resolution of the Lighting Committee to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of that Committee at their meeting of slate the 21st ult. that they would supply the current for the three lamps proposed to be placed over the entrance doors to the Library for £10 per annum. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the offer until the Autumn.

5- Accounts-The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz.,

John Hitchman, Books	£ 9 9 0
John Grant, Books	£ 2 0 0
W. Jones, wages	£19 2 6

E. LI. DAVIES,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY & TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, the 4th day of May, 1897-Present :
Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors M. Davis, Ll. Davies, Moles, Mills, Parsonage, and Ward-Humphreys ; Mr. Evan Butler, Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. Charles Hall (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)-

1 -Chairman --Alderman Col. Thoyts was appointed Chairman of this Meeting.

2-Grammar School Scheme -The Town Clerk laid before the Meeting the Draft of a proposed scheme for alteration of the Pates' Grammar School Scheme, which provides amongst other things that if, and so long as the Town Council shall pay a yearly sum of £400 to the Funds of the Foundation, three additional Governors may be appointed for the term of 6 years by the Council. Resolved, That the same be approved with the following alteration and addition to clause 2, viz., "such sum to " be applied exclusively for the purposes of the School of Science as now carried on at the Science School

in the Public "Library Buildings and at the Grammar School, and to the purposes of Technical Education," and omitting the words "for the term of 6 years," substituting therefore "during the continuance of such payment."

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June, 1897—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Li Davies, Moles 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 35 schools, from which 728 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 50 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held nine meetings; seven parents had been prosecuted, and six fined.

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 parents of the following children, viz. : — Charles Morton, 2, Durban Cottages, Folly Lane, Charles Rawlings, 25, Jersey Street, Charles Skinner, 2, York Street, Ashby Bryant, 2, Fairview Retreat, Edgar Sallis, 2, Dove Cottages, Harry Langston, 31, Sherborne Street, and Violet Hopkins, 29, Duke Street. That summonses for Attendance Orders under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 be issued against the parents of William Stewart, Ivy Cottage, Cemetery Road, Thomas Veale, of Albion Place, and James Ash, of No. 2, Kew Place, and that a summons for breach of Attendance Order be issued against the parent of Charles Smith, of No. 36, Sherborne Street.

3—Attendance at British Girls' School—A Letter was read from Miss J. A. Brown, mistress at the British Girls' School, complaining of the bad attendance of the children at her school, and especially of Lillie and Frances Moule; also a report of the Attendance Officer with reference to these cases from which it appeared that the father had great difficulty in getting the children to attend school as he was a widower, and had to go out to work early in the morning. Resolved, To inform Miss Brown that the Attendance Officer had been instructed to keep them under observation and report again with reference to them at the next meeting.

R. 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 July, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

1—The View—The following members attended the View Meeting of the Committee On the previous Friday, viz, Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Parsonage and Skillicorne.

2—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the orders of the Council requiring Mr. S. Gwillim, of 94, Albion Street, Mr. D. Marshall, of 30 ½, Winchcomb Street, Messrs. Webb Bros., of to, Colonnade, and Mr. Lewis, of 235, High Street, to remove projections from their premises respectively above-mentioned, had not been complied with.

A letter from Mr. Gwillim, was read, apologising for having erected the sign without permission, pleading ignorance of the requirement, and asking permission for it to remain ; also one to the same effect from Mr. Lewis ; also one from Messrs. Webb Bros. asking in what respect they had infringed the bye-laws, the letters being inside the vertical line of the top cornice of the building, and asking permission to allow them to remain as they are, the infringement of the bye-laws being quite unintentional on their part. Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. Gwillim and Lewis be acceded to subject as to the projection of the latter to its not projecting at the top more than 18 inches from the building; that Messrs. Webb Bros. be informed they must put the letters over their office back to a perpendicular position against the facia ; and that further steps with reference to Mr. Marshall's non-compliance with the order to remove his projections be held in abeyance pending a view by the Committee.

3—Road from Regent Street to Rodney Road-With reference to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Councillor Cooper attended the meeting on behalf of Cavendish House Company to ask the Committee to re-con-sider their decision to require the abutting owners to form and flag a footpath on the south side of the road from the north coiner of the Woodlands to the north corner of the property on the south side of the road. Resolved, That the specification be amended by the omission of the edging and paving of the footpath referred to and that the Resolution to Minute No. 18 above-mentioned be altered accordingly.

4-Opening of Pavement opposite No. 93, High Street - The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Clarke, of the Cheltenham joinery Company had been responsible for opening the pavement opposite No. 98, High Street without giving proper notice, that he left the opening at night quite unprotected and unlighted, and that Wine feet of the electric: light cable conduit and cables had been left unsupported and exposed. Resolved, That Mr. Clarke be informed that he has infringed the bye-laws that the Council will hold him responsible for any damage that may have been caused by his culpable carelessness, and that he be requested to state what explanation he has to offer for his negligence.

5--Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 29th May last to the 25th instant, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road, 3,767 super yards.

Patching—High Street, Malvern Road, Sherborne Street, Tewkesbury Road, York Street, Montpellier Walk, Royal Well .Place, Bath Road, Hewlett Street, Hatherley Road, Albion Street, St. George's Road, Norwood Road, Shurdington Road, Leckhampton Road, Suffolk Parade.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Princes Street, 1,467 super yards. Patching—Roman Road.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling—York Street, Hewlett Road, Clarence Street, Royal Well Place, Warwick Place, Victoria Street, Larput Place, Bath Road, Gloucester Road, Sandford Road, High Street, Bayshill Road, Portland Street, Hanover Street, Hungerford Street, Princes Street, Rodney Road, St. George's Road.

The footpath by the new portion of the Ladies College had been formed and laid with concrete paving.

A new crossing had been laid in Clarence Street, from Mr. A. Whitcombe's shop to Post Office lane, which had been formed with McDougall's bricks.

A gully had been repaired and a new grate and frame fixed in Princes Street.

Under the new arrangement with the Gas Company the trench for a new 14in. main in Leamington Place had been opened.

Trees had been pruned in the following places— Pittville, Cleeve Road, Monson Avenue, Clarence Road, Prestbury Road, Pittville Circus, Pittville Roads, Selkirk Street, All Saints Road, Cemetery Road, Hewlett Road, Albion Street, King's Road, Battledown Approach, Hale's Road, Rodney Road, Keynsham Road, London Road, College Road, Oriel Road, and the Promenade.

The driving wheels of the 10 ton steam roller split open on the 1st instant, and it was therefore necessary to obtain a pair of new wheels at a cost of £40.

Ashes Collected—Van loads 839. Consumed at the Destructor 804 tons, 16 cwt, 2 qrs.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the steam roller re-fitted with new wheels.

6—Passages front Winchcomb Street to Portland Street and North Street— Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have these passages asphalted.

7-Open Space at Junction of Ambrose and High Streets—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan of a scheme for the improvement of this space.

8—Crossing Jersey Place to Leighton Road—Resolved, That a crossing of McDougall's bricks be laid down from the end of Jersey Place to Leighton Road.

9—Bill Posting in Bennington Street—A letter from Mr. Beckingsale, was read, stating that he had written to Mr. Dickinson to carry out the Council's instructions, that he had no idea there would be any objection, and that it should be removed forth-with. The Borough Surveyor having reported that the nuisance had not been abated. Resolved, That the instructions given to him to build up the dwarf wall belonging to the Corporation, as contained in the resolution to Minute No. 22 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th of March last, be carried out forthwith.

10--Crossing in Rodney Road to Private Door of the Capital and Counties' Bank—A letter from Mr Foliott, was read, offering to pay towards the cost if the Corporation would place a crossing in Rodney Road opposite his private front door. Resolved. To accede to the application if Mr. Foliott will increase his offer to £2.

11-Trees opposite and Sweeping of Footpath round Greville House—Letters were read from Miss Hamilton complaining of the trees in front of her house obscuring the light and confining the air space, and asking for their removal, also that the footpath round the house was not properly swept. Resolved, To inform Miss Hamilton that the Committee have paid a visit of inspection, and fail to see any cause for complaint in either case, the trees in her own garden being responsible for the cause of complaint (if any).

12-Trees in Dagmar Terrace—A letter from the owners and occupiers of Nos 2 & 4, Dagmar Terrace, was read, asking for the removal of the trees opposite these houses which obstruct the light and air. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

13-Lighting of Pittville Circus Road A letter horn Mrs. Jack, was read, complaining of the removal of the lamp at the corner of Gwernant which lit the road and footpath leading to Pittville Villas, also from Mrs. Bain, of Cotswold Villa, asking for the replacement of the lamp which had been removed from opposite her house and from Mrs. Harrison, of Holmdale, complaining of the removal of the lamp from near the gate of her house. Resolved, To apply to the Lighting Committee to grant a lamp to be fixed about half-way down the road hounding Gwernant on the North-west side and a loft Guildhall lamp to be placed near the pillar box at the corner of Donore.

14—Private Road to Houses in Park Place -A letter was read from Mr. G. A. Grist of No. 26 Park Place, complaining of the neglected condition of this road and asking the council, if they have authority, to exercise it, to compel the respective owners to keep it in a better state. Resolved, To inform Mr. Grist that a bye-law has been drafted to enable the council to deal with complaints of the description formulated by him and they are endeavouring to obtain the approval of the Local Government Board thereto, which if obtained, will enable them to accede to his request.

15—Bath Parade—A letter was read from Mr. James Moore of Bath Parade, urging that the road should be put in such a state of repair that the Corporation may declare it a highway and that in regard to the opening of the road leading to College Road, if arrangements might be made with Mr. Dale, Bootmaker, of Bow Lane, London, the only other owner but one besides

himself of land which would be required to make the road straight throughout as required by the council he (Mr. Moore) and the one other owner referred to would be willing to meet the requirements of the Council. The Chairman reported he had written to Mr. Dale, but has yet had had no reply. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the abutting owners to put the Bath Parade Road into a proper state of repair.

16- Leighton Road-Resolved, That notices under Sec 152 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be posted declaring this street a highway.

17 — Paper in Streets —The Superintendent of Police submitted a report from which it appeared that the police had received several complaints respecting the nuisance caused by loose paper blowing about the streets caused chiefly by the distribution of handbills to passers-by who threw them upon the street. A letter from the Town Clerk to the Local Government Board was read, asking the Board if they considered that papers thrown about in the way mentioned would come within the term "rubbish" in Sec 44 of the Public Health Act ; if not a bye-law under Sec 23 of the Municipal Corporation Act, 0882, might be made to prevent it Resolved, Pending a reply from the Local Government Board to adjourn consideration of the matter.

18-Lighting of Winstonian Terrace—A letter from Mr C. Winstone, was read, stating that he would sign an undertaking to be prepared by the Town Clerk binding him to remove the wall at the end of Victoria Place, and the iron railings in All Saints Road, as soon as Mr. Roberts has completed his buildings, if his application for the lighting of this terrace be granted. Councillor Bence reported that the railings had already been removed and a portion of the wall. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to draw up the undertaking and subject to the same being signed that the Lighting Committee be requested to grant 3 lamps to be fixed in the terrace as part of a future scheme for lighting the road.

19—Central Depot—Resolved, That the offers of the Lighting and Water Committees towards the expenses of the Central Depot be accepted.

20—Stands for Donkey Chairs—Resolved, That stands for 2 donkey chairs be provided at the North end of Lypiatt Terrace in extension of the one now there for one hackney carriage.

21- Lighting of Suffolk Road and Square Resolved, That the Lighting Committee be asked to grant one new loft. Guildhall Lamp to be placed at the corner of Messrs. Yeandle's sloop, and that the other lamps in Suffolk Parade up to Suffolk Road be re-arranged.

22-Railway Waggon - A Letter from Mr. Thomas Hunter, Railway Waggon Builder, Rugby, was read, offering to renew his contract to keep in repair the Corporation Railway Waggon for another term of 5 years at £4 10s each per annum. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

23-- Suffolk Road Improvement—A letter from the Town Clerk, was read, to Mr. Wade, Solicitor for the owners of Roderic House, stating that if satisfactory terms could be arranged, the Council would be glad to deal with his clients for the purchase of a sufficient portion of the property to widen the road from Suffolk Parade to its junction with Painswick Road ; also one in reply from Mr. Wade to the effect that, before giving any definite reply, he must be advised by his clients' Surveyor on the subject, and that he would obtain their instructions, and that as this proposition had been brought

forward it would be well to postpone further negotiations with reference to the smaller piece of land.

24—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz.

No. of Plan	Name	Description.
918	A. S. Barradell	Two Villas in Charlton Lane.
919	Ticehurst & Sons	Alterations and Additions to Offices in Rodney Road.
920	J. E. Bendall	Two Houses in Langdon Road, Leckhampton Road.
921	F. Jenkins	Ten Houses in Marle Hill Road.
922	F. Hicks	Additions to Ivy Mead, Leckhampton Road.
923	W Buckle	Corn and Hay Store, Bath Road, adjoining the Brown Jug.

Resolved, That No. 918 be approved subject to the line of frontage of the bay window being not less than 20ft. from the boundary line of the property in front, 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 June, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—Zymotic Disease----The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 6 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 21.

2— Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 9, Rutland Street, Swiss Cottage, Portland Street, No. 6, Larput Place, No. 65, Tewkesbury Road, and Pemberton, St. Luke's—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. 4, Attewell's Court, Berkeley Avenue—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--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.

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. 27, St. Philip's Street, No 32, Queen Street, No. 23, Albert Street, St. Paul's, No. 43, Townsend Street, and No. 4, Attewell's Court, Berkeley Avenue—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.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order —An application was received from Mr. J. Haines, Battledown Approach, to be registered as a Cowkeeper. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

8—Destruction of Diseased Pig—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 3rd inst. a pig which had been slaughtered at the Abattoir was found to be badly affected with multiple abscesses, probably the result of tuberculosis, and the carcass and viscera were destroyed with the consent of the owner by cremation, as unfit for human food.

9— Sanitary Inspection of Dean Close School- -The Medical Officer of Health reported that at the request of Dr. Flecker, the Chief Inspector had made an inspection of the sanitary arrangements at Dean Close School and given a careful report upon the same, and enquired what fee, if any, should be charged. Resolved, To charge a fee of one guinea.

10—Wells at No. 262 and 263, High Street, Waterloo Cottage, and Nos. 2, 4, 8, 9, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 32, 33, 34, 35 & 36, Albert Street, St. Peter's—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.

11-Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served, but which had not been complied all. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary proceedings in each case to enforce compliance.

12-Pig Slaughter house at No. 213, High Street --The Committee being of opinion that this Slaughter House is from its situation and construction injurious to the public health, Resolved, That Notice

under Act VI of the Provisional Order of 1896 be given to carry into effect the closing of these premises as a Slaughter House.

13-Drainage into Culvert of the G.W.R. Co.—A letter was read from Mr. G. K. Mills, of the Great Western Railway Co., stating that sewage from drains under the control of the Corporation was discharged into the culvert which passes along the line from the Station to Hatherley Brook, which had been laid by the Company for the purpose of accommodating the drainage of the cutting and probably the surface water drainage of the land, the drainage of which was interfered with by the construction of the line, but it was not intended for the purpose of taking the sewage of a portion of the town, which seas open to such serious objection that steps should be taken to discontinue the practice, the sewage in question being dealt with by the Corporation by means of the town sewers in the ordinary manner. Resolved, To adjourn the matter for further consideration.

14-Sewer under No 23, Lansdown Place—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan showing the course of this sewer. Resolved, That the same be disconnected in the road at the back of Lansdown Place before it goes under the house, the disconnected portion from thence under the house to be filled up with hot lime, and the remaining portion of the sewer from the road at the back of Lansdown Crescent which passes under the stables of Nos. 22 and 23, Lansdown Place to be connected with the public sewer in the road at the back of Lansdown Place.

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15-Buiding Plans of Mr. G. H. Roberts -With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 28 of the proceedings of this Committee of 24th March last, Resolved, That the Plan of Mr. G. H. Roberts, for the drainage of four houses fronting the new road leading from All Saints' Road into Victoria and Glenfall Streets be approved, subject to the existing 6 inch branch sewer shown on the plan being taken up and reconstructed by Mr. Roberts, with 9 inch pipes connected with the 12 inch sewer running through his land at the back of All Saints Villas, and subject to Mr. Roberts giving an undertaking that he and all purchasers from him of any portion of the land under which the sewer runs shall hold and purchase the same subject to the right of the Corporation to the sewer upon and open any of the said land to obtain access to the sewer whenever they shall think necessary without being liable to pay any compensation for any damage whatsoever occasioned thereby.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of June, 1897-Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Moles, Lenthall, and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)-

16-Chairman---In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Norman was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

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 a of Diphtheria ; that 4 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 20.

18-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6, St. Margaret's Cottages, No. 12, North Place, Berkeley Arms, Albion Street, and Nos. 201, 202, & 202 ½, 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 said section.

19---Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having seater 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.

20--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. 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.

21--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 64, Upper Park Street and No. 4, Manchester Square--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.

22-Common Lodging Houses-The Medical Officer of Health reported that a visit had recently been made to the Common Lodging Houses in the town, and it was found that the bye-laws were being satisfactorily complied with.

23-- Workshops requiring to be Cleansed and Limewashed at No. 4, Great Western Road, No. 6, North Place, Nos. 20 & 24, Promenade Villas, Nos. 320, 375 & 380, High Street, Nos. 6 & 8, Montpellier Street, No. 4, Birdlip Place. No. 18, Colonnade, No. 36, Winchcomb Street, No. 37, Bath Street, No. 36, Montpellier Terrace, Newington House, and No. 6, St. Luke's Terrace--The Medical Officer of Health having certified under section 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.

24-Destruction of Diseased Meat The Medical Officer of Health reported that a carcase of beef, with offal, had been removed from the premises of a farmer at Arle and destroyed. The cow had died of

extensive pneumonia after slipping a calf, and was unfit for human food which it appeared to have been prepared

25--Wells at Nos. 4, 6, 7, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, & 22 Albert Street, St Paul's-- The Medical Officer, of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used 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--Insanitary Property Nos. 202, 202 ½ & 332, High Street-- The medical Officer of Health reported that the premises abovementioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates, Resolved, That the Committee being

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satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

27--Pollution of Hatherley Brook---A letter was read from Mr. John Lea, Clerk to the Staverton Parish Council, stating that a complaint had been received of the pollution of the Hatherley Brook by surplus sewage water flowing into it from a farm occupied by Mr. John Nunney. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to call upon Mr. Nunney to enquire into the cause of complaint and report to the Committee.

28--Alleged Pollution of Lake at Pittville Park--A letter from Councillor Margrett was read, calling attention to a nuisance at Marle Hill caused by sewage from five houses being discharged into a pond in a field at the back of the houses, and from thence finding its way into the lake at Pittville Park, and stating that the Medical Officer of Health to the Rural District Council had reported that there was danger to the public health, but nothing had been done to abate the nuisance, and suggesting that steps should be taken to prevent the continuance of the drainage into the lake. Resolved, To inform Mr. Margrett that he must be mistaken as to sewage from the pond draining into the lake as there is rising ground between the pond and lake, but that the Committee have reason to believe that sewage finds its way into the brook, which feeds the lake, from the houses referred to situate within the district of the Rural District Council. Also that a copy of the letter be sent to the Rural District Council, desiring them to at once take steps to enforce drainage of the houses in manner indicated by Section 23 of the Public Health Act in order to prevent the pollution of the brook.

29--Road Gulleys--Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the refuse from the road gulleys removed directly they are cleaned out, and also immediately after such cleaning out to have the gulleys filled with water.

30--Building Plans--The plans of such new buildings, necessitating drainage, as were intended to come up for approval by the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the plan of Mr. F. Jenkins for houses in Marle Hill Road be approved, subject to his giving an undertaking that he and all purchasers from him of any portion of the land under which the

sewer runs, as shown on the plan, will and shall hold and purchase the same subject to the right of the Corporation to enter upon and open the said land to obtain access to the sewer whenever they shall think necessary, without being liable to pay compensation for any damage whatever occasioned thereby and that the other plans be approved as shown.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 16th day of June, 1897—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Skillicorne, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

1—Use of Montpellier Gardens for Football—A letter from Mr. W. Sawyer, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Football Club, was read, offering to send a deputation from the Club in support of an application they desired to make for the use of the Montpellier Gardens during the coming season for the purpose of playing their matches, upon the following terms and conditions, viz-

1.—That the Club have sole use of the Gardens on every Saturday, and six other days, between the hours of 1.30 and dusk, for playing matches. The tenancy to commence on the 29th of September next, and determine on the last day of March, 1898, at a rental of £30.

2.—That on all match days the Club take all receipts at the gates ; that no money be taken at the entrances except by the persons appointed for that purpose by the Club ; that only such entrances be open as the Club think fit ; that the Club be allowed to make their own charges for admission ; and that Subscribers to the Gardens be admitted free on production of their cards, but that a charge may be made should they wish to pass into the enclosure.

3.—That the Club be given permission to erect permanently during their tenancy goal posts, and a wire round the large plot of grass to fence off spectators from the field of play, also a grand stand for the season, and to have pay boxes at the entrances. Resolved, To receive the deputation as suggested at the next meeting of the Committee.

2-Agricultural Show, 1898—A letter from Mr. R. Anderson, one of the Secretaries of the Gloucestershire Agricultural Society, was read, stating that if the Society are to receive an invitation to hold their Annual Show at Cheltenham in 1898, it should be received in time so as to be laid before the Annual Meeting of members of the Society to be held on the 28th of July next. Resolved, To invite the Society to hold their show next year at Cheltenham in the month of July.

3—Winter Garden — Kinematograph Entertainment — Mr. Villar, the Hon. Sec. of the Queen's Day Celebration Committee having informed the Chairman that his Committee had received an offer from Mr. W. D. Slade, of No. 12, Promenade, East, Cheltenham, to give Kinematograph Entertainments in the Winter Garden on the 22nd inst., if the same would be available. Resolved, To

grant the use of the Winter Garden for the purpose to the Queen's Day Celebration Committee free of charge on the 22nd and 23rd inst. leaving them to make such arrangements with Mr. Slade as they may think fit.

4--Singing of National Anthem—A letter from Mr. Villar, was read, stating that in the event of its being wet on the 22nd inst., it was proposed that the singing of the National Anthem, &c. should take place in the Winter Garden instead of at Montpellier, and asking for the use of the building for that purpose, if necessary. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Gate at Pittville Park, North end of Marle Hill Road —With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 9th of April last, the Borough Surveyor reported as to the number of persons who had made use of this entrance since it had been decided to open it on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons after two o'clock. Resolved, To continue to open it after two p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer months.

6--Damage by Pea Fowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received several complaints of damage being done in neighbouring gardens by the Pea Fowl, which get into them from Pittville Park. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have an aviary constructed near the old Mill, in which the birds can be confined.

7—Use of Pittville Pump Room by Freemasons The Borough Surveyor reported that though the Freemasons had had the use of the Pump Room free on the 9th inst. they had paid for entrance to the gardens.

8- - Pittville Notices— Resolved, That a large Notice Board be provided at the Essex Lodge entrance to Pittville Park to affix Notices relating to the boating, fishing, &c.

9 —Advertisement in Illustrated Guides of Midland and Great Western Railways—A letter was read from Mr. H. R. Travis, on behalf of Messrs. Morton & Co., Limited, publishers of these guides, offering to insert two pages descriptive of Cheltenham in both the Midland and Great Western Guides at per page, the matter and blocks to be provided by the Council. Resolved, To accept the offer, and that it be left to the Chairman to draw up the description for insertion and obtain such blocks as he may think desirable.

10-Damage by Athletic Society —With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of May last, and the Resolution thereto which was referred back to this Committee by the Council with a view to further enquiry into the matter, Resolved, To request Mr. Wilks, the Hon Sec. of the Society, to inform the Council what explanation his Committee has to make with reference to the damage done to one of the Conifers at the Montpellier Gardens on the occasion of the holding of the Sports there on Easter Monday

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of June, 1897--Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

11—Use of Montpellier Gardens for Football—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a deputation from the Cheltenham Football Club, consisting of Messrs. W. Sawyer, Hailing and Lane, attended and explained to the Committee what they proposed with regard to their application to use the Montpellier Gardens for football. Resolved, That the application be acceded to upon the terms of the Club handing over to the Corporation 25 per cent. of the takings at the gates, the Club to be responsible for keeping proper order, to make good all damages to turf (not occasioned by actual play) and otherwise, and to provide sightly pay boxes, which must be easily moveable ; that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to construct a light temporary fence to divide off the portion of the garden on the South side of the Broad Walk from the football ground for the use of the Subscribers, and the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare an agreement embodying the conditions and terms set out in this Minute and the Minute above referred to so far as not altered by this Minute.

12-Kursaal and Municipal Buildings -The draft of the advertisement for Tenders having been laid before the Committee and approved, Resolved. That the same be sent to the following papers for insertion in their next issues, viz : " The Builder," " Builders' Journal," " Contract Journal," " The Architect," " Building News," " The Looker-On," " The Examiner," " Gloucester-shire Echo," and " Cheltenham Mercury."

13-- Drinking Fountain corner of White Hart Street—A letter from Gen. Percival was read, suggesting that the water should be laid on to this fountain. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to provide same with a tap, and have the necessary connection made to the water supply.

14-Messrs. Holliday & Co.'s Gate, Cleeve Path Drive—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of March last, a letter from Messrs. Holliday & Co. was read, accepting the terms upon which they would be allowed to retain the gate, viz. : to pay 1s per year rent and undertaking to close the gate on receiving three months notice to do so. Resolved, To approve same as sufficient undertaking.

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15—Shakesperian Plays—Montpellier Garden's—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th May last, a letter from Mr. Jalland was read, asking to be informed of the number of subscribers, stating that the charges for seats would probably be 4s, 2s 6d and 1s to the Promenade, that he presumed that subscribers would not be entitled to seats free, and asking if July 12th could be substituted for the 13th. A letter in reply from the deputy Town Clerk was read, giving Mr. Jalland the information he asked for and stating that the usual practice is, if subscribers wish to have seats, to pay [?] r/- less for them than the general public, and that he could have the Gardens on the 12th instead of the 13th. Resolved, That the reply of the deputy Town Clerk be approved.

16—Fetes at Montpellier Gardens—With reference to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee at their Meeting of date the 24th of May last, a letter from Mr. Dickinson, was read, stating that his idea was to have a display of fireworks, illuminations, a band, and variety Artistes to make a popular fete on Bank holiday, and a high-class evening fete on one of the days in Cricket week, and requesting information as to lowest terms for hiring with and without free admission to Subscribers. Resolved, That in the absence of precise and detailed information as to the entertainments to be provided, consideration of the application must stand adjourned.

17—Mr. E. J. Burrow's Publication—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 23 of the proceedings of this Committee of the out instant, a letter from Mr. Burrow, was read, expressing his thanks for the order, and stating that if the blocks of the cover design would be of use to the Council, he would be pleased to lend them to imprint upon the special covers to be provided. Resolved, To thank Mr. Burrow for his offer, which the Committee may be glad to avail themselves of, and that the Borough Surveyor be requested to arrange for the binding of the copies purchased, at a sum not exceeding £12.

18-Advertisement In Illustrated Railway Guides—A letter was read from Mr. Travis, offering to insert a page advertisement of Cheltenham in eight other railway guides besides those of the Midland and Great Western, published by Messrs. Norton & Co., for £5 each. Resolved, To accept his offer as regards the Guides of the London and Brighton, Great Northern, and London and North Western Railways.

19—Damage by athletic Society—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter from Mr. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of the Society, was read, in reply to one from the Deputy Town Clerk, stating that he had no excuse to offer on behalf of the member of his Committee other than the instruction given by him to the man to bend the branch in order that the tree could be enclosed in the tent as it had been for many years, and he presumed that the man in bending it accidentally broke it off, and that any contention on the part of his Committee arises from the fact that in their opinion the amount claimed by the Borough Surveyor was a most unjustifiable one. Resolved, That the Society having admitted that the damage to the tree occurred in consequence of an order given by a member of their Committee, the Council are strongly of opinion that at least an expression of regret is due from the Society for the damage done.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 1897—Present :
Councillors Bence, Ll. Davies, M. Davis, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 100 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 97 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 22,210,849 gallons. On the 21st inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet 7

inches, and the contents 87,550,836 gallons, which gave a total of 109,761,685 gallons or about 100 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 542,000 gallons.

He also reported that an application had been received from Mr. J. E. Bendall for a supply of water for two houses in Langdon Road, Leckhampton Road, which he was about to build, and he advised that a 4-inch main be laid along the road so as to be sufficient for any extension of building which can be connected with it, as well as for purposes of fire protection, the cost of which he estimated at about £30. Resolved, That the extension referred to be carried out. Elmstone Hardwicke Water Supply—As instructed at the last meeting of the Committee, the Borough Surveyor presented to the Committee an exhaustive report as to the best means of laying on a supply from the Corporation main and the probable cost, which

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he estimated for a 3-inch pipe at £900 and for a 4-inch pipe at £1,200. Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection to ascertain the most suitable position for fixing a stand pipe, and the best route for laying the supply pipe from the main, and to adjourn consideration of the reply to the letter of the Rev. Bayfield Roberts, referred to in minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting pending, such visit.

3—Qualification of Plumbers—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd of April last, a deputation from the Cheltenham Branch of the Plumbers' Union consisting of Messrs. J. Hall and E. T. Saunders, with Mr. C. Fisher of the Trades and Labour Council, attended the meeting to discuss the Report which the Borough Surveyor had prepared on the matter, from which it appeared that they concurred in it except that they desired that master plumbers or employers of qualified plumbers should not be registered as plumbers without having themselves passed the qualifying examination, that there should be qualified plumbers on the Examination Board, and that service as an apprentice for 5 years should not qualify for registration. Resolved, To invite a deputation from the Master Builders' Association to meet the Committee and inform them of their views with regard to the proposed suggestion.

4 —Promenade Fountain—Resolved, That water be supplied to this Fountain to enable it to play continuously every day during the summer months.

5—Central Depot—With reference to the resolution of the Street and Highway Committee that they are not satisfied with the offer of this Committee to contribute £10 a year for the use made by this Committee of the Central Depot. Resolved, That this Committee see no reason to increase the amount.

6—Engineer Camp - Tewkesbury — A letter from Col. Rogers, the Officer commanding the 1st Gloucestershire Royal Engineer Volunteers, was read, applying to the Corporation to grant to the Corps under his command the necessary supply of water, without charge, for the use of the men who will be in Camp at Tewkesbury from July 13th to the 23rd. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7-Drinking Fountain—Leckhampton Road -A letter was read from Mr. Witts stating that he had received an offer from a resident in Leckhampton to defray the cost of erecting a Drinking Fountain

in the Leckhampton Road opposite the Malvern Inn, on condition that the Council will grant a supply of water free of charge. Resolved, To inform Mr. Witts that the Council will accede to the condition of the donor.

8--Tewkesbury Corporation Water Account—A letter from Mr. H. A. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, was read, suggesting that a deputation from this Committee should meet a deputation from his Water Committee to discuss the points in difference. Resolved, To approve the suggestion, and to appoint Councillors Bence, LI Davies, M. Davis, and Margrett, to compose the deputation from this Committee to meet the deputation from Mr. Badham's Committee at such time and place as can be conveniently arranged with him.

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

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of June, 1897—Present : Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper 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.	
1897		1897.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
June 9th	15.80 candles	June 8th and 9 th	11.22
"19th	16.64 "		
Average..	15.72 "		

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2-Gas Inspector's Report- the Gas inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2603 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Book-This Book was produced and examined Lamps extinguished, 8 metered and 23 unmetered and 3 burning dimly.

4-Electric Inspector's Report--The Electric Inspector re-ported the results of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz. :-

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

Date. Legal Standard. Test at Manchester Street.

8 th	100 Volts	102.6 Volts
19 th	"	101.6
	Average	102.1

5—Electrical Engineer's Report.- The Electrical Engineer reported that arc lamps had been suspended in the Promenade from the 8 pairs of pillars then erected and had been switched on for

trial runs. He proposed to run the lamps again that evening and then to switch them off until the remaining 3 were ready.

The new steam-alternator had been erected on its bed at the works and a month's trial would shortly commence.

An electric lighting installation had been provided at the Montpellier Gardens bandstand and the lighting effect was satisfactory.

All ordinary extension work had made satisfactory progress, and the running of both the private and public lamps had continued to be quite satisfactory.

He had received an application from Mr. Field, late of Sudeley Cottage, for supply of electric current to his new premises at 6, Rodney Place. The best way of giving supply to him would be by means of a 200 volt main along the North side of Imperial Square and down Rodney Place to No. 6 : this main could be subsequently continued to the High Street and connected to the High Street mains when these are changed to 200 volts. The cost of the preliminary work he estimated about £115, and stated that Mr. Field was very anxious to know whether he could have his house wired at once.

Additional condensing plant would be required at the Electric Works about the end of November, and he proposed to issue specifications and obtain prices for the plant required.

Resolved, That the extension to No. 6, Rodney Place, be carried out as suggested by the Electrical Engineer, and that application be made to the Local Government Board to increase the amount of the Loan for which sanction has been applied for by a further sum of £115, and that the proceedings and suggestions of the Electrical Engineer mentioned and contained in his Report as stated above be approved and adopted, and that he be instructed to bring up a specification of what will be required for the coming winter.

6---Office of the Electrical Department in the Town—Resolved, That until an Office for the Department in the Town can be provided £20 per annum be paid for office accommodation at the residence of the Electrical Engineer, No. 15, St. George's Parade.

7--Additional Lamp at Coltham Fields—Resolved, To grant an additional lamp for Coltham Fields, the position to be fixed by the Street and Highway Committee.

8-Painting of Arc Standards in Promenade—A Letter was read from Mr. W. H. Reay on behalf of the Cheltenham Branch of the Amalgamated Society of House Decorators and Painters, calling attention to the fact that the Contractor for the Painting of the Electric Light Standards in the Promenade was not paying the standard rate of wages. Resolved, To send a copy of the letter to the Contractor with a request that he will inform the Committee if he has any explanation to offer.

9-Central Depot--The Street and Highway Committee having expressed themselves dissatisfied with the offer of this Committee to fix and maintain an arc lamp in the Central Depot and supply same with current free of charge as payment for the use made by them of the Depot, Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting be varied as follows, viz., that this Committee will supply with current and carbons without charge the 3 arc lamps at the Central Depot belonging to the Street and Highway Committee.

GEORGE NORMAN, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th day of June, 1897--Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Lawrence ; Councillors Margrett, Moles, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Muzzling of Dogs Order—Superintendent McRae reported that the number of dogs dealt with by the Police since the 1st of June, had been as follows:—

Number seized	17
“ Owned	9
“ Destroyed	6
“ Sold	2

That 3s had been paid for the expenses of keeping 3 of the dogs the rest having been owned within an hour, and that the two dogs sold had realised 7s 6d of which 2s 6d had been made use of to defray the expenses of keeping 6 dogs prior to the erection of kennels at the Police Station, leaving 8s in hand, and that proceedings had been taken in one instance, the defendant being fined £1 and 8s 6d costs.

2-Report re Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that all extinction expenses up to date had been paid.

3-Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Drivers' Licenses were received from Charles Dadge, of 15, Queen Street, Edward Morley, of 37, Townsend Street, and G. Cleveland of No. 1, Hereford Place. Resolved, That the applications of Dadge and Morley be acceded to and that the application of Cleveland be refused as the Council see no reason to alter their previous decisions not to grant him a license.

4—Hackney Carriage licenses--Applications were received from John Morgan, of No. 48, Mountpleasant, and Joseph Williams, of No 10, New Street, for Hackney Carriage Licenses, and from C. A. Hill, of No. 21, Townsend Place, for a Pony Carriage License. Resolved, To inform the applicants that there are no vacancies, but that their names are on the application book and their applications will be considered as their turns arrive. Wheelchair License—A letter was read from J. Cawood asking that the inspection of his wheel chair might be postponed for a few days as it was not ready Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to inspect the chair when ready and that it be left to him to approve or otherwise as he should deem fit.

6—Came Licenses—Applications for the renewal of Licenses to deal in Game were received as follows, viz. from Mr. Edwin Henry Harris, No 1, Winchcomb Street; Mrs. Lucy Ann Morris, Columbia House, Winchcomb Street; W. Hall & Sons, 92a, High Street ; Charles Barnett, 86, High Street ; Arthur Loveday, 142, High Street ; Thomas Burt Woodard, Nos. & 2, Montpellier Avenue ; Mrs. S. A. Wilks, 372. High Street ; Messrs. Olive & Olive, 4, Colonnade ; and Messrs. Charles Samuel Holliday and George Henry Mills, Trustees of the Will of John Woore, deceased, No. 25, Montpellier Walk. Resolved, To recommend the Council to grant the applications.

7--Damage to Shop and contents by Yeomanry Trooper--A letter from Mr J. Warner, Confectioner, of No. 336, High Street, was read, asking the Council to recompense him for the damage done to his

shop and contents by a Yeomanry trooper's horse, which he estimated at £50, towards which he had received £13 10s. from the Yeomanry. Resolved, To inform Mr. Warner that as the Council is under no legal liability for the damage done they have no power to accede to his application.

8-Transfer of Powers to County Council— A letter was read from the Secretary to the non-County Boroughs Association, calling attention to the application which is being made to the Local Government Board by the Yorkshire West Riding County Council for a transfer of a large number of powers now vested in Government Departments, and inviting the Council to pass a resolution protesting against the proposed transfer and urging the Government Departments affected by the proposals not to agree to them.

9-- Damage to Allotments—A letter from E. G. Maisey and other tenants of the allotments in the North Ward was read, complaining of the stealing of the crops on the Allotments, and suggesting that the gates should be put in good order and be provided with locks and keys, the tenants being supplied with a key each, and that each allotment should be distinguished by a number on each allotment. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have any gates repaired which require repair and that the Superintendent of Police be requested to instruct the Constables on beat near allotments to keep a special watch upon them to detect anyone stealing the crops

10---Borough Arms—A letter was read from the Lady Superintendent of the Cheltenham Private Nursing Institution, Royal Parade, requesting permission to be allowed to embody the Borough Arms in the device which she proposed to have impressed upon some Medals which she intended to award to some of the Nurses in the institution. Resolved, To accede with much pleasure to this request.

11-Bust of the Queen—A letter from Mr. R. Belt was read with which he enclosed a print of the Bust he executed of the Queen, the original of which was in Her Majesty's possession. and suggested that the Council might think it a graceful way of making this year memorable by placing an exact copy of this work in the Municipal Buildings or some Public Institution in the town, the price in Composition, terra cotta colour, 8 guineas, Bronze 70 guineas, and Marble 125 guineas. Resolved, To inform Mr. Belt that the Council are contemplating the erection of new Municipal Buildings and will bear his offer in mind against their completion.

12- -Weighbridges—A letter was read from Mr. J. B. Biggs, Inspector of Weights and Measures, stating that he had tested Weighbridges belonging to the Corporation, the one in the Depot yard and at the Ash Destructor he found correct, but the one by the Gas Works was unjust and should be rectified within 14 days. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Weighbridge complained of properly adjusted without delay.

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13-Men's Outing Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 19, of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th day of May last be rescinded as the Committee find that July 3rd would not be a convenient day for the men's outing, and that the Committee be authorised to fix a later date.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of June, 1897—Present :—Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1 Alstone Swimming Bath—The usual monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read, from which it appeared that the number of Bathers for the season up to and including the 16th inst. had been 6,122, the fees received amounting to £58 1s. 10d.; that no fresh season tickets had been issued, but Christ Church School had been supplied with 720 special tickets at 2d- each, the account for which had been rendered. Resolved, To close the Bath at it o'clock in the morning on the 22nd inst.

2 --Hampton Garden—A Letter was read from Councillor Bence suggesting that it would be most advantageous for the Council to purchase Hampton Garden, and lay out the same as a Recreation Ground, and asking the Committee to pass a resolution asking the Corporation to do so. Resolved, To inform Councillor Bence that this Committee and the Council have already thoroughly considered what he now suggests, and have been in negotiation with the owner for the purchase of the garden without being able to come to any agreement, and having regard to the fact as stated in Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee of the 22nd of February last, that the Council has had notice that an action has been commenced against the Owner for specific performance of an agreement for a Lease of the Garden, and that the action has been registered as a *lis pendens* against the property, the Committee cannot recommend the Council to reopen the negotiations.

3—Cricket at Naunton Park—A Letter was read from the Rev J. Mugliston, applying on behalf of the Naunton Cricket Club for permission to have a cricket pitch of their own reserved for the Club on the Naunton Park Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the Council very much regrets to have to refuse the application, but as they have already refused a similar request on account of their being unable to reserve any portion of the ground for the exclusive use of any particular section of the ratepayers, they are also obliged to do so in this case, but there is no objection to the Club playing cricket there.

4—Seats at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That these seats be painted and varnished.

5-- Fireworks at Naunton Park on 22nd June—A Letter from Mr. Villar, Hon. Sec. of the Queen's Day Celebration Committee, was read, applying for the sole use of this ground on the evening of the 22nd of June for the purpose of giving a firework display Resolved, To grant the application.

6 -- Cleansing Baths at Alstone Bath --The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the proposed extension of the Alstone Bath for the provision of cleansing baths in connection with the present swimming bath and for converting the present filter beds into an additional swimming bath for the use of ladies. The cost of carrying out the whole scheme he estimated at £850. The cost of carrying out the extension only sufficiently to provide for 6 washing baths and 12 dressing rooms £350, or for 2 baths and 4 dressing rooms. £250.

A Letter was read from Councillor M. Davis, advocating the provision of washing baths for the working classes in the West and North Wards connected with the Alstone Swimming Bath. Resolved, That the portion of the scheme for the 6 baths and 12 stressing rooms at an estimated cost of £350

be carried out at once, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a specification and that tenders be advertised for.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897—Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Report of the Superintendent of the Cemetery-The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that a post of the railings at the top of the Cemetery had been broken off by the horses belonging to Mr. Minett ; that the front entrance gates required easing. as they had dropped ; that he had received the bedding plants from Pittville, but not the watering pots as ordered at the last meeting. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a new post put in place of the broken one to the railings; to have the entrance gates adjusted, and to have the watering pots delivered as soon as possible.

2-Entrance of Carriages -A letter from Mrs. Lloyd Griffiths, was read, asking that a special permit might be given to infirm or invalid persons to drive into the Cemetery ; also a letter from Mrs. Jane Griffiths to Alderman Haddon complaining of treatment she had received from the Superintendent for having driven into the Cemetery in contravention of the regulations, and requesting that she might be given a card of Mr. Haddon's to use. Resolved, That non-transferable passes be provided to be issued by the Committee to applicants who are too aged or infirm to walk permitting them to be driven into the Cemetery in their carriage ; and also to inform Mrs. Jane Griffiths that the Superintendent explains he only remonstrated with the Cabman for having infringed a regulation of which he was well aware, and which the Superintendent complains he has very much difficulty in compelling Cabmen to observe.

3-Private Employment of Corporation Workmen--The Superintendent reported that he had received complaints of the Corporation Workmen at the Cemetery having undertakers private employment in looking after graves. Resolved, That in future any Workman of the Corporation receiving payment from private sources for looking after graves will be dismissed.

4—Memorial to the late Fathers Wilson & Trehearne—A letter from Mr. Welstead, of Messrs John Lance & Co., was read, stating that the congregation of St. Gregory's wished to put up a memorial to the late Rev. Fathers Wilson & Trehearne, and applying for permission to increase the height of it a foot or so above the regulation height, 5ft. Resolved, To accede to the application if a brick or concrete foundation is put in.

5—Designs - The following designs were examined and approved, viz., Headstones to Hannah Cook, Henry Rhodes, Charles Gostage, William Samuel Baker and Elizabeth Ann Thorne, William George

Wright, Francis Elizabeth Forsyth Smith, Elizabeth Hughes, Cyril Henry Isaacs, Willie MacGowan, Henry Hearne, Mary Jones Monument to Sarah Jane Barron.

6—Wages—The following account for wages was allowed :—

G. C. Pratley £13 12 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th day of June, 1897—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Drew and Lawrence ; Councillors Cooper, Ll. Davies, Dimmer, Margrett, Skillicorne, and Parsonage (Alderman Lawrence in the chair)-

1-General District Date he Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate wit., lead. Amount collected £2,666 0s. 0d., leaving outstanding £12,132 16s. 5d.

2-Water Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £2,207 19s. 5d., leaving outstanding £7,436 17s. 1d

3-Corporation Accounts –Major-General Babbage attended the Meeting and laid before the Committee his views as to the keeping of the Corporation Accounts.

4-Corporation Stock-Letters from the General Manager of the National Provincial Bank of England and from the Manager of the local branch of Lloyds Bank, Limited, with reference to the terms upon which their respective banks would be prepared to issue the proposed new stock. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the Committee.

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5-Relief from District Rate—A letter was read from Mr. W. Adlard, Vice-Chairman of the Eye and Ear Hospital, applying on behalf of that Institution, for relief from payment of the General District Rate on the ground that the premises No. 2, North Place are used for charitable work only. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6-Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £6,689 16s. 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 1st June last	326	6 7
Received since that date	<u>7,690</u>	<u>14 9</u>
	8,017	1 4
Paid since that date	<u>5,522</u>	<u>14 7</u>
In hand	2,494	6 9

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of June, 1897—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Ll. Davies, and Parsonage ; Mr. C. Fisher, Rev P. J. F. Gantillon, Mr. Neale, and Capt. Welch, R.N. (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair.)

I—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £7 15s. 4d. He reported that there had been an increase in the issues of 39 per day, viz, :—Reference Library 9, and Lending Library 30. Also that the annual stocktaking was done without calling in the books, the result being one book missing that might subsequently be accounted for, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

Trustees of the British Museum	1 vol.
Horace Edwards	2 vols.
Editor of the " University Correspondent "	1 vol.
Mather & Crowther	1 vol.

Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.

2-Tenders for Publications and Bindings ---Tenders for the supply of new literature, magazines and periodical literature were received as follows, viz.

	Rate of discount per cent.		
	C. Westley.	J. J. Banks.	Cossens & Knight.
Miscellaneous Literature	27.	27 ½	27 ½
Books published " nett "	10	10	5
Magazines and Periodical Literature	25	25	25
Newspapers	10	10	12 ½
Second-hand books (from catalogued price) carriage paid 10 quotation.		at catalogue prices.	no

Tenders for Binding were received from Messrs. Norman & Sawyer and Harvey Bros. Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. C. Westley, be accepted and that the tender of Messrs. Norman & Sawyer being considerably the lower be accepted.

3-Corporation Outing--Resolved, To close the Lending and Reference Libraries on the day of the Corporation Outing.

4-Extension of Closing Time ---Resolved, That from the 1st October next to the 31st of March next the News Room be closed at 10 p.m. instead of 9.30, and that the Reference Library be closed at 9 p.m. instead of 8 o'clock.

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

W. Jones, wages	£15 10 0
C. Westley, Books	£20 9 1
J. W. Pink, Books	£18 0 0
Samuel Palmer, Books	£6 10 0
H. Rawlings, Books	£2 6 0
S. H. Harris & Co., Coal	£1 13 0
W. Jones, Book	£1 10 0
Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank,	
Gloucester, Book	£1 0 0
J. J. Banks, Books	£0 13 6

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY & TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees held on Friday, the 25th day of June, 1897—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Thoys: Councillors Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Ll. Davies, Dighton and Margrett ; the Rev. P. J. F. Gantillon, and Mr. C. Fisher, (Alderman Col. Thoys in the chair)--

1—Chairman—Alderman Col. Thoys was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2—Grammar School Scheme—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of these Committees of the 4th of May last, referred back by the Council for further consideration, Resolved, That the said Resolution either stand as previously drawn or as an alternative with the insertion after the word "Foundation" in clause 2 hereafter mentioned of the words " such sum to be applied exclusively for the purposes of the School of Science as now carried on at the Science " School in the Public Library Buildings and at the Grammar School and to the purposes of Technical Education " ; that the following words be added to the end of Clause 2 of the draft scheme for the alteration of the scheme made under the Endowed Schools Act on the 15th July, 1881, viz., " or for such shorter period as the said payment shall continue."

N. B. THOYTS, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 30th day of June, 1897—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, LI Davies, Margrett and Moles (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 40 schools, from which 992 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 79 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held six meetings ; that eleven parents had been prosecuted, and nine fined.

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 parents of the following children, viz., George Clifford, No. 7, Park View, Tivoli ; Harry Gardner, No. 4, Russell Terrace, Ellen Williams, No. 4, Elm Street ; and that a summons for an Attendance Order under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be issued against the parent of Adolphus Jackson, No. 1 Jersey Cottages, Leighton Road.

3—Census of Children—The result of the recent Census of Children between the ages of 5 and 14 resident within the Borough was reported to the Committee as follows

North Ward	1971
Central Ward	1230
East Ward	1334
South Ward	1043
Middle Ward	106
West Ward	<u>957</u>
	7641

4-Special Examination—The result of the Special Examination of Children held on the 29th of May last, was reported to the Committee as follows :—

Number of Boys examined	71
Number passed in Standard V	<u>34</u>
Number failed	37

Number of Girls examined	50
Number passed in Standard V.	<u>41</u>
Number failed	9

Total number passed.	75
Total number failed	<u>46</u>
Total Number examined	121

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 Tuesday, the 3rd day of August, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of July, 1897—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dimmer, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)

1--The View—The following members attended the View Meeting, viz., Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dimmer, Parsonage, and Skillicorne.

2-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Messrs. Webb Brothers had failed to comply with the resolution of the Council requiring them to set back the letters over their office at No. 10, Colonnade against the facia of the building ; and that four brackets for suspending electric lamps had been put up at Messrs. Eastmans, 412, High Street, in place of a gas rail ; and that the projections at Mr. Lewis's, 235, High Street, and Mr. Marshall's, pi, Winchcomb Street, had been removed. A letter from Eastmans, Limited, was read, asking permission to allow their lamp brackets to remain. Resolved, That Messrs. Webb Brothers be given notice that if the requirement of the Council is not complied with within a week, proceedings will be taken to enforce it ; and that Messrs Eastmans' application be acceded to upon the usual conditions.

3-Advertising Lamps— The Street Inspector reported that the advertising lamps at Mr. H. Gould's, No. 78, High Street, and Mr. E. A. Jennings', 120, High Street, were at times not kept lighted till 10

o'clock p.m. Resolved, That Notice be given that the lamps will have to be removed if the terms upon which they were permitted to be put up are not strictly observed.

4-Bill Posting in Bennington Street—Letters from Mr. Beckingsale, were read, stating that he would do his best to arrange with Mr. Shenton, to whom he had granted a lease of the posting station, to determine same, and asking for a reasonable time to do so, also from Mr. Heath, his solicitor, stating that his client had let the property to Mr. Shenton for Bill posting, but would do all in his power to induce him to remove, and would do his best to facilitate the matter, and asking for time to be given him to complete his negotiations ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, that reasonable time would be given. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that Mr. Beckingsale be given notice to remove the hooks from the wall of his premises abutting upon the road.

5-Water Pillar in Portland Street —A letter from Mr. Boswell was read, asking for the removal of this pillar, which was opposite the back entrance to his house No to, North Place, and caused a puddle of water to form close to the entrance. Resolved, to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have it removed to a position 14 yards South of the present one, and to have proper pitching and channelling laid down in front of all the pillars in the town, and, if necessary, gullies to convey away the surface water.

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6—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 25th June last to the 16th instant, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Highways Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road from the Midland Railway Bridge to the end of Malvern View Villas, 3,034 super yards.

Patching—High Street.

Repaired with Tar Macadam—High Street by Assembly Rooms 277 super yards ; Clarence Street by Library 687 super yards

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling—Clarence Street, High Street, Grafton Road, Victoria Place, Oriel road, Promenade, Hungerford Street, Wellington Square, Clarence Square, Malvern Road, North Street, Gloucester Road, Cambray.

One crossing in the Promenade by the Fountain, and one in the Grafton Road had been renewed with McDougall's bricks.

The sides of the flagging of the footpath in Christ Church Road had been gravelled and rolled, 1240 super yards.

The footpath in Gloucester Road by Malvern Villas had been repaired with Charlton Gravel, 187 super yards; and by Gloucester Crescent for 400 super yards. The sides of the footpath in Malvern Road had been made up and gravelled for 335 super yards.

Trees had been pruned in the following Roads—Imperial Square, Montpellier Spa Road, Vittoria Walk, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Terrace, Bayshill Road, Fauconberg Road, Parabola Road, Overton Road, Leckhampton Road, Gratton Road, Grafton Road, The Park, Christ Church Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Street, St. George's Road, Gloucester Road.

The system of opening trenches for the Gas Company was regularly in operation and so far answered very well. The principal work in hand was a trench along the London Road into Charlton Kings.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 612. Consumed at the Destructor 622 tons 12 cwt.

7—Telephone Wire between Training Colleges—A Letter was read from Mr. A G. Sanders, Electrical Engineer, Clarence Parade, applying for permission to erect a private telephone wire for the Training College Authorities between St. Mary's Hall and St. Paul's Training College. Resolved, To accede to the application subject to the wire being placed and maintained 30 ft. at least above the roadways and subject in other respects to the same being erected in manner to be approved by the Borough Surveyor

8—College Lawn Road—A Letter was read from Mr. G. W. Sadler giving his consent to the road being declared a Highway, and stating that he had paid to the account of the Borough Treasurer the sum of £20 11s. 5d in accordance with the resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 29th day of September last. Resolved, To declare the road a Highway and that the necessary notices be posted accordingly.

9- Leighton Road—A Letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis, the owner of this road, was read, stating that he would withdraw his objection to the road being declared a Highway on the following conditions, viz

1. All abutting owners and himself to sign an Agreement of Mutual Release of which he sent a copy.
2. The Corporation in consideration of such withdrawal to refund him the sum of £50 part of his contribution paid towards the cost of raising the portion of the road adjoining his abutting vacant pieces of land.
3. The Corporations to undertake not to require any further outlay on the road or sewer by the abutting owners or himself.

Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the conditions propounded.

10- Footpath in St. Margaret's Road—A Letter was read from Mr J. P. Harris, Treasurer, and Mr. Rees Jones, Superintendent, of the United Sunday School, Bennington Hall, asking for exemption on behalf of that institution from payment of the expenses of paving the footway in front of the Hall on the ground of its being a charitable institution. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

11-Pavement at Linden Terrace—A letter was read from Messrs. T. A. Morris, A. E. Holliday, E. Reuberson, T. Grainger, and J. W. Wilkins, calling attention to the fact that the pavement of Linden

Terrace, Cleveland Street, had not been laid. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done to this pavement by the abutting owners.

12-Pathway near New Gasometer--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had given the Manager of the Gas Co. an estimate of the cost of doing the necessary works to this footpath for them. 3

Opening of Roads—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a rough draft of regulations which he had drawn up dealing with the opening of the roads. Resolved, That the same be printed, and that proofs be furnished to each member of the Committee.

14-Main Roads Contract—A letter from the County Surveyor was read, asking for an explanation of the great increase of the expenditure on the main roads for last year, as the cost had gone up about £90 per mile ; also that he understood the Council would contract for the repair of the main roads and footpaths within the Borough for 1897-98 for £1,500. and he was preparing a contract for that sum. The Boroughs Surveyor reported that he had written to the County Surveyor in reply fully explaining the reason for the increased expenditure Resolved, To confirm the information given to the County Surveyor with reference to the Contract for 1897-98.

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15—Light Railway—A letter from the Clerk to the County Council was read, sending his Agent's charges in this matter up to the date it was decided to instruct separate Counsel, amounting to £14 11s. 1d., a moiety of which, £7 5s. 6 ½ d., would, as agreed, be payable by Cheltenham, and a half of this Council's printer's bill, viz. £3 8s. 3d., by the County Council, leaving £3 17s. 3d. due from the Corporation. Resolved, That this amount be paid.

16—Lighting of Winstonian Terrace—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an undertaking which had been signed by Mr. Winstone, in accordance with the terms of Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting. Resolved. That the same be approved.

17—Lighting of Pittville Circus Road—Letters from Mrs. Bain and Mrs. Jack, were read, asking for the replacement of the lamps in their old positions which had been removed from near their respective houses. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to make any further change as the lamps are now placed at equal distances apart, and when the arrangements which have been decided upon are completed the Committee think there will be no possible cause for complaint

18—Folly Lane Private Improvement Expenses—A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, was read, giving formal notice of the grounds upon which their client, Mr. Thomas Smith, intends disputing the amount apportioned to him in respect of the private improvement works in Folly Lane, and suggesting that the Borough Surveyor and one or two members of this Committee should meet their client on the spot, with a view to arranging if possible not only the present matter, but also to terminating the unsatisfactory position as regards the future repair of the lane, and suggesting that he lane or part of it should be taken over by the Corporation, in which case their client would give the additional land to make it a suitable width. Resolved, That the suggestion of Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, as to a meeting, be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange with Messrs Ticehurst & Sons for the meeting.

19--Railway Wagons—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received the following tenders for repair of the Corporation Railway Wagons, viz. :—

Thomas Hunter (Rugby)	£4 10 0 for 7 years
Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Co., Limited ..	£4 10 0 for 10 years

He also reported that Mr. Hunter had been repairing the wagons for the last four months without contract. Resolved, That the tender of the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Co., Limited, be accepted, and that Mr. Hunter be requested to send in his account for the repairs done since the expiration of his contract.

20-Suffolk Road Improvement—A letter from Mr. Wade, Solicitor for the owners of Roderic House, W. read, stating that the proposition of the Council to purchase a strip of land right through to widen the road was a much more extensive matter than he thought, as his advisers, Messrs. Engall & Co., spoke of the cost of taking down and rebuilding the boundary wall and of altering the existing buildings interfered with and so on, also that Miss Draper would not be willing to give up the ground referred to during her tenancy, as it would break into the two tennis courts and necessitate the removal of the row of trees against the present wall, which would considerably detract from the enjoyment of the pleasure grounds, and suggesting if it would facilitate the business he would come down to Cheltenham to see the Town Clerk, Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co., and Miss Draper. Resolved, To authorise the Town Clerk to negotiate with the owners of the property for the purchase of the strip of land required subject to the lease of Miss Draper.

21—Sanction of Building Plans---A letter from Mr. H. W. Chatters was read, suggesting that for facilitating building operations plans should be determined, if not actually approved, by the Council, at least once every fortnight, so that the work may be proceeded with. Resolved, That in order to comply with Mr Chatters' suggestion an interim meeting of the Committee be held each month on the Monday after the Council Meeting, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to examine such plans as have been received, so that if any plan is found not to be in order it may be returned in time to be amended against the usual Monthly Meeting of the Committee, and that the Committee be given power to grant permission to builders to proceed with the work where the plans unquestionably are quite in order.

22—Road at rear of Ormond Terrace and Promenade Villas—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 23rd day of July, 1897, 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 laid with tar macadam, levelled, asphalted, 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.

23 -Crossing in Footpath opposite No. 2, Blenheim Terrace—A Letter was read from Mr. C. Dighton asking for a level crossing in front of the entrance gate to his house so that he might drive his pony and invalid carriage through in safety. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to construct the

crossing as required by Mr. Dighton, with the necessary gulley, subject to Mr. Dighton undertaking to be responsible for the expense.

24—Arc Lighting of Winchcomb Street, Albion Street and Lower High Street — The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Plans he had prepared showing the proposed positions of the posts for the arc lamps in these streets, the plan as regards the Lower High Street showing alternative schemes for 8 and 9 lamps respectively. Resolved, That as regards the Lower High Street the scheme for 8 lamps be adopted and the plans be approved accordingly.

25--New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
924	E. A. Bennett	Additions to Cheltondale, College Road.
925	Mr. Boulton	Additions to house next to Beaufort House, Montpellier Terrace.
926	Mr. Horlick	Ten Cottages in Market Street.
927	E. Attree	House in Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road.

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No. of Plan	Name	Description
928	G. F. Bick	Pair of Villas in Leckhampton Road
929	P. Bendall	Business premises adjoining St Matthew's Church, St George's Place
930	F. O. Bell	Additions to Belleville, St Mark's
931	T. Bailey	Additions to No. 28, Upper Park Street
932	Samuel Adams	Additions to St. Lawrence, Christ Church Road
933	Miss Hibbert	Additions to No. 22, Suffolk parade
934	Walter Moorman	Cottage at Pilley, Leckhampton
935	F. Hicks	Additions to Sandfield house, Leckhampton Road
936	Albert Aston	Additions to No. 39, Montpellier Villas
937	C. Winstone	House in Overton Road
938	Edmund Hope	Workshop at back of No. 50, Tivoli Street
939	Mrs. Boulby	New room at No. 55, Lansdown Crescent

Resolved, That No. 925 be approved subject to a new drain being put in right up to, and connected with, the sewer ; that Nos. 926, 931, 932, 936 and 937 be disapproved ; that the other plans, except 929, be approved ; that with respect to 929 as it infringed Sec. 46 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, the Committee are unable to pass it, leaving it to the Council to approve the same, or otherwise, under the said Section ; with respect to plan 928, there being no public sewer in Olio road, Resolved, That in accordance with the Minute of the Public Health Committee leaving it to this Committee to deal with the matter, the sewer at the back of the Leckhampton Road be extended to accommodate the houses built and intended to be built in that road.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1897—Present: Alderman Norman; Bence, M. Davis, 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 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria ; that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 16

2- Nuisance from Drains, &G. at No. 296, High Street, Wellesley Villa, Painswick Road, No. 32, Burton Street, No. 12, Burton Cottages, New Street, No. 25, Tivoli Street, No. 9, Lypiatt Street, and No. 4, Townsend 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 Notices 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 -W. C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water there, 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 moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

5-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 7, Lypiatt Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of 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 Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6- Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application was received from Mr. Chas. H. Sims, of No. 6, Bath Road, to registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7-Slaughter House of Mr. Willis, Cross Street—The Committee being of opinion that this slaughter-house is from its situation and construction injurious to the public health. Resolved, That notice under Art. VI. of the Provisional Order of 1896, be given to carry into effect the closing of these premises as a slaughter-house.

8— Maintenance of Child in Hospital—A letter was read from Miss Holmes, Trevor Dene, suggesting that pecuniary assistance should be given by the Council to the parents of a child, resident in Fairview Street, which had contracted Scarlet Fever and had been sent to the Hospital, towards the cost of its maintenance there. Resolved, That no claim be made against the parents in respect of the hospital charges which will be paid by the Corporation.

9---Polluted Wells at No. 296, High Street, No. 7, Glenfall Street, No. 4, Townsend Place, Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4, Swindon Road, Nos. 1 & 2 Cleeve Hill View, Nos. 8, 28, & 29, Albert Street, St. Paul's.—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.

so—Insanitary Property—No. 7, Lypiatt Street, Nos. 13 & 14, Brunswick Terrace, No. 2, Queen Street, Nos 1 to 5, Major Cottages, Millbrook Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective traps, drains, W.C's., yard pitching, &c. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the notices.

11-- Holidays of Officials in the Health Department—Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be granted permission to take one month's leave of absence at such time as shall be most convenient, subject to his making arrangements for his work to be taken in his absence, and that it be left to him to grant and make arrangements for the holidays of the officials under him.

12—Extension of Sewer in the Prestbury Road—A letter from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, was read, stating that his Council contemplated extending their sewer in the Prestbury Road so as to receive the drainage of houses which have been built beyond Welland Villa (the limit of the present sewer), and asking if the Town Council would consent to such connection being made on the same terms as had been agreed to with reference to the existing sewer. Resolved, To reply in the affirmative.

13—Sewer at Harp Hill —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan for lowering this sewer in three levels at a cost of about £66, so as to drain the basements of the houses built and to be built on the North East side of the road. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th day of July, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, Griffith, Lenthall, Parsonage and Waghorne (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, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever ; that 2 cases of

Scarlet Fever 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 13.

15-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 12, Hewlett Street, Hewlett Inn, No. 30a, Winchcomb Street, and No. 414, 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 said section.

16-Overcrowding at No. 8, Edward 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.

17-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.

18-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

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them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such nice, 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.

19-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 32, Burton -Street, Vine Cottage, No, 2, Albert Place, Albert Street, St Peter's, and No. 16, Columbia 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 requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

20—Wells of Nos. 2 to 8, Brunswick street, North, and Nos. 30, 31, 32 & 39, Albert Street, St. Paul': The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells was used or likely to be used by man for drinking domestic purposes was 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.

21-Hatherley Brook—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received complaint from Mr. Butt that the brook adjoining his grounds was often badly polluted, and that it was quite black with sewage on July 6th, Resolved. To instruct the Borough Surveyor to enquire into the matter and take steps to remedy the cause of the complaint.

22 —Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices to furnish proper ash receptacles which had not been complied with although more than one had been sent to each in addition to final ones from the Town Clerk. Resolved, That the ash receptacles be provided by the Corporation, and that the expenses incurred by so doing be recovered from the owners of the houses in manner provided by Sec. 315 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

23--Claim for Compensation by Mr. Burrows--A letter from Mr. A. H. Smith, Solicitor, for Mr. Burrows, of Mountpleasant, Fly Proprietor, was read, enquiring what compensation the Corporation intended to make for the injury sustained by his client from an accident caused to his and his horse owing to the unsecure manner in which the Corporation workmen covered over an excavation in the lane at the back of Trinity Schools. Resolved, To request Mr. A. H. Smith to inform the Council what his client alleges is the amount of the damage he has sustained.

24—Sanitary Inspectors' Association—A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of this Association, suggesting that they appoint their Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hudson, to represent their district at the Conference in the British Section of Hygiene at the Brussels Exhibition, on September the 6th, 7th and 8th next Resolved, To vary the Resolution to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 3rd of March last, by which it was resolved that the Committee did not propose to appoint delegates this year to attend the conference of the Sanitary Institute at Leeds in September next by appointing Mr. Hudson as a delegate to attend that conference, and that he be allowed £5 for his expenses, but that the Committee do not think it necessary for him to attend the Conference of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association at Brussels.

25—Plans of Mr. C. H. Roberts—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this at their meeting of date the 9th of June last, a letter was read from Mr. Roberts with which he forwarded an undertaking in the terms mentioned in the said resolution. Resolved, That the same be accepted as satisfactory and his passed accordingly.

6 —Gulleys in Roman Road—A Memorial from S. Randle and others was read calling attention to the bad state of the gutters in the Roman Road, St. Mark's, owing to lack of flushing, and complaining of the dirt when the gulleys are cleaned out in the street until the middle of the day. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that instructions had been given to Borough Surveyor previously to the receipt of their Memorial to have the refuse from the gulleys removed they have been cleaned out and immediately after such cleaning out to have them filled with water.

27-Opening of Roads —Resolved, That this Committee acquiesce in any arrangements to be made to keep the opening of the roads under the sole control of the Corporation.

28—Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for approval by the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That so far as the drainage is concerned the same be approved as shown, and that as

regards other plans not yet received owing to this meeting being held earlier than usual. the Street and Highway Committee be requested to deal with such plans so far as regards drainage.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of July, 1897—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Dimmer, Griffith, and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

1---Advertisement in Railway Guides—A letter from Mr. Travis, was read, stating that two Guides were published for the L. & N.W. Railway Company, one for sale at the bookstalls, &c., and the other for private circulation by the Company, and expressing a presumption on his part that the advertisement which the Council had resolved to insert in the Guide was to be inserted in both Guides, making eight pages in all, at a cost of £40. Resolved, To inform Mr. Travis that the intention of the Council was only to advertise in the Guide of the L. & N.W. Railway Company, a copy of which was submitted by him to the Committee, they being quite unaware of this other one of which he now informs them, and that the Council see no reason to alter their decision.

2—Band Concerts, Montpellier Gardens-- Resolved, To continue the evening Band Concerts in the Montpellier Gardens during the summer months, and that it be left to the Chairman of the Committee and the Band Sub-Committee to make the necessary arrangements and attend to the details. 3—Kursaal and Municipal Buildings—The Chairman reported that as authorised by the Council he and the Town Clerk had engaged Mr. Robson, Q.C. and Mr. Mackenzie as Counsel to represent the Corporation at the Inquiry to be held by the Local Government Board with reference to the application to them to sanction Loans for these purposes.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of July, 1897.—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cypher, Cooper, and Griffith (Councillor Griffith in the chair).

4—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

5--Kursaal and Municipal Buildings—Mr. Robson attended this Meeting of the Committee. The following Tenders for the erection of these Buildings, being all that had been sent in in response to the Advertisement, were opened, and found to be as follows:—

	A Municipal Buildings.	B Kursaal	C Winter Garden & Accessories	Total
John Bentley, Waltham Abbey.. ..	£24,269	£22,862	£4,249	£51,380
A. C. & S. Billings, Cheltenham	£22,129	—	—	--
Collins & Godfrey, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury ..	£21,350	£21,540	£4,400	£47,290
A. Estcourt & Son, Gloucester	£21,019	£21,341	£4,240	£46,600
Foster & Dicksee, Rugby	£24,663	£22,928	£4,264	£51,855
J. Norris & Sons, Sunningdale, Ascot	£24,800	£23,000	£4,700	£52,500
John Parnell & Son, Rugby .. .	£21,269	£21,202	£4,379	£46,850
John Thompson, Peterborough	£22,749	£21,985	£4,236	£48,970

Resolved, That a meeting of the Committee be convened for Friday next, at 11 a.m., and that Mr. Robson do in the meantime inform the Local Government Board of the amount of the Tenders, and deposit the plan of the drainage as requested by the Inspector.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 30th day of July, 1897—Present Alderman Drew; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Dimmer, and Griffith (Councillor Griffith in the chair)-

6-- Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

7-Kursaal and Municipal Offices—The Tenders for these Buildings were considered. Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Estcourt & Son, for the whole of the Buildings at £46,600 be accepted, subject to their sureties being approved and to their entering into a proper contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

8-Athletic Society--A letter from Mr. F. Wilks thanking the Council for waiving their claim for damage to the tree in Montpellier Gardens, and expressing regret for the damage done, was read.

9-Football Club---A letter from Mr. W. Sawyer thanking the Council for granting the use of the Montpellier Gardens for playing matches was read.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of July, 1897—Present Councillors Bence, Dimmer, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

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

2—Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 79 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 79 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 13,463,238 gallons. That on the 21st inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 27 feet, and the contents 74,900,739 gallons, which gave a total of 88,363,997 gallons, or about 88 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 246,826 gallons.

3—Registration of Plumbers—Letters from Messrs. R. R. Skemp, C. H. Rainger, E. Bourne, and Thomas Malvern, were read, with reference to the question of Registration of Plumbers. Resolved, That in future penalties be strictly enforced in cases of non-compliance with the Regulations of the Water Works Department with reference to laying on the water supply to houses, or making extensions or alterations in connection therewith.

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

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday., the 22nd day of July, 1897—Present Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Baker, Dimmer, Parsonage and Waghorne (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.	
1897 July 3rd " 15th Average..	15.76 candles 15.10 " 15.43 "	1897. July 15th and 16th	Grains per 100 cubic ft. 19.50

Resolved, To call the attention of the Gas Company to the inferior quality of the gas as regards both illuminating power and purity on the 15th instant.

2—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.3056 cubic feet.

3—Lamp Book — This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 1 metered and 11 unmetered, and 2 burning dimly.

4-Electric Inspector's Report —The Electric Inspector reported the results of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.

LOW PRESSURE CABLES:

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
July 16th	100 Volts	101.75 Volts.
July 21st	“	101.75 ”

5—Lighting of Winstonian Terrace and Suffolk Road and Square—With reference to the resolutions to Minutes No. 18 and 21 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To grant 3 lamps for Winstonian Terrace, and a 10ft. Guildhall Lamp for Suffolk Road and Square to be placed at the corner of Messrs. Yeandle's shop.

6—Conference of Municipal Electrical Association—The Chairman reported that he had attended this Conference recently held at Manchester.

7-- Painting of Arc Standards in Promenade—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Com-notice at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. Betteridge was read, stating that the man he employed was a labourer who assisted him, and that he did the principal work himself ; also one from Mr. Reay, alleging that the statement of Mr. Betteridge that he did the whole of the painting work himself was untrue, as he was only seen painting one standard himself after the complaint had been made, and that all the others were painted by two labourers. Resolved, To inform Mr. Betteridge that the Council intend to insist that all Contractors for work for them shall pay the standard rate of wages, and that non-observance of such requirement in future will not be overlooked.

8—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had continued to progress satisfactorily ; the recent extensions to the Electric Works were almost complete. That for private lighting the equivalent number of 8 candle-power lamps connected was 10,500, and the number to be connected very shortly 1,050 which corresponded to 179 customers and 9 customers waiting connection. There were also other intending customers, who had not sent in formal applications for supply. That for Street Lighting 55 arcs were in use, and 68 were to be connected ; also about 30 incandescence lamps.

That Mr. F. W. Hands, who enters into possession of Rowanleigh, Wellington Square, in September, had applied for electric supply to his house which he intended to have wired throughout. Supply could easily be given to Rowanleigh by means of a 200 volt main, laid along the East side of Clarence Square and part of the South side of Wellington Square, from the street transformer at the corner of Clarence Square; the cost of the extension would be £76.

That the provision of arc lighting in Lansdown Place and Queen's Road would complete the lighting by arcs of the main thoroughfare from the Midland Station to the town, and—like all street lighting—would provide a good customer for the Electric Works, and also a good advertisement in that district. He submitted alternative estimates for this work, as follows, viz.:—the one (a) providing 29 ordinary lamp-pillars, and the other (b) providing 4 ordinary lamp-pillars and 25 arches of the kind used in the Promenade. These arches would light Lansdown Place from the Gordon Lamp to Westal Green, and Queen's Road to the Midland Station Bridge, the remaining pillars being used where arches could not be placed.

Estimated cost (a)	£1,510
" " (b)	£1,970

He considered that scheme (b) would provide a finer display, but in view of the extra cost involved, he recommended scheme (a) at a cost of £1,510.

That there would be required for the winter load, 30-kilowatt transformers in Cambray and Queen's Circus Sub-stations, and a 15-kilowatt transformer for Suffolk Parade Sub-station. He recommended that one 15-kilowatt and three 30-kilowatt transformers be ordered for stock, and that two of the present 6-kilowatt transformers be re-wound to give 200 volts instead of 100 volts, the total cost of which will be £270 including the labour for putting them in place, as required, and the necessary earthing devices.

That in accordance with instructions he submitted below an estimate of the extensions required to enable the probable demand in the ensuing winter to be supplied. He estimated that the maximum demand would be from 400 to 450 kilowatts. to Provide which there was present plant capable of developing 360 kilowatts, allowing nothing for spares, which was very dangerous, and he recommended, therefore, provision of a 200-kilowatt steam alternator ; a battery of accumulators for exciting the alternators, lighting the works and driving the economiser motor ; two boilers of 350 horse power each in one battery ; and a larger condenser, complete with the necessary pumps—the last probably to be electrically driven. In addition to the foregoing there would be required additions to the Works buildings, comprising enlargements of the boiler house and the testing room, and provision of a battery room, new chimney and flue to same ; also foundations for the new plant. He did not consider that the new stack would be required till November, 1898, but he agreed with the Borough Surveyor that its foundations should be put in this Autumn.

That with reference to the extension of the condensing plant, he considered that this should be of such magnitude as to obviate the necessity for further extensions for a considerable time, which was advisable on economical grounds. Further, he was not satisfied that there could be obtained sufficient cooling water for a large condenser of their present type ; hence, if possible, he would prefer to hire a small condenser for use during this winter, and to investigate further the merits of

various evaporative condensers, a type of condenser he thought they would find it best to adopt in future. The amount he had put down in the estimate would cover provision of a large evaporative condenser complete with pumps, &c.

Estimated Cost of Plant :—

Two Boilers with Injectors, Valves and Pipes, erected complete ..	£1450 0 0
One Steam-Alternator with Resistance, Switch-board Panel and Connections, erected complete ..	£2700 0 0
One Battery of Accumulators with Resistances, Switch-board and Connections, erected complete	£ 800 0 0
One Condenser with Pumps, Valves and Pipes, erected complete..	<u>£1650 0 0</u>
	£6600 0 0

He had not estimated the cost of the building extensions, as this the Borough Surveyor would be better able to do, but he thought they would cost roughly about £3,000.

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That he was ready to issue the specification for the new Steam-Alternator, and he recommended that the Alternator be ordered from Messrs. Siemens Brothers, who would require 20 weeks for delivery, and that prices be obtained from them for the complete set with alternatively Belliss and Universal engines.

He had obtained a firm quotation from Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox for two boilers to be erected complete at the Works, at a cost of £1,260. They were prepared to guarantee completion of erection within three months from date of order, and the price he considered was an exceedingly moderate one.

The accumulators could be obtained within three months from date of order, and he recommended that invitations to tender be sent to all the best known makers ; the necessary specifications he could issue within a fortnight.

Resolved, That the extensions above-mentioned be carried out, and to adopt scheme (a) for the extension of the Arc lighting along Lansdown Place and Queen's Road, that the Alternator and Boilers be ordered at once ; that the suggestions, recommendations and proceedings of the Electrical Engineer, as mentioned above, be approved and adopted ; and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the money necessary to purchase what is required as above-mentioned, and to carry out the works specified amounting (inclusive of £4,300 for the building extensions as estimated by the Borough Surveyor) to the sum of £13,200.

9—Salary of Electrical Engineer's Chief Assistant---A letter from Mr. H. E. Soper, the Electrical Engineer's Chief Assistant, was read, asking for an increase of his salary to £150 a year, as he had been in his present position since May, 1894, and lately his duties and responsibility had been very much augmented. Resolved, That Mr. Soper's salary be increased to £130 per annum.

GEORGE NORMAN, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th day of July, 1897—Present : Alderman Lawrence ; Councillors Griffith, Lenthall, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

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

2 —Swine Fever—Superintendent McRae reported that a case of Swine Fever had broken out on the premises of Mr. Thomas Godwin, Corporation Allotments, Gardner's Lane, where there were four infected pigs, one of which died and the other three were slaughtered, and the carcasses cremated. He also reported that the Swine Fever regulations had been properly carried out, and the premises thoroughly cleansed.

3—Muzzling Order—Superintendent McRae reported that 21 persons had been fined for offences against the Muzzling Order ; 29 unmuzzled dogs had been seized by the police, 17 had been owned and 12 destroyed. That 12s had been paid by owners of dogs detained at the Police Station towards their keep, and that 13 muzzles had been found in the streets and brought to the Police Station.

4—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called out to a fire at the Original Brewery on June 27th, which caused the destruction of the principal buildings, plant, and machinery, the damage being estimated at from £50,000 to £70,000. The account of the extinguishing expenses, amounting to £16 10s. 6d., had been sent into the Royal Insurance Office, in which the buildings were insured. That on June 28th the Brigade was called out to a fire at No. 2, North Parade, which caused damage estimated at £50. The account of the extinguishing expenses, amounting to £3 2s. 0d., had been sent into the Phoenix Fire Office, in which the building was insured. That on July 3rd the Brigade was called out to a second outbreak at the Original Brewery, causing damage estimated at about £10. The account of the extinguishing expenses, amounting to £3 17s. 6d., had been sent into the Royal Insurance Office.

5 -Steam Fire Engine—A letter was read from Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co., Hydraulic Engineers, stating the advantages to be derived from a steam fire engine even where the quantity of water is small, and that they had received an offer from the Stroud Volunteer Fire Brigade, to which they had lately supplied one of their improved double cylinder steam fire engines, to test it in Cheltenham, and that if such proposal would be favourably entertained by the Council, they would be pleased to arrange for the trial to take place at any time convenient on receipt of a week's notice. Resolved, To thank the Stroud Brigade through Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co. for their offer, but as the Council do not propose to provide a steam fire engine for Cheltenham, they consider it unnecessary to avail themselves of it.

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6—Drivers Licenses—Applications for drivers' licenses were received from William Peart, of No. 3, St. Philip's Terrace, Charles Piper, No. 23, Naunton Crescent, George Williams, 12, Commercial Street, William Dymond, 7, Tivoli Terrace, William T. Tapp, 312, High Street, James Finch, 12, Moreton Terrace, Charlton Kings, and Edward Fricker, 2, Andover Retreat. Resolved, That these applications be granted.

7—Holidays of Street Inspector—Inspector Young applied for 14 days leave of absence in August. Resolved, The Committee being satisfied with the arrangements made by Mr. Young for the performance of his duties in his absence, that his application be granted.

8—Bath Chair License—A letter was read from Mr. E. Sabin, of No. 24, Suffolk Parade, requesting leave to substitute another Bath Chair for the one passed on licensing day. Resolved, To grant the application, subject to the chair being produced for approval by the Committee.

9—Hackney Carriage and Omnibus Licenses—Applications for Landau Licenses were received from William Trinder, of Northfield Mews and from John Jones, of No. 2, Portland Place and Clarence Mews. Also from Josiah Jones, Junr., of No. 31, North Place, for an Omnibus License, and from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, Solicitors, on behalf of the Queen's and Plough Hotel Companies for licenses for their Hackney Carriages and Omnibuses to ply for hire in the streets. Resolved, That there being no vacancies and the Council having resolved not to increase the number of licensed carriages the applications cannot be acceded to, but that Messrs. Trinder, John Jones and Josiah Jones be informed that their names have been placed on the list of applicants awaiting vacancies in turn. A letter from Mr. W. P. Jones, Secretary of the Cabmen's Union, was read, stating that he was instructed to write on behalf of that body with a view to induce the Council to grant the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licenses for the following reasons, viz.

1. That any Proprietor who is desirous of selling his business as a going concern is not at present able to do so, as it is worth nothing without the licenses.
2. That the intending Proprietor should have been at least 5 years continuously in the Cab business, and in the event of purchasing should keep a special place to carry on the business.
3. That he should be a Cab Proprietor solely.
4. That a vendor of a business should only be allowed to transfer two licenses if he holds more, the others above that number to be retained by the Council until the number of licenses shall have been reduced to a maximum limit to be determined upon.
5. That no person or Company should in future be granted more than two licenses.
6. That licenses should only be granted to Cab Proprietors who carry on no other business.

Resolved, To adjourn the matter to the next meeting of the Committee to enable the members to fully consider the suggestions made in the meantime.

10- Allotment Land in East Ward —With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of May last, and the resolution thereto, a letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co was read, calling attention to the fact that the lease does not contain any provision permitting the removal of the turf under any circumstances, that it clearly did not belong to the Corporation, and requesting to be informed what was done with it. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Bubb & Co. that it was impossible to dig in the turf as there was nowhere on the land where this could be done, and therefore there was no alternative but to remove it altogether.

11-Infant Life Protection Act- An application was received from Mrs. Luck, widow, occupying a five-roomed house No. 13, Columbia Street, Fairview, to be registered to take in three or four nurse children. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application pending definite information from Mrs. Luck as to the maximum number of children she wishes to be registered for, and for inspection of the premises by the Medical Officer of Health and a report by him upon the matter generally; also that the Town Clerk be instructed to draft a Bye-law under the Act for fixing the number of infants to be received into houses in the Borough registered under the Act.

12 -Qualification and Election of Morn-mil—A letter from the Town Clerk, of Huddersfield, was read, stating that he was instructed to ask the Town Clerk to bring before the Council a resolution on the above subject, which had been unanimously passed by the Council of the County Borough of Huddersfield, as follows :—" That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable in " the best interests of all Municipal Boroughs, that every number of such Councils shall be directly responsible to and " elected by the Ratepayers, and that the necessary steps for securing that end be taken," and to invite an expression of opinion from the Corporation thereon, and to inquire whether they are prepared to co-operate with Huddersfield in securing such a reform relative to the Aldermanic bench, as is indicated above, and if so, then in what form the Council suggest steps should be taken to that end. Resolved, That the Council do not concur with the opinion of the Huddersfield Town Council, as expressed in their resolution, and are not prepared to co-operate with them in the manner suggested.

13- Fire Brigade Station—Resolved, That tenders be advertised for carrying out the proposed additions and alterations to the Fire Brigade Station.

14—Re-numbering of Dunalley Parade—Resolved, That this street be re-numbered in accordance with the plan laid before the Committee by the Borough Surveyor, and the requisite notices published.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of July, 1897—Present :—Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1--- Alstone Swimming Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of bathers for the season, up to and including the 14th inst., had been 10,840, and the receipts £98 17s. 1d.

Water Polo—Resolved, That Water Polo be not allowed except upon the production to the Caretaker, on each occasion, of a written application from the Secretary of the Water Polo Association on behalf of those wishing to play the game.

Changing Water—Resolved, That during the summer months until the end of August, the water be changed three times a week.

2-Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the following donors of bedding plants for this ground be thanked for their kind gifts, viz.: The Rev. J. Mugliston, Mrs. Creek, Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mr. J. Wood, Cambrian Nursery, Charlton Kings, Messrs. Amos & Workman, Tivoli Nursery, Mr. H. Carter, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Mayor, Naunton Park Terrace Nursery, and Mr. H. Young.

Bye-Laws—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to hasten the Local Government Board to approve of the draft Bye-Laws which have been submitted to them.

Gymnastic Bars- -Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have horizontal and vaulting bars erected similar to those at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

Cricket Pitch—A letter from the Rev. J. Mugliston was read, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to grant the Naunton Park Cricket Club a pitch in the Recreation Ground for their exclusive use, as he contended that this Club stood on a special footing, as the members of it all live close to Naunton Park and play there constantly, and it would be a great boon to the neighbourhood. Resolved, To inform Mr. Mugliston that the Council very much regret that they are unable to accede to his application as they have no power to grant the exclusive use of the Recreation Ground or any portion thereof to any particular section of the ratepayers.

3-Agg-Cardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr. A. C. White, Hon. Sec. of the Town Association Football Club, applying on behalf of his club for the same permission to use this ground for football during the coming season as was granted last year. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Flower Bed—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to fence off with Oak fencing a semi-circular piece of ground opposite the fountain and to plant same with flowers.

4-- Fishing in Chelt—Resolved, To offer the fishing rights of the Corporation in the Chelt from the Old Bath Road down to and inclusive of the Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground, to the two town Fishing Clubs at a rent of £1 1s. 0d. each per annum.

5 -Grove Street Recreation Ground—The draft agreement with the owners of this ground for its use by the Corporation as a Recreation Ground was laid before the Committee Resolved, That the same be approved subject to its being amended so as to empower the Council, if they think fit, to pull down the front wall to within 4-ft. of the ground, and to erect along the top of the remaining portion a 4-ft. iron railing.

Times for keeping open—Resolved, That this ground be kept open on week-days, other than school holidays, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from mid-day to 2 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., or sunset when the latter shall be earlier than 8.30 p.m. and on holidays and Sundays continuously from 8 a.m. ; also to pay the Caretaker, John Farmer, of No. 5, Grove Street, 7s per week for looking after the ground.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of July, 1897—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Lenthall, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-- Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that two scythes and two Dutch hoes were required. and that the lawn mower was in bad order and required sharpening. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain the Scythes and hoes and have the mower put into good order.

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2---Purchase of Crave Space M 1428-A letter from Mr. J. A. Probert was read, asking for a reduction of the purchase money of this grave space, as £1 2s. 6d. had been already paid for three interments which had been made therein. Resolved, To allow 15s off the purchase money of £2 15s. 6d in respect of the payments made for the last two interments.

3-Burial Fees of Sir A K. Lake-A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Cochrane, of the New Club, complaining that non-parishioner fees had been charged on the burial of Sir Atwell King Lake, as he had been a resident in Cheltenham for 12 years and had only left Cheltenham for London in November last. Resolved, To inform Mr. Cochrane that the proper fees were charged, as a person who has not resided in the Borough for twelve consecutive months immediately preceding his or her decease is deemed a " Non-Parishioner."

4-Wages of Cemetery Workmen-Resolved, That the workmen at the Cemetery be paid 18s each per week for a week of 54 hours, such hours to be apportioned to each day having regard to the work to be done ; also that an addition of 1s per week be paid to the man on duty on Saturday afternoons and to the man on duty on Sunday afternoons, such afternoons to be taken by the workmen in rotation.

5-Designs ---The following designs were examined and approved, viz., Headstone and Curbing to Susan Maria James; Headstones to Mary Louisa Chase, Matthew and Kate Potter Andrews, Ellen Reece, and John Pear.

6- Wages-The following account for wages was allowed :-

G. C. Pratley £15 10s. 0d.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th day of July, 1897-Present : Alderman Drew and Lawrence ; Councillors Cooper, Ll. Davies, Dimmer, and Parsonage (Alderman Lawrence in the chair)-

1--General District Rate -The Report of the Boroughs Accountant of date the 27th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £6,728 14s. 3d., leaving outstanding £8,070 2s. 2d.

2 -Water Rate -The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September, 1897, was read. Amount collected, £4,290 9s. 11d., leaving outstanding £5,354 6s. 7d.

3-Sinking and Loans Fund-Resolved, That the sum of £5,000 be invested with the Malvern Link Urban District Council at 3 per cent. £3,000 to be lent now and £2,000 some four or five months hence.

4-Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital-General District Rate-A letter was read from Mr. William Adlard, Vice-Chairman of the Committee of the Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, thanking this Committee and the Council for relieving the Institution from payment of the General District Rate.

5-Rate Collector-A letter was read from Mr. P. B. Loveridge, the Rate Collector, asking that in consideration of his having to collect the Electric Light accounts and the work of collection of the Rates having increased greatly, he should be placed on the same terms as other officials of the Corporation in respect of the provision of Clerks, the salaries of his three Clerks at present amounting to £1 19s. 0d. per week. Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

6-Corporation Stock-Resolved, That consideration of the question of a further issue of Corporation Stock be further adjourned.

7-Accounts -Tire 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 £6,008 10s. 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

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In hand on the 29th June last	2,494	6 9
Received since that date	<u>7,849</u>	<u>7 6</u>
	10,343	14 3
Paid since that date	<u>6,787</u>	<u>15 10</u>
In hand	3,555	18 5

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of July, 1897—Present : Councillors Ll. Davies and Parsonage ; The Baron de Ferrieres, Mr. Butler and Mr. Fisher (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair.)

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £8 13s. 0d. He reported that the issues showed a decrease on the corresponding month of last year, viz. :—
Reference Library 2 vols., and Lending Library 32 per day, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Trustees of the British Museum	6 vols	1 pamphlet
University Correspondence College	1 vol.	
Baron de Ferrieres	3 vols.	2 pamphlets
J. Sawyer	1 vol.	
G. Townsend		1 pamphlet

Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.

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

W. Jones, wages	£19 7 6
Cheltenham Corporation, Electric Energy	£10 0 0
W. Jones, Expenses of journey to London to attend Library Conference	£ 5 5 0
C. Westley, Newspapers and Periodicals	£ 1 17 1
Do. Books	£ 0 14 3
Do. Magazines	£ 3 8 3
Do. Newspapers and Periodicals	£12 15 5
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Printing and Stationery	£ 5 3 3
Cheltenham Gas, Light and Coke Co., Coke	£ 2 8 0
J. Tinkler, Cleaning Materials	£ 1 3 0
John J. Banks, Books	£ 0 10 6

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of July, 1897—Present The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Moles 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 39 schools, from which 681 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 47 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held six meetings ; and that 3 parents had been prosecuted, and 2 fined.

2-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses for Attendance Orders under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be issued in respect of Albert Wilson, back of No. 51, Rutland Street ; Frank Constance, No. 17, Corpus Street ; and William Stewart, Ivy Cottage, Cemetery Road ; and that summonses under the Bye-laws be issued against the parents of Frederick Webb, No. 12, Swindon Place, and Walter Neal, No. 2, Oxford Villas, High Street.

3-Attendance Officer's Holiday—Mr. Turner, the Chief Attendance Officer, applied for 14 days leave of absence. Resolved, That same be granted from Friday, 30th instant.

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 a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of October, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, 1897—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Folly Lane—The Committee met and proceeded to the Folly Lane where they met Mr. Thomas Smith, his Solicitor, Mr Mcllquham from Messrs. Ticehurst's offices, and Mr. E. L. Baylis, and viewed the road. The Committee heard what Mr. Smith and Mr. Baylis had to say, and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of September, 1897 — Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Mills, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

2-- The View—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz : Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Mills and Parsonage. Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a sign board had been put up without permission of the Council being first obtained, over the entrance to No. 7, St. James' Street, by Mr. W. Crowther. A letter from Mr. Crowther, was read, stating that the sign had only been put up temporarily, but asking permission to fix it permanently. Resolved, To grant permission upon the usual conditions, and subject to the sign being securely fixed.

A letter from Messrs. S. B. Dix & Co., was read, asking permission to fix a small lamp outside the premises of Mr. Humphrey, Chemist, in Hewlett Street. Resolved, To grant the permission subject to the usual conditions.

4- Gates at North-East End of Grosvenor Place, South --Resolved, To remove the posts, &c. of these gates, but to leave the centre enclosure and plant a tree therein,

5— Main Roads Contract—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft of a Contract with the County Council for the repair of the main roads within the Borough, from the 31st March, 1897, to the 31st March, 1898, which had been sent him by the Clerk to the County Council, from which it appeared that the County Council had fixed the sum to be paid to the Town Council at £1,500, but there was no clause binding the County Council to pay more than that sum in the event of more than £1,500 being expended on the roads, and the amount payable under it might be less, and he had amended it so as to apply to such sum or sums as should be actually expended. Resolved, To approve the same as amended by the Town Clerk, and in the event of the amendment being not acceptable to the County Council, that body be informed the Town Council will not enter into an agreement at all.

6—Borough Surveyor's Report re highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 28th August last to the 24th September instant, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—High Street, from the Fleece Hotel to Messrs. Dicks & Sons, 950 yards; Promenade, opposite the New Club—150 super yards ; Clarence street-2,934 super yards; Manchester Street—1,014 super yards ; St. James' Square-1,834 super yards.

Patching—Sandford Road, St. Luke's Road, Leckhampton Lane, All Saints' Road, Clarence Street, Fairview Street, Albion Street, Hewlett Street, High Street, Grafton Road, Norwood Street, Suffolk Parade, Suffolk Square, Painswick Road, Park Place, Bath Road.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Queen's Circus---680 super yards; Promenade-7,667 super yards.

Repaired with Tar Macadam—High Street, opposite the Grammar School-934 super yards ; Footpath back of Clarence Road repaired with fine asphalte-280 yards.

The footpath in the Gloucester Road between the Midland Hotel and the Lansdown Castle was being laid with concrete flags under the agreement with the County Connell.

A new crossing had been laid with McDougall's bricks in the Hewlett Road

The path along the side of the Gas Works in Gloucester Road was being laid with concrete flags at the cost of the Gas Company. Paving, Kerbing, Crossing and Channelling had been repaired in :—St. George's Street ; Dunalley Parade ; Hewlett Street ; Malvern Road ; Gloucester Road ; Lansdown Crescent ; High Street ; Roman Road ; Albert Street ; Larput Place.

Gullies had been repaired in Montpellier Walk and Dunalley Parade

Trees had been pruned in Hewlett Road, The Park, and Promenade.

Private Improvement Works had been finished in Regent Street, and were in hand in St. Margaret's Road. Ashes Collected—Van loads, 871. Consumed at Destructor, 805 tons 7 cwt. 2 qrs.

7—Footpath in Roman Road—Resolved, That this footpath be repaired with the paving removed from St. George's Road.

8—Road at back of Alstone Place - A Letter from Mr. G. Moulder was read, calling attention to the bad state of this road. Resolved, "chat the same be repaired with clinker.

9—Footpath in Queen's Road gear Midland Railway Station—Resolved, To adjourn consideration as to the repair of this footpath.

10—Pathway in Lansdown goad—Resolved, That this pathway be gravelled.

11—Monson Avenue—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 pathway along Monson Avenue into repair. That a crossing be laid down from the end of Monson Avenue to the Wellesley Road, and that three other name plates be fixed.

12 —Watering of Thirlestaine Road—Another Letter from Col. Miles was read, specifying the occasions upon which he had observed this road being watered. Resolved, That the Council regret that Col. Miles has any cause to complain of the insufficient watering of this road, and to inform him that they have given instructions which they hope will obviate any further cause for complaint.

13--Paving in Albion Street—Letters from Mr. H. G. Margrett were read, one giving notice that he objected to any alteration in the plan and specification of the paving required to be done by the abutting owners on the South side of this street as approved by the Council, and objecting to any other carriage way than that now existing, and the other stating that he was strongly opposed to the granting of an application which he understood Mr. Roche had made for another carriage way into Hampton's Gardens, and trusting that the Committee would not recommend it. Resolved. To inform Mr. Margrett that no formal application for another crossing has been received from Mr. Roche. Further Resolved, That Mr. Roche be called upon to make good the present one which has been damaged by the passage of heavy traffic over it into his grounds.

14—Sydenham Roads—A Letter was read from Mr R. J. Webb, enquiring if there was any prospect of these roads being declared highways as they had been recently repaired and were in good condition. Resolved, To inform Mr. Webb that the paths must first be edged, channelled and paved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work to be done by the abutting owners to enable the Council to declare the roads highways.

15—Folly Lane—The Chairman reported that on the 14th inst. he and Alderman Haddon and Councillors Baker and Cypher met Mr. Smith and Mr. McIlquham, solicitor, from Messrs. Ticehurst's offices, to discuss what proportion of the expense of the

repairs of this road it was fair that Mr. Smith should pay, but no actual agreement had been come to
A Letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons was read proposing as a fair settlement—

1. That Mr. Smith should pay without further question the £74 17s. 8d. now assessed upon him but no interest thereon.

2. That the Corporation shall repair several weak places in the road, and that Mr. Smith shall pay the cost thereof amounting to about £10 or £15.

3. That the Corporation take over the road so far as the same abuts on Mr. Smith's land as a public highway and henceforth maintain the same and the existing pathway thereof at the public expense subject to the understanding that if and when Mr. Smith desires the road to be widened for building purposes he will have to give the necessary additional land and pay for the paving, bordering and channelling of footways on both sides in accordance with the requirements of the Corporation.

Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending further enquiry.

16—Path at East end of Rosehill Street —A letter from Mr. T. Fowler, agent for the Rev, A. Armitage, was read, asking the Council to forego their requirement with regard to making a path, &c., in front of his almost waste garden ground situate at the top of Rosehill Street. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to depart from their previous resolution.

17—Damage from Collision with Corporation Cart--A Letter from Mr. E. E. J. Mansfield, of the S.P.Q.R. Stores, Gloucester, was read, claiming compensation for damage caused by a Corporation cart drawn by a runaway horse which had been hired by the Corporation colliding with his trap and injuring it. Resolved, To inform Mr. Mansfield that as the Corporation are under no liability for the damage caused in this case, they regret they are unable to accede to his application and must refer him to the owner of the horse.

18--Stone Trough in St. George's Square—A letter was read from Mr. John McFee, asking that the stone water trough in St. George's Square should be removed. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the trough removed.

19—Coal Shute at No. 177, High Street--A letter was read from Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Limited, applying for permission to make an opening in the pavement in front of No. 177, High Street for a coal Shute. Resolved, To accede to the application subject to the covering being constructed of Hayward's prismatic lights.

20—Trees opposite Greville House—Letters from Miss Hamilton were read, asking the Council to have the trees opposite her house cut back, and one removed. Resolved, That the Council see no reason to alter their previous decision.

21- Road from St. James' Square to New Street--Resolved, That the G.W. Railway Co. be asked to give up sufficient ground to widen this road throughout into New Street, and that the Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the abutting owners to put into a proper state of repair that part of the road which extends from the Burton Brewery to Knapp House.

22-Seat and Footpath near No. 1, Moorend Park Lawn —A letter from Mrs. Maitland Reid was read, asking to have the seat outside her house removed, as it was an unmitigated nuisance, and also calling attention to the state of the footpath just beyond the seat. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to the application to alter the seat, but to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the footpath repaired.

23-Seat in St. George's Road near Western Road—A letter was read from Mr. John Goodwin, complaining that the seat close to Hughenden, Western Road, was a nuisance. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to procure a sample of a seat of a different pattern.

24—Suffolk Road Improvement—A letter was read from Mr. H. B. Wade, stating that he would advise his clients to accept an offer of £1,000, for the reversion of the strip of land proposed to be taken by the Corporation to re-instate walls, buildings, and fences to the satisfaction of the Surveyor of the owners. Resolved, To inform Mr. Wade that the amount suggested is far too much, and the Council hope his clients will re-consider the matter.

25—New Workshop at House adjoining No. 10, North Place—A letter from Mr. Boswell, was read, complaining that plans had been approved for the erection of a workshop next to No. 10, North Place, whereas his Plans for stables at the back had been disapproved, as he was told he had no power to build business premises there, and asking why the party who bought the house adjoining his should be allowed to erect a workshop. Resolved, To inform Mr. Boswell his plans were rejected not because they were for business premises, but because they showed a projection beyond the front main wall of the buildings on either side ; that Mr. Rodway's plans conform to the building line set out by the Council subsequently to the time when his (Mr. Boswells) plans were submitted, and that if he now wishes to build he can come out to the same line.

26—Portico over Entrance to Corn Exchange—A letter from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Farmers' Club Roost Company, was read, asking permission to erect a light portico or shelter at the entrance of the Corn Exchange, so as to provide store advertising space and for shelter in bad weather. Resolved, That the applications cannot be acceded to.

27-- Paving in Princes Street—Resolved, That this paving be repaired.

28—Advertising Boards over Footway at Hampton's Gardens —Resolved, That the Street Inspector be instructed to give notice requiring these boards to be removed.

29--Park Street—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a specification, dated the 27th instant, of the repairs required to be done to this road, amounting to £544 16s. 0d. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Finance Committee be requested to make arrangements to borrow the money. Further, Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Sheppard to require him to alter the doors of the entrance to his stable in accordance with the requirements of the Byelaws.

30-Rosehill Street —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Specification, dated the 27th inst., of the repairs required to be done to the portion of this street which is a highway amounting to £204 8s. 5d. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Finance Committee be requested to make arrangements to borrow the money.

31-Sherborne Street -The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Specification, dated the 27th inst., of the repairs required to be done to this street amounting to £232 11s 11d. Resolved. That the same be approved, and that the cost be out of revenue.

32—Queen's Retreat--A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 27th day of September, 1897, 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 given under Section 10 of the Public Health Act 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the part.; of the said street, requiring to be severed. levelled, paved, metalled. flagged, channelled, or made good; requiring them to do the specified Works within 25 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.

33—Carriage ways in Footpath opposite Beaufort Arms, London Road --The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan and specification for the construction of sufficient crossings in this footpath to form a communication for horses or vehicles across the footway, so as to afford access from the street to the entrance to the Beaufort Arms Inn and to other on the North side of the footpath to which access by vehicles is required. Resolved. That the abutting owners be given notice to construct the crossings in accordance with the plan and specification within 28 days. and in default of compliance with the notice that proceedings under Sec. 41 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act. 1889, be taken to recover penalties for permitting the use of such communication without having constructed such crossings.

34—Notices of Danger from Electric Cables in opening Roads—Resolved. That Notices be sent to all Builders and Plumbers in the town, calling attention to the serious risk of shock from the electric cables run by workmen opening the roads without having given notice, and obtained proper advice and superintendence from the Electric Light Department

35—Approval of Plans—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting date the 9th of August last. referred back to this Committee by the Council. Resolved. To revert to the resolution to Minute No. 21 of the 23rd of July last so far as it was decided as follows, viz., that an interim meeting of the Committee be held each month on the Monday after the Council Meeting, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. to examine such plans as have been received, so that if any plan is found not to be in order it may be returned in time to be amended against the Monthly Meeting of the Committee.

36—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
952	Governors of the Delancey Fever Hospital	Cottage and Stables in Pilley Lane, Leckhampton.

954	Andrew Page	Two Houses at Harp Hill
955	Thos. Tarling	House in the Gloucester Road.
956	H. H. Martyn	Workshops in High Street, adjoining Swan Hotel.
957	Mr. Walkley	Shop and Dwelling House next to Moorend Post Office.
958	T. Harvey	Additions and alterations to premises next to Coffee Tavern opposite Mr. Maule's.
959	Board of Guardians	New Corridor between the two Hospitals at the Workhouse
960	N. Bloodworth	Office in Chester Walk.

Resolved. That Nos. 957, 954, 957, and 958 be disapproved ; that No 956 be approved subject to the drain under the house being constructed of cast iron pipes with lead joints and that Nos. 955, 959 and 960 be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of September, 1897—Present: Alderman Norman: Councillors Bence, 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 Enteric Fever, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 13.

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2-Houses without a proper Water Supply, viz.--Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Arle Terrace—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor the above premises were without a proper supply of water, 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 and that the Water Committee be requested to extend the main so as to enable the owners to lay on the Town water to the houses.

3-Nuisance from Drains &c.at Nos. 1 to 6, Montpellier Retreat, Nos. 40, 41, 42, and 45, Montpellier Villas, No. 34, Albert Street, St Paul's, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Orchard Cottages, Swindon Road, Spring Cottage, back of No 44, Albert Street, St. Paul's, and Nos. 13 and 42 Hungerford 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-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.

5-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits 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 movable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of .hat where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

6-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 4 and 6, Norwood Road, Nos. 1 and 2, Montpellier Retreat, Nos. 21 & 22, Hungerford Street and No. 2, Wakefield Court — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

7-Insanitary Houses, viz.- No. 2, 4, & 6, Railway Buildings Norwood Place--The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates, owing to defective walls, roofs, &c. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises were in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

8-Soup Kitchen, New Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the roof of this property was very defective and the water from it poured into an adjacent ashpit, and cause a nuisance. Resolved, To call the attention of the Hon. Secretary of the Poor Relief Committee to this report, and to request him to have the necessary work done to the premises to remedy the cause of complaint.

9-House without sufficient Closet Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the cottage belonging to Inholmes Hall) had no sufficient closet. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owner requiring him or her to provide a sufficient seater closet, earth-closet or privy.

10-Wells at Nos. 1, 2, & £ Orchard Cottages. Maidenhorn, Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 25,26, 37, 38 & 40, Hungerford Street, and Summer Cottage, Hungerford Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for

11-Market Street Sewer-The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary to extend the sewer in this street. Resolved, ng up a report as to the cost, &c.

12-Claim for Compensation from Mr. Burrows-- With reference to Minute No 23 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the tier was read from Mr. A. H. Smith, Solicitor for Mr. Burrows, setting

out the grounds of his client's claim for compensation the injury sustained by him from the accident caused to him and his horse owing to the insecure manner in which the Corporation workmen covered over an excavation in the lane at the back of Trinity Schools, and claiming the sum of £20. Resolved, To offer £10 in full discharge without prejudice.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of September, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Griffith, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (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, 15 cases of Scarlet Fever ; That 15 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 20.

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14--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 49, Rutland Street, and No. 2, St. Philip's 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.

15—Overcrowding at Nos. 4, & 6, Barnard'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.

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 Limewashing at Nos. 2, 4, 6, & 9, Barnard's Row, No. 57, Duke Street, and Not 2, 4, & 5, 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.

19—house in Dangerous Condition—No 57, Worcester Street—With reference to Minutes No. 16 and 24 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 12th May, 1893, and the 24th January, 1897, the Medical Officer of Health reported that this dwelling house had not been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps had not been taken with all due diligence to render it so fit, Resolved, That the Committee being of opinion that the continuance of the house is dangerous to the health of the public or of the inhabitants of the neighbouring dwelling houses, it is expedient to order the demolition of the building, and that notice of this resolution be served on the owner of the dwelling house, specifying therein that further consideration of such resolution will take place at the Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, on the 10th of November, 1897, at 11.15 a.m.

20-Salary of H. J. Morgan —A letter was read from H. J. Morgan, clerk in the Health Department, applying for an increase of his salary from 10s to 15s per week. Resolved, That the application be granted, the increase to date from the 4th proximo.

21-Exposure of Person suffering from Infectious Disease—The Medical Officer reported that three children, Rosa, Mabel, and Alfred Maisey, of No. 60, Duke Street, had been notified as suffering from Scarlet Fever, and that on his going to the house he had found the child, Rosa, who was in the advanced peeling stage of the disease was playing in the street with other children, although the parents had been told by the medical man who had notified the cases that she must be kept isolated with the other two. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings against the father under the Notification of Infectious Diseases Act, if in his opinion the evidence is sufficient to prove he was aware that the child was suffering from infectious disease.

22-Expense of Treatment of Mr. C. H. Charles, in Delancey Hospital—A letter was read from Mr. Charles, of No. 7, Marle Hill Road, asking to be excused payment of the expense of his treatment in the Delancey Hospital on the ground of his poverty. Resolved, To recommend the Finance Committee to excuse the payment.

23-Insanitary Property—No. 25, Jersey Street, and Cottage behind, and Nos. 4, 6, & 9, Barnard's Row—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective floors, roofs, walls, &c. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

24 --Claim for Compensation for being sent to Hospital —A letter was read from Mr Arthur Lamb, Solicitor for Mr. W. Vincent, of the Langholme Stables, Hatherley road, claiming £10 compensation owing to his son having been sent to the Delancey Hospital, although he was not suffering from any infectious disorder, and for damage caused by disinfection of his house and certain clothing therein.

Resolved, To inform Mr. Lamb that there is no liability on the part of the Council as the case was notified to the Medical Officer of Health by a Medical Practitioner as a case of Scarlet Fever.

25-Urinal near Midland Railway Station — Letters were read from Mr. John Sims, of Glenroy, St. Mark's, and owner of property opposite the Cab Stand at the Midland Railway Station, Mr. Harry Smith, of No. 1, Queen's Buildings. and Mr. J. W. Cox. of Queensland Bakery ; also a Memorial from the latter and 56 others, protesting against the proposal to place a urinal between the Cab Stand and the Gloucester Road.

The committee having paid a visit of inspection and having viewed various sites near the Midland Railway Station. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to report as to the power of the Council to erect the proposed urinal on the site between the bridge over the Great Western Railway on the south side of the road, and the entrance to the Midland Railway Station.

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26 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 so far as regards drainage.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of September, 1897—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Lenthall, Margrett, and Skillicorne (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

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

2—Winter Garden— The Borough Surveyor reported that the pits were being filled and that he had received a quotation from Messrs. Benetfink & Co. to supply Roller Skates with plain bearings at 5s 6d the pair, and with ball bearings at 5s 6d the pair. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to order 35 pairs of the skates with plain bearings and 55 pairs with ball bearings at the prices mentioned, and to put in a yard gully at the foot of each down pipe and an intercepting trap in the drain inside the grounds by the Caretaker's house.

Sub-Committee— Resolved, To appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Baker, Bence and Margrett, to supervise the carrying out of the instructions given by the Committee to the Borough Surveyor, and to report to the Committee from time to time.

Painting of Railings—Tenders for painting the railings round the Winter Garden were received from the undermentioned contractors as follows, viz.

Mr. John Parslow..	£25 0 0
Mr. A H. Stone ..	£27 0 0

Mr. M. H. Reay	£35 7 6
Messrs. Eggleton & Co	£45 0 0 ..
Mr. W. C. Channon	£53 0 0
Mr. Jas. Heaven ..	£80 0 0
Mr. W. Betteridge	£103 0 0

Resolved, To accept the Tender of Mr. Parslow at £25.

Bazaar—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, a further letter from the Rev. A. Miller was read stating that the Bazaar which was proposed to be held on the 4th and 5th of November was for the purpose of raising funds for home and foreign work. Resolved, That having regard to the Bazaar being for a charitable object Mr. Miller be informed the charge will be fixed at the reduced amount of £20 inclusive of lighting by electricity but not of heating, that possession will be allowed on the 3rd and everything must be cleared out on the 6th, but that no fireworks can be permitted.

Entertainment in aid of Funds for the Life-Boat Institution—A Letter from Messrs. Maisey and Murphy was read, asking upon terms they could hire the Winter Gardens for the evening of Oct. 16th to give a Minstrel Entertainment in aid of the funds of the Lifeboat Institution. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to comply with a request made to a member of the Committee to grant the use of the garden without charge, but having regard to the object of the proposed entertainment the charge be fixed at £3 for the use of the garden from 5 to 10 p.m. to include lighting by electricity and the services of the band if desired but not heating.

Lighting—Resolved, To apply to the Electrical Engineer to lay on the electric current from the mains as soon as possible to make arrangements for the installation of 7 arc lamps to be fixed inside the building, 2 lamps in each of the North and South transepts, one in each of the East and West transepts, and one under the dome, and two outside, one over the entrance doors and one over the turnstiles.

Applications for Employment—Letters were read from Mr. C. W. Cailles, of the Royal Marine Artillery, and from Mr. J. F. Starter, of No. 5, Wellington Grove, applying for employment as money takers or other work of a similar nature. Resolved, 'Co inform the applicants that at present the Council are not in want of service of the character indicated.

Advertising-Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to insert an advertisement in all the local papers informing the public that on the 4th proximo the Town Band will for one month play three times each day in the Winter Garden from 10.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2.45 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and that the charges for entrance will be morning and Afternoon two pence, and evening one penny: that skating may be enjoyed at any time at a charge for skates for a period not exceeding two hours at a time of 6d. for skates with plain bearings and 1s for those with ball bearings; and that the gardens will be opened Monday, the 27th Inst., for one week free.

From 3-dvertising in Steamship Companies' Cold.. A Letter was read the International Advertising Agency quoting a price for an advertisement of the town In the 15 Guides published by them. Resolved, That consideration of this matter be adjourned.

4- Cheltenham Illustrated Resolved, That consideration of the question of the distribution of the copies of this publication which had been purchased by the Council and rebound, be adjourned.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of September, 1897--Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, M. Davis, and Margrett (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

5—Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

6— Winter Garden—The Sub-Committee reported that the hedge had been grubbed up ; also all the fruit and other trees, excepting four which they considered should be allowed to remain ; That the water in the holes had been pumped out, the holes filled up, and the windows cleaned ; That the grass had been mown, the paths cleaned, and the closets repaired ; That the electric service had been laid, and that the painting of the railings had been commenced.

A letter was read from Messrs. Maisey & Murphy, thanking the Committee for the liberal manner in which their application for the use of the Winter Garden on October 16th had been met.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Hall, Secretary of the Town Band, agreeing to the terms upon which it had been decided to employ the services of the Town Band for one month from the 4th proximo.

Outside Electric Lamps—Resolved, That instead of placing one lamp over the entrance doors and another over the turnstiles, the two lamps be placed opposite each other, one on each side of the path, midway from the turnstiles to the entrance doors, as suggested by the Electrical Engineer.

Manager—A letter from Mr. Walter Scott, of Durham Villa, Charlton Kings, was read, offering his services as Manager for the Season at a moderate salary Resolved, To inform Mr. Scott that the Committee do not at present require a Manager.

Cottage--Resolved, That the Cottage and buildings adjoining be pulled down.

Inclosure of Road on East side of Winter Garden—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a plan for stopping up the whole or part of the carriage road and footpath in Imperial Square, co-extensive with and adjoining the ground of the Winter Garden on the East side.

7-Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Mr. R. H. Smith, Assistant Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Life-Boat Saturday Fund, asking permission to use the Montpellier Gardens on the 16th proximo at 3 o'clock for the purpose of starting the proposed procession therefrom in connection with the coming Life-Boat Saturday Demonstration ; also one from the Town Clerk in reply that the Council are unable to accede to the request as the Gardens are let to the Football Club

on that and other Saturdays. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that it be suggested to the applicants that the procession should be formed up in the road on the East side of the Winter Garden.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 10th day of September, 1897—Present Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lenthall, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Water Supply to Alma Villa and Coldpool Farm —Apperley—The Town Clerk reported, that as instructed, he had commenced proceedings against Mr. Edward Apperley, Alma Villa, and that at the latter's request the hearing had been adjourned to Thursday next, the 16th instant, and that Mr. Apperley had given him to understand that he would agree to any reasonable proposal the Committee might make with a view to the withdrawal of the summonses. Resolved, That on payment by Mr. Apperley of the sum of together with all costs, and the sum of £6 17s. 6d. due in respect of water supply to Alma Villa to the 25th March last, the Town Clerk might withdraw the summonses.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of September, 1897—Present Councillors Bence, M. Davis, L. Davies, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)-

2—Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 22nd inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 64 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 8,292,030 gallons. That on the 22nd inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 20 feet 7 inches and the contents 47,019,563 gallons, which gave a total of 55,311,593 gallons, or about 63 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 491,308 gallons.

The cost of extending the water main from near Hatherley Schools to the Reddings would be about £300, upon which a minimum return of £30 per annum would be required.

The supply of water to Haydon Knoll Farm and the cottages in the immediate neighbourhood of Haydon Green had recently failed, and was usually in an insufficient state for ordinary supply. The necessary extension of the main would cost about £190.

The time had arrived for the renewal of the waterworks men's uniforms, and he had obtained a price from Messrs. T. S. Bastin & Sons, who supplied them last year, at £3 2s 3d. per suit, including cap ;

and that the question had arisen with regard to the weight of pipes to be used in houses, more especially between the tanks and baths. The schedule only contained two weights of pipes, viz : the standard capable of carrying 300 feet head, and for light pipe used for warning pipes. He considered a medium weight might be allowed in some instances, and suggested that it should be restricted to those places where the pipe is entirely in the house and above the ground floor, that it should not be fixed directly against the outside wall, and that the lighter weight should only apply to pipes of inch and 1 inch in diameter. The weights he suggested were, not exceeding inch in diameter, 9 lbs. per yard ; not exceeding 1 inch in diameter, 12 lbs. per yard ; and not exceeding 1 ¼ inches in diameter, 16 lbs. per yard.

Resolved, That if the Rural District Council will guarantee a return of not less than 10 per cent. per annum on the outlay which would amount to about £30, that the extension to the Reddings be carried out. That the extension of the main to supply Haydon Knoll Farm and the cottages be carried out, the requisite return of 10 per cent to be paid so far as deficient out of the rent from the farm. That the tender of Messrs. Bastin & Sons, for the men's uniforms be accepted. That the suggestions of the Water Engineer as to the weight of the pipes, not directly connected with any pipe or pipes from the main, to be placed in houses, be approved and adopted, and that the regulations be varied accordingly.

3 —Water supply to Alma Villa—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Apperley had paid the £5 and costs which the Committee had decided at the last meeting to call upon him to pay, and that as instructed the summons had thereupon been withdrawn ; he had, however, given Mr. Apperley a fortnight within which to pay the arrears of the water rate. Resolved, To approve the action of the Town Clerk.

4—Tewkesbury Water Motor Rents—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury informing him that if his Committee cannot arrange to have the proposed conference with this Committee without further delay, proceedings will be shortly taken to recover the amount claimed to be due from the Tewkesbury Town Council to the Cheltenham Town Council.

5---Tewkesbury Poor Rate Assessments—The Town Clerk reported that the assessments to the Poor Rate which had been recently made on the water mains belonging to the Council in parishes within the district of the Tewkesbury Poor Law Union were not open to objection, except that as regards the assessment on the Waterworks within the Parish of Tewkesbury which had been considerably increased, he had thought it advisable to give notice of appeal. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved.

6-Water Charges to the Workhouse—A letter was read from the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Guardians asking that an abatement should be made in the charge made by the Council to the Guardians for the water supply to the Workhouse. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up an estimate of the cost of laying on the Severn water supply to the Workhouse.

7—Arrears of Water Rates—The Collector presented a list of Water Rates in arrear, and the Chairman having offered to go through the list with the Collector and report thereon to the Committee. Resolved, That his offer be accepted with the thanks of the Committee.

8—Dowdeswell Pike—The Borough Engineer reported that this Pike, which was sent to the Imperial Institute for the Yachting and Fisheries Exhibition, had been returned very badly damaged ; that he had obtained an estimate of the cost of restoring it to its original condition amounting to £3 10s., to which must be added the cost of packing and case amounting to 7s. 2d. A letter from the Town Clerk was read, to the Assistant Secretary of the Institute, making a claim for payment of these amounts, and also one in reply from him stating that he had written to the Insurance Co., asking them to settle the claim of £3 10s. for the cost of restoring the Pike

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

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of September, 1897—Present: Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Baker, Parsonage and Waghorne (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.

1897 Sept. 18th..	17.29 candles	1897. Sept. 18th and 19th	Grains per 100 cubic ft. 12.48
" 21st Average..	16.23 " 16.76 "		

2—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4'245 cubic feet.

3—Lamp Book — This Book was produced and examined Lamps extinguished, 6 metered and 14 unmetered.

4—Inferiority of Gas on the 15th of July—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, enclosing copy of a resolution of the Directors of the Gas Company, with reference to the resolution of this Committee calling their attention to the inferiority of the Gas on the 15th July last, and the resolution which was as follows, was read, viz :—That the Council be respectfully assured that the

matters adverted to shall at all times receive the careful attention of the Company, and that no effort shall be spared to maintain the quality of the Gas within the prescribed standard.

5 - Lighting of Naunton Crescent—A letter was read from Mr. T. K. Little, on behalf of the inhabitants of Naunton Crescent and neighbourhood, thanking the Council for their decision as regards the better lighting of this Crescent.

6-- Electric Inspector's Report—The Electric Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz. :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

Date. Legal Standard. Test at Manchester Street.

Sept. 18th.... 100 Volts 100 Volts

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7 -Electric Lighting Loan—A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, with which was enclosed the sanction of the Board to borrow 44,765 for purposes of Electric lighting. Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to make the necessary arrangements to obtain the loan.

8—lighting of Bath Road by Electricity—A Memorial from the Rev. J. Mugliston and 63 other residents in the Bath Road, was read, petitioning the Council to light the Bath Road with the Electric light. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the lighting of this road with Electric light has not been overlooked, but delay has been caused by the decision to light the road with arcs instead of incandescent lamps as at first decided upon, and that the work will be done in due course, but it is not correct to say that it was stated in the Council that the Bath Road was to be the first portion of the Town publicly lit by Electric light.

9 - Extension of Main to Dowdeswell Court—A Letter from Mr. Unwin, the Lessee of Dowdeswell Court, was read, asking upon what terms the Council would extend the electric main so as to supply current to Dowdeswell Court. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a reply pending information from the Board of Trade as to the powers of the Council to lay a main outside their area.

10-Incandescent Lamp Pillars -The following tenders were received for the supply of these pillars, viz. :—

McDowall Steven & Co., Limited ..	£4 12 6 each
Hardy & Padmore, Limited ..	£3 3 0 each

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Hardy & Padmore, Limited, be accepted.

11-- Lighting of Town Clock—Resolved, To have the Town Clock lighted by two incandescent lamps placed on the cornice of the building, one on each side of the clock, and that the Electrical Engineer be authorised to get the work done.

12—Salary of Collector—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting, Resolved, That Mr. Loveridge be relieved of the collection of the electric light charges, and that the same be undertaken by the Electric Light Department.

13- Gas Lamps, Lower High Street—Resolved, To request the Gas Company to cease lighting after this day the 25 gas lamps in Lower High Street which have been replaced by electric arcs.

14- Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that satisfactory progress was being made with the extensions to the works buildings and to the mains.

That for private supply the equivalent number of 8-candle power lamps connected was approximately 11,700, and the number to be connected shortly 1,300, which corresponded to 188 customers and 16 intending customers : that for street lighting the number of arcs in regular use was 64.

That small extensions to supply Mr. Shinner, of 3, Osborne Villas ; Gen. Colliss, of The Beeches ; The Fleece and the Original Brewery were required, the cost of which would be £137. That the cost of wiring the new offices would be about £20.

That he had carefully considered the question of how best to provide the necessary additional condensing plant for the Electric Works and now recommended acceptance of Messrs. Korting Bros.' tender for one of their " Ejector" condensers complete with pumps, pipes and water cooling apparatus at £1200, subject to small modifications to be arranged by him with Messrs. Korting Bros.

Resolved, That the extensions above mentioned be carried out and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the £137 necessary for carrying out the work and the £20 required for the wiring of the new offices; that the condensing plant be ordered at once from Messrs. Korting Bros. ; and that the report and recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

15 - Street Gas Lighting—Resolved, To fix one lamp in the side street at the back of Dunalley Parade. To fix one 10ft. Guildhall lamp in Made Hill Parade at junction with Dunalley Parade in the centre of the open space, and re-arrange existing lamps so as to be at equal distances. To fix one lamp on a bracket on the end of No. 31, Marle Hill Road. To move one lamp to the opposite corner of Courtenay Street. To fix one new lamp between Courtenay Street and the entrance to Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. To move one lamp from the corner of Marle Hill Road to the north-west corner of Wellesley Road, and fix one new bracket lamp in Wellesley Road on the wall of the stable of " Glenmore " To fix two new lamps in Charlton Lane near the Delancey Hospital in the positions nose marked out, and to fix five new lamps in the Old Bath Road, and move two to the positions already marked out.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st day of September, 1897—Present: Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Margrett, Moles and Parsonage (Alderman Lawrence in the chair)—

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

2-Muzzling Order--Superintendent McRae reported that 41 persons had been proceeded against and fined for offences against the Muzzling Order, 22 unmuzzled dogs had been seized by the Police, 14 had been claimed, 8 destroyed, and 5s had been paid by owners of dogs claimed towards the expense of their keep.

3—Fire Brigade —The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 11th instant the Brigade was called out to a fire at No. 3, Chester Walk, and that the account of the extinguishing expenses would be sent in to the Insurance Office in which the building was insured. That on the 17th instant the Brigade was called out to a fire at Elmhurst, Suffolk Lawn, and that the account for the extinguishing expenses had been sent into the Insurance Offices in which the house was insured. Resolved, That an inspection of the Fire Brigade be held on Saturday, the 2nd proximo, at the Station at 3 o'clock, and that notice thereof be sent to each member of the Council.

4---Lease of Municipal Offices—The Town Clerk reported that the lease of the present Municipal Offices would expire on the 29th instant, and that the Lessors would be willing to continue to allow the premises to remain in the occupancy of the Council as yearly tenants at an increased rental of £15 a year, which would make a total of £250 a year, inclusive of the premises at No. 2, Church Street occupied by the Health and Electric Lighting Departments, or at the present rent if taken on a lease. Resolved, To offer to the Lessors to take the said premises at the present rental of £235 a year, on a lease for seven years, determinable at the end of the third year on payment of a premium of £50, or at the end of five years on payment of a premium of £25, subject to the Lessors agreeing to paint the outside of the premises facing the High Street.

5—Bye-law amending Hackney Carriage Bye-laws —A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which was forwarded a draft of Bye-laws which they had caused to be prepared to meet the wishes of the Town Council, to enable a carriage drawn by a horse over 14:1 hands to carry not exceeding five persons exclusive of the driver ; drawn by a horse or pony of 14 hands or more to carry not exceeding four persons exclusive of the driver ; and drawn by a pony under 14 hands to carry not exceeding three persons exclusive of the driver. Resolved, That the same be adopted, and that a print thereof be sealed and submitted to the Local Government Board for approval, after the requirements of Sec. 184 of the Public Health Act, 1875, have been complied with.

6—Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter was read from Mr. A. Fryer. of Park Mews, stating that he had completed the purchase of the business of Mr. Davies, of Painswick Mews, who had gone away from Cheltenham to Aston Cross, and applying to have the Landau License held by Mr. Davies transferred to him.

A letter from Mr. Cook, President of the Cabmen's Union, was read, stating that the Union had passed a resolution to ask the Council to transfer licenses without conditions. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that Mr. Fryer is a bona-fide purchaser of the business of Mr. Davies, as a going concern, his application be acceded to.

7—East Ward Allotments---A letter from Messrs. Pates & Sharpe, Florists, was read, enquiring what the Council would let them two chains of the Allotments land in Whaddon Lane for. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Pates & Sharpe that they can have the two chains they ask for at a rental of per chain per annum.

8—Registration under Infant Life Protection Act —With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To inform Mrs. Luck that the Local Authority appointed to carry out the provisions of this Act will from the 1st of January next be the Board of Guardians to whom she should give the notice required by the Act of 1897.

9—Insurance—A letter was read from the Fine Art and General Insurance Company, with which was enclosed a copy of their special scheme for the Insurance of Municipal Property, by which almost the entire profit was returned to the Policy holder, suggesting that the Council should insure the Corporation property with that Company.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of September, 1897—Present :
Councillors Baker, LI. Davies, Dighton, Lenthall, Mills, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1-Alstone Swimming Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of bathers for the season, up to and including the 18th inst., had been 19,602, and the receipts £180 9s. 0d. Resolved, That the Bath be closed on the 9th 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.

Conversion into Gymnasium—Resolved, That the Swimming Bath be converted into a Gymnasium for the winter months by covering it over with a proper floor and providing the requisite apparatus at an estimated cost for the whole of £250.

2Cleansing Baths--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee an amended plan for the extension of the building and construction of these Baths, as instructed at the last meeting of the Committee. Tenders for the same were received as follows, viz. :—

Messrs. Collins & Godfrey	£493 10 0
Messrs. C. Malvern & Sons	£502 12 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be accepted ; that application be made for sanction to borrow the sum of £800 to provide for this expenditure, and for the conversion of the Swimming Bath into a Gymnasium for the winter months, and to pay off the sum of £40 12s. 6d. which had been overdrawn at the Bank on Capital account to pay for the expenditure incurred in providing forced draught to the boilers.

3—Football at Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Letters were read from Mr. W. H. Trease, Hon. Secretary of the Crosby Football Club, and from Mr. S. H. Fox, of Messrs. John Lance & Co., Ltd., asking for permission for that Club to use the Naunton Park Recreation Ground for football for about two hours on twelve Saturdays during the season, for which they would be willing to pay a small rental. Resolved. To adjourn consideration of the application pending a view by the Committee of the Recreation Ground and of the unused portion of the Allotments ground at Whaddon Lane.

4- Football at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter from Mr. A. C. White, Hon. Secretary of the Town Association Football Club, was read, expressing the thanks of the Club for the permission granted to them to use this ground for their matches during the coming season.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of September, 1897—Present :
Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, Dighton, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair), --

5—Football at Naunton Park Recreation Ground -With reference to the application of Mr. W. H. Trease for permission for the Crosby Football Club to play football on this ground for about two hours on twelve Saturdays during the season, and the Committee having paid a visit of inspection to the ground, Resolved, That the application be granted.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of September, 1897 Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis, Moles, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that on Sunday, the 19th instant, the same person, Isabella Smith,

reported at the last meeting as having taken flowers, &c. from the Cemetery woe again caught there by P.C. Hodgetts picking flowers, &c. The Town Clerk reported that as instructed at the last meeting he had laid an information against the woman, but he had withdrawn it as she was found to be not responsible for her actions.

The Superintendent also reported that on Monday afternoon last he caught Mrs. Sarah King, of No. 22, Sherborne Place, taking flowers from various graves ; inn that the doors of the church had not yet been made to close properly. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to prevent Isabella Smith from entering into the Cemetery, and to turn her out if found there. That the Town Clerk, be instructed to prosecute Sarah King, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the church doors put right at once.

2-Opening of New Vault in St. Peter's Churchyard --With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter was read from the Rev. H. Orpen-Palmer, stating that the vault had been opened in ignorance of the regulation made by the Burial Board, and that he did not consider it consonant with equity that the Vicar of St. Peter's should have an occasional source of legally established income taken from him by a local regulation without reason, and that much of the ground in the churchyard had never been opened. The Town Clerk read a letter which he proposed to write in reply, to the effect that the regulations were made upon the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, but that the Burial Board would be prepared to consider any representation that might be made to them on the subject. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that special notice of the regulation be given to the Ministers of the Churches and Chapels affected thereby.

3—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz :—Headstones to Caroline Page and George Gilbert Newby. Memorial to Sampson Evans.

Wages—The following account for wages was allowed :—G. C. Pratley . £21 18 0

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th day of September, 1897— Present : Alderman Lawrence ; Councillors Cooper, Ll. Davies, Margrett, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Alderman Laurence in the chair)—

1-- General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £13,696 4s. 3d., leaving outstanding £1,102 12s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst. on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received, £8,639 1s. 6d., leaving outstanding £1,750 1s. 9d.

3-Electric Lighting Loans—Resolved, To borrow £8,130 from Lloyds Bank, for which sanction has been received from the Local Government Board for Electric Lighting purposes. Loan for Gloucester and Hall Road Sewers— Resolved, To borrow from Lloyds Bank £900, for which sanction of the Local Government Board has been received, to defray the cost of laying the sewers in the Gloucester and Hall Roads.

5-- Loss to the Borough of Nelson--A letter was read from the Borough Accountant of Nelson, offering on behalf of his Council to borrow from the Cheltenham Town Council the sum of £5,000 at 3 per cent. interest for ten years. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

6-Technical Education Grant--The Chairman reported that he had inspected the County Accounts, from which it appeared that the amount transferred by the County Council for the Technical Education Grants was £6,527 18s. 1d., of which Cheltenham receives £850.

The rateable value of the County in £1,724,336, and of this Union £307,769, being a proportion of 5.6, which divided into £6,528 gives the sum of £1,165 as being due to this Borough, or £315; more than has been actually granted by the County Council.

7-Holiday of the Borough Accountant - The Borough Accountant applied for leave to take three weeks holiday Resolved, That his application be granted.

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At this stage of the proceedings Alderman Lawrence vacated the chair, and Councillor Skillicorne was appointed Chairman for the remainder of the meeting).

1—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 £1,248 0s. 4d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurers Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balance found to be correct. The following was the General statement : _____

In hand on the 31st August last	£3,733 17 9
Received since that date	<u>£7,390 12 8</u>
	£11,124 10 5
Paid since that date	<u>£5,970 17 6</u>
In hand	£5,153 12 11

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, 1897—Present: Alderman Thoyts; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Dighton, Dimmer, Margrett, and Skillicorne (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Technical Education Grant—The letter from the President, Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer of the School of Art, asking for an increase of the grant from the Council, and setting forth the reasons and necessity for such increase, referred to this Committee, was read and considered. Resolved, To inform the Committee of the School of Art that this Committee greatly regret that with the present

grant made to the Council by the Committee for purposes of Technical Education of the County Council, this Committee is unable to recommend any increase of the grant to the School of Art at present, but that application will be made to the County Council for a further grant to which this Committee considers the Council is entitled.

Resolved also, That having regard to the total amount applied by the County Council to the purposes of Technical Education, the proportion payable to this Borough according to the respective rateable values of the County and this Borough as set forth in the basis for the County Rate should be at least £1,100 per annum, whereas the amount granted to this Borough has only been £850, and that application be made to the County Council for the difference. Resolved further, that a copy of the foregoing Resolutions, if approved by the Council, be sent to each of the Cheltenham representatives on the Counts, Council with a request to support the same.

N. B. THOYTS,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of September, 1897—Present :
Councillors Ll. Davies, Mills, Moles, and Parsonage ; The Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. P. J. F. Gantillon,
Capt. Welch, R.N., and Mr. C. Hall (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

1 --- Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report cat the Librarian was read. Receipts £6 10s. 10d. He reported that there had been an increase of 5 per day in the issues from the Reference Department, but a decrease of 28 in the Lending

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Department as compared with September last year. The decrease was chiefly in fiction. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month. viz :—

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
C. Fisher	1	
F. H. Cliffe	1	
Trustees of the British Museum		2
Vegetarian Society, Manchester	4	
Stubbs & Co	1	
J. Sawyer		1
J. Sims.	2	
Baron de Ferrieres	1	

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Newcastle-upon-Tyne and St Giles'

2—Rates on Library—The Town Clerk reported that he had at last obtained from the Registrar of Friendly Societies a Certificate entitling the Library to the benefit of 6 & 7 Victoria. cap. 36, exempting from County, Borough, Parochial and other Local Rates, lands and buildings occupied by

Scientific or Literary Societies. Resolved. To instruct the Town Clerk to appeal to the Assessment Committee to strike the Library of the Assessment list.

3—Library Rules—Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the rules as recently amended to meet the objections of the Registrar of Friendly Societies be printed.

4-Manufacture near School of Art—A letter from Mr. Millard. of the School of Art, was read, complaining that annoyance was caused by the manufacture of Worth's Patent Food, which was being carried on in a building behind the Library. Resolved. To inform Mr. Millard that the Committee have no power to interfere to prevent the manufacture unless it is an offensive trade. or one causing a nuisance, as to which the attention of the Public Health Committee will be given to it.

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

W. Jones, Wages £19 7 6

E. LL. Davies, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th day of September, 1897—Present :
The Mayor Alderman Haddon and Councillor Margrett (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 39 schools, from which 971 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. That the parents of 69 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees. who had held six meetings. That 5 parents had been prosecuted, and 2 fined. That Attendance Orders had been made against George Paget for the attendance at a school of his stepson William Stuart, and Benjamin Constance for the attendance of his son Frank Constance, but in neither case was the Order obeyed ; and that a similar order had been made against Elizabeth Wilson for the attendance at a school of her son Albert. Resolved, That proceedings for breach of the Orders be taken against George Paget and Benjamin Constance with a view to Orders being made that the boys be sent to an Industrial School.

2- Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved. That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of the following children for Attendance Orders in each case, viz :—Alice and Eva Mitchell, Henry, and Jane Newman, Nellie Jeenes, Ellen Page, Thomas 'Wale, and James Ash and that proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of William Stevens, William Marshfield, Frederick Leeson, Ernest and Eleanor Merrett, and John and Emily Davis, a summons to be issued in respect of each child mentioned.

3—Duplicate Register from St. John's Schools -Resolved, That a letter be written to the Rev. A. Armitage, calling his attention to the insufficient manner in which the duplicate register from St. John's Girls' School is filled up.

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 September, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of August, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Mills and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Notices of Approval of Building Plans—Resolved, That immediately after each meeting of the Committee a notice be sent to each person whose building plans have been approved by the Committee informing them that the Committee have resolved to recommend such plans for approval by the Council.

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
940	Rev. G. Gardner	Parish Room and Club House in Fairview Street.
941	Rev. G. P. Griffiths	Additions to St. Mary's Hall, St. George's Place.
942	Samuel Adams	Additions to St. Lawrence, Christ Church Road.
943	Chas. Winstone	Detached Villa in Overton Road.
944	Thos. Tarling	House in Gloucester Road on Vineyards Estate.
945	Albert Aston	Additions to No. 39, Montpellier Villas.

Resolved, That No. 941 be approved subject to the damp course being shown in the correct position ; that Nos. 940, 942 and 945 be approved ; and that Nos. 943 and 944 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of August, .1897,—Present : The Mayor : Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dimmer, Mills, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

3—The View—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday afternoon, viz : Councillors Baker, Bence, Dimmer and Parsonage.

4—Street Projections--A letter from Messrs, Webb Bros., was read, stating that the letters over their office had been altered, and that if they were not to the satisfaction of the Committee they would give the same their instant attention; also from Mr. E. A. Jennings stating that the non-lighting of his advertising lamp was in consequence of its being out of order, and that he was about to have the

Electric light put on to it; also from Mr. A. N. Cole, of No. 351, High Street, asking permission to bring out the lead on the top of his shop front 3 ½ inches further forward. Resolved, To inform Mr. Jennings his lamp must either be kept alight as required or removed altogether; and that the application of Mr. Cole be acceded to.

5—Footpath from Malvern Road to St. George's Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the surface of this footpath re-faced.

6---Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 17th July last to the 27th instant had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road, from Malvern View Villas to St. George's Road, 4.623 super yards ; St. George's Place, by Bayshill Inn, 667 super yards ; High Street, from College Road to Clarence Street, 7270 super yards.

Patching—Lower High Street, St. Luke's., Clarence Street, Sandford Road, Oriel Road.

Gore Stone—High Street, from Clarence Street to Grammar School, 960 yards.

Wickwar Stone—Ashford Road and Berkeley Place.

Tar Macadam —Crossing in High Street, 50 super yards.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling—Victoria Place, Bayshill Road, Cleveland Street, Waterloo Street, High Street, Suffolk Parade, Suffolk Road. Fairview Place, Hewlett Road, Sherborne Place, Gloucester Road, St. Paul's Street, North, Sherborne Terrace, Sherborne Street, Oriel Road, Mitre Street, Francis Street, Bath Road, St. Philip's Street.

Tar Paving in footpath. All Saints' Road. 83 super yards.

Gullies had been repaired in Gloucester Place, St. Paul's Road, Albion Street, Worcester Street, Tewkesbury Road, Stanhope Street. A new gully had been places in Portland Street.

Trees Pruned in Park Place and Bayshill Road. Dead trees had been cut down in Bayshill Road (1), Tewkesbury Road (1), Oriel Road (1), Gloucester Road (1), and at Pittville.

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 1258. Consumed at Destructor, 1141 tons 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

Private Improvements—Regent Street, Glenfall Street and St. Margaret's Road (proceeding).

7—Queen's Retreat Road—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 to put the same into a good state of repair the full length from St. George's Road to the Gloucester Road.

8-Footpath in St. Paul's Road opposite Workhouse—A letter was read from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Guardians. stating that he was directed by his Board to call the attention of the Council to the defective state of this footpath. Resolved, to inform Mr. Ticehurst that when the road is next repaired the footpath shall receive attention.

9-Tar Macadamising Rodney Road and High Street— Letters from Mr. Folliott, Manager of the Capital and Counties Bank, and Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, were read, asking that the narrow portion of Rodney Road at its north end might be laid with tar macadam; also one from Mrs. Potter, of the Royal Hotel, making a similar request as regards the High Street opposite her hotel, and suggesting it should be carried as far as Cambray. Resolved, That the next time these portions of the roads mentioned require repair the same be relaid with tar macadam.

10-Colonnade—A Memorial from Mr. A. W. Bryant and 13 other occupiers of premises abutting upon the Colonnade, was read, complaining of the condition of the roadway, of the dust which arises from it, and of the slippery state of it in wet weather, and suggesting that wood paving should be substituted for the tar macadam. A letter from Messrs. Webb Bros., was read, also advocating the substitution of wood block paving. Resolved, That the Committee cannot advise the Council to adopt the suggestion of the Memorialists on account of the expense, and the disadvantages arising from the absorption and slipperiness of wood block paving, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road where defective repaired at once.

11—Water Pillar in Portland Street --Resolved, That this Water Pillar be removed to a position opposite No. 1, St. Margaret's Terrace, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting that it be removed to a position 14 yards South of the present one be varied accordingly.

12---Upper park street—A. memorial from C. Cooke and 9 other residents in Upper Park Street was read, requesting that the paths, curbings, and gutters of this street might be put into proper condition. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the Council to put this street into a proper state of repair.

13----Naunton Park Road A letter from Mr. W. J. Crawford, of No. 7, Naunton Park Terrace, was read, urging the Council to declare this street a Highway. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be posted declaring the street a Highway subject to the right of the Corporation to require the abutting owners to pave and channel the footpath where such has not already been done.

14-Opening of Pavement and Road opposite No. 98, High Street---A letter from Mr. G. F. Clarke, of the Cheltenham Joinery Works, was read, stating that he had given notice of his intention to open this pavement on a form supplied by the Borough Surveyor, that he had not left the opening unprotected and unlighted at night, and that the electric cable was well shored and strutted underneath where it was exposed. Resolved, To inform Mr. Clarke that the Borough Surveyor controverts this statement in each particular, and the Council cannot absolve him (Mr. Clarice) from blame in the matter.

15--Provision against claim to Ancient Lights in Bennington Street—The Town Clerk read an agreement signed by Mr. E. Beckingsale to pay 6d, per annum to the Council for each of the four windows in his wall facing Bennington Street so long as the Council should not interrupt the access of light to them as at present enjoyed, and undertaking to close the same whenever required by the Council after the expiration of three months' notice to do so. Resolved, That the same be approved.

16—Loose Paper in Streets—A letter from Mrs. Mott, of Detmore, Charlton Kings, was read, calling attention to the amount of loose paper generally blowing about the streets, and suggesting that receptacles should be provided for it. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Mott that the Council are considering the possibility of obtaining sanction to a Bye-Law to deal with the matter.

17—Bye-law re Deposit of Rubbish in back Streets—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had formally approved of the following Bye-law made under Sec. 44 of the Public Health Act, viz : That

(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 Section 3 of the Towns Police Clauses Act.

(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. Resolved, That the Bye-law as set out above be formally adopted and made by the Council, and that the necessary advertisements and notices of such adoption be duly published.

18—Accident in Prestbury Road—A letter from Mr. C. A. W. Price, of the Gas Offices, was read, calling the attention of the Council to a deposit of building materials on the highway opposite Bedford Place, Prestbury Road, by a Mr. Ward of No. 26, Windsor Street, on the 25th of July, through which three of his daughters got thrown out of a dog cart and were badly injured. Resolved, To inform Mr. Price that the Council are in no way responsible for the deposit and it appears that everything has been cleared away.

19--Lane at Back of the Greenfields, The Park—A letter was read from Councillor Cooper calling attention to the bad state of this road. Resolved, To instruct the Boroughs Surveyor to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the abutting owners to put the road into a good state of repair.

20—Folly Lane Private Improvement Works—A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons was read, stating that the offer of the Town Clerk to accept their objection as applying to the fresh notice which he had had to serve on their client was satisfactory to them, and that they would be glad to know a week beforehand on what day it would be convenient for the Committee and the Borough Surveyor to meet their client to try and come to some arrangement as to the amount he ought to bear of the cost of carrying out these works. Resolved, That the Committee meet Mr. Smith and Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons at Folly Lane, on Monday afternoon, the 13th of September, at 4.30 o'clock.

21-Suffolk Road Improvement—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had met Mr. Wade, the Solicitor for the owner of Roderic House, and that he had promised to definitely inform the Town Clerk that week what his client would accept for the strip of land required to widen the road.

22 -Greenhouse in Langdon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the walls of a new greenhouse being erected in this street had been built in front of the building line. Resolved, That Mr. Young, the owner, be required to remove them.

23-Oakfield Street--- Resolved, That the repair of this road be suspended pending completion of building operations in the street.

24—Pathway in Lansdown Road—A letter from Mr. C. Winstone was read, requesting that the whole of the path to the full extent of Dean Close School Road should be gravelled to the same level as the path up to the crossings in front of his new house. Resolved, To adjourn decision pending a visit of inspection by the Committee.

25 -Watering of Thirlestaine Road—A letter from Col. Miles was read, complaining of the insufficient watering of this road.

-26Fairfield Road Apportionment—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in Fairfield Road amounted to £333 9s. 4d., which sum he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

27—Footpaths in Sherborne Street—Resolved, That the footpaths on both sides of this street be repaired, curbed and channelled.

28—Footpath opposite Beaufort Arms, London Road—Resolved, That the paving of the footpath on the North side of the London Road be continued opposite the Beaufort Arms Inn, and that the owner of the Beaufort Arms Inn and the owners of any other property to which access by vehicles is required be required to construct crossings for the passage to and fro of such vehicles.

New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
936	Albert Aston	Additions to No. 30, Montpellier Villas.
943	Chas. Winstone	Detached Villa in Overton Park.
946	N. Bloodworth	Additions to Bakehouse in Chester Walk.
947	Albert Aston	New Bay Window at No. 30, Montpellier Villas.
948	Mr. Horlick	Ten Cottages in Market Street.

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No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
949	Mr. Sims	Additions to No. 10, Montpellier Terrace.
950	Mrs. Ferguson	Additions to Edenholme, Pittville.
951	W. Buck	Additions to Pierpoint Hotel.
952	Trustees of Delancey Fever Hospital	Cottage and Stables in Pilley Lane.

Resolved, That No. 952 be disapproved, that No. 953 be approved subject to the manure pit being kept above the surface of the ground, the floor being concreted, and to its being provided with a proper cover, 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 4th day of August, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1--Chairman In the absence of the Chairman Alderman Norman was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2--Zymotic Disease The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria; that 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 16.

3— Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Witcomb Place, and Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Princes 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—Overcrowding at No. 7, Sydney Street and No. 21, Sherborne 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.

5--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.

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 be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

7 —Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 1, Hungerford Street, No. 1, Swindon Terrace, No. 24, St. James's Street, Nos. 4 and 21, Chapel Street, and No. 7, Sydney 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-Insanitary Houses, viz.—No. 1, Swindon Terrace, No. 36, Townsend Street, and No. 1, Witcomb Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act he served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

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9-Defective Sewer at St. Luke's---A Inter was mad from Mr. P. Harlow, of Pemberton, St. Luke's, complaining of the flooding of his house front the sewer. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to relay so much the sewer as is necessary to remedy the cause of the complaint.

10-Urinal near Midland Railway Station A Memorial from Mr: Charles Stroud and 24 other proprietors and drivers of Hackney Carriages was read, calling attention to the want of public urinal near the cab stand at the Midland Railway Station, as the Memorialists have at times to remain on the stand in charge of their horses and cabs for lengthy periods and nuisances are consequently unavoidable. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a plan and scheme for placing a urinal on a site between the cab stand and the Gloucester Road Bridge, and bring up same for approval at the next meeting of the Committee.

11-Cab Stand at Midland Railway Station. Resolved, That this stand be pitched.

12-Flushing Cistern and Water Supply at No, 17, Marle Hill Parade—A Letter from Mr. Josiah Jones was read, stating that he had received notices to provide a flushing cistern and lay on a proper water supply to No. 17, Marle Hill Parade, and asking to be allowed an extension of time to get the work done, as he could not afford to have it done at once. Resolved, That the application cannot be acceded to, and that Mr. join, be informed that the work must be done at once in compliance with the notices.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th day of August, 1897—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, Griffith, Lenthall, Parsonage and Waghorne (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, 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 1 of Diphtheria into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 18.

14 -Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 4, Russell Place, No. 61, Union Street, No. 17, Rodney Terrace, No. 35, Albert Street, St. Paul's, No. 43, Brunswick Street, No. 21, Tivoli Place, No. 14, Queen's Retreat, and Nos. 1 & 2, Clare Place. 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.

15-Overcrowding at No. 29, Tivoli Street, and No. 4, Pantile 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.

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 limewashing at Nos. 10, 11, 18, 27 6 28, Lower Park Street, No, 10, Dagmar Terrace, No. 29, Tivoli Street, No. 204, High Street, No. 3, Jersey Cottages, No. 4 Upper Park Street, The Compasses Inn, New Street, and No. 17, 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.

19-Insanitary Property No. 2, Brandon Place, No. 10, Dagmar Terrace, and No. 4, Upper Park Street - The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective and leaky roofs, defective trapping of drains, w.c.'s. and yard pitching. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

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20-Offensive Trade at Messrs. Burke & Son's premises, St. Paul's Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the premises above-mentioned were being used for a trade business process or manufacture causing effluvia which was a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the district. Resolved, That notice be given to the person, by, or on whose behalf the trade so complained of is carried on, that if the nuisance is not forthwith abated, proceedings under Sec 14 of the Public Health Act will be taken to compel its abatement, and for the imposition of the penalties prescribed in the said section.

21—Alleged Pollution at Elmstone Hardwicke from Sewage Farm--Letters were read from the Revd. G. B. Roberts on behalf of the Elmstone Hardwicke Parish Meeting, complaining that sewage water was escaping from the Barn Farm and running into the village. Resolved, To inform Mr. Roberts that every precaution is being taken to prevent a recurrence of the cause of complaint, but the Council do not admit that there is any pollution of the village water supply from the sewage farms.

22--Cleansing of Persons Act, 1897— An Act to permit Local Authorities to provide for the cleansing and disinfection of persons who may apply to them, on the ground that they are infested with vermin, by allowing such persons to have the use of the apparatus which any such Authority possesses for cleansing them and their clothing from vermin was laid before the Committee.

23—Infectious Diseases Notification Act—A letter from the Town Clerk of Devonport, was read, suggesting that the Council should pass and transmit to the Local Government Board a resolution or memorial, praying the Board to secure such an alteration in the law as will (1) Relieve a Medical Practitioner from liability to notify a case of infectious disease which has already been notified by another Medical Practitioner ; and (2) Relieve a Local Authority from liability to pay a fee to a Medical Practitioner for the notification of a case of infectious disease which has already been notified by another Medical Practitioner. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted, and that a resolution as above stated be passed and transmitted to the Local Government Board.

24—Sanitary Requirements to W.C's. at Cottages in Stoneville Street— A letter from Mr. Joseph James, the owner of Cottages in Stoneville Street, upon whom notices had been served to carry out certain improvements to the w.c's. there, was read, protesting against having to do the work, as he contended that the present closets if properly flushed were satisfactory and not likely to endanger the health of anyone. Resolved, To inform Mr. James that the Council consider the requirements necessary, and must insist upon their being carried out.

25-Pollution of Stream below Pittville Park Lakes--With reference to Minute No. 25 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of June last, and a complaint from Mr. Margrett that the sewage from five houses at Made Hill discharged into a pond in a field at the back of the houses, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, was read, enclosing a copy of a letter his Council had instructed him to write to Mr. Margrett asking him if he had not purchased the field in which the pond referred to is situated subject to the right of the houses to drain into it, and pointing out that if such is the case it would seem that the duty of dealing with the sewage in a way to render the same unobnoxious would fall upon him as the owner of such field, and requesting the Town Council to point out definitely any spot where sewage over which the Rural District Council has control is discharged into the brook. Resolved, To inform the Rural District Council that the sewage pollutes the stream by flowing into a pond just below the lower lake at Pittville Park, and the Town Council are of opinion that this method of dealing with the sewage should no longer be allowed to continue.

26—Sewerage Schemes Nos. 1 & 2, and Gloucester Road Sewer—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee specification and plan of scheme No. 2 for re-sewering the part of the Borough comprised therein, and into which scheme he had absorbed scheme No. 1 as modified to meet the objections raised to it by the Local Government Board. The cost of carrying out this scheme and the embodied scheme he estimated at £7,846. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for £8,210 to provide for this cost and for the extra cost incurred in laying the sewer along the Gloucester Road amounting to £364.

27-Pollution of Hatherley Brook—The Borough Surveyor reported that he found the pollution of this stream arose from a drain from Arle Court from which pure sewage was flowing into the brook, Resolved, To call upon Mr. Butt to cause the flow of sewage into the brook from his premises to cease, and to deal with the sewage in some other manner to the satisfaction of the Committee.

28- Sewer under proposed New Buildings of Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons in Essex Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings had applied, on behalf of Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, for permission to divert this sewer so as to pass round instead of under their intended new buildings. Resolved, To grant the permission subject to the work being carried out under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to the diverted sewer being properly connected with the main sewer.

29 - Sewer at back of Montpellier Terrace— Mr. E. Lawrence applied to be repaid the sum of £16 3s. 5d. which he had been charged for work which he had to have done in consequence of the sewer at the back of Montpellier Terrace being completely stopped up near the connection of his house drain, and which prevented his drain from discharging into the sewer. Resolved, To repay to Mr. Lawrence the sum of £10 in respect of the work done in clearing out the sewer.

30—Urinal near Midland Railway Station—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the intended Urinal and Closets to be placed near the cab stand at the Midland Railway Station, the cost of which he estimated at £70. Resolved, That the same be approved and that tenders be obtained for its erection.

31--Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come up for approval or had been approved by the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That No. 948 be approved subject to such alterations to the drainage being carried out as indicated to the Borough Surveyor, and that as regards drainage the other 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 23rd day of August, 1897—Present The Mayor; Councillors Dimmer and Griffith (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

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

2--Kursaal, &c.—A Letter from the Local Government Board was read to the effect that they were unable to sanction a loan for the building of Municipal Offices and a Kursaal upon the site of the Winter Garden according to the scheme as at present proposed. Resolved, in the absence of the Chairman to adjourn its consideration.

A Letter from Messrs. Estcourt and Son was read expressing a hope that the commencement of the work of erection of the Kursaal and Municipal Offices would be put forward as quickly as possible so as to take advantage of the remainder of the summer weather. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Estcourt and Son that as the Local Government Board had decided not to grant their sanction to the necessary loan the question of commencement of the building must for the present be postponed.

A Letter from Mr. Hawkins, of No. 71, Sudeley Place, was read applying for the appointment as Clerk of the works. Resolved, To inform Mr. Hawkins that the question of the appointment of a Clerk of the Works will have to remain in abeyance until it is decided to commence building operations.

3—Annual Subscriptions to Pittville—A Letter from Mr. H. G. Lindesay was read asking to be allowed to subscribe to the Pittville Gardens for a year or 9 months from the present time. Resolved, To inform Mr. Lindesay that the annual subscriptions commence in all cases from the month of April, and that no deviation can be made from the general rule.

4—Archery at Montpellier Gardens—A Letter from Mrs. Carnegy was read pointing out that the same portion of the gardens which had been let to the Archery Club up to the 31st October had been let to the Football Club from the 29th of September, and desiring to know what arrangements would be made to accommodate the two Clubs in the event of the use of the ground being required by both at the same time, and also complaining that on one occasion the ground was closed for use by the Archery Club and without any notice being given of any intention to so close it. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Carnegy that the ground is let for football on Saturday afternoons only, and 6 other afternoons during the season, but that if any clashing takes place a portion of the upper terrace of the gardens will be reserved for the use of the Archery Club. Also that the use of the garden for

archery was only granted subject to the right of the Corporation to close it altogether on special occasions, but they regret that notice of such closing on the occasion referred to was inadvertently omitted to be given.

5 --Advertising in Official Guides of Steamship Co's.—A Letter was read from the International Advertising Agency, Ltd., publishers each year of 15 Official Guides of the leading Steamship Companies, suggesting that an illustration of the various objects of interest in and around Cheltenham, placed in a prominent position in the Guides would have the effect of inducing a large number of travellers visiting the places of interest in England to stop a few days in Cheltenham. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the suggestion pending further particulars as to the cost, &c.

6— Closing of Pittville Park—A Letter was read from Mr. James Roylance, of Townsend Place and Fairview Road, complaining that the gate at the St. Paul's Street entrance to Pittville Park had been closed within 2 minutes after the bell had been rung, and as he had been unable to get there from the other side of the lake in time, he had had to go a mile and a half round to get home, and suggesting the bell should be rung 10 minutes before closing time. Resolved, To inform Mr. Roylance that the instructions to the caretaker are to ring the bell 15 minutes before closing the gates, also that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have boards giving notice of the times of closing the gardens fixed at the entrance gates from St. Paul's Street and near Saxham Villas.

7--Damage to Plants in Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that valuable plants had been wilfully damaged in Montpellier Gardens, and in one instance one had been completely broken off, and he had been in consequence obliged to have the remaining plants removed to save them from similar treatment. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to deal with the offender, and if he thinks fit to take proceedings against him.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of September, 1897—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Cypher, Dimmer, Skillicorne and Ward-Humphreys (Councillor Ward-Humphreys in the chair)—

8-Kursaal, &c —With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the letter from the Local Government Board therein referred to was further considered. Also a letter from the Local Government Board in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk, stating that the Board were aware that Mr. Robson's estimate for the works was £48,000 and that the lowest Tender received was £46,600, and that it was with these facts before them that the Board considered that the total expenditure on the Town Council's scheme would be likely to exceed by a large amount the sum of £48,000.

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Resolved, That the Committee regret the decision of the Local Government Board, a decision which appears to the Committee not to be warranted either by the evidence given at the Enquiry or by facts which have subsequently transpired. They feel also that by this apparently hasty decision an injustice is done to the Council who have after 6 years preparatory work and after mature

deliberation twice decided by very large majorities in favour of this scheme. An expenditure of upwards of £2,000 has been incurred in rendering the mineral water wells absolutely perfect, in obtaining analyses of the waters by the most competent authority, and in securing the highest professional advice in the designing and arrangement of appropriate buildings for the carrying out to a successful issue, as in other similar towns, of a scheme which in the opinion of the Council was likely to benefit the ratepayers generally and to enhance the amenities of this town. The Committee regret also that through the opposition offered to the scheme and its rejection by the Local Government Board large numbers of the wage-earning classes in the town will be deprived during the ensuing winter months of the opportunities of employment and of the benefits which the expenditure of so considerable a sum of money among them must inevitably have secured, The Committee beg to report that in consequence of the unreasoning opposition which has been offered to their work in its later stages and on account of the personal feeling which has more recently been introduced, a personal feeling which the Committee have strong reason to believe would operate against and prejudice any and every scheme that might be suggested by the Committee and which would therefore involve the ratepayers in unprofitable and useless expenditure, they do not propose to make any further suggestions.

The Town Clerk read the draft of a letter to the Local Government Board in reply to their letters.

Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

The architect having asked for a payment of £500 on account of his fees, Resolved, That an order for the same be given him.

9- Studio at Montpellier Gardens—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 10 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th May last, a letter was read from Mr. F. J. Waite, stating that he had paid the rent up to the 25th April last, and that as the Resolution of the Committee granted remission of the rent from the 25th March last to the 29th September next and he having been unsuccessful as yet in finding other premises, he asked that the six months free tenancy granted might run from the 25th April. Resolved, That the request be acceded to and the resolution to Minute No. 10 of date the 24th May last be varied accordingly.

10—Winter Garden—Badminton- A letter from Col. Leir was read, asking whether the part used for Badminton at the Winter Garden would be let for the Winter months, and at what rent. Resolved, That Col. Leir be requested to furnish this Committee with further particulars of his requirements.

11—Life-boat Saturday Fund—A letter was read from Capt. G. E. Hodgson, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Lifeboat Saturday Fund, applying for permission to launch a lifeboat at Pittville, and for the use of 6 horses to take the boat in the procession round the town on the occasion of a proposed Lifeboat Demonstration in Cheltenham on the 16th proximo, in aid of the funds of the National Lifeboat Institution. Resolved, That permission be given to launch the Lifeboat on Marle Hill Lake, that being the Committee think more suitable than the old lake for the purpose, but that the Committee regret the Corporation have not 6 horses which would form a suitable team, but could lend them two for the occasion.

G. H. WARD-HUMPHREYS,
Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of August, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Dimmer, Lenthall, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 25th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 68 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 67 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 9,266,834 gallons. That on the 24th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 22 feet 16} inches and the contents 56,253,542 gallons, which gave a total of 65,520,376 gallons, or about 74 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 256,042 gallons.

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He also reported that at the General Hospital 14 fire hydrants had been fixed but the supply pipe was only 2 inches in diameter for the whole of the hospital and 15 hydrants. The hose and couplings were 2 inches in diameter and were not inter-changeable with the Fire Brigade fittings and appliances. No notice was given by Mr. Villar, the architect, Mr. J. A. Wilson, the contractor, or the Hon. Sec. of the Hospital, until after the work was done, and he had written to Mr. Villar and Mr. Wilson declining to approve the work.

He further reported that at Alma Villa, Hatherley Road, Mr. Apperley was found on two occasions taking away water to supply a farm in his occupation further along the road.

He submitted copy correspondence he had had with Mr. Winstone with reference to the latter having at a villa in All Saints' Road made use of lead pipe for hot water supply of less weight than is permitted by the regulations, from which it appeared that unless authorised by the Council he had declined to lay on the water until the whole of the fittings had been provided in accordance with the regulations. He stated that the usual practice had been to allow the use of wrought iron steam pipe for hot water fittings and supplies, but in all cases where lead pipe is used to require it to be of the standard weight. Wherever hot water is in contact with lead pipe the resistance to bursting is much reduced and it is therefore condemned.

He further reported that he had received a letter from the Liquidator of Messrs. Weyman and Hitchcock Ltd., from which it appeared that in consideration of a proposal made by the Water Engineer to lay down at the expense of the Council a 4-inch main from the Gloucester Road to the entrance to the Trusty Engine Works he (the Liquidator) expected to be able to overcome any objections raised by the Court as to the payment by him of the amount of the outstanding account for water supplied to Messrs. Weyman and Hitchcock. As the main from the Midland Railway station to the Trusty Engine Works was only 1 ½ and 2 inches in diameter and much too small in case of fire, the Water Engineer recommended that a main 4 inches in diameter be laid at a cost of about £57 as soon as the account has been paid.

That the 5-inch main in the London Road had been found to be in a defective condition, that he had had a portion re-laid and it would be necessary to continue the work to Hewlett Street.

That in North Street the main requires renewal and replacing by a 4-inch main from Albion Street to North Place Church and along Portland Street from Albion Street to Warwick Place.

That in the Old Bath Road the main from High Street to Sandford Road was only 2 inches in diameter, and he recommended that a 5-inch pipe be laid to provide a supply along the road to strengthen the supply for fire purposes in Sandford Road and College Lawn. And that the supply in Charlton Kings Village had increased very largely, and as there was no means of measuring it, he advised the purchase of 2 meters at a cost of about each, one 6-inch and one 5-inch, for this purpose.

Resolved, To instruct the Water Engineer to forward to the Hon. Sec. of the Hospital the substance of his report as regards the water supply and fittings at that Institution, and to inform him that the Council hope the authorities of the Hospital will take immediate steps to have the state of things remedied. That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire into the complaint made against Mr. Apperley, and to take proceedings against him if he finds the evidence sufficiently conclusive. That with regard to the complaint made against Mr. Winstone, as it appears that the breach of the Regulations took place before it was decided that they should be strictly enforced, the Council will, on this occasion only, take no steps in the matter, but he must distinctly understand no such fitting will in future be allowed. That the 4-inch main from the Gloucester Road to the Trusty Engine Works be laid as suggested by the Water Engineer on payment being made in full of all arrears due for water supplied either to the present occupiers or their predecessors. That the Water Engineer be authorised to carry out the work of relaying defective portions of the mains in the High Street, North Street and Old Bath Road as indicated in his report, and to obtain the two meters required to measure the water supply to the village of Charlton Kings.

2—Water supply to the Reddings—A letter from Mr. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, was read, stating that he was instructed by his Council to inform the Town Council that as a result of a house to house visitation by the Medical Officer of Health, it had been ascertained that nearly all the occupiers of houses at the Reddings would be glad to take the Corporation water at a reasonable cost. That the main already laid at Up-Hatherley would only have to be carried across the Railway line in order to furnish the supply, and that the gross rateable value of the houses was between £720 and £730. Resolved, To refer the letter to the Water Engineer to report upon the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

3-Water Supply to Elmstone Hardwicke—Letters were read from the Rev. G. B. Roberts, Chairman of the Elmstone Hardwicke Parish Council, asking what the Town Council propose to do with regard to supplying the village with water, and complaining of the delay. Resolved, To instruct the Water Engineer to supply Mr. Roberts with a resume of his report on the matter presented to this Committee at their last meeting but one, and to inform Mr. Roberts precisely upon what terms he could advise the Town Council to lay on the supply asked for.

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

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 6th day of August, 1897—Present Aldermen Lawrence and Norman; Councillors Baker, Cooper and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Arc Lighting, Lower High Street—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the plan indicating the proposed positions of the posts for the arc lamps for the lower High Street, showing alternative schemes for 8, 9, and 10 lamps respectively which was referred to this Committee by the Council to settle the number and position of the lamps with instructions to proceed at once.

Resolved, To approve the plan as amended for 10 lamps, to be placed as nearly as practicable at equal distances apart.

2—Arc Lighting of Winchcomb Street—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the plan he had prepared showing the proposed positions of the posts for 19 arc lamps in this street. Resolved, That the same be approved.

3—Arc Lighting of Bath Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan indicating the positions of the posts for the arc lamps between the High Street and the Norwood Arms, showing alternative schemes for 23 and 24 lamps to be placed as nearly as practicable at equal distances apart.

4—Lighting of Naunton Crescent, A Letter from Mr. T. K. Little, of No. 42, Naunton Crescent, was read, complaining of the insufficient lighting of the Crescent, and asking for two additional lamps. Resolved, That the application be acceded to and that an additional lamp be fixed in Naunton Lane about opposite the Recreation Ground.

5—Offices for Electrical Department—The Chairman reported that the owner of the offices at No. 2, Church Street, lately in the occupation of Mr. Lowndes, would let them for £25 a year on a yearly tenancy and put them into a tenable state of repair, and he recommended that they be rented for the accommodation of the Electrical Engineer upon the terms mentioned from the 29th September next. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of August, 1897—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Lawrence and Norman; Councillors Dimmer, Parsonage and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

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

	ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.
1897		1897.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
July 22 nd	16.20 candles	July 22 nd and 23 rd	29.17
“ 27 th	16.40 “		
Average.	16.30 "		

He called attention to the circumstance that on July 22nd-23rd the sulphur present exceeded the maximum allowed by the Act by 4.07 grains per 100 cubic feet. Resolved, That again the attention of the Gas Company be called to the very inferior quality of the gas as regards purity on the dates referred to, and to the infringement in this respect of the provision of the Act which must in future be strictly observed.

7—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.281 cubic feet.

8---Lamp Book — This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, to metered and 6 unmetered.

9—Lighting of Oakfield Road, Tivoli—The Committee having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, To fix an additional lamp in this road at, and to remove an existing one to, positions indicated to the Borough Surveyor.

10—Lighting of Fairview—A letter from Councillor Bence was read, asking that a lamp might be placed in Fairview Street, opposite the entrance to Prospect Terrace, and another at the entrance to Woodbine Cottages near the Fairview Inn, in Fairview Road. Resolved, To place one additional lamp at the entrance to Prospect Terrace, one on Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings', Workshops, and to move an existing one to a position indicated to the Borough Surveyor ; also that an additional lamp to fixed near Woodbine Cottage adjacent to All Saints' Schools.

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11— Electric Inspector's Report—The Electric Inspector reported the results of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.:—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
July 23 rd	100 Volts	101.6 Volts.
27 th	“	101.6 “

12—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had continued to progress satisfactorily. The lamp-posts, transformers and arc lamps were then being fixed along Lower High Street, and the whole of the cable for the Winchcomb Street arc lighting extension had been laid with the exception of the short length down lower

Winchcomb Street. The extensions to the houses of Col. Willoughby and Mr. Studd had been completed, and supply had been given to the latter for some days. Applications continued to come in rapidly and there was no doubt but that there would be at the end of the year a load more than three times as large as that at the end of last year. In view of this fact it would be necessary to have an additional Alternator at a cost of £2885.

In order to give supply in accordance with applications made the following extensions, some of which had been carried out in order to meet the demands for early supply by the customers, necessitated application to the Local Government Board for sanction to an additional loan, viz :—

Evesham Road	£80 0 0
Parabola Road	£76 0 0
Montpellier Drive	£63 0 0
Thirlestaine Road (West End)	£28 0 0
" (East End)	£60 0 0
Sandford Road	£134 0 0
Rodney Place	<u>£10 0 0</u>
	£451 0 0

Application for sanction to a loan for meters, house services and extra transformers for stock was also required, viz :—

Meters and Demand Meters	£1200 0 0
Service Cable, Boxes, Labour, &c.	£ 500 0 0
1 30 K.W. Transformer without C.I. Case	£ 50 0 0
1 15 " " " in "	£ 67 0 0
1 6 " " " without "	<u>£ 20 0 0</u>
	£1837 0 0

Which with £2,885 for the Alternator made an addition to the £13,200 recently authorized by the Council of £5,173 or with contingencies say £5,185.

Resolved, That the sum of £5,185, to provide for the expenditure above-mentioned, be added to the £13,200 for which sum it was decided at the last meeting to make application to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow.

13-Extensions to Electric Light Station—Messrs Malvern & Sons having offered to undertake these extensions at the same schedule of cost as quoted by them for the last extension carried out by them, Resolved, That having regard to the importance of having the work completed without delay the offer be accepted, and Messrs. Malvern & Sons be requested to proceed with the same as soon as possible.

14.---Arc Lighting of Bath Road--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan he had prepared to show the positions of the Standards for 23 Arc Lamps in this road, and the Committee having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, That the same be approved.

15-Standards for Incandescent Lamps-The Borough Surveyor submitted a pattern he had had made in wood of a Standard for an Incandescent Lamp. Resolved, That the same be ;Approved, and that he be instructed to obtain tenders for the manufacture of the Standards required for the lighting of St. George's Road in accordance with the pattern.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th day of August, 1897--Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Griffith, Lenthall, and Margrett (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Muzzling Order—Superintendent McRae reported that 14 persons had been proceeded against and fined for offences against the Muzzling Order. That 22 unmuzzled dogs had been seized by the police, 15 had been owned, 7 destroyed, and 8s had been paid by owners of dogs, which had been detained, towards their keep. A letter from the Board of Agriculture was read with reference to the Petition of the Council praying for the withdrawal of the Muzzling Order in Cheltenham, stating that the Board did not feel justified in excepting the district of this Council from the operation of the Order, and that they cannot hold out any hopes of a change in the policy which has been adopted after full consideration.

2-Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 18th inst., the Brigade was called out to extinguish a burning rick of Hay at the Home Farm, Shurdington, owned by Mr. T. Hewinson, caused spontaneously, resulting in damage amounting to £150. The rick being uninsured the account of the extinction expenses, amounting to £8 14s. 6d., would in due course be sent to the owner.

The Borough Accountant called attention to the fact that only 18 of the 20 members of the Brigade were insured against accidents. Resolved, That the Insurance be increased to include the two at present uninsured.

3—Alterations to Fire Brigade Station—A tender from Messrs. Malvern Sc. Sons being the only one received for carrying out the alterations at the Fire Brigade Station was opened, and found to amount to £239. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

4-N.U.T. Conference at Cheltenham—A letter from Mr. F. F. Wheeler, Conference Secretary, was read, suggesting that the Local Association of the Union should be appointed by this Committee as the Sub-Committee to carry out the work in connection with the arrangements for this conference, and stating that they assumed they might add the names of all the members of the Town Council to their Conference Committee. Also that they would be pleased to hear what rooms the Council will place at their disposal for the meetings, and expressing a hope that this Committee will be able to induce the authorities of the Ladies' College to grant the use of their buildings on the occasion of the

Conference. Resolved, To adopt Mr. Wheeler's suggestion as to the appointment of the Sub-Committee, but that as regards adding the names of the members of the Town Council to the Conference Committee that had better be postponed until after the next Municipal Elections ; that the use of the Council Chamber be granted to the Local Association for holding their meetings, and that The Mayor and Mr. Hall be requested to call upon Miss Beale to ascertain if the Buildings of the Ladies' College can be used for the purpose of holding the Conference.

5--- Drivers' Licenses—An application was received from John Morgan, of 28, Mountpleasant, for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License. Resolved, That the same be granted

6- Loitering—The Street Inspector reported that William Terrett had been twice convicted of loitering within 12 months.

7- -Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licenses—With reference to the letter from Mr. W. P. Jones with regard to the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licenses, the effect of which was stated in Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. C. Cook, President of the Cabmen's Union, was read, stating that the letter referred to had nothing to do with the Union, and Mr. Jones had not been instructed by the Union to write such a letter. Resolved, To request Mr. Jones to inform the Committee in what capacity he wrote the letter, and that pending a reply from him consideration of it be further adjourned.

A letter on the same subject was read from Messrs. Spreadbury and Mackay, appealing to the Council to rescind the resolution which prevents Fly Proprietors selling their Stand Licenses with their businesses (viz., No. 1, clause 3 of the 8th of January last). Resolved, To deal with the subject matter of this letter at the same time the letter of Mr. Jones, above referred to, is taken into consideration.

8— Hackney Carriage and Omnibus Licenses for Hotel Proprietors—A letter from Mr. W. P. Jones, Secretary of the Cab Proprietors and Drivers' Union, was read, appealing to the Council not to grant Hackney Carriage and Omnibus Licenses to the Proprietors of Hotels for vehicles at present used by them for the conveyance of passengers from the Railway Stations. Resolved, To inform Mr. Jones that the Council have already decided not to do so.

9—Carriage Stand near G.W. Railway Station—A letter from Mr. W. P. Jones was read, asking the Council to place a carriage stand in the road near the G.W. Railway Station leading down to the Parish Church Infants' Schools. Resolved, To inform Mr. Jones that the road being private property, the Council have no power to accede to his request.

10—Temporary Change of Carriage—A letter from Mr. A. Spreadbury, of Bath Villas Mews, was read, asking permission to use a large pony carriage in place of his Landau No. 6, while the latter was being done up and painted. Resolved, To grant the application subject to the substituted carriage being approved by the Chairman

11—Use of Licensed Carriage by other than the License Holder—A letter was read from Mr. F. Jones, of Portland Mess's, complaining that Mr. A. Fryer was plying for hire with the Licensed Landau No. 84, the holder of the license being a Mr. Davies, living at Aston Cross, about 10 miles from Cheltenham, and that it was kept at a place for which Mr. Fryer paid the rates. Resolved, To instruct

the Inspector to request Mr. Fryer to attend the next meeting of the Committee to make any explanation he may have to offer, and also any others who may be acting in a similar manner.

12-Infant Life Protection Act—With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected the house of Mrs. Louisa Luck, of No. 13, Columbia Street, and he found no reason why she should not be permitted to take charge of not more than three children at the same time

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in the said premises. A letter from Mrs. Luck was read, stating that she wished to have the house registered for the reception of four children. Resolved, That pending the completion of Bye-Laws under the Act registration of the premises under the Act be left in abeyance.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of August, 1897.

1—The number of Members present not being sufficient to form a quorum no business could be transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of August, 1897—Present : Councillors Baker, Cypher, Ll. Davies, Lenthall and Mills (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

2--Fishing in Chelt—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, referred back by the Council, Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter.

3—Grove Street Recreation Ground—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee and Resolutions thereto referred back to the Committee by the Council, letters from Mr. Seekings were read, asking that the repair clause on page 2 of the draft Agreement may read " the said Authority undertake and agree to keep the walls and boundary fences of the " said premises in good repair, but in the event, &c.," the words "as the same are now in " being deleted ; and that as regards user by the owners, that they shall have the right to hold religious services twice a week at the ground. Resolved, That the Council will agree to keep the walls and boundary fences in " good tenable repair " and allow the use of the ground to the owners for holding religious services twice a week on 24 hours' notice being given on each occasion, and that the draft Agreement be amended accordingly, and that the same as so amended be approved subject to the insertion of a clause empowering the Council, if they think fit, to pull down the front wall to within 4ft. of the ground and erect along the top of the remaining portion a 4ft. iron railing.

Times for keeping open—Resolved, That this ground be kept open on week days other than school holidays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from mid-day to 2 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 8.30p.m. or sunset when the latter shall be earlier than 8.30 p.m., and on holidays and Sundays continuously from 8 a m. Also to pay the caretaker, John Farmer, of No. 5, Grove Street, 7s per week for looking after the ground.

4—Bye-Laws for Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Local Government Board to request them to give immediate attention to the question of approval of the Draft Bye-Laws for this and the other Recreation Grounds, as they are urgently required for the maintenance of order.

5—Railings at Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to increase the height of the fence along the East and South sides of this Ground by bolting curved spikes on to the top rail.

6-Cleansing Baths at Alstone Baths—Tenders for the erection of the proposed additions to the Alstone Swimming Bath were received from two builders in the Borough, and having been opened were found to be very much in excess of the estimate of the Borough Surveyor. The latter explained the fact arose from his having found it necessary since making his estimate to increase the height of the wall and double face it. Resolved, To adjourn decision as to acceptance of a tender to enable the Borough Surveyor to try if he can reduce the details of the scheme so as to bring the cost more in accordance with his estimate, and that the two builders who have tendered be asked to revise their tenders in accordance with the amended specification.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of August, 1897 — Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, Police-Sergeant Sansom came to the Cemetery having some flowers and sprigs of holly that had been taken from the Cemetery on the previous evening by a woman he had found carrying the same away.

That the locks of both the gates to the Cemetery were out of repair and the gates could only be fastened by a chain and padlock, and being rusty would be better if painted.

That the doors of the Church would not close or bolt as they had dropped from the hinges and jambs.

That a portion of the railings at the back part of the Cemetery required a few railings and some barbed wire to prevent persons getting over where they were then broken down, and that the cesspool tank at the lodge required to be emptied.

Superintendent McRae submitted a report of Sergeant Sansom from which it appeared that the latter, on Sunday evening, was on duty in plain clothes in Hewlett Street, at the corner of Albion Street, and saw a woman coming from the direction of the Cemetery carrying holly and flowers, and she admitted to him that she had taken them from the Cemetery, and that she often brought some from there. A young man who gave his name and address told the Sergeant he had seen the woman pick what she was carrying at the Cemetery. The woman gave her name and address as Isabella Smith, of No. 7, Clare Terrace, Bath Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the woman as a warning to others, and that Superintendent McRae be asked to make arrangements for a Constable to be on duty in plain clothes at the Cemetery on Sundays. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the locks of the gates repaired and painted, the doors of the Church made to close and bolt, to have the railings repaired and protected with barbed wire, and to have the cesspool at the lodge emptied.

3—Alleged scattering of Rubbish from Cemetery on adjoining Land—A letter from Mr. Edward Minnett, of Lynworth Farm, Prestbury, tenant of land adjoining the Cemetery, was read, complaining of dead plants and pieces of poisonous shrubs being thrown over from the Cemetery on to his land to the risk of the sheep which he had grazing there. Resolved, To request the Superintendent to give special instructions to the workmen to use the utmost vigilance to prevent a continuance of the cause of complaint.

4—Opening of New Vault in St. Peter's Churchyard—The Borough Surveyor reported that an interment was made in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church, on the 19th instant, in a newly-formed vault contrary to the regulation made by the Committee on the 26th day of June last, under Sec. 98 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and confirmed by the Council, that no new graves or vaults shall be opened in any burial ground within the Borough. Resolved, That before giving instructions for proceedings to be taken to recover the penalty prescribed by the Act for breach of regulations made under the said section, Mr. S. W. Green, the Clerk who signed the Notice of Interment be requested to inform the Committee if he has any excuse to offer why such proceedings should not be taken. 5 Superintendent's Disbursements—Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 27th of November last be varied as follows, viz., That an advance of £25 instead of £20 be made to the Superintendent each month to cover payments made by him for wages in excess of receipts.

6—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz.:—Headstones to Elizabeth Thynell, Therese Alice Pave-, Laura Helen Sandys, Sir Atwell Lake, Bart., and Sarah Frances Place Lake, Annie Pilley, Mary Jane Wakefield. Memorial Stones and Kerbing to Major John Simpson Knox, V.C., and Major James Grant Stephen.

7—Wages—The following account for wages was allowed :—G. C. Pratley £21 18 0

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Lawrence ; Councillors Cooper, Ll, Davies, Dimmer, Margrett, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Alderman Lawrence in the chair)—

1- General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £10,374 14s. 3d., leaving outstanding £4,424 2s. 2d.

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2-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst. on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount - received, £6,666 11s. 0d., leaving outstanding £3,655 18s. 7d.

3—Salary of Mr. Rowland—A letter from Mr. Rowland was read, complaining that last month he had only received a Cheque for £7 13s. 5d. and contending that as he was still engaged exclusively upon sewerage work he ought to be paid £3 per week as fixed by the resolution to Minute No. 31 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of date the 10th of January last. Resolved, To inform Mr. Rowland that the increase of his salary was only intended to remain in force during such time as he was engaged on out-of-door supervision of sewerage works, and that when so engaged again his salary will rise accordingly.

4—Corporation accounts--The Borough Accountant explained that the delay in publishing last year's accounts was due to his not having received the necessary particulars from the Electrical Engineer to enable him to complete them, and the Town Clerk read a letter he had written to Mr. Kilgour on the subject. The Borough Accountant reported before the close of the meeting that the accounts had been received.

5 --Rate Collector's Staff—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting the letter from Mr. Loveridge was further considered. Resolved, To refer the letter to the Lighting and Water Committees to consider whether they can afford any assistance to Mr. Loveridge in respect of the extra work occasioned by the collection for those respective Departments.

6—Corporation Stock—Resolved, That consideration of the question of issuing more stock be further adjourned.

7—Loan for Repayments and Waterworks Expenditure—Resolved. To borrow from Lloyd's Bank £6,700 to repay to Messrs. Walter Wilkins and Edgar Smith two sums of £900 and £600 borrowed from them for Street Improvements and Waterworks expenditure, and £5,200 on account of Capital expenditure.

8—Additional Clerk Borough Accountant's Department—The Borough Accountant reported that as authorised he had engaged as an additional clerk in his office, Mr. Smith, of Exmouth House, Hewlett Street, at a salary of 10s a week.

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 £7,543 9s. 6d., 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 27th July last	£ 3,555	18	5
Received since that date	£ <u>6,622</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>
	£10,178	15	9
Paid since that date	£ <u>6,444</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
In hand	£ 3733	17	9

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 4th day of August, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Ll. Davies and Parsonage ; Capt. Welch and Mr. Neale (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair.)

1-Boiler at Library--With reference to Minute No 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 19th day of January last the Chairman reported that on taking the boiler to pieces it was found to be so completely worn out that it would be necessary to have a new one, which Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall had undertaken to provide and fix for £85. Resolved, That the boiler be provided ; that Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall's offer be accepted ; and that communication be made to the Committees of the Schools of Art and Science to inform them, with a view to their contributing their respective proportions of the expense in accordance with the terms of their agreements of the 21st May, 1887, viz., two-tenths by the School of Science and three-tenths by the School of Art.

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of August, 1897—Present Councillors Ll. Davies and Mills ; The Baron de Ferrieres, Mr. C. Fisher and Mr. C. Hall (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

1-Librarians Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £9 14s. 7d. He reported that there had been an increase in the issues from the Reference Library of 13 per day. In the Lending Library there was a decrease of 23 per day, but it was confined mainly to fiction. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz :—

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Trustees of the British Museum		1
Bennett & Co.	1	
W. R. Philipps	14	
Sir Brook Kay, Bart.	4	
C. Ellis	1	
Baron de Ferrieres		1
F. H. Cliffe	1	

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Rotherhithe, Southampton, Buxton, Leeds, Streatham, West Ham.

3 — Papers—Mr. Fisher offered to present the following papers to the Library regularly, viz., "The Herald of the Golden Age," "The Labour Leader" and "The Clarion." Resolved, That his offer as regards "The Labour Leader" and "The Clarion" be accepted, the same having been before the Committee for a month, that the decision as regards "The Herald of the Golden Age" be adjourned for a month, and that in future any papers for presentation to the Library be laid on the table for inspection previous to decision as to their acceptance or otherwise. 4---Book Plate—The Librarian laid before the Committee a design for a Book Plate which had been drawn by Mr. E. Reid, of Clarence Street, for presentation to the Committee. Mr. Jones also offered to have a photographic plate made therefrom and sufficient copies struck off for present use in the Reference Library at his own expense. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be accorded to Mr. Reid and the Librarian for the generous presentation and offer, which are gladly accepted.

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

	£	s.	d.
W. Jones, Wages	15	10	0
Do. Petty Cash	5	0	0
M. B. Ricketts, Poor Rate	9	18	4
Library Bureau, Ltd., Books	1	16	0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Final Instalment of Wiring, &c., for the Electric Light	36	17	0

E. LL. DAVIES,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY & TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, 1897—Present : Alderman Colonel Thoyts ; Councillors Bence, L. Davies, M. Davis, Dighton, Dimmer, Margrett, Moles, Parsonage, Skillicorne and Mr. C. Fisher, (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1-Chairman—Alderman Col. Thoyts was appointed Chairman of the joint meeting of these Committees.

2-Grammar School Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that he had had a conference with Mr. Jas. B. Winterbotham and Mr. Style on the subject of the form of Clause 2 of the proposed new Grammar School scheme, and that, subject to the approval of this Committee, he had settled the form of the alteration as follows:—

2. In Clause 12 of the said scheme after the words " Town Council of Cheltenham" the following words and figures shall be inserted :—" and if and so long as the said Council shall pay a yearly sums of £400 to the funds of the " Foundation, such suns to be applied exclusively for the purposes of the School of Science as now carried on at " the Science School in the Public Library Buildings and at the Grammar School, and to the purposes of "Technical Education within the meaning of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, and in conformity with this scheme three additional Governors for the term of 6 years by the said Council, or for such shorter period as the " said payment shall continue."

Resolved, That the above-mentioned alteration be approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

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 Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of November, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of October, 1897—Present :
Alderman Haddon ; Councillors

Baker, Bence, Cypher, Parsonage and Skillicorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1— New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the Notices and Plans he had already received and intended to come before the monthly meeting of the Committee for approval or otherwise. Resolved, That the following plans be returned to be amended in the following respects:-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
936	F. W. Harvey	Additions and Alterations to premises next to Coffee Tavern, Lower High Street

Plan returned on account of the proposed situation of Petroleum store being in the opinion of the Committee an improper one.

961	C. M. Haward	Additions to Cleveland Villa, St. Mark's. The joists to be 7 x 3 instead of 7 x 2 as proposed.
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E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of October, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

2-The View- The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, and Parsonage.

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3-Street projections--The Street Inspector reported that an incandescent electric lamp had been put up in front of the shop of Messrs. Holliday and Page, Butchers, 3, Montpellier Avenue, without permission of the Council having been first obtained. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Holliday and Page that they must apply for permission to allow the lamp to remain, and that it must be at least 8 feet clear from the ground.

The Street Inspector reported (5th October) that the advertising boards projecting over the footway abutting on Hampton's Gardens had been removed.

A letter from Miss Roberts, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Branch of the Home Arts and Industries Association, was read, asking permission to suspend a flag across the street, from the Corn Exchange to the premises of Messrs. Williams & Co., on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of November, when the Association intended to hold an Exhibition at the Corn Exchange. Resolved, That the same be granted subject to the flag being 30 feet clear from the road.

4—Tar Macadam opposite St. Mary's Hall—A letter from the Rev. H. L. C. de Candole was read, stating that he was requested by the Committee of the Training College to ask the Council to have the roadway opposite St. Mary's Hall coated with Tar Macadam. Resolved, That when the road next requires repair the application be acceded to.

5—Main Roads Agreement—A letter from the Clerk to the County Council was read, stating that the only object of having an Agreement was that a fixed sum should be determined upon to be paid by the County Council to the Town Council for the repair of the main roads, but that under the Agreement as amended by the Town Council no sum is mentioned. Resolved, To adhere to the resolution come to at the last meeting.

6—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th September to the 15th October, both inclusive, was as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Regent Street, 5,054 super yards; Lower High Street, from the Gloucester Road to St. George's Street, 4,800 super yards.

Patching ----Montpellier Street, Gloucester Road, St Luke's Road and St. Margaret's Road

Repaired with Old Tariff Stone—Wellesley Road, 1,020 super yards

Kerb, Crossing, Paving and Channelling—Hewlett Road, Northfield Terrace, Roman Road, Whitehart Street, Marle Hill Parade, Leckhampton Road, Hale's Road.

The Footpath at the back of Lansdown Crescent had been laid with Asphalte.

The Footpath in Gloucester Road from Midland Hotel to Church Road, laid with Concrete slabs, was finished, 8,900 super feet.

The Footpath in the Gloucester Road for the Gas Company was finished.

The Footpath on the South side of St. George's Road opposite the Ladies' College was being relaid with Concrete Flags.

Private Improvements—St. Margaret's Road paths (proceeding).

The Contracts for the supply of Provender and Coal, and sale of Manure expire on 1st December next.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads, 680. Consumed at Destructor, 624 tons 17 cwts.

7--Footpath West side of North St. (continuation of St. Margaret's Road Footpath) —Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the abutting owners to pave, channel and flag this footpaths.

8—Footpath Rodney Road, between Alma House and Road leading to Regent Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the abutting owners to pave, flag and channel this footpath.

9--Tenders for Manure, Coal and Fodder—Resolved, That tenders be advertised for, for purchase of the manure made at the Central Depot during the ensuing twelve months, and for a twelve months' supply of coal and fodder.

10-- Scavenging of Sydenham Roads—A letter from Mr. R. J. Webb, was read, asking if nothing could be done to prevent the deposit of rubbish that accumulates on the north side of Sydenham Road, south, where the brick wall of Mr. Armitage's property is set back to meet the fence of General Thomson's by bevelling off the square. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to attend to the matter of complaint.

11—Sydenham Road, North —A letter from Mr. Claridge, was read, referring to a resolution of this Committee confirmed by the Council in January last, that the Council would be in a position to comply with a request made to them to declare this road a highway if the consent of the proprietor of the street be obtained, and provided the street be put in such a state of repair as will justify the Council in declaring it to be a highway, with which he enclosed a copy of a letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, stating their clients had no objection provided the whole be taken over and not part alone, and as the curbing and channelling had been done according to the specification of the Borough Surveyor, he presumed nothing now remained to prevent the resolution being carried into effect. Resolved, To inform Mr. Claridge that the paths have still to be edged, channelled and paved, and that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to bring up a specification of this work required to be done by the abutting owners before the roads can be declared highways.

12-Entrance Crossing to Hampton's Gardens—A letter was read from Mr. James Roche, expressing his opinion that it was important that an entrance crossing to Hampton's Gardens in the footpath should exist considering the use to which he intended putting the gardens. Resolved, To inform Mr. Roche that if he makes an application for a crossing and is willing to bear the expense the Council will carry out the work.

13-Footpath in St. James' Street— A letter from Mr. W. H. Barrow, of No. 27, St. James's Street, was read, calling attention to the very bad state of the footpath in that street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Barrow that any stones requiring repair will be made good as soon as the masons are at liberty.

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14-Cab Stand near New Club-A letter from Colonel Thoyts, was read, calling attention to the necessity which existed for pitching and draining the Cab Stand near the New Club. Resolved, To inform Colonel Thoyts that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to have all the Cab Stands paved with tar macadam.

15-Wages of Corporation Workmen - letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gasworkers, Brickmakers. and General Labourers, was read, stating that the able-bodied men employed in the Highway and Scavenging Departments were considerably underpaid in comparison with those of other towns similar and near to Cheltenham, and suggesting specific increases in the various classes.

The writer stated arrangements would be made, if desired, for a deputation to meet any Committee that might be appointed to deal with the matter on receipt of notice axing a suitable date. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter.

16-Lopping Trees irk Prestbury Road -A letter from Mr. J. J. Doubleby, was read, calling attention to the overhanging of the trees in the Prestbury Road, which were dangerous to persons riding on the top of the Buses. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the trees lopped where necessary.

17 - Gratings in Swindon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that a Mr. Hobbs had put in area gratings in the footpath in front of cottages belonging to him in the Swindon Road, without permission. Resolved, To require Mr. Hobbs to replace them with Hayward's lights.

18-Crossing near Old Post Office, Clarence Street- Resolved, To remove this crossing and relay a new one with McDougall's bricks extending from the corner by the shop now used as a bicycle show room to near the shop occupied by Messrs. W. and F. Welch.

19-Folly Lane-Resolved. To authorise the Town Clerk to obtain a copy of the Arle and Alstone Inclosure Award of 1801, and that Mr. Baylis be asked to furnish the information as to the number of loads of bricks and coal hauled over the road, which he promised to give to the Committee on the occasion of their visit of inspection.

20—Road out of North end of St. James' Square by the Burton Brewery-A letter from Mr. Mills, of the G.W. Railway Co., was read, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Town Clerk asking if the

Company would give up the land coloured pink on the plan sent by him to widen this road, and stating that enquiry should at once be made into the matter and a reply be sent in due course.

21-Suffolk Road Improvement-A letter from Mr. Wade was read, suggesting that as the amount asked was considered too high by the Council an offer should be made to him. Resolved, That having regard to the purchase being subject to Miss Draper's Lease and to the Corporation having to do all the work of pulling down and rebuilding the wall and making good the end of the buildings, the Council consider £300 would be ample to pay the owners for the strip of land to be given up by them, and that they be offered that sum.

22-Entrance Crossing to Stables to Shelburne Grange-A letter was read from Mr. C. Winstone giving notice of his intention to fix a silver grey crossing for entrance to the carriage drive to proposed new stables on the South side of Shelburne Grange, situated on the Lansdown Road. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the same being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

23--Henrietta Street-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing the suggested improvement of raising the roadway of this street at an estimated cost of £150. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the work be carried out forthwith, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the edging, paving, and channelling of the footpath on the East side to be done by the abutting owners.

24- Footpaths in Upper Bath Street, Bath Terrace and Monson Avenue -Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 18th day of October, 1897. of the Works required to be done to the above streets, were read and approved. And it was Resolved that Notices 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 streets requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

25—Swindon Road Footpaths -Resolved . To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the work to be done by the abutting owners to pave, flag and channel the footpaths on both, sides of the road.

26- -New Workshop at House adjoining No. 10, North Place -- With reference to Minute No. 25 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Boswell stating that he understood at the time that his plans were rejected because the Council would not allow business premises to be erected in Portland Street, and not because he refused to conform to a line of frontage. such a thing not having been mentioned, and complaining that the wooden shed being put nil was greatly reducing the value of his property.

27- Borough Surveyor's Pony-Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to sell his pony and with the approval of the Chairman to purchase another one,

28 -Scavenging Private Streets Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have all thoroughfares within the Borough regularly scavenged- private as well as public.

29-Northfield Passage- Resolved, That the asphalte of this passage be re-laid from end to end. Buildings --The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following, persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :-

No. of Plan.	Name	Description .
936	T. Harvey	Business premises in High Street.
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937	Colonel Thoyts	Four semi-detached cottages in Hatherley Road.
938	Mr. Walkley	Shop and Post Office in Bath Road.
961	Mr. Haward	Additions to Clevedon Villa, St. Mark's.
962	Andrew Page	Two Houses at Harp Hill, Battledown.
963	G. H. Williams	Additions to back of No. 27, Park Place.
964	The Governors of the Delancey Fever Hospital	Cottage and Stables in Pilley Lane.
965	G. New	Extension to Shop, No. 101, High Street.
967	J. D. Bendall	Workshop in Leckhampton Road.

Resolved. That No. 936 be approved as altered by the Chairman ; that No. 961 be approved subject to the joists being not less than by 7in., 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 6th day of October, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Griffith, Parsonage and Waghorne (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, 17 cases of Scarlet Fever. and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 17 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 33.

2-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 28 & 29, Victoria Street, No. 10, Clarence Street, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, Great Western Road, and Nos. 40 and 41, Tivoli 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.

3—Overcrowding at No. 3, Brunswick Terrace and No. 1, Clare Cottages—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—Wells at Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, & 15, Victoria Street, and No. 42, Hungerford 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 be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

5—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 Ashpit, 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, requiting-them in each Ca Ne to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted,

7—Cleansing and Limewashing Nos. 3 & 5, Barnard's Row, and No. 20, Marle Hill Road-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 he given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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8-Workshops requiring to be cleansed and limewashed, viz., one between Nos. 16 & 17, Regent Street, No. 130, High Street, and No.34, Winchcomb Street---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.

9 - Insanitary Property—viz., No. 2, Ebenezer Cottages, Larput Place, No. 14, Sandford Terrace, Delhi Cottage, Waterloo Street, and No. 16, Rosehill Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, ceilings, walls, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under

Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

10-- Hayden Knoll Farm—A letter was read from Mr. R. C. Smith asking to be allowed to take a transfer of the lease of this farm from his late father's executors, and to have the right to shoot over it ; also requesting that some loose places for cows to calve in might be provided. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to construct a timber shed for calving, and that consent be given to the assignment of the lease to Mr. Smith by his father's executors.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th day of October, 1897—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Griffith, and Parsonage (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

11—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, and 1 of Enteric Fever ; that 5 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 32.

12- Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 6, Alstone Place, Nos. 1, 2, & 3, Milsom Street. and houses in St. George's Square occupied respectively by Mr. Savage and Mrs. Barton—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.

13--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.

14—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.

15—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 8, Sherborne Street, Nos. 4 & 8, Jersey Street, and Nos. 3 & 4, St. George's Avenue—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.

16-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops order—An application was received from Hester A. Whitmore, of No. 27, St. George's Place, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

17-Wells at Nos. 1, 2, & 3, Milsom Street, Nos. 1, 2, & 3, Beaconsfield Cottages, Havana Cottage, Nos. 1 & 2, West View, College Lane, Crispin Inn, and No.59, St. James's Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

18 - Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served upon owners of property to provide flushing boxes and ash receptacles, which had not been complied with. Resolved. To instruct the Town Clerk to cause final Notices to be served upon the owners to carry- out the requirements of the Notices within a time to be specified by him, and in default of compliance therewith to take proceedings to recover the penalties for not providing the flushing boxes, and that the ash receptacles be provided by the Corporation, and the expenses incurred by so doing recovered from the owners of the houses in manner provided by Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

19—St. George's Square ----Resolved. That the attention of the General Purposes Committee be called to the desirability of re-numbering the houses in St. George's Square.

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20-Slaughter House at No. 280, High Street—A letter from Mr. A. Smith, the tenant of these premises, was read, stating that he would accept £150 as compensation for the closing of this Slaughter-house, or permission to kill at the Abattoir an average of 12 pigs weekly for 10 years. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this offer.

21-Soup Kitchen in New Street—A letter was read from Mr. C. J. Tinson, Hon. Sec. of the Poor Relief Committee, stating that instructions had been given to a firm of builders to do the necessary repairs to this Soup Kitchen.

22-Petroleum Acts—The Town Clerk reported that the Licenses for sale of Petroleum had expired on the 5th inst. Resolved, That Mr. Long, the Assistant Inspector of Nuisances be authorised and instructed to procure and test Petroleum from the dealers in the Borough, and to inspect the places where it is stored.

23-Building Plans —The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as had been or were intended to be placed before the Street and Highway Committee for consideration, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as regards drainage.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WATER COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, the 6th day of October, 1897—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, L. Davies, M. Davis, Griffith, Lenthall, Margrett, Parsonage, and Waghorne (Councillor Griffith in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Councillor Griffith was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2--Worcester Sewage—A letter from the Local Government Board enclosing printed notice of an Inquiry to be held by G. Willcocks, Esq., M.I.C.E., one of the Board's Inspectors, at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Thursday, the 24th inst, on the application of the Worcester Town Council, to borrow £52,000 for the purposes of sewage disposal, was read ; also a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, asking if the Council wished his Council to take any steps in the matter or attend the enquiry. Resolved, That the Chairmen of both Committees, the. Town Clerk, the Borough Surveyor, and the Medical Officer of Health do attend the Inquiry and represent the Council of this Borough, and that Mr. Badham be informed that there can be no objection on the part of this Council to his attending the Inquiry on the part of his Council.

Resolved also, That the Committees meet on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Lodge at Dowdeswell, to inspect the sources of the Dowdeswell supply.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of October, 1897--Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, M. Davis, Margrett, and Skillicorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Winter Garden—In pursuance of the Minute and Resolution No. 6 of this Committee, of date the 29th ultimo, relating to the enclosure of part of the road in Imperial Square, on the East side of and immediately joining the Winter Garden, the Borough

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Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan hewing the said road and its boundaries and the same having been considered, Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the said road including the footpath on the East side of and adjoining the Winter Garden is unnecessary, and that it is expedient that the said road, which is a highway, extending from the highway on the North side of the said Square to the highway on the South side, should be stopped up, reserving a footway along the whole length thereof, in manner shewn on the said plan, that is to say, that the footpath immediately adjoining the said Winter Garden, on the East side thereof, and a portion of the carriage way adjoining of the width including the said footway of 44 feet should be stopped up, leaving a footway of the width of 18 feet along the whole length of the said highway adjoining the other carriage way on the Eastern side of the said square, and that the Mayor do by Order in writing direct the Town

Clerk on behalf of the Council acting as Surveyors of the Highways to apply to two justices to view the said highway, and that the expenses attending such view and the stopping up of the said highway in manner aforesaid, subject to such reservation as aforesaid, be paid out of the Urban Authority Fund.

Band Concerts—The Borough Surveyor reported that the total attendance during the week ending Saturday, the 9th instant, had been 3,782, and the total receipts £17 10s. 6d. Resolved, That the Band play a selection of Sacred Music on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 4.30 p.m. ; That for the remainder of their engagement the Band play in the Band Stand in the Promenade Long Garden in the morning when the weather permits, and, when not, in the Winter Garden ; That the charge for admission in the morning and afternoon during the Concerts be reduced to 1d.

Badminton—On further consideration of the matter Resolved, That the North nave be let for Badminton in the afternoons, the charge for the same to be as heretofore.

2—Mr. Burrow's Publication, "Cheltenham"—Resolved, That the 500 copies of Mr. Burrow's publication, purchased by the Council, be sent to the Hotels and Hydropathic Establishments in the principal seaport and other large towns.

3—Advertising in Steamship Guides—The letter from the International Advertising Agency, mentioned in Minute No 3 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th ultimo, was further considered. Resolved, That the Committee do not see their way to advertise as suggested.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of October, 1897—Present :
Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Ll. Davies, Lenthall, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 14th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 60 gallons per minute ; the average for the last four years being 59 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 7,285,793 gallons. That on the 15th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 17 feet 7 inches and the contents 38,853,253 gallons, which gave a total of 46,139,048 gallons, or about 51 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 283,520 gallons.

The cost of a special service from the Severn main in High Street to the nearest point of the Union buildings would be about £40, including all necessary valves for maintaining a constant service when pumping. That application had been made for a supply of water to a house in Pilley. The cost of the main would be about £33, and the occupier, who had already signed, would pay 13s per annum. Most of the wells were then failing, and it was therefore probable that others would apply shortly if they were assured of a supply.

That as instructed he had had all the supplies to the General Hospital connected so as to pass through one meter and the readings taken during the last fortnight with the result that 100,000 gallons were registered in 17 ½ days. which at the ordinary price of 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons is equal to £131 5s. 0d. per annum, the charge now made being at per annum.

Workhouse—A letter was read from the Deputy Clerk to the Guardians, asking the Council to make an abatement in the charge made to the Workhouse for water supply.

Resolved, That the charge to be made in future be 1s per 1,000 gallons ; that the severn water main be extended to the Workhouse at the cost of the Corporation ; that the extension to Pilley be carried out, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Hospital Authorities to the facts disclosed in the report as regards the water supply to that Institution, and to inform them that the same would receive consideration At the next meeting of the Committee with a view to a revision of the charge to be made in future.

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2—Tewkesbury Accounts-A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, asking the Committee to name two days after the 3rd proximo for him to choose a day from for a meeting with his Committee. Resolved, That the Committee meet at the Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, on Friday, the 12th proximo, at 10.30 and at 11 o'clock proceed to Tewkesbury to view the Waterworks there, and that the Committee of the Tewkesbury, Corporation be invited to meet this Committee in the Boardroom there at 12 o'clock to discuss the matter in dispute between the two Corporations.

3-Water supply to Ashchurch Board Schools— A. letter was read from the Clerk to the Ashchurch School Board, asking to be informed as to the terms upon which the Severn water would be laid on to these schools. Resolved, That subject to the Board entering into an agreement to take the water for a period of not less than seven years, the necessary extension of the main will be made free of cost to the Board, and the charge for the water will be 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons.

4-Dowdeswell Supply—Resolved, That a visit be paid by the Committee to Dowdeswell, on Wednesday afternoon in next week, leaving the Municipal Offices at two o'clock, to complete the inspection of the sources of the water supply there.

5-Water Supply to Isolation Hospital at Elmstone Hardwicke—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, objecting to the charge of £9 2s, 5d, made for the cost of supervision of the work of extending the water main to this building. A letter from the Town Clerk was read, stating that it was absolutely necessary to have one of the Borough Surveyor's Assistants in constant attendance, and that the charge was fair and reasonable. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that the Council cannot accede to the request to abandon the charge.

Correspondence between the Borough Surveyor and Mr. James Villar, the Architect of the Hospital, was read, from which it appeared that Mr. Villar desired to have an unnecessarily large meter fixed to the supply pipe to allow a free flow of water to the fire hydrant, so that there should be no check to it in case of fire. The Borough Surveyor however explained that the ordinary flow through the service pipe would pass through the larger meter without causing it to register. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the hydrant fixed between the main and the meter so that

the supply to the hydrant would be received before passing through the meter, which could then be of the proper size to register the ordinary flow

6—Water Supply to the Gas Works — A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, was read, applying to the Council to reduce the charge made to the Company for the supply of water to their Works. Resolved, to reduce the charge to 1s 3d per 1.000 gallons.

7—Water Supply to Elmstone Hardwicke—A letter was read from the Rev. G. Bayfield Roberts, Chairman of the Elmstone Hardwicke Parish Meeting, forwarding a resolution of the Meeting held on the 21st, which was as follows :—" That the offer of the Cheltenham Corporation be not accepted."

S—Arrears of Water Rates—The Chairman reported that he had been through and revised the list of persons who were in arrear in payment of their water rates. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against those whose names had been indicated on the list by the Chairman to recover the amounts due from them.

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

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of October, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Lawrence and Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, 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.	
1897 Sept. 30th..	17.20 candles	1897.	Grains per 100
cubic ft.			
Oct. 7th..	16.72 "	Oct. 12th and 13 th	11.00
" 12th ..	<u>17.31</u> "		
Average..	17.08 "		

2-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.1846 cubic feet.

3 -Lamp Book — This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 10 metered, 31 unmetered burning dimly, 1.

4-Gas Lamp---A letter was read from Councillor Bence, stating that he had been asked to apply for additional lamps as follows, viz. : One to be fixed at the West end of Denmark Villas, St. Ann's ; one to be fixed at the North end of Victoria Place, Fairview, and a rearrangement of the two there then; one to be fixed opposite No. 6, Providence Square, and one to be fixed opposite No. 42, Sherborne Street and an existing one to be removed to the opposite side of the street, viz., to the corner of York Street, and offering to point out to the Committee the Localities indicated. Resolved, To adjourn consideration the application pending a visit of inspection by the Committee.

5--Electric supply to the Ladies' College- A letter was read from Mr. E. R. Robson, complaining of the inconvenience caused by the delay in supplying electrical current to the College, The Electrical Engineer reported that there had been a mis-understanding as to the point to which the wiring Wits to be carried, and he had had to make an alteration in his arrangements, but there would be no further delay.

6-Cheltenham Order, 1890 - -A letter from the Board of Trade was read, stating that the Undertakers under the Order appeared to have no authority to supply energy outside the area specified in the 1st Schedule to the Order without obtaining further statutory power.

7 Collection of Electric lighting Accounts A letter from Mr. Loveridge was read, expressing regret that it had been decided to withdraw the collection of these accounts from his which he had undertaken originally with the expectation of receiving payment for the work on an important increase in the number of customers. Resolved, That if Mr. Loveridge is willing to continue the collection of the accounts, the Electric Department will pay him for the work at the rate of £10 per annum from the 31st of March last, and that in any case he be asked to collect the accounts for the past quarter.

8--Electric supply to Cotswold Hotel, Portland Street—The Electrical Engineer reported that the landlord of this Hotel was three quarters in arrear for payments due for electric supply, and that he took no notice of applications which had been made. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write a final request for payment and in default to take proceedings to enforce it.

9—Painting of Lamp Pillars—Mr. M. H. Reay, of No. 14, Bath Parade, having offered to paint and decorate the electric lamp pillars, similar to the pattern painted by him in Clarence Street, for the sum of 25s each. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the pillars as they are erected painted by Mr. Reay accordingly.

10—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that the greater part of the mains for the lighting of St. George's Road and Overton Park Road had been laid and he awaited instructions as to the positions for the lamps. He submitted a plan of the Cooling Pond required for the condensing plant. and recommended that Messrs. Malvern carry out the work under their Schedule. He suggested that instructions should be given to Messrs. Malvern to commence the work of putting in the foundations for the new chimney stack as soon as possible. That he had with the Chairman's approval given his bicycle to his foreman, who needed one quite as much as he did, and that he had ordered another for himself at the same cost to the Department as for the one he had

before, viz., about £14 5s. He applied for a Safe for his new office sufficiently large to contain the account books.

Small extensions were required to supply the Ladies' College and the offices of Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, the costs of which would be about £30 and £35 respectively. The Ladies' College had agreed to contribute £10 in consequence of their desire to have the service laid on at a point further from the existing main than had been at first arranged. A loan of £55 was therefore required to cover the cost of those extensions the latter of which being very urgent had been carried out by authority of the Chairman. That he had received tenders for the provision and maintenance of the battery of Accumulators required from four firms, and he recommended acceptance of the Tudor Co.'s tender at £1,000, subject to the terms of a suitable maintenance contract being agreed upon between that Company and himself. As he had estimated £800 for the accumulators it would be necessary to add to that £350 to cover the extra cost of the battery fittings and connections for it, the discrepancy having arisen from his having found it advisable to increase the capacity of the battery and to less favourable quotations owing to increasing demand and pressure of work, and also to the greatly increased price of lead ; and that the cost of wiring his new office would be about £20.

Resolved, To leave it to the Chairman and Councillors Baker and Parsonage to fix the positions of the lamps in St. George's Road and Overton Park Road ; That the plan for the Cooling Pond be approved, and the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer adopted ; That Messrs. Malvern & Sons be instructed to proceed at once with the work of putting in the foundation for the chimney stark ; That as regards the additional bicycle the action of the Chairman be approved ; That the Borough Surveyor be instructed either to have a fire brick chamber built at the new offices or to obtain a suitable second-hand safe ; That the extensions mentioned in the report be carried out ; That the tender of the Tudor Co. for the battery of Accumulators be accepted, and that the sums of £110 and £350, making a total of £460, be added to the amount for which application has been made for sanction to borrow, to cover the cost of the extensions, the brick chamber or safe, the bicycle, the wiring of the office, and the extra cost of the battery of Accumulators.

11-Electric Inspector's Report---"the Electric inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.:—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
Oct. 7th	100 Volts	101.6 Volts.
" 9th	"	101.6
" 12th,	"	100.7

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1897--Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Griffith, Margrett, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1----Swine Fever—Superintendent McRae reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred on the premises of Mr. John Lloyd, Naunton Gardens, Naunton Crescent. 7 pigs were affected ; 3 died and 4 were slaughtered.

2-Muzzling Order—Superintendent McRae reported that 29 persons had been proceeded against for offences against the Muzzling Order ; that 12 unmuzzled dogs had been seized by the Police and 5 were destroyed, 7 being claimed, and that 4s had been paid for keep by the owners of the dogs claimed.

3 - Fire Brigade Report—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out on the 23rd ultimo to a fire at Leicester House, Westall Buildings, Bath Road, occupied by Messrs. J. & H. Lord, Drapers, &c. The fire was caused by the ignition of escaped gas ; damage £250. The premises and contents were insured in the Royal and Alliance Offices, to whom the account of the extinction expenses amounting to £3 1s. had been sent.

Rules and Regulations —The Superintendent submitted for approval and adoption by the Committee the new Rules and Regulations for the Fire Brigade and which had been provisionally in operation for some little time past. Resolved, That the further consideration of the same be adjourned.

4- Drivers' Licenses--Applications were received from Edgar Musty, of 23, Princes Street, and John Elvis, of Clarence Mews for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

5- Wheel Chair License—An application for a Wheel Chair License was read from Thomas Mantell, of the Lodge, Thirlestaine House. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the chair being passed by the Chairman of this Committee. A letter was read from Mr. R. C. Marsh, of No. 5, Grosvenor Terrace, stating that he had purchased a Bath Chair in better condition than his licensed chair, and asking to be allowed to substitute his new chair for the one at present licensed. Resolved, That the application be granted, the Chairman having already inspected and approved the new chair.

6-Hackney Carriage Licenses—With reference to the first resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th day of August last, a letter was read from Mr. W. P. Jones stating that the letter with reference to the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licenses was written by him on behalf of the Cab Proprietors and Drivers' Union and by their authority.

7—Hampton's Garden Nuisance from Roundabouts, etc.—A Memorial was read from the Rev. A. Armitage and other residents near Hampton's Garden, petitioning the Town Council to take steps to prevent the great annoyance, injury to health, and depreciation of house property caused by the letting of Hampton's Garden to proprietors of travelling shows. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that it appears that the nuisance complained of has been abated through private action taken, and that the Corporation propose taking steps to prevent the occurrence

of any such nuisance in the future. Letters were read from Mr. E. J. Burrow, of Araby House, stating that he and others had been put to considerable expense in obtaining an injunction against the proprietors of the shows recently at Hampton's Garden, restraining them from continuing the nuisance they had caused there, and asking that the Corporation would be so good as to grant a sum of money to help to defray the expenses incurred (about £20) the proprietors of the show having pleaded inability to pay. A letter on the same subject was read from Mrs. Pollard, of Woburn House. Resolved, That the applicants be informed that the Corporation cannot defray the cost of the proceedings taken, the nuisance being one the Corporation had no power to take steps to compel abatement of, but that the Council propose, if possible, to make Bye-laws for the repression of such nuisances in the future.

8-Game License—An application was read from Mr. Alfred Winfield, of No. 39, Winchcomb Street, for a License to deal in Game. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the Medical Officer of Health satisfying himself that the premises are suitable.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of October, 1897—Present Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Dighton, and Ll. Davies, (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

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

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2-Alstone Swimming Bath—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of Bathers at Alstone Bath up to and including the 9th instant, on which date the Bath was closed, was 20,200, being an increase over last year of 798. The Receipts for the year amounted to £185 1s. 5d., being an increase over last year's of £10 13s. 6d.

3—Conversion into Gymnasium —In accordance with the Resolution of the Council on the 4th instant, the Resolution of this Committee at their last monthly meeting on the subject of the conversion of the Alstone Bath into a Gymnasium in the Winter months was further considered. Resolved, That the Council not having approved the Resolution of this Committee on the subject, the Committee are of opinion that it is now too late to do anything in the matter this season.

4 —Cleansing Bath—In accordance with the foregoing Resolution, Resolved, That application be only made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £550 for the provision of cleansing baths and to pay off the sum overdrawn on capital account.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do report to this Committee as to the cost of substituting an unclimbable iron fence for the existing wood fence between the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and the Marle Hill annexe to Pittville Park, and that

the Town Clerk do report as to the power of the Corporation to sell the lots of land belonging to them in Marle Hill Road and abutting on this Recreation Ground.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of October, 1897 — Present :
Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis, Moles, and Parsonage (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1--Cemetery- -Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to order two sweeping brushes for use on the roads.

2—Interments in Church Yards—A letter was read from the Rev Orpen Palmer, Incumbent of St. Peter's Church, with which he forwarded a plan showing how much of the Church yard still remained unopened, and the great diminution of income which would be caused to the Incumbent of the Church if there should be any legal prohibition of interment, and stating that not merely the ground shown on the plan was available, but also unless prohibited some acres of external ground already church property surrounding the Church on three sides might be taken in, consecrated and used, and that if it appear inadvisable new vaults should be built along the northern wall of the burial ground which is the nearest side to the public road he would not make any remonstrance, but suggesting there could be no good reason for exercising any legal prohibition concerning the rest of the ground. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending replies from the other Incumbents in the town to the letter which had been sent out by the Town Clerk, inviting comments from them with regard to the Regulations which had been made as to interments in the Church yards and Burial grounds within the; Borough.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to Margaret Fairbotham, Dina Mustoe Packer, and Mary Emily Constance Packer, Elizabeth Hayden, Mary Lucretia Rendall McLea. Memorial to Rev. Fathers Trehearne and Wilson, O.S.B.

4—Accounts—Resolved, That the following accounts be passed for payment, viz. :

G. C. Pratley, Wages .. .	£10 4 0
Cheltenham Town Council—Pittville Gardens A/c.—Plants	£ 4 0 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Repairs to Cemetery Gates .. .	£ 0 11 0
Cheltenham Gas Light & Coke Co., Repairing Service	£ 0 7 1

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 29th day of October, 1897— Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Lawrence ; Councillors LI, Davies, Dimmer, and Margrett (Alderman Lawrence in the chair)—

1—General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £13,757 0s. 2d., leaving uncollected £1,056 16s. 5 ½ d. The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst. on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read Amount collected £643, leaving outstanding £14,199 11s. 1 ½ d.

2—Loan of £5,000 to the Borough of Nelson—The Town Clerk reported that he had received Draft of the Mortgage from the Borough Accountant of Nelson, and that the matter was proceeding.

3 —Loans from Public Works Loans Commissioners—A letter was read from the Secretary to the Local Government Board, drawing attention to Sec. 1 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897, empowering the Commissioners to fix from time to time the rates of interest at which loans may be made by them to Local Authorities, and that such rates had been fixed as follows, viz. :

Period of Repayment. Rates of Interest.

Not exceeding 30 years	2 ¾ per cent. per annum.
" 40 years	3 " "
" 50 years	3 ¼ " "

4—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 £4,943 15s. 7d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 28th Sept. last	£ 5,153 12 11
Received since that date	<u>£16,655 12 8</u>
	£21,809 5 7
Paid since that date	<u>£17,936 11 0</u>
In hand	£ 3,873 3 9

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of October, 1897—Present Alderman Col. Thoyts ; Councillors Renee, M. Davis, Dighton, and Margrett (Alderman Col. Thoyts in the chair)—

1—Technical Education Grant—The Town Clerk reported that the sum of £425 had been received from the County Council on account of this Grant. Letters were read from Maj.-General Thomson, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. C. Stuart Millard, Head Master of the School of Art, giving particulars of the increased expenditure of the School. A letter was also read from Mr. Horace Edwards, asking for an increased grant for the Art Class at Charlton Kings. Resolved, That the amount received from the County Council on account (£425) be divided between the same Institutions as those amongst which last year's grant of £850 was divided and in the same proportions, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Public Library	50	0	0
Grammar School (Science Department) and School of Science	212	10	0
School of Art	100	0	0
School of Cookery	50	0	0
Art Class, Charlton Kings	12	10	0

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But that the Committee of Management of the School of Cookery be informed that they must not take it for granted that the same amount will be given to them as was done last year. Also Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the non. Treasurer of the School of Art, and to the Hon. Secretary of the School of Cookery for further information as certain items of expenditure in their accounts. Resolved further, That the Town Clerk do report fully to this Committee as to the amount which this Borough ought to receive from the County Council for the purposes of Technical Education.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1897—Present Alderman Haddon ; Ll. Davies and Parsonage (Councillor Ll. Davies in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report--The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £5 17s. 2d. He reported that there had been an increase of 10 per day in the issues from the Reference Department, but a decrease of 23 per day in the issues from the Lending Department as compared with the corresponding month of last year, the chief decrease being in fiction. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz

Baron de Ferrieres	9 Vols.
Miss Kemble	3 “

Bristol University College	1 “
British Museum Trustees	1 “
Borough Accountant	1 “

Annual Reports from Libraries at Bournemouth, Folkestone ;and Westminster.

2 —Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that the new boiler was working satisfactorily. They follows :---That the request of the School of Art Committee that an artistic framed photograph of the interior of room be allowed to hang in the Library be acceded to.

That a selection of worn-out books be replaced at a cost of £25.

That the two broken Incandescent gas burners in the Leckhampton Reading Room be replaced.

That Mrs. Von Holst's offer to present “Theosophy briefly explained” be accepted for the Reference Library.

That a number of books, useless or duplicate, submitted by the Librarian be sold.

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

3 —Caretaker —Resolved, That an extra payment of 2s per week be made to W. Addis, the Library Caretaker, during the time the Library is open till 10 p.m.

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

	£	s.	d.
W. Jones, Wages Account	15	10	6
Town Council, Electric Energy (i Quarter)	10	0	0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Fittings	1	8	0
Norman Sawyer & Co., Binding and Printing	32	5	8
C. Westley. Newspapers .	13	2	3
“ “ (Leckhampton)	10	15	0
“ Books	0	8	5
“ Magazines	3	7	6

E. LI. DAVIES,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th day of October, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, Li. Davies and Margrett (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 36 schools, from which 867

names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 86 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held eight meetings. That 11 parents had been prosecuted ; that five were fined, and Attendance Orders were made against the other six.

2-- Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—James Beard, No. 2, Wakefield Court, Union Street ; Charles Seaborne, No. 20, Exmouth Street ; Charles Roberts, No. 35, Victoria Place ; Charles Rawlins, No. 25, Jersey Street ; Charles Smith, No. 34, Sherborne Street ; George Stevens, No. 4, Lower Croft, and Annie Laurence, No. 9, Carlton Place ; and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parent of Edgar Payne, back of No. 53, Sun Street, for an Attendance Order.

3- -Duplicate Registers from St. John's Schools —Correspondence between the Town Clerk and the Rev. A. Armitage, with reference to the omission of the Head Mistress at St. John's Schools to properly fill up the duplicate Register, was read, from which it appeared that the omission was intentional, and with Mr. Armitage's approval, as it was considered unnecessary that those cases which had been omitted should be brought to the notice of the Attendance Officers. The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of a letter which he proposed to write in reply to the last one received from Mr. Armitage. Resolved, That the same be approved.

4—Deaf and Dumb Child---A letter was read from the Manager of the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Tyndall's Park, Bristol, stating that the child Frances F. Pates one of the children being maintained at the Institution at the expense of the Corporation, would be 16 years of age on the 1st of December, and suggesting that she should be allowed to remain there until the end of the quarter. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted and approved.

5— Blind Child—A letter from the Education Department, was read, consenting, under Sec. 2 (1) of the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893, to the contribution by the Council towards the maintenance of the Home for Blind Children, Devonshire Road, Prince's Park, Liverpool, of a sum not exceeding £16 per annum, until the child John Blackwall is 12 years of age, and £21 per annum from that time until he is 16 years of age.

6—Accounts—The following Account was passed for payment, viz :—

Bristol Institution for the Deaf and Dumb—for Board and Clothing on account of F. F. Pates, C. W. Smith, E. A. Smith, A. E. Quiney, and J. W. Smith, for quarter ending 31st December £26 5 0

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting (f the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th day of December, 1897.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1---Chairman —Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 17th day of November, 1897—Present Alderman Haddon : Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

2—Trees—Resolved, That this Committee meet to-morrow and the two following days with a view to reporting to the Council as to what trees require lopping or removing.

3-Wages of Corporation Workmen—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 18th ultimo, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Betteridge stating that the Committee will receive the proposed Deputation on Monday, the 29th instant at 3 p.m.

4-Apportionments of Private Improvement Expenses--Overton Park Road and Footpath at West-end of Glenfall Street.--The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works ordered to be done in Overrun Park Road and to the Footpath at the West of Glenfall Street amounted to £327 7s. 6d. and £34 7s. 0d. respectively, which sums he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

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5- Road making and Repairing - Resolved, That in future all stone to be used for the repair of the roads in the Borough be broken at the Quarry and not locally, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to otherwise employ the labour displaced in consequence of this Resolution. That in future no sand be used in the making or repairing of roads, but that the binding material required over and above what can be got from the roads themselves be Clee Hill or Wickwar chippings, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the watering necessary when repairing or making a road done by means of a spreader attached to a hose connected with a standpipe, or water cart, no horse or cart to be taken over the new surface for such watering.

6 New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had as yet received for the next monthly meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That the undermentioned plan requires amendment in the following respect :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
974	R. R. Skemp	Four Houses in Winstonian Road

Plan not complete, no block plan being furnished. Also Resolved, That Plan No. 973, Mr. G. H. New, Two Glass Cases for models over front of 101 and 102, High Street, be disapproved, and that Plans No. 968, 970, and 980 be adjourned for the Committee to view.

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of November, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

7-- Wages of Corporation Workmen—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of October last, relating to a letter from the local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas Workers, Brickmakers and General Labourers, alleging that the able-bodied men employed in the Highway and Scavenging Departments were considerably underpaid in comparison with those in other towns similar and near to Cheltenham, a Deputation from the Society, consisting of the following employees of the Corporation was received, viz., Messrs. J. Clements, H. Sheward, W. Cook, W. Pates, R. Baines, G. Richards, E. Whitmore, and J. Bennett with Mr. Betteridge, and were heard in support of their contention in the course of which they suggested the following increase, viz., 159 Labourers and one Pavior 3s, two Steam Roller Drivers 2s, two Masons 5s, and six Ash Destructor men 3s 6d each per week. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the Committee to be held on the 13th proximo.

8—The View—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, Margrett and Mills.

9--Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that at Messrs. Caudle & Sons, No. 4, Bath Road, three incandescent lamps had been fixed in front of the shop window, and at Mr. Criss Window's, No. 29, Albion Street, a Hairdresser's sign pole, both having been fixed without permission having been first obtained from the Council.

Letters were read from Mr. Criss Window requesting permission to re-erect the pole which he had taken down ; from Messrs. Holliday and Page requesting permission to fix an electric lamp in front of No. 3, Montpellier Avenue ; from Messrs. Caudle and Sons, of No. 4, Bath Road, explaining that they were not aware that they had to ask permission before fixing up the electric lamps in front of their premises, and requesting permission to allow them to remain ; from Mr. A. Ansdell, of 402, High Street, asking permission to put out a small sign-board 20in., by 24in. outside over his shop front ; from Mr. E. Martin asking permission to fix two outside electric lamps at the premises of Mr. Lord,

Draper, Baths Road (corner of Upper Bath Street) ; and from Mr. W. E. Crowther, Gas and Electrical Engineer, asking permission to fix up a sign flat against the wall of the house in St. James's Street in the occupation of Mrs. Hooper, just above the plate indicating the name of the street. Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. Criss Window, Martin, Holliday and Page, and Caudle and Sons be granted subject to the usual conditions as to height and projection, and that the applications of Messrs. Crowther and Ansdell be refused.

10-Portico over entrance to Corn Exchange—With reference to Minute No. 26 of the proceedings of this Committee, of date the 27th September last, a letter from Mr. G. 14. Williams Secretary of the Farmers' Club Room Company, was read, asking permission for the Company to place a projecting movable blind at the entrance to the Corn Exchange for use as a shelter only on occasions of entertainments. Resolved, That the application be granted.

11--Boards at Hampton's Gardens—The Street Inspector reported that a Board belonging to the Bill Posting Company had again been placed against the outside of the railings of Hampton's Gardens at the request of Mr. Roche, who stated that it stood well within the boundary line of the gardens, and no notice had been taken of requests he (the Inspector) had made for its removal. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

12– Telephone Wire from Mr. Bick's Shop to Rotunda Terrace—On behalf of Cavendish House Co., Ltd., Mr. Cooper made an application for permission to stretch a telephone wire across Montpellier Street from the shop of Messrs. Bick, Edwards & Co. in Montpellier Walk to Mr. Dick's house, No. 14, Rotunda Terrace. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the wire being not less than 25 feet from the roadway.

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13-Laying of Underground Telephone Wires -A letter from the Provincial Superintendent of the National Telephone Company, Ltd., was read, stating that with the object of improving the Local Telephone Service and enabling the Subscribers in Cheltenham and the public to make the fullest use of the Trunk lines, the Company is desirous of providing its subscribers with the Metallic Circuit or Twin Wire system to bring about which it would be desirable to put a certain proportion of the wires underground, and asking the Corporation to facilitate the improvement by granting consent to the Company to lay down under the streets such pipes, cables, &c., as may be needed to carry out the work. Resolved, That the Council unable to accede to the application.

14-Paving in St. George's Road --Alderman Norman attended to ask the Committee to relieve him from a portion of the expense of paving the footpath opposite his residence, Alpha House, as he had paid £18 10s. 0d. for the expense of paving the same portion of the footpath a few years ago, and he thought he ought not to be charged twice. Resolved, That in apportioning the amount to be paid by the abutting owners for the paving of this footpath Alderman Norman be allowed the £18 10s. 0d. which he paid for the paving which was done before.

15-Sydenham Villas road -A letter from Mr. R.J. Webb, of Harborne, Sydenham Road, South, was read, stating that this road was in a very bad state of repair, and suggesting that if it was put in

proper order perhaps there would not be much difficulty then in the Corporation taking over the whole of the Sydenham Roads. Resolved. To adjourn consideration of the matter.

16- Report re Trees-The Chairman reported that on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the 18th, 19th, and 20th days of November inst.. the Committee visited various roads on and near the Pittville Estate, and the Promenade and Streets adjoining, and they recommend that in Clarence Square one Elm and eight Lime trees be cut down and all the vacant spaces be planted with Birch, so as to secure uniformity in the Square. In Wellington Square that one Elm, one small Birch. and one Lime be removed, and that two Birch trees be planted. In the road along the East side of the Squares that nine Elms be cut down and that one purple Beech be planted between Saxham and Edenholme.

In Pittville Lawn that one Elm opposite Ravenhurst be cut down, and the large trees between Essex Lodge and the North end of the Road be pruned to about 35 feet in height, and that the vacant spaces along the West side of the road be planted.

In Pittville Crescent Road that two Elms, one Lime, and two Beeches be cut down, and all the vacant spaces be planted with purple Beech. In the cross road near Clareville that the third tree from Evesham Road be cut down. That one Birch opposite Kenilworth be cut down.

In the Promenade they recommend that the second tree on the West side be removed, and that one tree be planted. That the Chestnut near the private door of Cavendish House be cut down, and the small tree opposite No. 4, Promenade Villas, (Mr. Banks). That one tree be planted on the West side opposite Mr. Clare's shop. That the Thorn near Messrs. Young and Gillings' be cut down. That the small tree in front of Messrs. Prothero and Phillott's office be moved to a more open position. That the Oak tree opposite Mr. Woodman's shop be cut down. That one tree be planted in the space near Mr. Kunz's shop, and one small tree near the Long Garden be removed. That one Sycamore, one small plane, and the two trees marked 17 and 19 be cut down. That two trees be planted on the side of Oriel Road near the Cab stand, and that the Directors of the Queen's Hotel be requested to allow Ivy to be planted along the wall of their Stables.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and that the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

17-Report of the Borough Surveyor ye highways----The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 16th October last to the 26th instant, both inclusive, had been as under :-

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone-Winchcomb Street, 4,806 super yards ; Portland Street, 1,923 super yards ; St. Margaret's Road, 1,553 super yards ; Naunton Lane (proceeding) ; Leamington Place 445 super yards (Gore).

Patching-Old Bath Road, Hewlett Street, Cemetery Road, Gloucester Road, Fairview Street, Market Street, Pittville Circus Road.

Wickwar Stone-Thirlestaine Road (proceeding) ; St. Margaret's Terrace, 344 super yards (private) ; Columbia Street, 630 super yards ; Jersey Street, 421 super yards.

Wickwar Stone Patching-----Carlton Street, Russell Street, Cleveland Street, Jersey Street, York Street, Duke Street, Union Street, Townsend Street, Albert Street, St. Peter's.

Local Stone- Lane back of Leamington Place, 787 super yards.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling-St. George's Road, Sherborne Place, Ambrose Street, High Street, Alstone Place, dark Hill Parade, Tewkesbury Road, College Road, Fairview Street, Grosvenor Street, Jersey Street, Columbia Street, Duke Street, Victoria Street, Regent Street, Queen's Road, Mitre Street, Granville Street, Sandford Street, Roman Road, Naunton Crescent, Devonshire Street, Brunswick Street, North Street, New Street, Keighley Terrace, St. Philip's Street, Cleaveland Street.

New Crossings-(McDougall's Brick)-Two, Grafton Road; one, St. Paul's Road ; one, Sherborne Street ; five St. Margaret's Road- (in connection with the Private Improvements.)

Footpaths-The footpath in All Saints' Road had been repaired with Wickwar Gravel. The footpaths in Monson Avenue, on the East side, and Northfield Passage had been repaired with Lias Lime and Wickwar Gravel. Monson Avenue 408 super yards.

The Repairing of the footpath in St. George's Road, on the North side of the Ladies' College, was finished, 326 super yards. The footpath on the East side of Barrett's Mill ground had been repaired with Asphalte.

Private Improvement Works in Naunton Lane and Rosehill Street were being proceeded with.

New Gullies-One, St. Margaret', Road ; repaired one in Malvern Road.

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Trees Pruned in Pittville Circus Road, Pittville Lawn, Lansdown Place, Prestbury Road.

Ashes collected—Van Loads. 1,410. Consumed at Destructor 1,433 tons, 18 cwt.

18-Roads in the Middle Ward--A letter from Councillor Steel was read, suggesting that an effort should be made to get the Shelburne Road opened for vehicular traffic, calling attention to the bad state of the footpath leading from Hatherley Road over the railway to Granley Road, St. Mark's, the state of the back road to the houses on the West side of Great Norwood Street, and to the sinking of the channelling in the Colonnade and Promenade in places. Resolved, To inform the owners of Shelburne Road that if steps are not taken to put the road in repair and throw it open to the public, the Council will have to seriously consider the question of discontinuing the lighting of it ; that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath referred to repaired, and to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the abutting owners to put the back road referred to into a proper state of repair, and that Mr. Steel be informed the channelling in the Colonnade and Promenade referred to will receive attention.

19—Footpaths in Winchcomb Street—from Albion Street to High Street—A letter from Councillor Gurney was read, calling the attention of the Committee to the defective condition of the pavement at the lower end of Winchcomb Street from Albion Street to the High Street, which is full of holes in

which water accumulates in wet weather, and suggesting that the flags should be relaid. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do such repairs as are necessary.

20— Footpaths on South Side of Overton Park from Lansdown Road to Lansdown Crescent, and in Christ Church and Malvern Roads—A letter from Mr. E. H. Parsonage was read, calling attention to the unsafe condition of the footpath on the South side of Overton Park, from Malvern Road to Parabola Road, it having sunk in some parts to a dangerous extent, and the absence of channelling and primitive character of the edging was not conducive to the stability of the footpath or road, and the same remarks applied to the footpaths from Lansdown Road to Lansdown Crescent in front of Lansdown Hotel, and to the footpaths on Christ Church and Malvern Roads from Drake House to Douro Road.

21-Henrietta Street—With reference to Minute No. 23 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting and the Resolution thereto referred back to the Committee by the Council, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the work proposed to be done.

22—Trees on Clarence Square and Road from Pittville Circus to Wellington Square—A letter from Alderman Winterbotham was read, asking the Council to have the large lime tree, the second from the N.E. corner of Clarence Square, removed as it darkens the S.W. windows of Amberley House ; also that one of the overhanging boughs of the large elm tree near the N.E. gateway of the house should be lightened by removal of some of its branches.

A letter from Mr. N. W. Olive was read, suggesting that the remaining large trees on the South side of the road leading from Pittville Circus to Wellington Square should be replaced by some of a lighter character.

Resolved, To inform Alderman Winterbotham and Mr. Olive that these causes of complaint have been dealt with as appears from the Report set out above.

23—Naming of Road leading from Pittville Circus to Wellington Square—A letter from Mr. N. W. Olive was read, suggesting that this road should have a name, and be called Wellington Road. Resolved, That this suggestion be approved and adopted,

24—Footpath in Gt. Norwood Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification of the proposed widening of the footpaths opposite the Railway Inn, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Brewery Company to know if they would remove the railings and give up the land opposite the Inn, so as throw it into the footpath.

25— Suffolk Road Improvement—A letter from Mr. Wade, Solicitor for the owners of Roderic House, was read, expressing his opinion that the offer of £300 made by the Corporation for the strip of frontage was so inadequate that he must definitely decline it, as it would be no use to put it before his clients. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

26—N.W. Corner of Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the proposed rounding off of this corner. A letter from Messrs. T. Wilkins, Fletcher and Palmer and T. B. Woodard was read, suggesting the removal of the lamp pillars near their shops. Resolved. That the plan be approved, and that the lamp pillars be removed.

27—Private Improvement Works in Street adjoining land in Beckingsale's Passage—A letter from Jane Jones, the lessee of the land above-mentioned, was read, objecting to pay the amount which would be payable in respect of the Private Improvement Works to be carried out in the adjoining street, on the ground that she was lessee from Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and not the owner. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending enquiry by the Town Clerk as to the ownership of the premises.

28—Footpaths in Glenfall Street—(Apportionment)—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works to the footpath on the East side of this Street amounted to £27 15s. 7d., which sum he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

29—Footpath North Side of Albion Street—(Apportionment)—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works in this Street, in respect of the footpath on the North side, amounted to £149 12s. 11d., which sum he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and the notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners.

30—Roadway and Footpath in front of Paragon Buildings and Parade. Bath Road—A Specification from the Surveyor of date the 29th day of November, 1897, of the Works required to be done to the above Street, in respect of the roadway and footpath above mentioned was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that, if such notice is not complied

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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.

31 --Footpath in North Street, East Side of Livorno Lodge, and Footpath East Side of Henrietta Street—Specifications from the Surveyor of date the 27th day of November, of the Works required to be done to the above Streets in respect of the foot-paths above-mentioned, were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That Notices be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Streets, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days, and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

32 — Staff at Central Depot —Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to obtain such temporary assistance at the Central Depot as he may require to enable him to make up the books by the end of the financial year.

33—Supply of Materials required by Highway Department—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the materials which will be required by the Highway Department during the next twelve months, and that Tenders for supply of the same be advertised for in the Local and Trade Newspapers.

34--Tenders for the Purchase of Manure—Tenders for the purchase of Manure from the Central Depot were received as follows, viz. :—

Mr. A. H. Sindrey, Brooklyn Gardens, Arle 5s- per ton
 Mr. W. Westcott, The Bays, Rowanfield Road 3s 6d "
 Mr. W. Cook, Sandfield House, Lower Alstone 3s 6d "

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Sindrey be accepted.

35 -Tenders for the Supply of Forage—Tenders for the supply of Forage during the 6 or 12 months from the 1st of December, 1897, were received as follows, viz.:—

Name	Best Clover Hay per ton	Best Meadow Hay per ton	Bright Black Oats per quarter	Bright White Oats per quarter	Eng. Beans per bushel	Wheat Bran per 112 lbs	Linseed per bushel	Wheat straw per ton
E Snowsell	72s 6d	67s 6d	No1 20s	No 1 24s	Old 4s 4d	4s 3d	6s 6d	60s
Bloodworth & Sons			No2 19s	No2 22s	New 4s	4s 6d	7s	70s

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Snowsell be accepted for Clover and Meadow Hay, Black Oats as per sample No. 1, Old Beans, Bran and Linseed.

36—Tenders for the Supply of Coal—Tenders for the supply of Coal for 12 months from the 1st 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	13s 6d Birch Coppice 14s 6d	13s 6d
	Seconds	—	—
	Slack	7s Birch Coppice and Glascote	—
S. H. Harris & Co.	Best House	13s 5d Donisthorpe 15s	14s 5d
	Seconds	12s 1d Birch Coppice 14s 6d	13s 1d1
	Slack	6s 9d Granville and Cannock 8s 3d	7s 3d
H. A. Gwinnell	Best House	14s Glascote 16s	14s
	Seconds	13s 6d Ditto 15s 6d	13s 6d
	Slack	—	—
A H. Nott.	Best House	14s 9d Valley 16s 3d	15s 9d
	Seconds	13s 9d Ditto 15s 3d	14s 9d
	Slack	7s (8s New Bowson Engine)	—
Nadin & Co.	Best House	15s 6d Stanton 16s 6d	16s
	Seconds	14s 6d Ditto 15s 6d	15s
	Slack	6s 6d Ditto 7s 6d	7s
W. J. Bendall	Best House	15s Walsall Wood 16s 9d	15s 9d
	Seconds	14s Ditto 16s	15s
	Slack	—	—
Thomas Fowler	Best House	15s Hampstead, Staffordshire, South 16s 6d	15s
	Seconds	13s 6d Holly Bank and Cannock 15s	13s 6d
	Slack	6s 6d Forest of Dean 8s 2d	6s 6d
H. Workman & Co	Best House	15s 6d Leicester and Moira or Gresley 17s 14s 3d Ditto 15s 9d	16s

		7s Ditto 7s	
	Seconds	14s 3d Ditto 15s 9d	14s [?]
	Slack	7s Ditto 7s	7s
Webb Bros, Ltd	Best House	14s 9d {Hall Boardmans Swadlincote } 16s 9d	15s 9d
		{Old Colliery 15s 9d}	
	Seconds	13s 9d Glascote 15s 9d	14s 9d
	Rough Slack	8s the above 10s	9s
Jordan & Co.	Best House	14s Birch Coppice 16s	15s 6d
	Seconds	13s West Cannock 15s	14s 6d
	Slack --	—	—

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Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge.

				Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge.	Cemetery Lodge.
J. O. Lloyd	Best House	15s [?]	Whateley	16s	15s
	Seconds	—		—	—
	Slack	7s 3d	Forest of Dean	8s	7s 6d
Smith Bros	Best House	17s	New Swannington	18s	17s
	Seconds	14s	Ditto	15s	14s
	Slack	8s	Forest of Dean	9s	8s
Cook and Greenway	Best House	16s 3d	Leicestershire Colliery	17s	16s 6d
	Seconds	14s 3d	West Cannock	15s	14s 6d
	Slack	7s 6d	Leicestershire	7s 6d	7s 6d

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. S. H. Harris & Co. be accepted.

37— New Buildings --The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
968	C. MacVitie	Additions to Shop at No. 2, Portland Street.
969	C. James	Room over Workshop at No. 8, Springfield Place, Rosehill Street.
970	C. Winstone	Cottage, Stables, &c., at rear of Shelburne Grange.
971	T. Wilkins	Bay Window to Etchowe, Lansdown Road.
972	H. Millard	Two Houses in Hall Road.
973	G. H. New	Model Cases to be fixed over shop at No. 102, High Street.
974	R. R. Skelly	Four Houses in Winstonian Road.
975	H. Chatters	Pair of semi-detached Houses in Eldorado Road.
976	J. Barton	House in Leckhampton Road.
977	Sheppard & Son	Additions to No. 42, Montpellier Terrace.
978	Mrs. Oman	Additions to No. 3, Argyle Place.
980	T. Boulton	Five Houses in Grosvenor Street.
981	Bloodworth & Son	Alterations to front of Warehouses in Albion Place.
982	Chas. Huphnull	Two Houses in Ambrose Street.
983	W. Burrows	House in Union Street.
984	Cavendish House Company, Ltd.	Extension of Second Floor of Cavendish House.

Resolved, That Nos. 968, 973, and 982 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved as shown.

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair).

Chairman .Resolved, That Councillor Bence be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Zymotic Disease - The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 34 cases of Scarlet Fever, 7 of Enteric Fever, and 11 of Diphtheria ; that 32 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 42.

3—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1, 2, & 3, Fairlight Cottages, No. 11, Albert Street, St. Peter's, Rosetta Cottage, No. 5, St. James Terrace, No. 71, High Street, No. 23, Clarence Street, No. 12, Sidney Street, Nos. 1 & 2, Brook Villas, The Maltsters'

Arms, No. 19, Queen's Retreat, and No. 18, York 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- - 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 the Lower George Inn, No. 12, Bath Terrace, No. 13, Beaufort Buildings, No. 11, York Street, Victoria Cottage, Cottage at back of No. 162, High Street, No.12, Sidney Street, Nos. 4, 9 & 16, White Hart Street, and No. 22, York 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.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk-shops Order—An application was received from Mr. Alfred Winfield, of No. 39, Winchcomb Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8—Destruction of Sheep's Carcass-The Medical Officer of Health reported that a sheep slaughtered at the Abattoir was found to be diseased and unfit for food, and had been destroyed by cremation at the Destructor with the consent of the owner.

9—Barnard's Row, Nos. 1 to 9 --The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the houses in this row were in a state so injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That application be made under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, for an Order that they be closed.

10—Sanitary Arrangements at Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the sanitary arrangements at St. John's Schools, the British Schools, and the Commercial School, Grosvenor Street, were in such a defective condition as to constitute a nuisance, and to be injurious to health. Resolved, To serve notice upon the Managers of the respective Schools under Sec. 94 of the Public

Health Act requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to put the said sanitary arrangements into a proper condition, and do all such works as may be necessary to that end.

11—Houses without proper W.C. Accommodation and Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses called Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Nash Cottages, Battledown, and the cottage nearby called Mount Ararat had overflowing cesspools and insanitary privies. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners requiring them to provide sufficient water-closets, earth-closets, or privies to the houses, and that the sewer be extended so as to enable the drains to be connected to it.

12— Extension of Sewer to Harrington House and Nos. 1 & 2, Brook Villas, Hatherley Lane— Resolved, That the sewer be extended so as to take the drainage of these houses, and that the owners be served with notices to fill up existing cesspits, and connect the drains with the sewer.

13—Smoke Nuisance—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that smoke in sufficient quantity to constitute a nuisance was emitted from the chimney stack of Messrs. Smith Brothers, Albion Street, on the 8th instant, and that a recurrence of the nuisance could be prevented by raising the stack. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to note if there should be any black smoke emitted from the chimney.

14—Insanitary Houses, viz.— Brookside Cottage, Leckhampton, No. 101, 102, & 103, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 11 & 18, York Street, and Victoria Cottage behind No. 102, High Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health of the inmates, owing to defective walls, floors, yards, &c. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

15—Bye-Laws re Offensive Trades—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft of Bye-Laws which had been prepared dealing with Offensive Trades, and which having been submitted to the Local Government Board for approval had been returned with their alterations and amendments noted thereon. Resolved, That the draft as altered and amended by the Local Government Board be approved, and the Bye-Laws so framed be now formally made.

16—No. 57, Worcester Street—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 19 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd September last, the Town Clerk reported that he had given the prescribed notice to the owner of the premises, Mrs. Jenkinson, that the Committee would at this meeting further consider the Resolution, and that she was in attendance, and Mrs. Jenkinson having been heard by the Committee, and she having stated that she was unable to undertake to execute forthwith the works necessary to render the dwelling house fit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Council consider it expedient to make, and in exercise of the power conferred upon them by Sec. 33 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, do hereby make, an Order for demolition of the premises above-mentioned.

17 Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That Councillor Bence, as Chairman of the Committee, be appointed in place of Major Griffith as a representative of the Corporation on the Delancey Trust.

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18 -Slaughter House at No. 280, High Street -A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Blake, the owner of these premises offering to accept £250 as compensation for the closing of the Slaughter-house. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the offer to the next meeting of the Committee.

19-Hayden Farm -Resolved, That Tenders be advertised for the tenancy of this Farm in one complete holding or in two lots, either from year to year, or on lease for 7 years, determinable by either party at the end of the 3rd or 5th years. Plan to be seen and terms and conditions of letting to be obtainable on application to the Borough Surveyor, the tenders to be in at the Town Clerk's Office on or before Wednesday, the 1st of December next, at or before 12 o'clock noon.

GEO. BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th day of November, 1897-Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)-

20- Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 15 cases of Scarlet Fever. and 2 of Enteric Fever ; that 15 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and the cases of Enteric Fever into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 42.

21-Houses without a proper Water Supply, viz.-Cottage known as Mount Ararat, Hayward's Lane-It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 24th inst., that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owner, requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

22-Nuisance from Drains, &c. at 11, 12, 29 and 30, Whitehart Street, Fleece Cottage, Henrietta Street, No. 38, Albert Street, St. Peter's, No. 10, Bloomsbury Street, Nos. 18 and 19, Hatherley Street, and No. 19, Sherborne 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.

23-Overcrowding at No. 6, Hanover Street, and No. 49, Queen 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.

24-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.

25 -Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacle,. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation, and that where a common ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

26-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 31, Albert Street, St. Peter's, No. 16, Cleveland Street, St. Ann's Cottage, No. 19, Sherborne Street, No. 6, Berkeley Avenue, No. 36, Sherborne Street and cottage at bath of No. 31, No. 39, Duke Street, No. 36, Victoria Street, St. Paul's, Nos. 6 and 10, Hanover Street, and Stone Cottage, 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.

27-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order-Applications to be registered as Dairymen were received from Joseph Wakefield, No. 5, St. Mark's Emporium, C. H. Sims, No. 2, Westal Buildings, Bath Road, and William Johnson, 5, Adelaide Buildings, Bath Road. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

28-Capper's Lodging House, Stanhope Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. Clapper in whose name this Lodging House was registered, had recently died, and that application would probably be made for re-registration. Resolved, That such application if made be refused, the house being unfit for the purposes of a common lodging house.

29-Wells at Nos. 1 and Cottages, Victoria Street, Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38 and 39, Victoria Street, St. Paul's No. 9, St. Paul's Street South, Nos. 5 to 12, 14, 30 and 34, Whitehart Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported

that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings Sec.70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

30—Insanitary Property—Nos. 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81, Stanhope Street, St. Ann's Collage, Townsend Street, No. 27, Queen Street, and No. 59, Duke Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defects in roofs, walls, yards, &c. Resolved, That the Committee being

satisfied that the said premises are in such state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

31—Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as had been or were intended to be placed before the Street and Highway Committee for consideration, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That so far as regards drainage the same be approved with the exception of No. 982 for two houses in Ambrose Street for Mr. Huphnill.

GEO. BENICE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of December, 1897—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Benice, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Benice in the chair)—

32— Heyden Sewage Farm—The tenders sent in in response to the advertisement were opened as follows:— W. and H. Buckle, Whitehall, Boddington, for fields known as Haydon Ground and Lockshay, (about 32 acres), £3 per acre per annum, on lease for a term of seven years determinable by either party at end of 3rd or 5th year.

James Wood, Arle Farm, for whole of farm, £350 per annum on same terms as at present (yearly tenancy).

Resolved, That Mr. Wood's offer be accepted subject to his doing the ploughing out, rolling and chain harrowing and all other work necessary for distributing the sewage and to his repairing and maintaining the fences.

33—Abattoir—The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the Abattoir. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do fit up one of the Pig Pens for the reception of hides and skins, and also prepare plans for the extension of the Abattoir.

GEO. BENICE,

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897- Councillors Benice, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall, Macdonald and Mills.

1-Chairman Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee 1 for the coming year.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of November, 1897-Present: Councillors Benice, Cooper, Lenthall, and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham the chair)

2-Dog Show—A letter from Messrs. C. H. Wood, and T. M. I. Lochhead, Hon Secs.. of the Cheltenham Dog Show was read, stating that a deputation of the Show Committee would wait upon this Committee to negotiate for the use of the Winter

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Garden in which to hold the Show on the 16th and 17th of February next. The Deputation consisting of Councillor Dighton, Mr. Wood, Mr. Lochhead and Mr. Anderson having been received and heard, Resolved, That the use of the Winter Garden be granted for the purpose required on the two days named with time before and after for preparation and cleaving out for £10, to include Electric Light, the Show Committee to clear and leave the building in as clean a condition as when they enter.

3-Winter Garden Decoration—A letter from Mr. Sydney Herbert was read, suggesting in what manner the interior of the Winter Garden should be decorated, and offering his services to do some painting and supervise the work without charge. Resolved, To thank Mr. Herbert for his generous offer, and to inform him that the Council hope the time will shortly come when they will be able to avail themselves of it.

4-Galloping Horses at Winter Garden—A letter from Mr. Studt, of Wildman's Ground, Barton Street, Gloucester, was read, stating that he was prepared to offer a fair rental for the use of the Winter Garden for a fortnight in which to run his fine circle of Galloping Horses, and grand circle of Gondolas. Resolved, That the suggestion cannot be entertained.

5-Conference of N.U.T.--With reference to the resolution of the General Purposes Committee to apply to this Committee to grant them the use of the Winter Garden to enable them to place it at the disposal of the National Union of Teachers for next Easter week for the purpose of holding their Conference which is to take place in Cheltenham. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6-Drilling of Volunteers in Winter Garden—A letter from Capt. Mouatt Biggs was read, asking to be allowed the use of the Winter Garden the same as last year, in which to drill the men of the E. Company of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Gloucestershire Rifles. Resolved, That the application be granted for one evening each week during the months of January, February and March for a payment of 10s 6d on each occasion towards the cost of lighting, &c., and subject to the use of the building not being required by the Committee for any other purpose.

7- Band—A letter from Mr. J. Hall, Sec. of the Town Band, was read, asking if the Council would require the services of the Band after the expiration of their present engagement. Resolved, That the Band be offered £10 a week to give a Concert in the Winter Garden each evening, including Sundays, but without being allowed to make any collection.

8- N.W. Corner of Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the proposed rounding off of this corner, at the point where Mr. Waite's Studio stands, and a design of gates for an entrance to the Gardens there. Resolved, That the fence be altered as shown by the plan, but that consideration of the question of providing new gates for the entrance at that corner be adjourned.

9-Painting of Greenhouses at Pittville— A letter from Mr. W. H. Reay on behalf of the Amalgamated Society of House Decorators and Painters, was read, calling attention to the fact that men other than painters were employed painting the greenhouses at Pittville park.

10—Advertising in Quarterly Medical Journal—A letter from Councillor Ward-Humphreys was read, stating that he had been asked to write an article upon Cheltenham for this Journal and suggesting an advertisement should be inserted in the issue the terms being £1 5s. for a whole page and 15s for half a page. Resolved, That a whole page advertisement be contracted for at the price named, to be simply the word " Cheltenham " in large block letters, and a reference to the pages of the article.

11—Swans- A letter from Mr. Agg-Gardner was read, stating that Mrs. Taylor, of Rendcomb, was anxious to present to the Corporation a couple of Swans or Cygnets for Pittville. A letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Agg-Gardner in reply was read, thanking Mrs. Taylor for her kind offer, and stating that a couple of Cygnets would be very acceptable. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that an expression of the thanks of the Council for the gift be forwarded to Mrs. Taylor.

12-Winter Garden—Resolved, That the asphalt approach be repaired and edged; that the sidewalks as now formed be properly gravelled ; that a strip of turf as far as possible along the frontages be lifted and bulbs placed underneath so as to provide a show of flowers until such time as a regular scheme of flower beds can be laid out ; that the asphalt open space on the South side be coated with a layer of pitch and sand, and that creepers be planted in the bays of the building all round.

Concert Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Bence, Cooper, Macdonald, and Mills do form a Sub-Committee to arrange the Concerts, and that any members of this Committee who will act as Stewards be authorised to so act and wear a distinguishing badge.

13-Cheltenham Salts -Letters from Dr. Ward-Humphreys and Mr. Barron were read, suggesting that the Council should not allow the manufacture of Cheltenham Salts to fall into disuetude, which would be the case if they took no action. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Committee.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th day of November, 1897-Present:
Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Dix, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)

1-Hewletts Reservoir, &c.--The Committee met and proceeded to inspect the works at Hewletts.

2-Dowdeswell Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the large and coarse fish taken out of the Reservoir at Dowdeswell, and that the Town Clerk do communicate with Mr. Unwin,

the new tenant at Dowdeswell Court, with a view to having the ponds at Dowdeswell Court cleaned and to his sharing the expense of re-stocking the Reservoir.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of November, 1897.—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, L. Davis, Dix, Lenthall, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair).

3 —Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 23rd inst. the supply from the Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 59 gallons, the average for the last four years being 145 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 8,686,187 gallons.

On the 24th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 12 feet 7 inches and the contents 20,112,408 gallons, which gave a total of 28,7961,595 gallons, or about 32 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 345,888 gallons.

Complaints had been received from the Organist of Christ Church regarding the lack of water pressure for blowing the organ, and suggesting that the meter should be removed and the charge based upon the average of last year. The Water Engineer suggested a counter should be attached to each engine in the same manner as at Tewkesbury Abbey, which would make them self-registering. The cost of such fitting would be about £10.

He further reported that in consequence of change of ownership it had become necessary to lay short lengths of mains in St. Anne's Terrace and Ambrose Place to replace single lead services.

That to improve the pressure for fire services he found a connection could be made between the main from No. 2 Reservoir at Hewletts and the joint supply to the town at a cost not exceeding £50, which connection would be controlled by a valve to be opened whenever a fire is reported, and would give an increased pressure of about 30lbs. per inch.

That a memorial had been received from owners and occupiers of property along Gloucester Road for an extension of the main from Benhall Farm to the Borough Boundary, the cost of which would be about £280.

Resolved, That the suggestion for increasing the pressure to the Organ at Christ Church be approved and adopted, the usual meter rent of £1 to be charged as before ; that the suggestion for improving the pressure to the fire services be approved and adopted ; that the Engineer be instructed to report as to the cost of placing the Fire Brigade Station electrically in direct connection with the works at Sandford ; that the extension of the main along the Gloucester Road be made on the Memorialists giving a written undertaking to guarantee a return of 10 per cent. on the outlay.

4-Tewkesbury Water Accounts —A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury with which was enclosed a cheque for £61 10s. 2d., was read, stating that his Council had agreed to the terms

suggested by this Committee at the meeting on the 19th inst., viz., payment of £61 10s. 2d. in settlement of accounts to Michaelmas last and in future £7 1s. 0d. to be charged for meter rents and £7 12s. 6d. to be paid to his Council for water to Fern Grove provided that should the consumption of water at Fern Grove be increased owing to any additional fittings or buildings being added, or horses or carriages, &c., kept, the amount must be raised accordingly; also a further letter in reply to one from the Town Clerk, stating that the cheque was sent on the understanding that in future the Tewkesbury Town Council are to be charged £7 1s. 0d. per annum for the meter rents, and requesting the return of the cheque if those terms are not accepted. Resolved, That the cheque be retained upon the terms mentioned, provided that the amount agreed upon for meter rents shall not be applicable to any increase in the size or number of the existing meters.

5 - Water Supply to Isolation Hospital at Elmstone Hardwicke—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of October last, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council was read, stating that his Council declined to recognise the charge of £9 2s. 5d. for supervision of the cost of extending the water main, but would pay £3, being two thirds of the usual commission of five per cent. upon the outlay of £90. Resolved, That this offer cannot be accepted. but that the claim be reduced to £4 10s. 0d. if paid without further delay.

6—Salary of Overseer at Dowdeswell Reservoir—A letter from Mr. A. W. King was read, applying for an increase of his salary to 30s per week. Mr. King having requested permission to attend the meeting in support of his application was received and heard, Resolved, That his salary be increased to 24s per week.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,
Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dix, Margrett, Steel, and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Chairman— Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2 -Street Lighting—Oxford Place to Hayward's Lane—A letter was read from Mr. Charles Green, of No. 1, Raymond Terrace, calling the attention of the Committee to the insufficient Street Lighting from Oxford Place to Hayward's Lane. Resolved, That Mr. Green be informed that the Council intend to extend the arc lighting to Hale's Road, and that the further extension of such lighting up the London Road will be a matter for further consideration.

3—Electric Works—The Committee proceeded to inspect the Central Station.

GEO. NORMAN.
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of November, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Dix, Margrett, Steel, and Waghorne (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.	
1897	1897.	
Oct. 14th 17.28 candles	Nov.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
" 21st .. 16.92 "		
" Nov. 2nd .. 16.31 "	1-2	14.59
" 4th .. 16.97 "		
" 16th 16.71 "	16-17	12.02
" 18th .. 17.52 "		
" 26th .. 17.13 "	25-26	10.56
Average.. 16.98 "	Average..	12.39

5-Gas Inspector Report— The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.228 cubic feet.

6 - Lamp Book — This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 16 metered, 24 unmetered ; and 6 ordinary lamps burning dimly.

7- Lighting of Comer of Union and Crest Norwood Streets (Rev. H. de Candole and others) ; Barnard's and Little's Rows, New Street (Mrs. Hayward and others) ; Lypiatt Street (C. Webb). Memorials and letters on the subject of the improvement of the lighting in the above localities were read, and the further consideration thereof adjourned pending a view by the Committee.

8-Insurance of Electrical Works—A letter from Mr. J. S. Gowing, Inspector of the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., Ltd., was read, stating the advantages of insuring the Central Station with the Company referred to, and asking to be allowed to give a quotation. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the Council do not propose to insure this risk.

9—Lighting of District in and around Montpellier Walk and Avenue—A memorial from Mr. C. S. Holliday and 23 other tradesmen and householders in this District was read, calling attention to the imperfect lighting of a portion of this District, extending from Mr. Lloyd's Coal Office through the archway under the " Looker On " Office into Montpellier Walk, and suggesting that an Electric Light should be placed in front of Marlboro House, which would make it possible to dispense with at least four gas lamps. Resolved, To inform the memorialists that the Arc Lighting will be continued in the direction suggested, and that an incandescent lamp be fixed in the archway referred to.

10-View Meeting—Resolved, To have a View Meeting on the 10th proximo to inspect the lighting of Denmark Villas, St. Ann's, Victoria Place, Fairview, Providence Square, Sherborne Street, Barnard's

and Little's Rows, New Street, Lypiatt Street, Old Bath Road, and such other places as the Committee may consider it desirable to visit.

11—Electric Inspector's Report—The Electric Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz. :—

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LOW PRESSURE CABLES:

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
Oct. 14th	100 Volts	101.5 Volts.
21st	"	101.0 "
Nov. 2nd	"	102.0 "
" 4th	"	100.5 "
" 16th	"	100.0 "
" 18th	"	<u>102.5 "</u>
		Average 101.2

12—Report of the Electrical Engineer--The Electrical Engineer reported that satisfactory progress continued to be made with the extensions at the Electric Works. The Boilers and a quantity of pipes had been delivered, and the work of erecting the former was well in hand, and he hoped to have beneficial use of these boilers during the Christmas week, when the whole of the machinery at the Works would be working at its fullest capacity and without reserve plant. That the Chairman and he had had an interview with Messrs. Siemens & Co. on the 25th inst., and urged upon them the extreme necessity for delivery of the first of the two steam alternators on order at the earliest possible date. They were promised that the Company would continue to make every possible effort to push forward their machinery, and the Chief Engineer of the Electric Lighting Department promised to make personal inquiry at their Works as to the precise state of our machines, and to submit a detailed report thereon to him. He was afraid, however, that there was no hope of getting either of these machines this year in consequence of the long continuance of the strike.

That on the 27th inst. there were connected to the mains the equivalent of about 12,400 8-candle-power lamps belonging to 202 private consumers, and the equivalent of rather over 1,150 candle-power lamps belonging to 22 intending customers, to be connected. In addition to these he knew of other intending customers, and of extensions at the premises of present customers, so that the outlook was highly satisfactory in this respect. That small extensions to mains were required in Montpellier Avenue, in the Upper Bath Road, and within Pittville Gates, the costs of which would be £21, £27, and £38, all these were to supply customers whose premises are wired. That in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had laid the main necessary for giving continuous supply to the Depot, and had made provision for supplying also the Great Western Railway Station and the Fire Office, the total cost of which would be, when completed, £140.

That applications had been received from Mr. Hack and from Dr. Todd for electric supply to their houses in the London Road, and the cost of the low pressure main to connect the Sydenham Villas Road main with the existing low pressure main at Priory Street would be £95 ; but if the extension be continued to Hales Road the cost would be £165 instead of £95. That he understood an application

would shortly be made for supply to a house in Queen's Road, at a distance of about 300 yards from the end of the present main, the cost of which extension would be £120, and whether the work be done immediately or not, he recommended that this extension be included with the before-mentioned as regards application to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan to cover extensions to mains.

That additional Arc and Incandescence lamps and wiring for same were required for lighting the new buildings at the Works, heating was required for both the old and the new buildings, and he recommended also provision of an overhead traveller for the battery room to facilitate removal, when necessary, of any cell from its place, which were all very urgently needed, and would cost £65, £75, and £90 respectively, when fixed complete, or a total of £230. That the cost of laying down linoleum in the rooms reserved for offices, and of lead on the stairs leading to the storerooms would be £11 ; the necessary furniture might be procured second-hand, and with a copying press, &c., would cost about £18 ; provision of shelves in the store rooms, and of those in his room, would cost from £12 to £15 : and provision of the necessary telephonic communication to the Works, Manchester Street Sub-Station, &c., would cost £17. The total expenditure, therefore, for which sanction would be required was £60 approximately, and that including the extensions authorised at the October and November Council Meetings, the total expenditure for which a new loan would be required would be £1,500 if the extension to Hales Road be carried out, or £1,430 if the main be only extended to supply Mr. Flack's and Dr. Todd's houses, allowing about 3 per cent. for contingencies.

Resolved, That the extension along the London Road be carried out as far as Hales Road ; that all the other extensions mentioned in the report be carried out ; that the expenditure for office furniture, &c., be sanctioned ; that the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be adopted ; that the report generally be approved ; that the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd July last be varied as follows, viz.: that scheme (b) for the Arc lighting of Lansdown Place and Queen's Road by means of arches instead of pillars be adopted instead of scheme (a) at an additional cost of £460, and that the Local Government Board be applied to add an additional £2,000 to the loan for which sanction has already been applied for to provide for the cost of the extensions referred to in the report, and the extra cost of adopting scheme (b) instead of scheme (a) for the lighting of Lansdown Place and Queen's Road.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of November, 1897--Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett, Mills, Moles and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Chairman—The Mayor was appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Report of Superintendent McRae—Superintendent McRae reported that there had been no outbreak of Swine Fever since the 12th ulto. Two persons had been fined for moving pigs within the Borough in contravention of the Swine Fever Infected Areas Order of 14th April, 1896. That 18 unmuzzled dogs had been seized by the police, 9 were destroyed and 9 claimed ; 39 persons had been proceeded against for offences against the Muzzling Order, and 6s had been received from owners of dogs claimed for their keep.

3 —Report of Superintendent of Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 13th inst. the Brigade was called out to extinguish a fire at the rear of No. 235, High Street, which resulted in damage estimated at ; he had sent the account for the extinction expenses to the Royal and Alliance Insurance Offices, with whom the risk was insured. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Margrett and Mills do form the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee, and that they be requested to consider the Draft Rules and Regulations of the Brigade submitted by the Superintendent and examine the apparatus and appliances of the Brigade and report thereon to the Committee. That the Rules and Regulations with such alterations as the Sub-Committee may suggest be printed and a copy thereof be sent to each member of the Committee.

4—Drivers' Licenses—Applications were received from Charles Winter, of Nov 5, Naunton Crescent, Frank Smith, of No. 13, Windsor Street, and William T. Hill, of Lansdown Crescent Mews, for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

5—Wheel Chair Licenses—Application was received from John Cooke, of No. 4, Brunswick Street, South, for a Wheel Chair License. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Hackney Carriage Licenses —Applications were received from C. Cook, of Lansdown Place Mews, for a Hackney Carriage License and from Frank East, of No. 12, Lansdown Crescent Stables and No. 7, Lypiatt Street, Tivoli, for a pony Carriage License. A letter was read from Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, stating that he had heard that more Hackney Carriage Licenses were about to be issued and reminding the Committee that his name was first on the list of Applicants, and suggesting that new licenses should only be granted for closed carriages. Resolved, To inform the Applicants that there are no vacancies at present, that the Council do not propose to issue any more licenses, and that Mr. East be put on the list of Applicants.

7—Cabmen's Shelter at Montpellier--A letter from Mr. J. A. Hay was read, calling attention to the fact that this Shelter required painting or varnishing. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Hay to enquire as to whether he considers the Shelter is or is not the property of the Council, and if it is that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary painting and varnishing done. Re-Numbering of St. George's Square--With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 19 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of the 13th of October last, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the houses in this Square re-numbered.

9--Fittings in Town Clerk's Office—The Town Clerk stated that he required some additional shelves and a cupboard in his office in which to keep his robes, &c., for which he had obtained a tender from Mr. H. Harris, of Royal Well Place, to carry out the work at £4 2s. 6d. Resolved, That the work be done and the Tender be accepted.

10—Renovating Offices of the Medical Officer of health—A letter from Dr. Garrett was read, asking that his Offices might be re-painted and papered and objecting to any communication through his Department to the Electric Light Department. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary work done, but that the above-mentioned communication be not made.

11—Petroleum Licenses—Applications were received for renewal of licenses to store 50 gallons of Petroleum at the premises under-mentioned from the following persons, viz :—

T. Beddard .. At Stable back of Hermitage House.
R. Strang Shed on vacant land West side of Montpellier Street.
G. Tillott No. 46, Tewkesbury Road.
J. Baughan An iron building back of No. 2, Exchange Buildings.
M. Bellamy Storehouse at No. 251, High Street.
T. W. Harvey .. No 192, High Street.
A. Lusty .. Yard at back of Nos. 7, 8 and 9, Larput Place.

Resolved, That the application of Mr. Beddard be not granted, the premises being unsuitable; that Mr. Strang's application being insufficient be not considered ; that Mr. Baughan's be granted subject to his providing a sufficient layer of sand ; that Mr. Bellamy's be not granted, the building being unsuitable, and that the other applications be granted.

Applications for fresh licenses to store in the first two cases 40 and in the other 50 gallons at the premises undermentioned were received from :—

J. Brown .. At building back of Lake Cottage, Market Street.
A. Lusty .. No. 196, High Street.
Frasing Bros. (late E. Beckingsale) .. At building back of No. 149, High Street.

Resolved, That these applications be granted.

12-National Union of Teachers—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th August last, the Mayor and Mr. Hall reported that as it would be term time when the Conference would be held, Miss Beale regretted she would be unable to place any rooms at the College at the disposal of the Conference. Resolved, That the Town Improvement Committee be asked to place the Winter Garden at the disposal of this Committee for use of the Conference during the period of its assemblage in Cheltenham next Easter.

13 —Meetings of Committees for 1898—A letter from Councillor Hayward was read, expressing a wish that the Library Committee should meet either at 4 p.m. or at noon instead of at 11 in the morning ; Also a letter from Councillor Waghorne, suggesting that the meetings of the Public Health Committee should be fixed for some other day of the week than Wednesdays, on which days it would be impossible for him to attend. Resolved, That the meetings of the Library Committee be fixed for noon instead of 11 a.m.; but that the Committee find that the difficulties of arranging any

other days than Wednesdays for the meetings of the Public Health Committee are so many that they regret they are unable to comply with Councillor Waghorne's suggestion.

Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees for next year be fixed as follows (subject to any which may fall upon a Bank or any other Public Holiday being fixed for such other day at such time as the Town Clerk in his discretion may deem most convenient), viz :—

Monday	Baths and Recreation Grounds	at 3.0
	“ Town Improvement	at 4.0
Tuesday	Public Library	at 12
	“ 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
WednesdaySchool Attendance	at 3.30

and second Public Health Committee at 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday after the Council Meeting.

And second Street and Highway Committee on Monday after Council Meeting at 4 p.m.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897—Present Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Dighton, Lenthall and Mills (Councillor Mills in the chair)—

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Mills be appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of November, 1897—Present : Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, Dighton, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills and Moles (Councillor Mills in the chair)—

2---Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground —Resolved, That an unclimbable iron fence, according to pattern No. 1556 in Messrs. Hill and Smith's Catalogue, be erected along the North side of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground at an estimated cost, inclusive of fixing and painting, of £150.

3-Naunton Park Recreation Ground - Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have two rows of barbed wire fixed along and above the present iron fence round the Naunton Park Recreation Ground.

GEO H. MILLS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of November, 1897—Present : Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, Dighton, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills and Mules (Councillor Mills in the chair)—

4-Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground--In pursuance of the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 11th of October last, the Town Clerk reported as follows, viz:

By Section 175 of the Public Health Act, 1875, any Land not required for the purposes for which it was purchased, shall, unless the Local Government Board otherwise direct, be sold and the proceeds shall be applied towards discharge by means of a Sinking Fund or otherwise of any principal moneys which have been borrowed of the fund or rate applicable to the general purposes of the Act, or if no principal moneys are outstanding shall be carried to the Account of such fund or rate.

By Section 126 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, the Corporation can with the consent of the Local Government Board apply moneys received by them on the sale of Land towards the purchase of any Lands or execution of any permanent works for the purchase or execution of which they may have been or shall be authorised to borrow money, and the corresponding borrowing power shall to that extent be reduced.

The conveyance of the site of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground included two lots of building land in Marle Hill Road, one (the easterly one) having a frontage of 50 feet, the other (the westerly one, on which the Lodge and Urinals are built) having a frontage of 40 feet.

The Capital Account on the Agg-Gardner Ground Account is overdrawn to the extent of £195, and the Capital Account of the Naunton Park Ground is also overdrawn to the extent of £124. 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the question of the erection of an unclimbable iron fence in lieu of the existing wooden one between this ground and Pittville Park be reconsidered ; and the further consideration of this and the Town Clerk's Report be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

5 --Public Pleasure Grounds Byelaws --A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, with which they enclosed the draft Bye-Laws (being those originally made for the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground only) proposed to be made applicable to Naunton Park and Barrett's Mill Grounds as well, which had been revised by the Board, and stating that as Barrett's Mill Ground is not vested in the Corporation under the same Act as the other two Grounds, and the expenses of maintenance are not defrayed out of the same rate or fund, it appeared to the Board that the Council could not make Bye-Laws for the regulation of that Ground under the Public Health Act as proposed, and they had therefore restricted the Bye-Laws to the two other Grounds. Resolved, That the Bye-Laws be made

as revised, and made applicable to both the Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds ; that notice of intention to apply i.e., confirmation of the same be advertised, and a copy thereof kept for inspection in manner directed by Sec. 184 of the Public Health Act.

6--- Grove Street Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that the Agreement for the tenancy of the disused Burial Ground in Grove Street had been duly signed by Mr. Seekings, on behalf of the Society of Friends, and by himself on behalf of the Town Council.

GEO. H. MILLS, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897—Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

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 26th day of November, 1897—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis, Moles, and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

2 -Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that the front gates at the entrance required a new bolt and painting ; That Mr. Noble had complained of the trees overhanging his garden adjoining the Cemetery ; That the body of a still-born child had been brought to the Cemetery by a man named Arthur Gough, of No. 7, Granley Cottages, St. Mark's, to be buried, but the fee of 5s 6d had not been paid and he had been unable to obtain payment ; That he would be glad to have permission to employ one of the gravediggers, when out of work, for two or three days a week during the winter to assist in the ordinary work of keeping the Cemetery tidy, as it is more than one man can do to look after the fires and churches. Resolved, That the front gates be rehung ; that the trees overhanging Mr. Noble's garden be lopped ; that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Gough to threaten proceedings unless the burial fee is paid forthwith ; that the question of employment of the extra assistance asked for by the Superintendent be left to the Chairman, and Councillors Baker and Cypher to deal with and report to the Committee at their next meeting.

3—Prosecution of Mrs. Sarah King—Councillor Bence appeared to appeal on behalf of Mrs. Sarah King that the prosecution against her for taking flowers from the Cemetery should not be pressed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to withdraw the prosecution on payment of the costs incurred.

4—Designs —A letter from Mr. P. Loveridge was read, stating that he had buried two daughters in separate grave spaces, but he wished to have one headstone on one space with the notification of both deaths upon it. Resolved, That the permission asked for be granted subject to the payment of the extra fee and subject to the inscription containing a notification of the number of the grave space in which the other child is buried. Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz :— Headstones to Ellen Jane Belcher, T. W. Driver and Maria Driver, George David Erskine, Richard Gardner, Gertrude Kate and Edith Mary Loveridge, Mary Duffy, Mary Ann Clark, Joseph Hill, and J. P. Knight. Tomb to Elizabeth Barnett.

5—Account—The following Account for Wages was allowed :—

G. C. Pratley, Wages £19 2 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897—Present : Aldermen Drew and Holliday ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Chairman Resolved, That Councillor Margrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

H. GEO. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th day of November, 1897—Present : Aldermen Drew and Holliday ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

2—Audit—The question of the appointment of a Government Auditor to audit the accounts of the Borough was considered, and it appearing that it was now too late this year to take any step towards obtaining the necessary powers, the further consideration of the matter was adjourned. The question of appointing a professional Auditor was also considered and adjourned.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th day of November, 1897—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Margret', Macdonald and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the choir)

3-General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £2,547 14s. 2d., leaving outstanding £12,314 16s, 11 ½ d.

4-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read, Amount received £2,507 12s. 5d., leaving outstanding £ 7,285 10s. 5d.

5- Cheltenham and District Light Railway—A letter from the Secretary of the Light Railway Commissioners was read, with which was forwarded a certificate of allowance by the Commissioners of £32 0s. 4 ½ d., the expense incurred by the Council in reference to the application to the Commissioners for an Order to authorise the proposed Cheltenham and District Light Railway.

6—Offer of Loan--A letter from the Secretary of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers was read, asking in the event of the Corporation determining to borrow a sum of money for local purposes to be informed what the amount is to be and upon what terms, as the Society might be willing to enter into negotiations for the whole or part of the amount required. Resolved. That the request shall be borne in mind.

7— Private Improvement Expenses, Fairfield Road—A letter from Mr. W H. Bovett, the owner of No. 12, Ewlyn Terrace, was read, applying for permission to pay by three equal instalments. the sum of £5 9s. 0d. due from him for his share of the Private Improvement Works in this road. Resolved, That the application be granted upon the following terms: the first instalment, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, to be paid on or before the 23th proximo; the second, with interest as aforesaid, on or before the 25th March next ; and the final one, with interest as aforesaid, on or before 24th June next.

8--Overseers' Registration Expenses—A letter from the Overseers of the Parish of Cheltenham was read, applying for payment of £83 12s. 7d., the moiety of the amount of their expenses allowed by the Revising Barrister, less receipts for lists, due from the Borough Fund. Resolved, That the amount be paid.

9—Orders on Treasurer Resolved, That the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or in his absence or illness some other member of the Committee specially authorised by him, shall in all cases be one of the three members referred to in Sec. 141 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, to sign cheques upon the Treasurer.

10—Payments for Wages--Resolved, That each Committee be requested to furnish each month an estimate of the amount which will be required for payment of wages of employees under their control during the ensuing month, and that cheques be drawn in favour of the head Official of each Department to provide for payment of the same; and that the Electrical Engineer, being the only Official who has not furnished a guarantee, be requested to provide such a guarantee, and for such an amount as the Lighting Committee may consider satisfactory and sufficient.

11—Corporation Stock—The question of a further creation and issue of Corporation Stock was considered. Resolved. That the Committee recommend the creation and issue of a £3 per cent. Stock sufficient to realise such sum or sums as may be required to pay off existing Loans repayable at short notice, and raise such further Loans as may be sanctioned within the next six months not exceeding

in the whole £150,000, and that Lloyds Bank be offered the Stock at togs per cent., the Bank to be appointed Registrars of all the Corporation Stocks, and to be paid £150 per annum for management thereof. Transfers to be by Deed and not in books

12 -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 £8,188 2s. 7d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement

In hand on the 29th Oct. last	£ 3,873 3 9
Received since that date	<u>£16,051 15 4</u>
	£19,924 19 1
Paid since that date	£ <u>6,705 9 3</u>
In hand	£13,223 9 10

H. GEO. MARL NETT,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897 – Present: Councillors Hayward. Macdonald, Moles and Steel (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

Chairman --Resolved, That Councillor Hayward be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

CHAS. HAYWARD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of November, 1897—Present : Alderman Skillicorne Councillors LI, Davies, Mules and Steel Rev. J. Mugliston, Rev. R. G. Fairbairn, Baron de Ferrieres, Dr. Davis, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Creswell and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

2-- Librarian's Report---The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian were read. Receipts £10 9s. 6d. He reported that there had been an increase of 10 per day in the issues from the Reference Department, but a decrease of 3 per day from she Lending Department compared with the corresponding month last year. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz :-- -

Messrs. Love and Wyman, Ltd	1 Vol.
Mrs. H. Bower	2 ``
Mr. J. T. Danson	1 "

Mr. F. A. Hyett	26 Pamphlets
Trustees of the British Museum	2 Vols.
The Baron de Ferrieres	2 ``
Mr. W. Hampton	1 "
Publishers of the Animals Friend	1 "
Durham University	1 "
University Correspondence College	1 "
Dr. Todd	33 "
Mr. W. R. Philipps	100 "
Capt. Welch, R.N.	44 "
Meteorological Office	13 "
Mr. D'Arcy de Ferrars	1 Pamphlet
The Board of Trade	1 Vol.
Trinity College, London	1 "
Mr. A. W. Thead	1 "

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Blackburn, Bolton, Bristol, Cambridge, Derby, Hammersmith, Leamington, Portsmouth, St. Helens, and West Bromwich.

3—Theosophy briefly explained—It appearing that Mrs. Von Holst's offer to present this publication was for the Lending Library, Resolved, That it be accepted accordingly.

4—Roof of the Dome over the School of Art—It appearing that this roof required repair, Resolved, That the Council as Landlords of the School of Art be requested to have the necessary work carried out.

5—Junior Assistant—Resolved, That Charles Parker be appointed Junior Assistant at the Library at a salary of 6s per week in place of A. T. Lacey.

6--New Books-The Librarian presented lists of new books which he recommended should be purchased at a cost of £16. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

7—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillor Ll. Davies, the Rev. J. Mugliston, Capt. Welch (if and when appointed a member of this Committee) do form the Library Sub-Committee.

8—Rating of Library---The Town Clerk reported that the Assessment Committee had struck £100 off the rateable value of the Library Building in respect of the Library proper, leaving the remainder divisible between the Schools of Art and Science. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised in his discretion to make application for relief of the Library from payment of the property tax.

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

	£	s	d	
Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Boiler	85	0	0	
" " " Fittings	0	15	10	
				£85 15 10
Mr. C. Westley, Books	21	8	10	
" " "	1	3	4	
				£23 2 2
2Mr. W. Jones, Wages	17	14	8	
" " Petty Cash	5	0	0	
				£22 14 8
Mr. Jas. Webb, Books	3	0	0	
" "	1	0	0	£4 0 0
Mr Arthur Whitcombe, Fittings, &c.	1	2	9	
Mr. Samuel Palmer, Books	1	2	6	

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Dighton, Gurney, Hayward, Mills and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

MOSES DAVIS,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897—Present Councillors Macdonald, Moles and Steel (Councillor Steel in th chair)—

1---Chairman —Resolved. That Councillor Steel be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN D. STEEL, JR., Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 1st day of December, 1897—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Cypher, Davies, Macdonald and Steel (Councillor Steel 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 38 schools, from which 948 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 58 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 12 meetings. That eight parents had been prosecuted, and four fined. That William Stuart, of No. 24, Lower Park Street, Frank Constance, 17, Corpus Street, and Albert Wilson, of St. Peter's Place, were not complying with the Magistrates' Orders made upon their parents to cause them to attend certain schools regularly. Resolved, That Summonses under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876 for breach of the Attendance Orders be taken out in each case.

3-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—Thomas Collins, 16, Mitre Street, William Jelfs, to, St. James's Place, Clara Gapper, 21, Worcester Street, Charles Shellam, 5, Carlton Place, Frank Darling, Derrett's Cottages, Alstone, and Maud Haines, 11, Nailsworth Terrace. That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 be taken to obtain Attendance Orders against the parents of the following children, viz. :—Annie Portlock, 7, Sunrise Cottages, Pilley, Alfred Barter, back of Trinity Cottage, Portland Street, Arthur Charles Milieu, 12, Folly Lane, Charles Bunting, 4, Millbrook Terrace, Minnie Wilson, St. Peter's Place, and William and Frederick Stevens, 2, Major's Cottages ; and that proceedings under Sec 12 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parent of Charles Haines, back of 52, Rutland Street for breach of Attendance Order.

4-Central Ward Local Committee —A letter from Maj.-Genl. Stanley-Clarke was read, asking that his name might be removed from this Committee, as he found himself unable to attend the meetings. Resolved, That Maj.-Gent. Stanley-Clarke be thanked for his services hitherto, and that his wish be carried out.

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5--Duplicate Registers from St. John's Schools—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last monthly meeting, a letter from the Rev. A. Armitage was read, again stating that he approved of the action of the teachers at St. John's Schools in omitting to fill up the Duplicate Registers, his reasons remaining as strong as ever and must be acted upon should it be found necessary, but that the notification of the teachers that they are satisfied that there are reasonable causes for non-attendances may if acted on meet the difficulty, and they will be glad to try it. Resolved, That Mr. Armitage be informed that this Committee cannot carry out the duty required of them by law unless the Duplicate Registers are properly filled up by the teachers, and if they are not so filled up in future by the teachers at St. John's Schools, the Committee will feel obliged to send a copy of the correspondence between him and the Town Clerk to the Education Department.

6—South and Kiddie Wards Local Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Steel be appointed to act upon this Committee in place of Councillor Davies, who intimated his wish to retire.

7—North and West Ward Local committee- Resolved, That Councillors Macdonald and Mills be appointed to act upon this Committee.

JOHN D. STEEL, JR.,

Chairman.